



# 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

## MailCall No. 2178

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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment  
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion  
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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## September 1944

September 1944 photos from [First Airborne Task Force ; The Forgotten Paratroopers](#)



**Ben Gomez**, B Battery, 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion in l'Escarene, septembre 1944.



In memory of Captain "Big Mac" McGeever HQ 3/517 KIA in the Col de Braus, 69 years ago.



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A Company Troopers of the 517th PIR -  
Maritimes Alps, September 1944.  
(Roger Sullivan)



On September 18, the Battle of the Col de Braus is "ended" by the decision of the "Tete de la Lavina" (by G/517) and Hill 1098 (F/517). The Germans suffered 60 losses this September 18th, the same for the US paratroopers... Remember.

On the French-Italian border and places like Col-de-Bras, the Japanese-American 442nd, and their mortar support group provided exceptional assistance for supplies and evacuation as they had jeeps. They often exposed themselves to enemy artillery and mortar fire. They would shuttle medical supplies to the forward area."

**Doc Lecklider**, A Company, 517th PIR recollection

Souvenir du T/5 George R. Lecklider - Armed Medic, Able Company, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Photo : **Tommy Tanaka (442nd)**, **Ernie Coffelt (596)**, **Hirosie (442)**, and **Howie Jaynes (596)**.





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### MailCall News

September This message is for **Kathy McIntosh**.

Kathy, this is Lory Curtis, we didnt know your father, **Jesse K. Davis** resided in Sevier County, Utah. I get down to Ephraim Spring City, and the Manti area occasionally and would love to stop in and talk with your Dad. I could take him copies of Mail call. Also does he get the Thunderbolt in the mail if not please let me know and I will send him the quarterly issue. To keep his demographic information off of the web please call me at 801-576-8248 or email me at [lcurtis@utah.gov](mailto:lcurtis@utah.gov), and we can talk. There are other 517th troopers living in Utah and perhaps others can go and meet with him.

Let me know

**Lory Curtis, son of Bud Curtis, HQ, 1st BN**

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I thought you might find this interesting

Thanks

**J Sutcliffe**

FOR ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN WWII

Just watch the expression on his face as he watches himself.

Click the link below:

[American Spitfire Pilot in WWII](#)



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Would love to hear anything about my Dad, **Martin Bockis**, of the 460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion of the 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team. He passed away in December of 2011. Would love pics if anyone has any.

Thank you.

**Anna Bockis**





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## *Military Humor*

### **Dangerous Weapons Permitted**

On a business trip, my father approached a security checkpoint at the airport. The National Guard shift was rotating, and a guard, in full uniform, was in line in front of him. As with everybody else, the soldier was ordered to go through the metal detector. Before doing so, he handed his M-16 rifle to security personnel along with other items such as handcuffs and a flashlight. Still the alarm sounded when he walked through. Further inspection revealed a Swiss army knife inside one of his pockets.

"Sorry, sir," security said to the soldier, "but this item is prohibited." Taking the knife away, the airport worker then handed him back the M-16.

## *Administrivia*

- If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>
- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know.
- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: [MailCall@517prct.org](mailto:MailCall@517prct.org)
- If you send me email that you do not want included in MailCall, just label it as FYEO.
- I now understand how Ben could get confused about what he already posted and what he didn't. If I miss something, please just send it again.
- Donations for any programs involving the 517th should be sent to our new Association Treasurer: Identify the purpose of any donation (Annual Donations, In Memory of... etc.) and make all checks payable to:

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