



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

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

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MailCall News



We wanted to identify all the people from this August photo from Trois Ponts, Belgium.

– Joanne Barrett

Mimsey Boyle, Nancy Fraser, Father Georges Radermecker, Roland Orengo, Joanne Barrett

Father Georges RADERMECKER is a devoted member of the CADUSA. He also gave the service at St Jacques church.

I would like to publically thank **Joanne Barrett** for the very detailed and complete Belgian Trip Report contained in MailCall # 2234 dated September 28, 2014. Her words and pictures conveyed all the feelings and expressions of love I have for the Belgian people but I could not have expressed it as eloquently. She totally expressed what the 517th as a Unit has always felt. Years ago the Combat Team used to show up 75 strong and were always met with a Welcoming Committee. That welcome for one veteran was just as great and warm this year as it used to be years ago for 75 veterans. I will never forget the wonderful few days I spent among the Belgian people who, in that period of time, strengthen the bond that has always existed between us.

Merle W. Mc Morrow



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Bob: please tell your wonderful sister, she writes excellent reports. I very much enjoyed reading it and looking at her pictures. To see the names of the extraordinary folks who keep the history alive and who were so kind to us when we had the opportunity to visit with Dad in 2005. Am so glad Joanne could walk these battlefields. The experience is forever sealed in my memory. It had such an impact. Thank you also for the link to Jean's book and the teaser excerpt. It looks like it is a must have.

Pat Seitz

I saw in the Feb. 23, 2014 MailCall that **Charlie Bronson** responded about a photo of **Henry Woehrer**. Did he forward a photo to you? I am looking for photos of my uncle Henry and would love a copy of it emailed to me or placed on the website for me to view. Let me know if that is possible.

Anna Passante

Hello Anna,

Yes, we did get a nice photo of Henry Woehrer from Charlie in [MailCall 2220](#):

i,am john van der steen and i have adopted the grave of **henry a woehrer** 517th h company serial number 36827313 at henri chapelle in belgium.

you have a great site bud i can not find anything of henry a woehrer if jou have information please share it with me

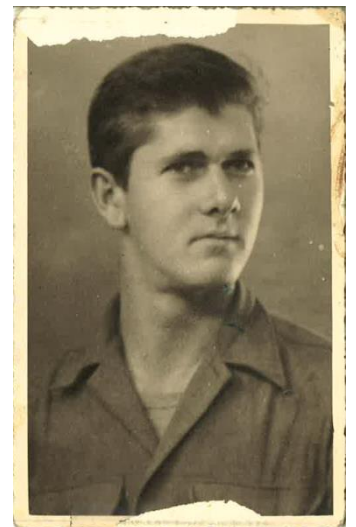
with friendly regards john van der steen

lets we forget

Thanks much for the info (I apologize for the delay in sending this)
Please find a picture of Uncle Henry attached.

Charles Bronson

[**Henry Woehrer** was KIA in Stavelot.]



Pvt. Henry A. Woherer, H Company, was Killed in Action in Stavelot during the Battle of the Bulge, January 1945, and is buried in the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery.



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We have been on the road since Sept 5th so are just catching up. To open the oldest Mail Call and see that Darrell has cut his earthly bonds and joined his brethren in heaven greatly saddened us. We loved the man and his smile! He was a character in many ways, but also a dynamo who passionately cared about his comrades in arms. Thank you for posting his picture so we could cherish his smile once more. We feel very blessed to have known him and been sassed by him! I hope his family knows that he and they are very much in our thoughts and prayers.

PS The news about Darrell, dampened a bit the pleasure of seeing the fabulous pictures from the 70th Anniversary trip, but as you and I know, it is important to brace ourselves for more sad news and focus on the joy of having had the pleasure of having these fantastic men touch our lives.

Pat Seitz and Alan Greer



Frank J. Fiermonte Obituary Frank J. Fiermonte, 94, resident of Naples, FL and formerly of Camillus, NY, passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014. Mr. Fiermonte enlisted in the Army in 1940 and was assigned to the 28th Infantry Regiment A Company at Fort Niagara, NY. In 1942, he served as one of the original members of the 551st Parachute Battalion B Company, In Panama. He served as Staff Sgt., including the time the Battalion spent attached to the 82nd Airborne Division in WWII. **He also served in the 517th Parachute Regiment in 1945. Mr. Fiermonte served in Operation Dragoon, the invasion of Southern France, and was wounded during his participation in The Battle of the Bulge.** He was

awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge and several other medals. Mr. Fiermonte owned and operated Ace Eastwood Taxi in Syracuse for 28 years and also drove bus for Centro in Syracuse for 17 years. He most recently drove a tram in Naples, Florida until his retirement. Mr. Fiermonte was married to Mary Jane (Jean) Fiermonte for 41 years until her passing.

Mr. Fiermonte is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith of NJ; son, Mr. Joseph Fiermonte of Solvay; two grandchildren, Mrs. Jamie Winters of MD and Mr. Michael Fiermonte of Camillus. He is also survived by his brother, Rocco Fiermonte of GA; sisters, Julia Tucciarone and Mattie Peppone of Syracuse; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 6, 9:15 a.m. at FARONE & SON FUNERAL HOME and 10 a.m. at Holy Family Church where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated to honor Frank's life. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, October 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Farone & Son Funeral Home, 1500 Park Street, Syracuse.

Share condolences at www.faroneandsoninc.com



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Submitted by

Name: **Robert David Hartsock**

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Comments:

My grandfather, **Robert Hartsock**, is listed on his headstone as a member of Co. I, 517th Par. Inf during WWII, and the army lists him as serving from 1943 to 1946 being discharge as a member of the 82nd AB. Would like to know more about his service from anyone who might have information. Thanks, Robert Hartsock.

Added: October 2, 2014

Does anyone remember Robert Hartsock? I cannot find him on the December 1944 roster, but we know many troopers joined before or after that time. – BB

Found at <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=55103294>

Robert David Hartsock

Birth: Jun. 24, 1924

Mapleton, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, USA

Death: Jun. 26, 1949

Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania, USA

Married Amelia Virginia Ridinger in 1945, had four children, Robert David Hartsock, Sharon Diane Hartsock, Diane Hartsock, and Mary Hartsock. Robert died in the Altoona Hospital from an auto accident in Blandenburg.

Car Drops 40-feet

Robert D. Hartsock, 25, of Tyrone, died Sunday in Altoona hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. The car in which he was riding plunged 40 feet from a bridge near Blandburg, Cambria county.

Inscription:

PFC Co. I 517th Par Inf. WWII

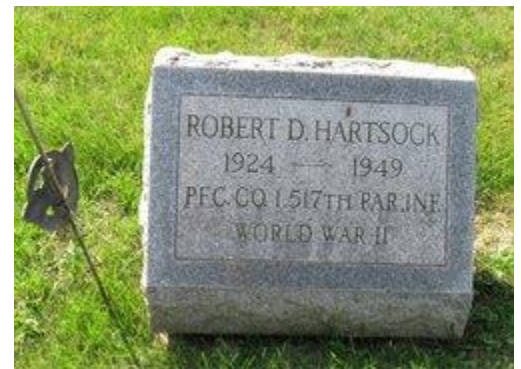
Burial:

[Burket Cemetery](#)

Warriors Mark

Huntingdon County

Pennsylvania, USA



Maintained by: [Robert Hartsock](#)

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