



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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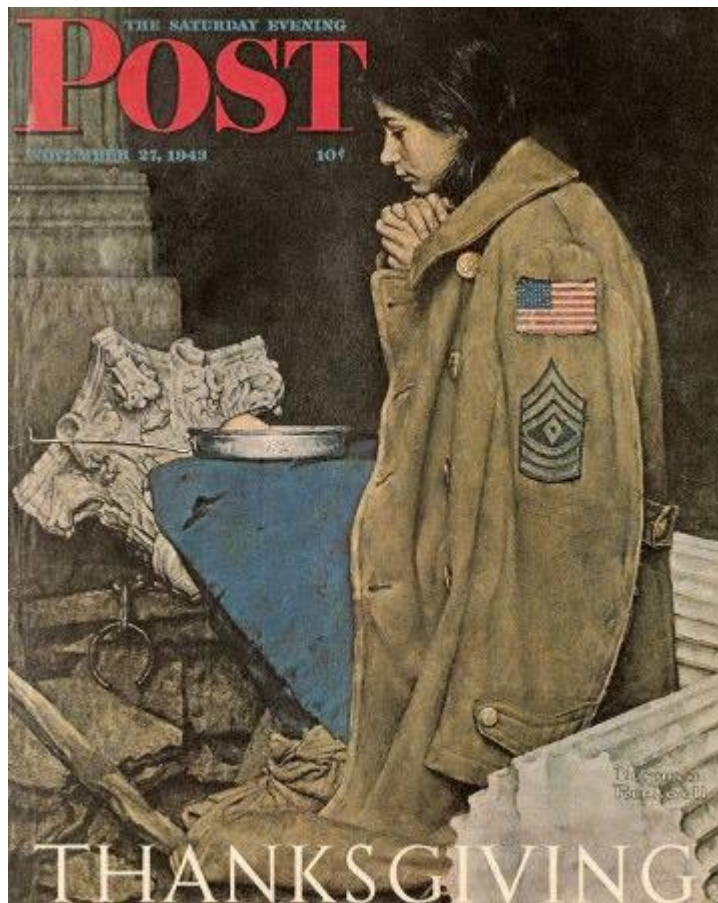
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*517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
460th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
596th Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

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Thanksgiving Day 1943





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These two pictures from **John Harte**, son of **Don Harte** of B Battrey 460th PFAB are title “Thanksgiving Jump” and “Thanksgiving Howitzer”, from 1943 at Camp MacKall.



From: http://www.517prct.org/photos/harte_460th.htm

Just want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Rick Sweet



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From www.517prct.org Guestbook:

Submitted by

Comments:

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Cpl Daniel Fisher (HQ Co. 1st Battalion) is my grandma's brother. "Uncle Dan" as he's referred to here. My grandma is 93 years old and going strong. Dan and my grandma look so much alike- probably the most similar of all their siblings. She still has the newspaper clipping of when Dan's death was announced in the local newspaper. Thanks for maintaining this website and thank you to all Veterans for your service.

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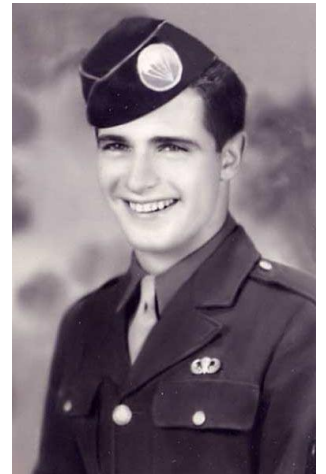
Hi Hillary,

Thank you for your note on the 517th website guestbook.

There have been several discussions in our newsletters over the years about **Danny Fisher** and his needless death on Aug. 15, 1944.

I don't know if this is of interest to you, but I have attached two photos, one of his gravesite in Draguignan, and a copy of a "short snorter", a dollar bill signed for good luck by many men of HQ Co., including Danny Fisher.

Regards,
Bob Barrett





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I noticed that he was a topic of discussion a few times on the site, so I thought I'd drop a note and say that I was there.

THANK YOU so much for the pictures. I showed the pictures to my grandmother (Florence 'Fisher' Kozelka) just now and she was pleased. This is the first that she has seen of his gravesite. She has a framed 8 x 10 of the Rhone Cemetery in her bedroom, but has never seen the specific gravestone. She talked about how my great-grandma made the decision to not bring him back from Europe ("to let him rest in peace"). I think you've brought her some peace now that she has seen exactly where her brother is.

They are building a veteran's memorial in our town within the next couple years and he will be included on it. That's actually what provoked my search today and I'm so glad that I ended up at your website. I hope someday I can get to France to see Uncle Dan in person.

Again, thank you!

Hillary Bark
Seneca, WI

RE: Pictures of fallen soldiers

I have a question to all of the family members from the fallen 517th soldiers: since I am visiting the Netherlands soon (in a month or so), I can make pictures of the graves from the 517th soldiers buried in Margraten American Cemetery. If one of you is interested, please contact me by mail (thomas.bessems135@gmail.com). I only need the name from the soldier, so I can search his burial site. I hope I can help you. MiA is also possible.

Thomas Bessems
Adopted the grave of **Thomas L. Rea**

Thank you for your tribute to **Lt. Rea**. I will inform the 517th family of your visit to Margraten.

We know that there are 7 troopers from the 517 PRCT who are buried in Margraten:

| Name | Unit | Grave location |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| BANEY, JAMES L, PFC | A 517 PIR | C 21 09 |
| HAYES, FRANK W, Cpl | B 517 PIR | F 06 14 |
| MANLEY, ANTHONY P, Pvt | E 517 PIR | G 15 17 |
| REA, THOMAS L, 1st Lt | 2/Hq 517 PIR | L 03 16 |
| RICE, EVERETT J, Pvt | H 517 PIR | D 19 08 |
| STEVENS, LEONARD D, PFC | G 517 PIR | G 17 14 |
| WOODHULL, ROBERT P, Capt | 460 PFAB | F 08 01 |

Thank you,

Bob Barrett



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Hello, I was wondering how I would find more information in regards to WW 2 veteran Private Dan G. Hershey (see attached old newspaper article)? This would include where he trained, any service information, is he alive / buried etc. He was from Lancaster Pa. prior to his joining the army.

Thanks,

Tim Fulmer

Hi Tim,

What else do you know about Dan Hershey. Was he with the 517th?

Here is a copy of his enlistment record from 1943: <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/record-detail.jsp?dt=893&mtch=1&cat=WR26&tf=F&q=hershey+daniel&bc=sl&rpp=10&pg=1&rid=3980504>

www.genealogybank.com also shows a Daniel Hershey from PA that was born in 1924 and died in 1985.

If that's the same person, this could be his wife's obituary: http://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/mariane-hershey/article_9105605f-0736-5385-b5af-0c627c0cdb81.html

And from that info, you might be able to track down his son, also named Daniel.

Hope that helps a little.

Bob Barrett

Thanks much for what you pulled together! I was told he was in the 517th and being he was wounded in June, 44 in Italy it kinda fits. I was wondering if there is any document that ties him to the 517th. The newspaper article is all I have on him until your info came over. I am guessing he came thru Camp Toccoa?

I have his Overseas hat with Parachute badge and well as his Jump Wings and Combat Infantry Badge and some other items.

My father (Dwight Fulmer) flew B-24's out of Italy. He had 35 combat missions with the 15th AAF, 456 BG, 744th BW. His plane was hit 12-2-44 and he was forced to bailout over then Yugoslavia. After 5 days evading the Germans he returned to his base in Stornora Italy.

They were and are all heros!

Thanks for any help you can provide.

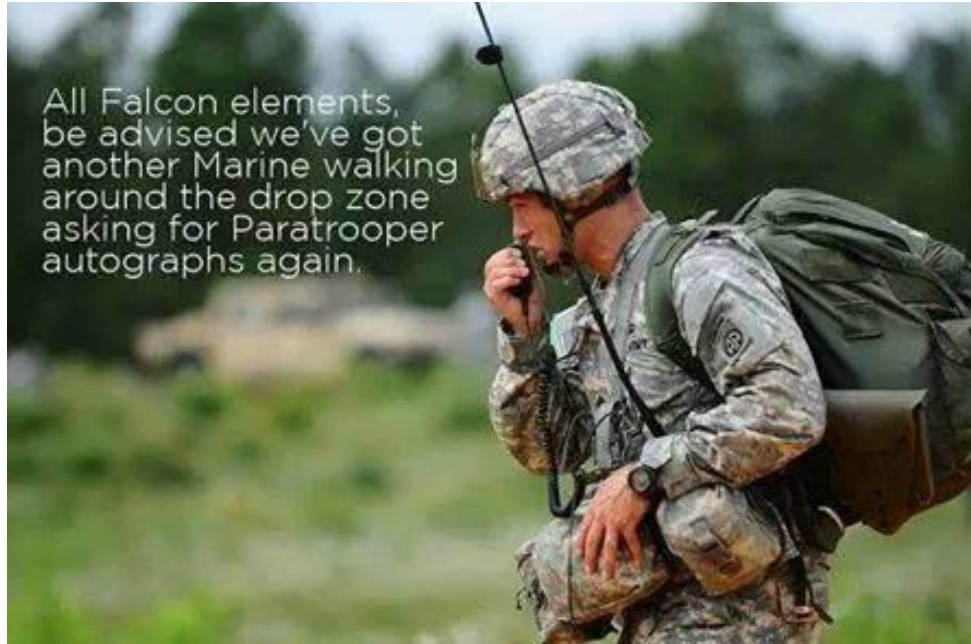
Tim



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Military Humor

From **Rick Sweet**:



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- 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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