



517th 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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517th PRCT Reunion Info

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West Coast Party
March 9-13, 2015
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MailCall News

Hi Bob,

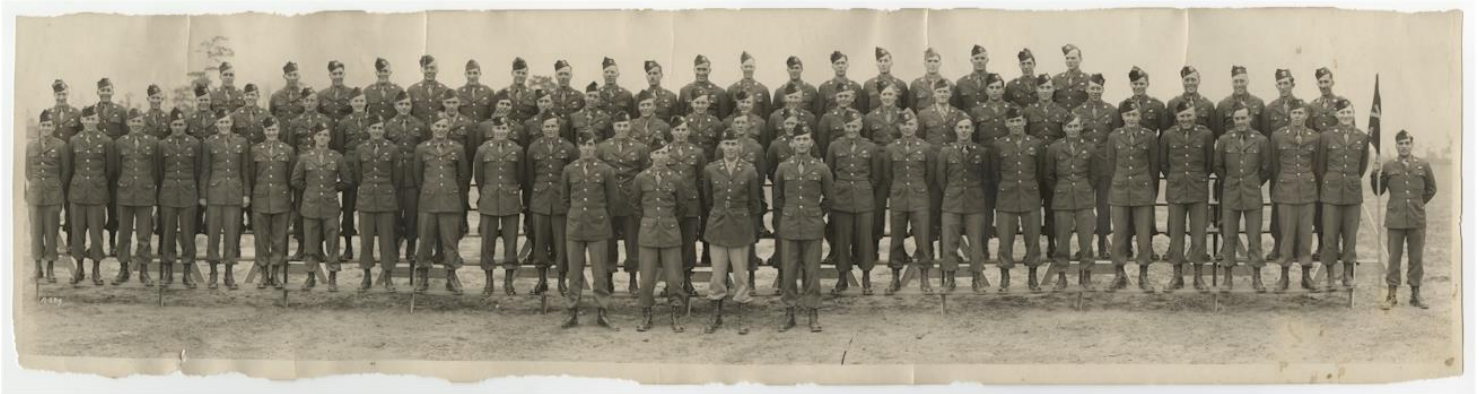
As promised, the photo of A Battery, 460th.

My Uncle, **Vernon (Bud) Carroll**, is on the bottom row of the risers, 11th from the right. He is peering over the shoulder fellow in front of him.

If you know of anyone that may have known him, I would sure like to communicate with him. Uncle Bud never really talked about the war. Now, all these years later, I would really like to know what he went through.

Thanks again Bob for the wonderful work your organization is doing.

David Sturzenegger



For a larger version, see: http://517prct.org/photos/460_a_battery_mackall/460_a_battery_mackall.htm

WOW! what great stories, put together beautifully about **Father Guenette**. These Paratroopers are a very special breed apart! Thank you.

Pat Seitz



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Thanks very much for the write-up of **Father Guenette** in response to my request. I didn't know he was on the faculty of Assumption College in Worcester, Mass. prior to becoming our Chaplain. Neither do I remember Protestant **Chaplain Brown** and don't recall ever meeting him. Chaplain Guenette circulated freely through the 1st Battalion and I met him on several occasions. I always thought of him as my Chaplain although not being of Catholic faith, or any other, at the time. I was raised in a nonreligious family and my first church service was when I was one of the first inductees in the 506th PI at Camp Toombs (later Camp Toccoa) as it was first being built. It was in a tent, as we all were, and the service was Jewish. After the war I hurried to Toledo, Ohio and married my sweetheart who was Baptist which I soon become.

Regarding the request from Rick Van Dijk of The Netherlands for information about **PFC Hubert B "Hubie" Ford**, I can offer the following. I heard that Hubie was orphaned at an early age and adopted by a family somewhere in Kansas where he was raised. He was a rifleman in "C" Company and many times served as Lead Scout, and a very good one, during combat. "C" Company had been reduced to two depleted platoons after a bad night on the ridge east of Bergeval, Belgium January 5, 1945. Our Company Commander, **Captain Charles E. La Chaussee**, had been wounded there and Executive Officer **1st Lieutenant Sydney M. Marks** was in command as we approached Logbierme, Belgium a few days later. One of the platoons had no officers and **Tech. Sgt. Pete Lockhart** was in charge. **Hubie Ford** was our Lead Scout and he was walking down the road into town (very uncharacteristic behavior of a Scout) when he was shot in the head and died soon after. "C" Company had five fatalities and twelve wounded after a two-day battle to capture Logbierme.

Bill Bolin

Found on the internet, from the Greensboro, NC "10-Shun", July 9, 1943:

Spiritual Advisor Finally Gets His Wish . . .

Ch. Guenette Joins Paratroopers

When Chaplain Alfred J. Guenette was commissioned in the Chaplains' Corps of the United States Army, he volunteered for duty with the paratroopers. A few days later, he was assigned as a chaplain for soldiers of the Catholic faith here. But it was a temporary appointment—or so he learned this week. For he has been notified by TTC headquarters at Knollwood Field that as soon as he can be replaced here, he would be allowed to transfer to a paratroop detachment for the "jumping chaplain" assignment he originally wanted.

"Young men landing in enemy territory need a chaplain," Father Guenette said today. "I am young and have all the necessary qualifications for jumping. Many of the

religious students with whom I studied are now imprisoned by the



CH. ALFRED J. GUENETTE.

Nazis and I would like nothing better than to land on the continent with our boys."

Before being ordained a priest, he explained, he spent two years in Belgium taking some of his religious training and four studying philosophy just outside of Paris.

A native of New Bedford, Mass., Chaplain Guenette was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and was teaching at Assumption College prior to attending the Chaplains' School at Harvard University.

Chaplain Guenette says that one of the strangest feelings comes over him when he thinks that both the S. S. Champlaign and the S. S. Paris, two ocean-going liners that took him to Europe and back, are now at the bottom of the sea.

"One was torpedoed," he said. "The other was sabotaged at its dock in Le Havre."



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BTC 10-SHUN—Friday, July 9, 1943.

Chaplains Gather After Conference At The Post Chapel



SPIRITUAL ADVISORS—The ten Post Chaplains after a meeting this week in Chapel No. 1. Reading from left to right they are (Front Row)—Chaplains Moshe M. Gold, Harrold C. Diggs (Post Chaplain), and Patrick H. Martin. Chaplain Martin arrived this week from Harvard University. (Rear Row)—Chaplains Alfred J. Guenette, Wilson W. Harvey, Osband F. Montgomery, Regis J. Mulligan, Ross J. Allen, Robert B. Weaver, and William M. Green, Jr.

May 27, 1944:

THREE CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS QUALIFY AS PARACHUTISTS

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—The three Catholic chaplains attached to the paratroop regiments here have qualified as full-fledged parachutists after completing five jumps. They are the Revs. Francis P. Wagner, of Baltimore, and Germain Alfred Guenette, of Worcester, Mass., who have eight jumps to their credit, and Edward Schlotterback, who has six.

Carrying the usual paratrooper equipment, minus weapons of any sort, the chaplains accompany regiments on peaceful missions or on their landings at the battle fronts.



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- 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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2015 517th PCT PALM SPRINGS REUNION

**March 9-13, 2015
Palm Springs, California**

Anahata Retreat/Lodge Hot Mineral Springs Pool and Spa here we come!

We have reserved the entire resort for our group.

We will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner while you sit soaking your feet in the warm springs.

There will be options for each meal and snacks all day so you won't go hungry.

Your 150.00 registration fee will cover all meals at the resort. We may go out for our banquet this year, will keep you updated.

Rate: Rooms will run from 120.00 to 200.00 per person for the ENTIRE stay, not per night, including all taxes and resort fees. This fee will be based on how many sign ups we get.

Registration fee: \$ 150.00

Your registration fee will cover all meals at the resort including the banquet which will be at the lodge.

We may leave the lodge for ribs, museum, follies or ??, which would be additional charge.

Please mail registration form (next page) as soon as possible to lock in rate.

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Please join the Frice Team, (the gals), and our many friends for another great 517th event!

Questions?

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Please confirm by February 25th, we will take registration after that if you need.



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Palm Springs, California

Please provide the following information before February 25th:

Date and time of arrival: _____

(We will arrange transportation from airport and return if needed)

Names of participants:

Note: Extra person(s) for banquet (at \$20.00 per person)

Any special activities you would like to do?

Please send this registration form and \$150.00 registration fee per person to:

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