



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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MailCall No. 2275

June 13, 2015

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

517th PRCT 2015 Annual Reunion



2015 National Reunion

New Orleans, LA June 25-28, 2015

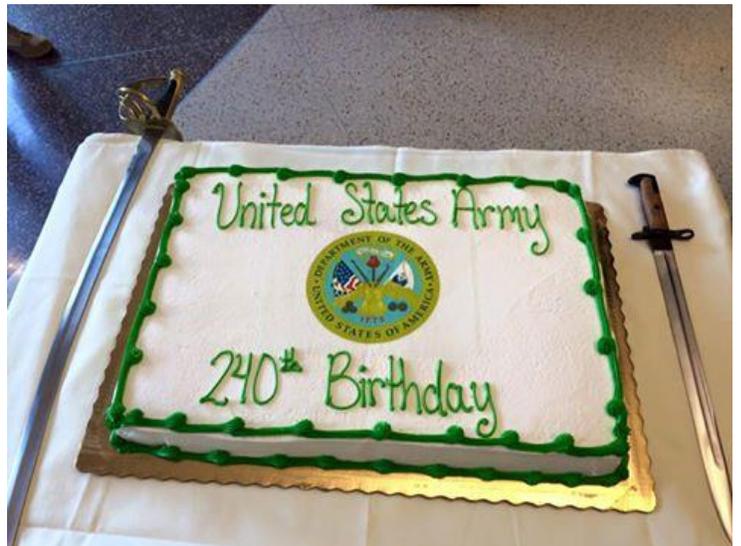
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See y'all there soon!

Happy 240th Birthday – U.S. Army

Fort Benning celebrates the Army's 240th Birthday





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Mail Call News



RE: Tarzan

The reason we called him **[Carroll]** "Tarzan", was he could put a guy on his back & lift himself with one hand several times. He washed out at Fort Benning, because he wanted to be an instructor & quit when they didn't agree. That's what I heard thru the grapevine.

Mel Trenary

Another little thing relating to **Kenamer** that I don't think I ever mentioned relates to Kenamer's money.

Loading planes for practice jumps was usually done alphabetically and that usually put me and Phil in the same plane. Since Phil always seemed to have plenty of money I would borrow \$50 dollars from him the day before the jump. The next day, as we were waiting for our assigned plane to arrive, Phil was checking all my web belts and making certain all my buckles were fasten properly. All he was concerned with was protection of his money and all I was concerned with was protection of my life. The next day I gave him back his \$50 dollars. Cheapest life insurance you could buy at the time.

Merle McMorrow

BB: Reminds me of this:



"I need a couple guys what don't owe me no money for a little routine patrol."



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I haven't written anything since issue 2268 with my then comments about HQ and D Batteries .The MailCall 2274 exchange about C Battery's **Phil Kennamer** and **2nd LT Harry Moore** i caused me to dust off some research I had done last year. I was impressed then that even with so few casualties in the 460th that day, the story of Moore and Kennamer's courageous deaths has been preserved.

COMPANY MORNING REPORT FORM 15 AUGUST 1943 REG 4

STATION: **2 1/2 Miles South of LaMotte, France**
 ORGANIZATION: **Hq Artillery, 460th Prcht FA BnFA**

SERIAL NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	CODE
01823915	Moore, Harry F.	2d Lt	
Princ of -- How Btry Sec (C) 4000-G			
KIA 15 Aug 44.			
14082558	Finley, Thomas F., Jr	1st Sgt	
MOS 585 Dy 585			
15316827	Hetzler, Daniel D.	Tac 4	
MOS 776 Dy 776			
Above 2 FM IIA to hosp.			
80746508	Behan, William D.	Pvt	
MOS 584 Dy 645			
LWA to hosp.			

OFFICER STRENGTH	PLD G & CAFT		1ST LT		2D LT		NO		FLT O	
	ASSIGNED	UNASSIGNED	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
ASSIGNED	1		5	6			1			
UNASSIGNED										
TOTAL	1		5	6			1			

ENLISTED MEN	AVIATION CADETS		PRESENT FOR DUTY		ABSENT		TOTAL	
	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
ASSIGNED			129	3	132			
UNASSIGNED								
TOTAL			129	3	132			

After reading **Jean Loup Gassend's** account in his epic work last year, 2nd LT Moore's name rang a bell. I started going thru notes and documents. I went back to the HQ Battery's 15 Aug 1944 Morning Report (one of the few I have) which listed my father, **1st Sergeant Thomas F. Finley, Jr.** as an WIA. Then I found it: right above his name was the entry for 2nd LT Harry F. Moore- KIA. The HQ Battery entry indicated Moore's principal duty was with C Battery's Howitzer Battery section. His duty specialty was 4000-G. I have included a copy of that page for MailCall. Quite puzzling was why a C Battery officer had been entered on a HQ Battery strength report. I can only guess that LT Moore was possibly detailed from HQ Battery to C Battery and never put on the latter's roll as a permanent assignment. Checking on his duty specialty cited-4000-G, I found that 4000 may have indicated he was a supply officer. Nothing regarding the "G" yet. Another unanswered question is why the howitzer section in C had a supply officer instead of its C Battery Headquarter element? It would seem more usual that LT Moore would have been assigned as a forward observer. Maybe duty qualification did not matter. HQ Battery had five 1LTs and six 2nd LTs but I have nothing on their possible duties. In Harry's case, courage and bravery trumped duty specialty and unit.



We now know what 2nd LT Moore looked like. In researching my work for #2268, I happened to notice that there was a name notation for a 1LT Moore in my large pano photo the 460th. This was taken in the late Spring of 1944. He is standing among the front line of officers, clearly in front of the C Battery formation. To his right are the only men not wearing jump boots- warrant officers **Harp** and **Duey**. (Chief Duey was the HQ Battery or BN admin officer that **Phil McSpadden** recalled remaining in Italy to get jump qualified when the rest of the 460th actually jumped into France.) I have isolated his image using a macro lens and cropping. He is wearing artillery branch insignia, but without the "460th above the cannons". We know can appreciate what LT Moore looked like and how young he was.

Checking into the National Archive's online Enlisted Database, Harry Moore



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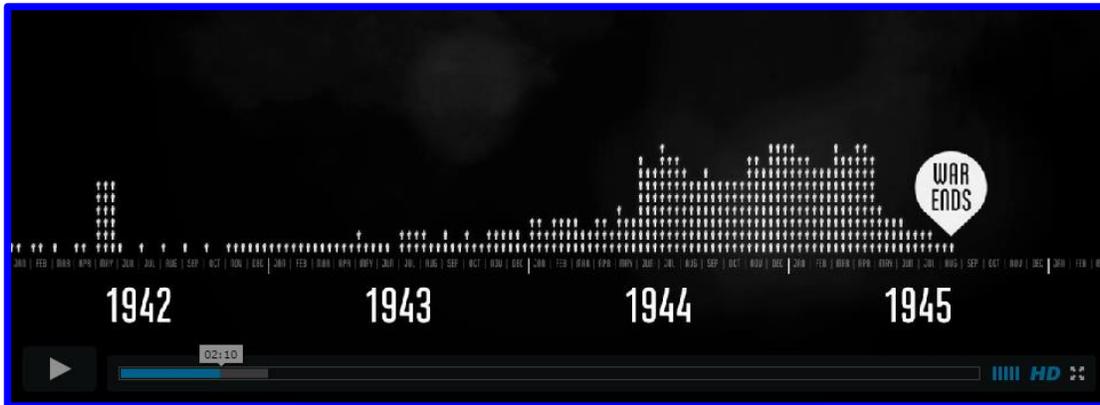
may have been the man of that same name who enlisted on 4 June 1942. His height was 65 inches and he weighed 132 pounds. If accurate, that would mean he probably was an OSC graduate.

I did not recall finding his grave in the Rhone American Cemetery at Draguignan in 2007. It was not in the online cemetery listing. Applications for military headstones were kept by the War Department, later Defense. Ancestry.com has made these available from the National Archive now. This type record is the basis for the photo of the military marker you showed in #2274 for 2nd LT Moore. His body rested in France until late 1948 when it was returned to his hometown in El Dorado, Butler Co, Kansas. This was part of a massive movement of remains by military transport during this period.. His father, and namesake, made the application. 2nd LT Harry Franklin Moore, Jr. lies next to his father and mother Zeda in the Sunset Lawns Cemetery in El Dorado. His father was a veteran of WWI.

I hope that this gives some added humanity and dimension to 2nd LT Moore and his sacrifice.

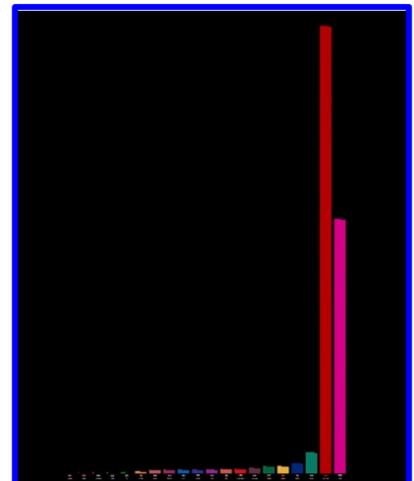
Thomas F. Finley III
LTC (Ret)
son of 1st Sergeant Thomas F. Finley, Jr
HQ Battery, 460th PFAB

The Fallen of WWII



In last week's email, **Nila Gott** sent a link to a great video, "The Fallen of WWII" I encourage you to check it out. It is an amazing graphical, in-depth analysis of the deaths in WW2 comparing wartime deaths by countries, by wars, by locations.

Here is one graphic example on the right. Look at the number of total WW2 deaths (both soldiers and civilians) by country. The Soviet Union is in red and Poland in pink on the right. US, France and Great Britain are to the left.



[The Fallen of WWII](#)



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From Nila Gott:

THE FINAL INSPECTION

The Soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

'Step forward now, Soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?'

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
'no, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep.
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills just got too steep.

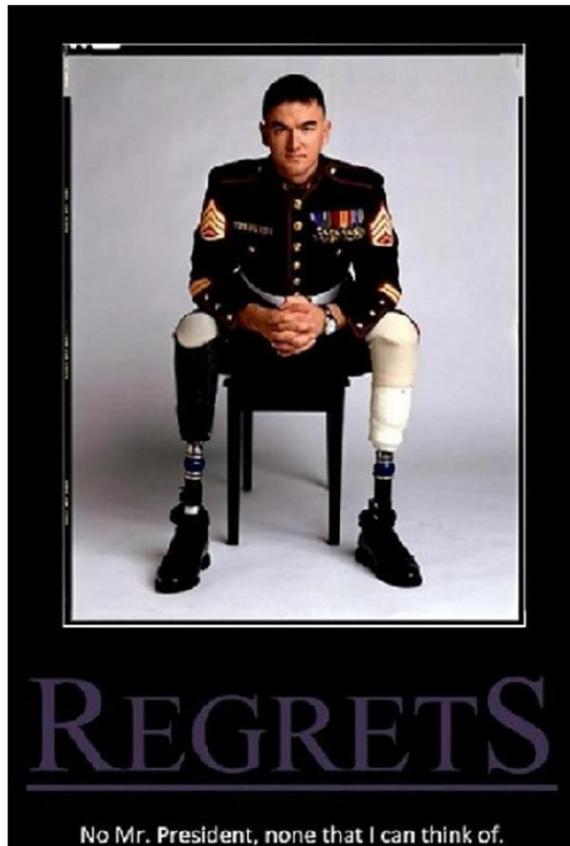
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the Soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

'Step forward now, you Soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell.'





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