



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

MailCall News

I never noticed this version of the Dec 1, 1944 KIA list. This was Howard Hensleigh's copy. He wrote on it how many of the men died. -- BB

Service

After all is said and done, here are the ones who gave the most.

1944

g Officer,
RT D. GRAVES

ains,
OWN. REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN
NETTE. CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

IN MEMORIAM

517 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

*say it's shot him with
13. when he did
not reply to
9c*

Regimental Headquarters Company
Anderson, Pvt. Elmer J.
Bednarz, Pvt. Richard B.
Ciner, PFC Henry A.
Richmond, Pvt. Julius J.

Headquarters Company, First Battalion
Baldwin, T/5 William F.
Cross, Pvt. Lynwood W.
Fisher, Cpl. Daniel A.
Seegar, Pvt. Harold D.

Company A
Ernst, Pvt. Albert J.
Jamme, Cpl. Richard A.
McLey, PFC Melvin W.
Oliver, PFC Marvin R.
Sadlo, 2nd Lieutenant Charles J. *Mt. Ventebran*
Scecina, Pvt. George J.
Stewart, Cpl. Joseph M.

Company B
Hathorne, Pvt. Robert R.
Montgomery, Pvt. Wallace A.
Van Ness, Pvt. Joseph F.

Company C
Henderson, Jr. PFC Lowell
Salmon, Pvt. Carl G.

Headquarters Company, Second Battalion
Baggett, Pvt. Al D.
Burnside, PFC Don N.
Clark, Pvt. John W.
Lewis, PFC Harold J.
Miley, 2nd Lieutenant Maurice J. *D-Day climbing power pole to cut wire. Electrified.*

Battery A
Brown, PFC Robert W.

Battery B
Daley, PFC Richard R.

Boggan, PFC William F.
Coffelt, PFC Ernest R.
Englert, Sgt. Wallace P.
Jaynes, Jr., Sgt. Howard D.

Robinson, 2nd Lieutenant
Albert M. *D-Day*
Walton, Pvt. James L.
York, PFC Joe E.

Company D
Allen, Pvt. Alton L.
Attebery, Jr. Sgt. Edgar R.
Beaver, T/4 Homer C.
Fabrick, PFC Anthony A.
Fouts, Pvt. John.
John, Pvt. Frederick M.
La Bar, Jr., Pvt. La Verne.
Lopez, Pvt. Daniel T.
McDonald, PFC Travis V.
Ogniewski, PFC Daniel L.
Thorn, Pvt. William F.
Vanderpool, Pvt. Walter

Company E
Kersey, Pvt. Wilburn M.
Lemen, Pvt. Charles C.
Polinsky, Pvt. John J.
Reginato, Pvt. Joseph J.
Richmond, Pvt. Howard L.

Company F
Arredonds, Cpl. James M.
O'Brien, Pvt. Joseph E.
Pacey, PFC James J.
Ridout, S/Sgt. Arnold C.
Shaneyfelt, T/4 Alton L.
Sherman, Cpl. Arthur E.

Headquarters Company, Third Battalion
Castaroth, PFC Joe.
McGeever, Captain Joseph T. *Best of ME five Mi. Scardeous*

Smith, 2nd Lieutenant
Duane L. *D-day*

Battery C
Kenamer, PFC Philip M.
Lewis, PFC Billie E.

Lucas, Pvt. Vestel A.
Mathis, Pvt. Leonard
McLamb, PFC Herbert B.
Michaels, Pvt. Patrick L.

Szczzech, T/5 Casimer W.
Whitfield, PFC Jack.

Company G
Bell, PFC Marvin *Shot while carrying to*
Buk, PFC William *to Co Vanlab*
Carlson, Pvt. Elmer *van*
Colo, PFC Hector *St Cozape*
Goswick, PFC Jesse *to*
Hampton, PFC J. B. *Totale la*
Hofsommer, Pvt. Walter *to*
Ridler, 1st Lieutenant Arthur *to*
thur W. *while taking*
Staat, Pvt. John A. *Steezare*
Stanford, PFC Charles F. *..*

Company H
Campbell, Pvt. John J.
Dirkson, Pvt. Vernon D.
Freeman, 2nd Lieutenant *Cross-*
Harold M. *no RR tracks in*
Gauce, First/Sgt John E. *Attack Los Arts*
Richards, PFC William
Thomas, 2nd Lieutenant
Hillay B. *Direct hit - Mortar*
Ridge *Rot Colde Brau*

Company I
Celli, PFC Anthony S.
Mattice, Sgt. Kenneth R.
Miller, Sgt. Robert J. *Scardeous*
Radon, Pvt. Stanley E. *Patrol*
Sailor, Pvt. Richard *Pava caww*
Shumaker, PFC Harold I. *..*
Woodcock, Pvt. Willis A. *Killed with MG Roewer*

Medical Detachment
Haight, PFC David B.
Naylor, Pvt. Thomas A.

Moore, 2nd Lieutenant
Harry F.
Tatro, Pvt. Charles H.

Battery D
Palmer, Pvt. Melvin R.

Miller, Pvt. Harold H.
Siewierski, PFC Alois J.
Wikins, Pvt. Henry.

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596 ENGINEER COMPANY



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Hi Ben,

Just by chance, I was looking through the photos of Howard Hensleigh, and I see “**Johnnie Neiler Regt I S-2**” written on a photo. Here are two photos of Neiler in So. France:

http://517prct.org/photos/howard_hensleigh/sc002a2bbb.jpg

In the photo on the left, I think that is Neiler on the left, and I’m pretty sure that’s **Dick Spencer** on the right. Dick was the cartoonist and illustrator for many of the 517th booklets and Christmas greetings, and he designed the Battling Buzzards logo and patch for the 517th.

And Neiler is probably also in these pictures:

http://517prct.org/photos/howard_hensleigh/sc002ae0e1.jpg

http://517prct.org/photos/howard_hensleigh/sc002af2fc.jpg

BB



WOW! Thanks so much. He is in two of the three in the first link, and in both of the other pictures.

Do you know of any high quality scans of these?

I see that he is wearing M43s and carrying a M3 Grease gun. Awesome.

Thanks again,

Ben Arnold



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Hi Bob,

Sorry, I missed the original email. have been distracted with my first grand child's arrival. I will get this in the mail to you on Monday. Sorry about that Bob.

Hope all is well with you and yours!

Thank you also for **Terry Sanford's** biography.

Mimsey



First grandchild? Congrats. Me too.

Here's **Crew Robert Johanson**, born in December;

Bob Barrett

[Crew is the first great-grandchild of Fran and **Ben Barrett.**]

Yes, first grandchild. **Phelan Jeffrey Kelly**. Born in February.

Being a grandparent is a whole new kind of happiness.

Mimsey Boyle Kelly

[Phelan is the great-grandson of Babbie and **Wild Bill Boyle**]





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We always knew my grandfather was a paratrooper in The battle of the bulge but he never talked about it much and passed away in the early 90's.

I recently came across my grandfather's discharge papers. His name is **PFC Edward L. Parks** 31-340-466.

He was from Dorset Vermont.

His separation paperwork says he served in the 517th parachute combat team , 3rd battalion ,headquarters company. He saw action in Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He was wounded in action on 29feb1945 in Belgium .

I've always been very curious about his service and would be very interested in hearing from anyone that may have known him or is familiar with his unit or the date he was wounded.

Thank you so much in advance for ANY help or information.

Marty Santor

Hi Marty,

I've been looking around, but I haven't found any specific mention of your grandfather in my records. Unfortunately, I don't have casualty reports for the 3rd Battalion HQ. He's not on the Christmas roster, so it is most likely that he joined shortly after that in late December or January. If I find more, I will let you know.

Bob Barrett

I read your recent article about **Pvt. Gerald Nelson** pictured with the 17th patch. Here is a picture of my grandfather **Virgil F. Dunlevy** (Sgt. Co A) wearing his patch.

Chris Walters
Dallas, TX





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Not sure where the info on the flag officers from the 517th came from, but David Grange (Sr.) wound up with three stars, while his son (Jr.) wound up with two. Hope all is well. Thank you for keeping the 517th alive in the hearts and minds of those who served and those of us who didn't.

mark

Bob - I hate when I have incorrect info. **David Grange, Jr.**, who earned three stars, was with the 517th. His son David L. Grange was the two star. My apologies! mark

Forgive the typos, this was sent from my iPad Air 2

Mark Landreth

Bob: what a delightful, newsy Mail Call especially the info about the general we lost track of and about **Gen. Neiler**, especially Tom's story. Sorry to learn that another of our men has departed our company to rejoin his band of brothers who have gone before him to their heavenly reward.

Pat Seitz

5 Craziest Weapons Ever Created



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wD6bt3P_VdM



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- 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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