



## *517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regimental Combat Team*



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

MailCall No. 2322  
May 1, 2016

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

### *PFC Nolan Powell, C Company*



### **Nolan L. Powell**

December 15, 1923 - May 3, 2016 (Age 92)

Ontario: Passed away on May 3, 2016 at age 92. Nolan was born on December 15, 1923 in Huron, NY to the late Olin and Mildred Powell. He was predeceased by his wife, Florence Powell; granddaughter, Bobbi Ann Powell; brother, Gray Powell. Nolan is survived by his children, Alan (Nancy), Susan (Sharron), Scott (Maria), David, Kenneth (Elizabeth), Jeffrey (Maureen), Marilyn (John); 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren.

Nolan served in the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment during World War II. He saw action in Italy, Southern France, and the Battle of Bulge, where he was wounded. His awards included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star. After Nolan retired, he became active in researching the history of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, of which his outfit was a part during most of the war. He attended many reunions and travelled to Europe, at various times with his wife, other paratroopers from his outfit, and family, to revisit the places where his regiment fought.

After the war Nolan attended Albany State Teacher's college, where he met the love of his life, Florence. He moved and taught social studies at Wayne Central High School from 1951 to 1982. He was the first chairperson of the school's social studies department.

Nolan was a founding member of the Wayne County Teachers Federal Credit Union (now Reliant FCU) where he served on the board of directors for many years and continued to serve in other voluntary activities until recently. He was also active in local historical societies including Heritage Square, the Rose Historical Society, and Wayne County Historical Society.

Friends are invited to join the family for calling on Friday (May 6) from 4-7 PM at the funeral chapel, 1961 Ridge Rd., Ontario, NY. Nolan's funeral service will be held on Saturday (May 7) at 2 PM at First United Presbyterian Church, 31 West Main St., Sodus, NY. Interment in York Settlement Cemetery, at a later date. Contributions in Nolan's memory may be directed to Town of Ontario Heritage Square, P.O. Box 462, Ontario, NY 14519.



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My father, Nolan Powell, C Company, passed Tuesday morning, May 3, at 12:05 am. He always looked forward to Mail Call. After he entered the nursing home, we would print each new issue and take it to him. A couple weeks ago, we read the remembrances of one of the other troopers to him. It was rather long issue, but he insisted on hearing the whole story. My sister and I had to pass it back and forth since we became hoarse reading. The reunions and trips to Europe with the other men of the 517th were a big part of his life for as long as he was able to travel.

Alan Powell

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Nolan Powell, veteran of the 517th PRCT died. Another one of the greats has left us for that great reunion in the sky.

He was the 1st veteran whom we knew while he visited Sospel in 2003. An indestructible friendship was formed between us and his family. It was the trigger of our friendship with all these veterans and their family from now on more than 13 years old.

We are so happy to have seen again him this summer, last time close to his lake in its lodge with his family around him.

Nolan we love you. You are forever in our heart.

**Patricia Roland Pavia Orengo**

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Branch: Army  
Citation: Distinguished Service Cross  
War: World War II 1941-1945

NOLAN L. POWELL, Private First Class, Company C, 517 Parachute Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action on 18 June 1944 near Grosetto, Italy. In executing an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions, Private Powell's company found itself deployed by platoons along the military crest of a ridge, and receiving heavy small arms and mortar fire from the foot of the hill. Private Powell, accompanied by a Sergeant, voluntarily moved forward into enemy resistance two hundred yards ahead of his platoon, captured five Germans who were part of a mortar crew, silenced a machine gun, and returned to the lines with the prisoners. Though momentarily pinned down by machine gun fire, Private Powell and the Sergeant moved into enemy territory again and, on nearing the lines, ordered the enemy to surrender. The prisoners came out of

the brush and were taken to the American lines. Once more Private Powell and the Sergeant penetrated the enemy lines, withdrawing when friendly artillery fire made their positions untenable, with an additional four prisoners. By his courageous acts, Private Powell made possible the capture of nineteen German prisoners, the killing and wounding of ten more, and acted as an inspiration to all those with whom he served

From: [http://legionofvalor.org/lov\\_citation/nolan-l-powell/](http://legionofvalor.org/lov_citation/nolan-l-powell/)



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Ce soir, une mauvaise nouvelle a terni cette journée.

Nolan Powell, vétéran du 517th PRCT est décédé.

C'était le 1er vétéran que nous avons connu alors qu'il visitait Sospel en 2003. Une amitié indéfectible s'est nouée entre nous et sa famille. Il a été l'élément déclencheur de notre amitié avec tous ces vétérans et leur famille depuis maintenant plus de 13 ans.

Nous sommes tellement heureux de l'avoir revu cet été, une dernière fois auprès de son lac dans son lodge avec sa famille autour de lui.

Nolan we love you. May God give you eternal rest, close to Florence, your lovely wife.

photo prise cet été.

**Patricia Roland Pavia Orengo**

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Tonight bad news tarnished the day.

Nolan Powell, a veteran of the 517th STIP died.

It was the first veteran we experienced while visiting Sospel in 2003. A lasting friendship has developed between us and his family. It was the trigger for our friendship with all those veterans and their families for over 13 years.

We are so happy to have seen this summer, the last time with his lake in his lodge with his family around him.

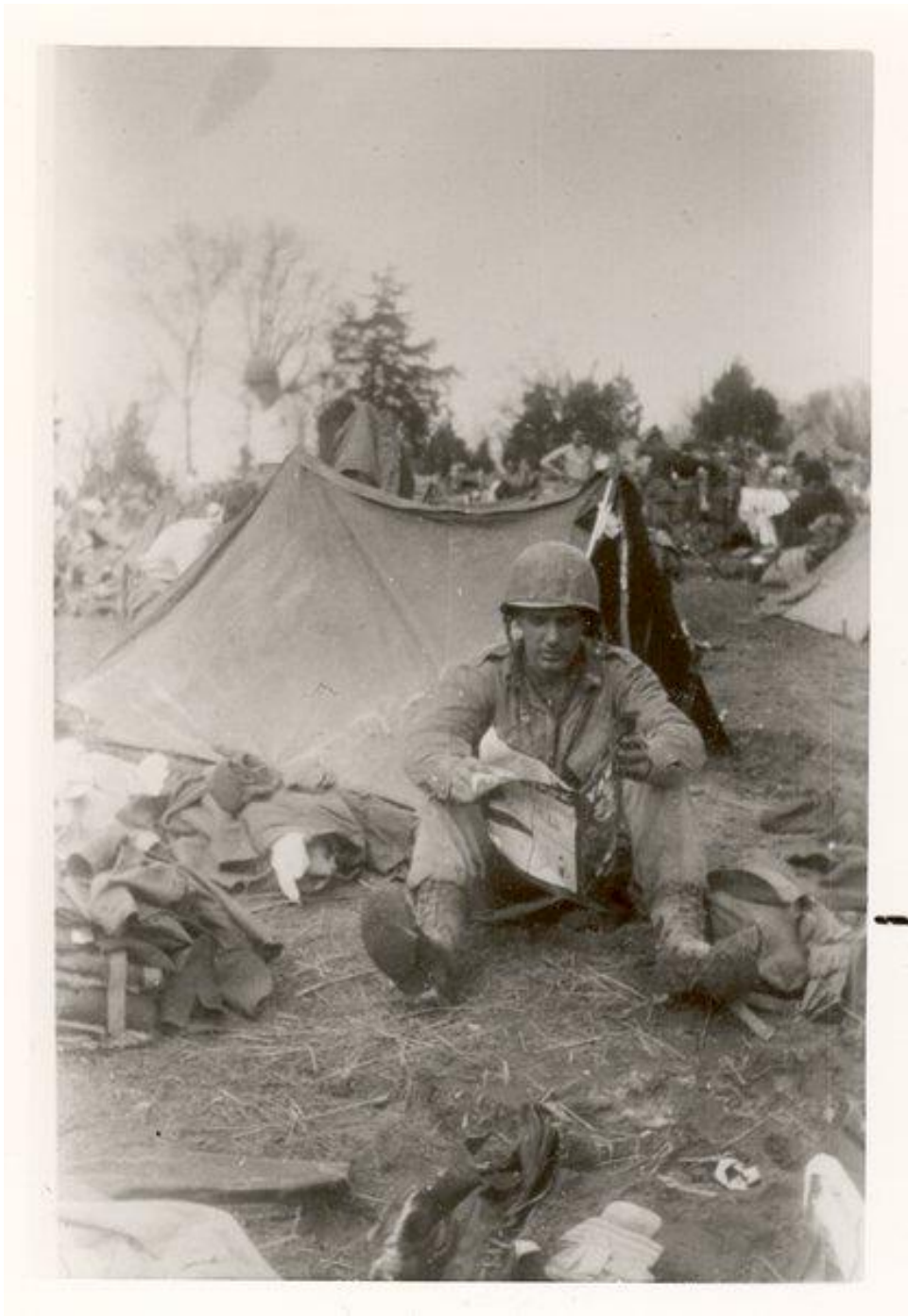
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photo taken this summer.

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Nolan Powell in Southern France.



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### *MailCall News*

Update on my status and new address

After such a long absence, thought you all deserved a decent explanation...will try to keep it short. Was supposed to be in California for Christmas last year, but didn't feel up to the trip and cancelled three days before I was supposed to depart. Nothing specific. After the first of the year, the VA sent out a visiting nurse, and while she was there, a physical therapist was also there, and they both felt they could see my heart racing. EMS was called, and I was sent to Ocala to a hospital where the battery to my Pacemaker was replaced. I knew it was low on power, but thought the replacement was 2-3 months away.

After 3 days there getting the battery replaced, I was sent to the Villages Rehab hospital, which was a disaster. I developed diarrhea/dysentery.....aw, the hell with it, 'the shits'!! and lost 50 pounds in 6 weeks.

Thank goodness, my youngest daughter, Maya, who is a Physician Assistant, was on top of this, and told the Director she was way off base in her thinking and she had better put a stool trap in my toilet immediately to collect my stool and have it really analyzed by a lab and get the proper antibiotics in my system. The boss lady herself came and installed the trap and my meds were changed....may have saved my life at that point.

Finally got out of that hellhole and got home. was there about a week or so when I collapsed and called EMS with my magic button I wear. Off to The Villages Hospital where, after a number of tests, it was determined I had a bad heart.

In the meantime, all my children were burning up the wires of e-mail and telephone, and resulted in Maya finding and renting a place in Santa Rosa, Mike and Valerie flew in from Illinois to do all the packing and shipping of the things I would need in California. Chris had been down for a week earlier, and I really had no choice. I was too weak to live by myself, and, frankly, too befuddled to make the right decisions. Valerie flew out to California with me and spent a week with the others in her family. I have a really nice apartment, and the staff could not be more friendly or helpful, and the food is better than that of any restaurant in The Villages~!~~ Still weak, but getting set up with the VA and other doctors I need to see./I didn't bring my computer, but a back-up device, and I'm afraid I have left a lot of my friends and family off this e-mail. If you know of anyone that I missed, please forward to them. And, conversely, if you no longer want to receive e-mails from me, please let me know. I'm still weak, and have to use a walker

My new address is:

**Phil McSpadden**  
2375 Range Ave #83  
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Let me hear from you. Phil



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### *In Memorium – George W. Kennedy – D Battery, 460<sup>th</sup> PFAB*

#### **George W. Kennedy**

Subject: Obituaries | Lee Funeral Home - Clinton, MD

<http://www.leefuneralhomes.com/m/obituaries/George-Kennedy-5/Memories>

Bob, I received this obit for George Kennedy D-460, he was one of the original assigned to the unit.

He was one of three that i sent you for your new roster.

If i can be of any further help let me know.

**Steve Armbruster D-460**



**George W. Kennedy** of Owings, MD, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at the age of 93.

He was born in Pulaski, VA, to Cannie (Harold) and C. S. Kennedy. George was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U. S. Army. He was a brick mason for many years and enjoyed a number of hobbies, which included – hunting, fishing, playing golf and was an avid Washington Redskins fan.

He was the beloved husband of the late Lotti Marie Kennedy, who passed in 1979. George was the loving father of Crystal Ridgeway (Bill), Candy Rayle (Don) and Steve Kennedy (Karen). He was the devoted grandfather of Shane Ridgeway, Shannon Kingsbury, Chase and Tyler Kennedy, Crystal, Michael and Ashley Zorm. He was the great-grandfather of Caiden, Rylan, Olivia, Logan, Roman, Alaina, Lauren, Ella and Hudson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Calvert Hospice, P O Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.



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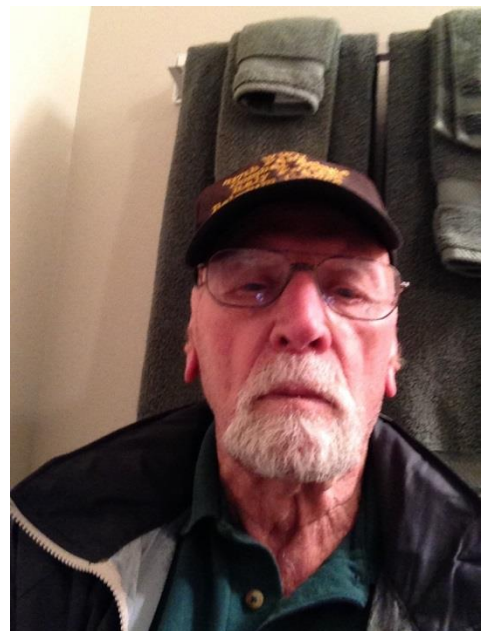
Kansas City Reunion 2012



Bob Vaught, K. Allen Johnson, Darrell Egner, Hal Beddow, Dick Seitz, Leo Dean, Mel Dahlberg, Gene Frice, John Jonientz, Dick Hammel, **George Kennedy**, Hoyt Kelley, John Strojan

Got this photo from one of our great troopers, with a slightly new look.

Who recognizes this handsome man? -- BB





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- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: [MailCall@517prct.org](mailto:MailCall@517prct.org)
- 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:

**517 PRCT Association, Inc.**  
c/o Miriam Boyle Kelly  
19 Oriole Court  
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