



517th 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 just wanted to share this photo of **Earl Boone** and **Jack Sowell** I took a couple of summers ago at Jack's home in Payson, AZ. Jack and Earl met in boot camp, were both F company troopers and remained close friends for over 70 years. It is the last time the two saw each other before Jack's passing last December.

Jim Kraus



Thanks for showing us a copy of the initial report for F Company from the morning of the August 15 drop. Even though I had the chance to walk the battlefield with Dad, reading the report makes the memory of that walk with Dad even more vivid and puts flesh and bone on the stories about the invasion.

Pat Seitz



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scout Paul Condriller, who fought with F Company.

Turns out there was a Le Mans race car driver who won the 1963 Tour de France (automobile)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_de_France_Automobile

Same guy? -- BB

That is a yes on **Paul Condrillier** , he is one in the same, he raced cars and boats. When taking my Dad to France , with the help of **Jean**

Michel and Eric we found his daughter living in Nice and since my father and Paul ended up good friends and staying in touch all those years we kept up on him.

Sadly he passed away doing what he loved (racing) a boat. Not sure of details or date.

Melanie Hanson

DEAR SIR,

I HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME OUT...WITH A FEW THINGS.

I FOUND LAST SUNDAY IN LA-GLEIZE MILITARY SHOW A HELMET WITH THE TYPICAL 517CAMO SPRAY ONE IT WITH THIS LAUNDRY NUMBER (N8758) I REALY HOPE YOU CAN LOOK FOR ME WHAT PERSON FROM THE 517PIR BELONGED..TO I MADE ALSO SOME RESEARCH MYSELF I CANT FIND ANYTHING.

QUESTION 2 IS I HAVE THIS NAMED 517PIR MUsETTEBAG FROM THIS MEMBER.

SURNAME. **STADLER.**

FORENAME. **BURTON L.**

517PIR HQ COMPANY 2 BN.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS.

HQ 2 BN WIA FEBRUARY 45 BELGIUM COMPANY F.

I BE PLEASED WHEN YOU HAVE MORE INFORMATION FROM THIS MEMBER...I BE HONORD WHEN YOU CAN HELP ME MY FRIEND.

KIND REGARDS FROM THE NETHERLANDS,
RON HAGEN.



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Hello Ron,

I don't know about the helmet and Laundry number. I will ask and see if anyone else knows how to identify this.

Regarding Burton Stadler, we do know about Burton who was a pathfinder with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, and also later with F company, from his grandson. See:

http://www.517prct.org/photos/burton_stadler.htm and

http://www.517prct.org/photos/burton_stadler2.htm

And we have this info from Tom Stadler, Burton's son, received in 2006:

HI BEN

THE OPENING AND CLOSING STATEMENTS IN THIS BRONZE STAR CITATION ARE IRRELEVANT SO I HAVE OMITTED THEM.

THE ACTION OF THE 2/BN PATHFINDER TEAM ON 8/15/44 COINCIDES WITH THE REPORT IN YESTERDAY'S MAIL CALL.

IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO SOME.

Tom Stadler

HEAVILY LADEN WITH AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STADLER, AS A MEMBER OF A PATHFINDER TEAM, PARACHUTED INTO SOUTHERN FRANCE IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIN AIRBORNE INVASION FORCE. THEIR MISSION WAS TO MARK DROP ZONES AND LANDING AREAS FOR INCOMING PARACHUTE AND GLIDER UNITS. WHILE MOVING TOWARD THEIR DESIGNATED DROP ZONE, THREE MILES DISTANT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STADLER AND HIS COMRADES WERE ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY COMPANY. THE OUTNUMBERED GROUP WITHDREW TO A WOODED AREA FROM WHICH IT RETURNED THE FIRE, INFLICTING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND COMPELLING THE ENEMY TO WITHDRAW. DURING THIS ACTION ONE OF THE GROUP WAS KILLED. PUSHING ON, STADLER AND HIS COMRADES AMBUSHED A GERMAN PATROL AND KILLED ALL FIVE OF IT'S MEMBERS. ON REACHING THE DROP ZONE, (NEAR LEMUY) THE GROUP MARKED THE AREA AND SET UP RADAR EQUIPMENT, ENABLING THE MAIN INVASION FORCE TO LAND SAFELY.

THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WERE **RALPH DEGILIO, BUEL PUTNAM JR.** AND THE O.I.C., **1ST LT. JOHN WEDDLE** OF E CO.

THIS ACTION TOOK UP THE ENTIRE A:M. THE TEAM REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVE IN THE EARLY P:M

Regards,

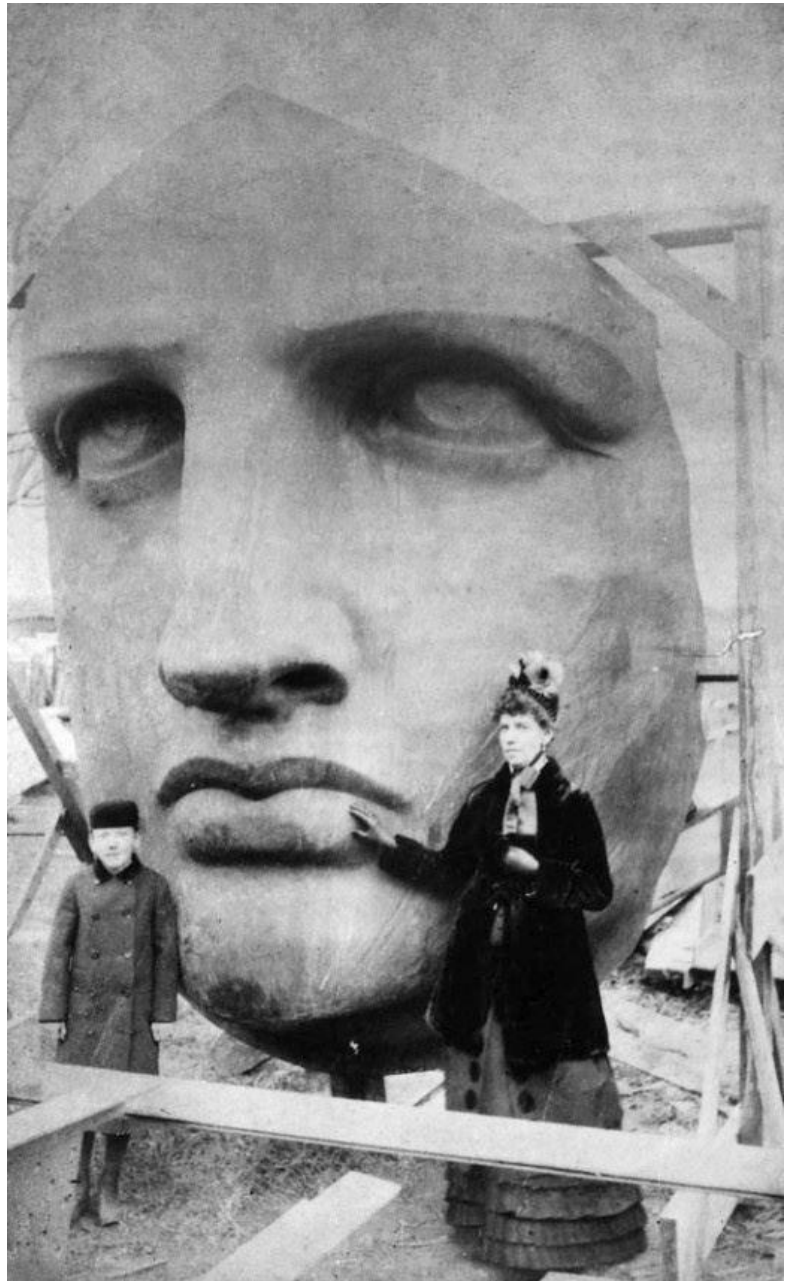
Bob Barrett



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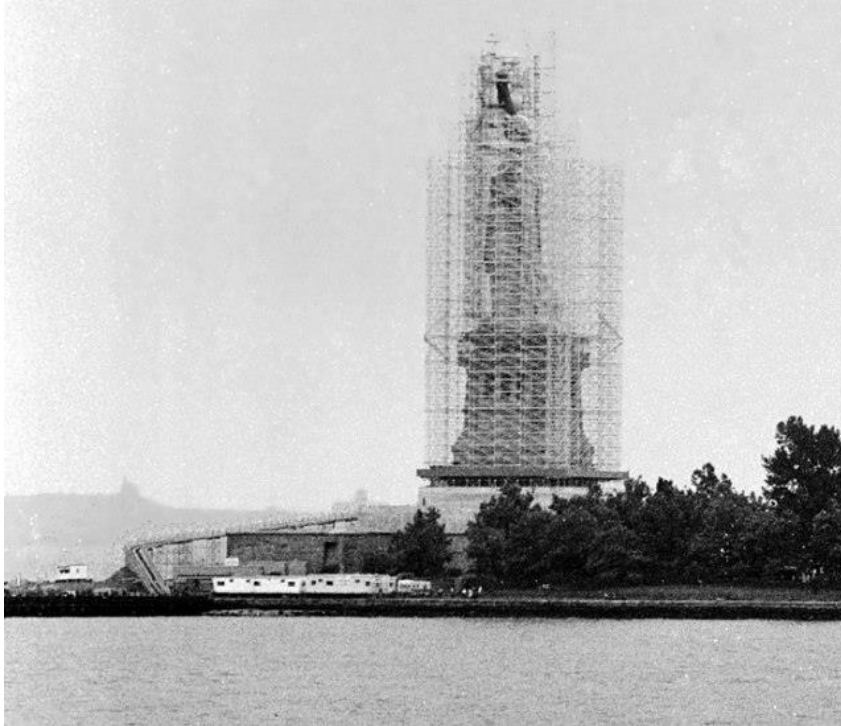
From: [French Embassy in the U.S.](#)

On this day [June 17] in 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived from France to New York Harbor. A gift from France to America to celebrate the centennial of the American Revolution, our "Lady Liberty" was designed by French sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, with aid from engineer Gustave Eiffel. The statue arrived in New York in 350 individual pieces, and was reassembled before being inaugurated by President Grover Cleveland a year later. The Statue of Liberty remains not only one of America's most famous landmarks, but a lasting symbol of French-American friendship.





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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.
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