



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



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

## MailCall News

When you think no one is listening, think again.

Reading MailCall #2338 and seeing the 517 bracelet for sale on eBay, reminded me of a story. My dad never was without his bracelet. He never spoke of the war and it was the only connection that I was aware of with him being a paratrooper. When he passed, my mom sister and I thought he should be buried with it. As time passed I wished I had taken the bracelet.

Looking at a photo on the 517 website of the 517 returning home, I spotted my dad, he's holding on to the handrail getting ready to exit the ship. **Odas Sweet** is coming down the stairs behind him.

Looking at the cap he was wearing, I wished I had it.

A few days after finding the picture, my mom called me telling me to stop by she had found a few things in the attic of my dad's she thought I would like to have.

When I got there she handed me a box and inside was the cap. I could not believe it. When I lifted the cap, underneath of it was my dad's bracelet!! I guess it's possible he had two, I prefer to believe it was a present from above!

Thanks for all you do

**J Sutcliffe** - son of **Jim Sutcliffe**, H Company





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Hi Bob.

I did lose my father's bracelet. I found one on eBay. 250. I talked him down from 325. I sure wish I had seen this one instead. I hope his family sees it.

Take Care.

**Heather Cowan Riley**  
**Ian Cowan Co. B**

Greetings Sports Fans, here's one for all the Cub fans in the Regiment.

Enjoy the series, **Paul Abbene** (Mets fan)

### Gary Bedingfield's **BASEBALL IN WARTIME**

Volume 1, Issue 2

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[WWW.BASEBALLINWARTIME.CO.UK](http://WWW.BASEBALLINWARTIME.CO.UK)

#### **Duty, Honor, Country: When Baseball Went To War**

##### **Hal Jeffcoat**

*September 6, 1924 to August 30, 2007*

Jeffcoat served with the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team in WWII. His pro career began in the Tri-State League in 1946. He batted .346 with 15 home runs and 118 RBIs for Nashville in the Southern Association in 1947, and joined the Cubs in 1948. In 1954, Jeffcoat converted from the outfield to pitcher. He had his best season on the mound in 1957 with the Reds when he was 12-13. He ended his professional career with Seattle in the Pacific Coast League in 1960.



##### **Baseball in Wartime Website Facelift**

I am currently in the process of redesigning the Baseball in Wartime website. I have a great-looking new layout and pages will open in a much more uniform manner, no matter what size monitor you are viewing on. I know there has been a problem with the way some of the pages have been opening and this should overcome that issue.

I anticipate a launch sometime in December 2007.

<http://www.baseballinwartime.com/Baseball%20in%20Wartime%20NewsletterVol1No2October2007.pdf>

Hal Jeffcoat was with F Company.



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From [http://www.baseball-reference.com/bullpen/Hal\\_Jeffcoat](http://www.baseball-reference.com/bullpen/Hal_Jeffcoat)



### Harold Bentley Jeffcoat

- **Bats Right, Throws Right**
- **Height 5' 10½", Weight 185 lb.**
- **High School** [West Columbia High School](#)
- **Debut** [April 20, 1948](#)
- **Final Game** [August 6, 1959](#)
- **Born** [September 6, 1924](#) in [West Columbia, SC USA](#)
- **Died** [August 30, 2007](#) in [Tampa, FL USA](#)
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### Biographical Information

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**Hal Jeffcoat** played 12 seasons in the major leagues, split roughly 50/50 between playing outfield and being a pitcher. His older brother [George Jeffcoat](#) had previously been a major league pitcher.

Born in [South Carolina](#), Hal was signed by the [Chicago Cubs](#) in 1946. By 1948, he was a regular outfielder for the Cubs, hitting .279.

Although he had some speed and hit .273 in 1951, mostly he had low [batting averages](#) and was gradually relegated to backup status. He had a strong arm in the outfield, however, and tried pitching.

His first appearance as a major league pitcher was in 1954, at the age of 29, when he went 5-6. Primarily a reliever, he started some games for the [Cincinnati Redlegs](#) in 1956, and was mostly a starter for them in 1957. His best ERA was in 1955 when it stood at 2.95.

Whereas he had been prone to strike out as a rookie outfielder, being 5th in the [National League](#) with 68 strikeouts as a batter, by the mid-1950s he was striking out other people, and had a high of 63 strikeouts as a pitcher in 1957.

Lifetime in the majors, he appeared in 559 games as an outfielder, and 245 as a pitcher. He hit .248 with 114 stolen bases as a batter, and had a record of 39-37 as a pitcher.

Virtually all his career was spent with the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Redlegs; he finished his career with 11 games for the [St. Louis Cardinals](#) in 1959. As a rookie outfielder with the Cubs, his fellow outfielders were [Bill Nicholson](#) and [Peanuts Lowrey](#). When he converted to pitching in 1954, the Cubs' catcher was [Joe Garagiola](#), and it was the first full season of Cubs shortstop [Ernie Banks](#). He was with the Redlegs, going 8-2, when [Frank Robinson](#) was a 20-year-old rookie hitting 38 home runs in 1956.

He is the younger brother of George Jeffcoat. His brothers [William](#) and [Charles](#) were minor league pitchers, and his son [Harold Jeffcoat](#) pitched in the minors.

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### Notable Achievements

- 200 Innings Pitched Seasons: 1 (1957)



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From **Nila Gott**: [The Flag](#)

Robin Williams was 31 when this video was made! I laughed, with this clip...1982, a different world, so respectfully done.

Robin Williams as the American Flag -->



From **Anne Justice**:

This is the most awesome thing, Bob. Passing it on.

Over the weekend artist and sometime singer Joe Everson had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem before a Toledo Walleye's hockey game and boy, did he ever.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5BxC4CoBKU>

Hi Mike,

You unsubscribe to MailCall. Which is fine if it was intentional. Just letting you know, since I hear from people now and then that they didn't know that they unsubscribed themselves.

Bob Barrett

Thanks Bob; If I unsubscribed it was unintentional! How do I get back on?

MW

Hi Mike,

The email service doesn't let me add you back, since it thinks you asked to be removed. But you can re-sign yourself up at: <http://517prct.org/mailcall.htm>

Bob B.

DONE!

Let me know if there are any problems.  
THANKS for getting this straightened out.

MW



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## Administrivia

If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>

- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know, or just click on the unsubscribe link on the email.
- 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.**  
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