



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*

Melvin C. Trenary, A Company

Donald My father **Mel Trenary** passed on January 9. He was in company A of the 517th during WW2. Dad was 92 when he left us.....he loved this site and posted many times. I just wanted to inform you of the loss of another great American.

His son, **Rick Trenary**

Melvin Carlisle Trenary 1924 - 2017

Mr. **Melvin Carlisle Trenary**, 92, of Livingston, Texas was born November 30, 1924 in Los Angeles, California to parents, Hollis Trenary and Frances (Bristow) Trenary, and passed away January 9, 2017 in Livingston, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ema J. (Pooley) Trenary; and sister, Darlene Day.

He is survived by his sons, Sidney Trenary and Rick Trenary both of Livingston, Texas; daughters, Donna Harden of Porter, Texas, Lynda Baker of New York, and Celeste White of League City, Texas; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and brother, Leonard Trenary of Prescott, Arizona; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

Cochran Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guestbook at www.cochranfh.com.

**517th RCT
1st Battalion, Company A
1st Platoon, 1st Squad**



1944



2013



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Mel and Rick Trenary at the 2015 517th Reunion in New Orleans.

Mel's Bio is online at:
http://www.517prct.org/bios/mel_trenary/mel_trenary.htm



New Orleans, June 2015

John Jahnietz (G), Gabriel Delsosio (460/C) , Allan Johnson (596), Leo Dean (Reg HQ), Mel Trenary (A), Phil McSpadden (460/HQ), Tony Mandio (HQ/1), Merle McMorrow (460/C)



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Donald Boatright, G Company



Donald Earl Boatright, World War II Army Paratrooper, passed away quietly on Friday, January 6, 2017. He was 92.

Born in Carroll County to Early Benjamin Boatright and Mary Alice Williams Boatright, Donald grew up in the Wayside and Horsley Mill communities. During World War II, he was a Paratrooper with Company G, 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, and was wounded during combat in Southern France in September of 1944. He also saw combat in Italy and during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device, European Campaign Medal with 5 stars, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, French Croix de Guerre, Belgian Croix de Guerre, Combat Infantry Badge, US Army Airborne Wings with Gold

Star, and Honorably Discharged in 1945.

On July 30, 1946 Donald married Mildred Yates Boatright. They lived their lives in the Burwell Community raising two children, Jimmy and Malinda. After working at the Anniston Ordnance Depot, he joined Yates Furniture, and later retiring as a Carroll County Corrections officer. Donald was a devout believer in God and a Deacon of Cross Plains Baptist Church.

Donald's reputation was for his love of Mildred, his children, his friends, and most importantly, his grand and great-grandchildren. He was the person everyone called upon to pray, tell a funny story or colorful jokes. He was a simple man who lived life to the fullest.

Donald is predeceased by: his wife of 65 years, Mildred Yates Boatright; his daughter, Malinda Boatright Camp; his eldest brother, Homer Boatright; his eldest sister, Clovis Boatright Williams; sister, Mary Nell Boatright Wilson; brother, Darrell Boatright; sister, Dorothy Boatright Muse; and, sister, Sara Helen Boatright Dukes. He is survived by: his brother, Bobby Boatright (Betty); as well as his loving son, Jimmy Dean Boatright (Joan); 4 grandchildren: Kimberly Boatright Abbott (Les), Andrew Donald Boatright, Corbin Heflin Graves Camp (Jenny) and Lauren Elizabeth Camp White (Chance); and, twelve great grandchildren: Audrey Abbott; Gage, Cassie and Colin Camp; Reeve, Avery, Elizabeth, Riddick, Rommel, Reinhart, Charlotte and Harper White.

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Another remarkable Mail Call. Very interesting. I printed the entire document and am saving it. Thanks again for all you do.

John Krumm (son of **John Krumm**, E Company)



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PFC Mertz LAMPELLA KIA 13th of January
1945 in Butay (2.5 miles S-O of Stavelot)
BELGIUM 517th RCT H cy buried in the Henri-
Chapelle american military cemetery BELGIUM



From **Patricia et Roland Orenge** -- vieilles photos de Sospel / old pics of Sospel

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SOSPEL (A.M.) alt. 350 m - Le Vieux Pont du XIe s. détruit en 1944

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- Send any news, stories, or feedback to: 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:

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