



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

RECEPTION COMMITTEE) Trois-Ponts organised the annual ceremonies to remember the sacrifices of the valorous US soldiers who died and suffered for our Liberty. The ceremonies took place on the first saturday of january (as every year for more than 25 years) a Holy Mass of souvenir was celebrated in St Jacques church. Authorities, patriotic associations, flags and many people attended with respect. Flowers, national anthems, speech and gratitude at the US monuments in the area. On the pictures you will see the 517th monuments in St Jacques and Logbiermé. We think of you with affection; may you have many joys and blessings for the New Year.

God bless you - Best wishes and Love from Belgium.

Arnold and Irma Targnion and the members of CADUSA





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It's been a 517 evening! I spoke with **John Pastalenic** of Arkport, NY tonight. He was seeking **Merle McMorrow's** phone number; Joanne kindly helped me out.

John and his wife Dottie have been together for something like 69 years. They grew up in the same area of NY State and "had seen each other around town" before becoming the king and queen of the Knights of Columbus dance!

John, who was with H Company, said he'd been shot up pretty badly and wound up in a field hospital in Naples, and eventually making his way to the hospital in Atlantic City, NJ - the same one where **Floyd Polk** had been and met his lovely Adrianna!

Great to speak with John this evening.

Best to my 517 family -

Claire Giblin

I am sad to share the news that I found the obituary for **Sam Povich**, indicating that he died on December 16.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newbernsj/obituary.aspx?pid=183124691>

Sam and Irene were fixtures at the Kissimmee and national reunions. Sam was an incredible veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. His wife Irene loves and serves generations of our troops, always living near military bases. Sam was a fiercely proud patriot and a legendarily resourceful trooper in, I believe, supply. Dad has an interesting story about a supply exchange facilitated by Sam.

Our deepest sympathy to Irene and her family at this difficult time.

Claire Giblin

Hello,

I would like to specify that the grave of **PFC Mertz LAMPELLA** has been adopted by my son Florent KALBUSCH. The photos you inserted in the article of Mertz come from a Facebook post I wrote to honor the memory of this young paratrooper who died for our freedom. We are in contact with the family and we consider Mertz as a member of ours like they consider us like members of theirs.

Yours truly

Claude KALBUSCH
4630 SOUMAGNE
BELGIUM



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Sam Povich – HQ Company, 2nd Battalion



Mr. Sam Povich, 93, of Fayetteville passed away on Friday, December 16, 2016.

Born in Hibbing, Minn. on November 1, 1923 to Marta Povich and Mike Povich. He graduated from Hibbing High School in 1942 and joined the Army in May 1943. He was a veteran of three conflicts, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam. After 30 years in the Army he retired in 1972 and went to college at FTC majoring in Business Administration. He then received a Business Management Degree from UNCP.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene Wiess Povich; one son, Peter Michael Povich; one daughter, Martha Jane Povich; and four grandchildren, Samantha Baird, Katlin Povich, Philip LaBrake and Erin LaBrake.

A graveside service will be held at 2 pm Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery Fayetteville, NC with Rev. Archie Barringer officiating.

Services entrusted to Rogers and Breece Funeral Home, 500 Ramsey St., Fayetteville. NC



Sam and Irene Povich, on the right, at a Florida mini-reunion in 2004.



Hill 1098 -->

Sam Povich trying to come out of his hole

From: <http://www.517prct.org/photos/egner.htm>



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Carl Gordy, Jr. - 460th PFAB, C Battery



Carl W. Gordy Jr.

January 1, 1925 - December 28, 2016

Mr. Carl W. Gordy, Jr., age 91, of Macon, died Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at Pine Pointe Hospice of Central Georgia in Macon.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 30, at 4:00 PM, in the chapel of Fletcher-Day Funeral Home. Rev. Diane Sweckard will officiate, and burial will follow in South View Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday afternoon from 3 until 4 PM, at Fletcher-Day Funeral Home.

Mr. Gordy, son of the late Carl W, Gordy, Sr. and Lily Mae Hall Gordy, was born in Upson County on January 1, 1925. He served his country in the U. S. Army during World War II

in Europe where he was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He retired as District Manager with the Life Insurance Company of Georgia after a distinguished career of 30 years. Mr. Gordy received numerous sales awards and sales trips, and his district won top awards for many years. Mr. Gordy was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Forest Hills United Methodist Church in Macon.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gordy was predeceased by a granddaughter, Ellen Gordy Askew and a grandson, William Carl (Bill) Collins. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Wilson Gordy of Macon; a daughter: Sandra (Frank) Wolcott of Hoover, AL; three sons: Barry C. (Connie) Gordy of Meansville, GA; Terry R. (Nancy) Gordy of Griffin, GA; and Todd A. (Fraser) Gordy of Macon, GA; six grandchildren: Christopher (Angie) Collins of Lincolnton, GA; Leigh (Jeff) Adams of Winder, GA; Amy (Alan) Salter of Cumming, GA; Seth Gordy, Matt Gordy, and Laine Gordy, all of Macon, GA. Ten great grandchildren also survive.

Fletcher-Day Funeral Home of Thomaston is in charge of all arrangements. Condolences and remembrances may be expressed at www.fletcherdayfuneralhome.com.





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RE: **Ed Athey** Bronze Star

Sometime after Dad passed away in July 2013, I think I scanned and sent to you one of his bronze star citations. I now can't find the original, and one of the young French historians emailed me and asked for it. I've been to the 517th website and looked through some categories but haven't found it.

Thanks for all you do to keep MailCall functioning. I know it's a ton of work.

Julie Black

Hi Julie,

Sorry for the delay. I'm just catching up on emails. I've looked in my records and do not see the bronze star citation posted anywhere on the website or MailCalls. I will keep looking in my files and let you know if I find anything,

Bob Barrett

So sorry to hear about the loss of **Mel Trenary**. Another American hero and what a great guy. I so enjoyed getting to know him and his son Rick at the New Orleans reunion. Say hi to Mark and my Dad when you get together with your 517th buddies again my friend.

Tim Curtis

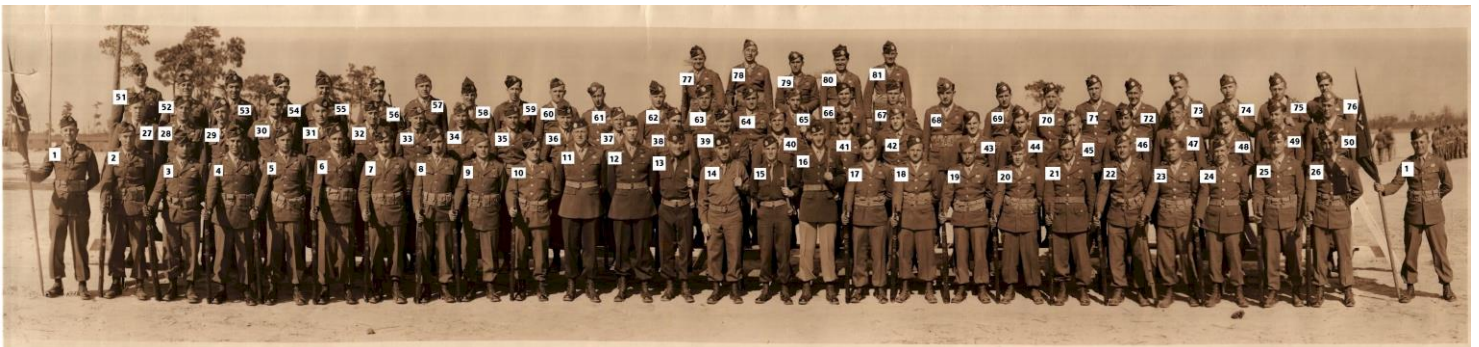
Son of **Harland "Bud" Curtis**

I recently got in touch with **Kent Immerfall** regarding a photo that he had posted on the 517th web site. I mentioned that my dad (Al Eckart) and I were trying to put a name to the faces of each of the men from I Co., 3rd BN.

I am attaching the numbered photo for you and other members to see for easier identification.

Here is the transcript of our conversations.

Denise Angelo



I'll add this version to th website soon. – BB



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Hello,

I was wondering if you can possibly name the men in the photo that you posted on the 517th web site. I used your posted photo and numbered the men for easier identification.

Thank you in advance!

Regards,
Denise

ps. my uncle is in the 1st row William J Eckart, Jr #6

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Hello Denise, 8:40 AM

Great hearing from you!

How the heck did you manage to get the numbers on each of the Troopers? You have WAY better computer skills than me.

You post a good question...naming the Troopers of this particular Co. "I" photo might be a challenge. The ones who would definitely know are few and far between. I really think you need to Send your "numbered" photo to Bob and ask him to add it to the next Mail Call. Maybe living family members will recognize their loved one and put a name to your numbering.

My Uncle Floyd A. Stott is also in the first row, #16. He and Billie gave their full measure at Manhay, along with at least 14 others, 27Dec1944.

Please pass along my Best Regards to your father!

Sincerely,

Kenton "Kent" Floyd Immerfall  
Nephew of Floyd A. Stott  
1st Lt., Co. "I", 3rd Bat., 517th PRCT

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Hi Kent,

Thank you for your response. The numbering was easy. I opened the photo using paint program, then added the numbers using text option. Feel free to post the photo anywhere you like.

My dad (Al Eckart, brother of Pvt William J Eckart, Jr) and I are the ones trying to identify each man. We have identified about 26 of them, (via family of the men), and I have emails and facebook private messages to about 20 more.

Finding the family has been the hardest. I actually found most of my contacts through Mail Call and obituaries. I do genealogy and have programs for searching so that is helping.

As for # 1, yes that was intentional. The photo was taken using a panoramic option which gave the guide on a chance to run behind the photographer and get to the other end so that they had a guide on on each end of the unit

Would you mind if I post these emails on Mail Call as well?

Best regards,

Denise|

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Denise,

You can certainly Post anything that you and I have exchanged on Mail Call. And Thank You to you and Al for making this loving-effort to identify the Troopers in t

Kent



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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:

**517 PRCT Association, Inc.**  
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