



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

When I was 4 years old, the excitement associated with waiting for the Sunday "funnies" was almost as great as waiting for Christmas. Some of the characters that became so real and personal were such strips as "Barney Goggle", "Tilley the Toiler" and "Maggy & Jiggs". Jiggs's favorite meal was Cornbeef and cabbage. To a 4 year old that was three items; corn, beef and cabbage.

Now, 90 years later, the same excitement associated with the waiting for the "funnies" is being felt by waiting for MailCall. I don't really understand it; I may be moving into my second childhood.

Merle McMorrow



The picture of **Tom Cross** in his Rigger's cap made my day. Loved his stance and thumbs up. It was so good to see a picture of him. Many thanks to his son for sending it and to you for posting it.

Thank you to **Mark Landreth** for sending you the monograph of the Command and General Staff College student analyzing and comparing Gen. **Mel Zais'** strategy at Col du Bras with his battle at Hamburger Hill in Vietnam. The excerpts you published underscored for me the many things that it takes to win a battle such as good leadership, equipment, training, supplies and intel etc. It gave me deeper insights into that battle in France and made me think of Dad and my godfather **John Lissner** who fought it. It also highlighted for me the biggest lesson for any leader -- "if you take care of your troops, they will accomplish the mission." That was Dad's mantra. Obviously, the 517th had exceptional men and outstanding leaders, like **Col. Graves**, who mentored and molded young leaders like Gen. Zais and my Dad and laid the foundation for the later military success. Thank you so much for posting the excerpts.

Pat Seitz



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Do you have an obituary or date of death for **Lt. Col. Ray Cato**?

Merle

I do not have any records of Ray Cato's death, or any communications from him in several years, before I took over the MailCall. Ray and Dorothy Cato were on the roster with an address in Largo, FL. I see no record of an obituary for either on the internet, but both would now be about 100 years old.

Lt. Col. Raymond L Cato was the commander of the 460th PFAB.

BB



I came back to you concerning a helmet you talk about on MailCall #2358.

I am the owner of this helmet and I launch some search with **Rick Sweet** to identify the veteran who wear it (really hope he is still alive).

I make some other pictures of the helmet and liner.

I bought it from a collector who sold his entire collection of helmet and paratrooper helmet to collect only 2nd armored unit.

Do not hesitate to tell me if you need more pictures.

A big thank you for what you do since many years !

I made ceremonies since 2005 and I had the chance to met some 517th veterans (509th and 551st also).

Regards,

Fred

[Frédéric HERMANN]

Wow what a great awaking for me linking Zais with Hamburger Hill. At the Atlanta reunion I brought a picture of Zais and my dad with **Dick Huggler**, I think it was the Minneapolis reunion.

I remember showing the picture to General Seitz and asking him who it was and his response, in jest, was the king of England.

What great detail in the movement of the 517th in France and enjoyed reliving my father's days in Company H.

Dennis Sura



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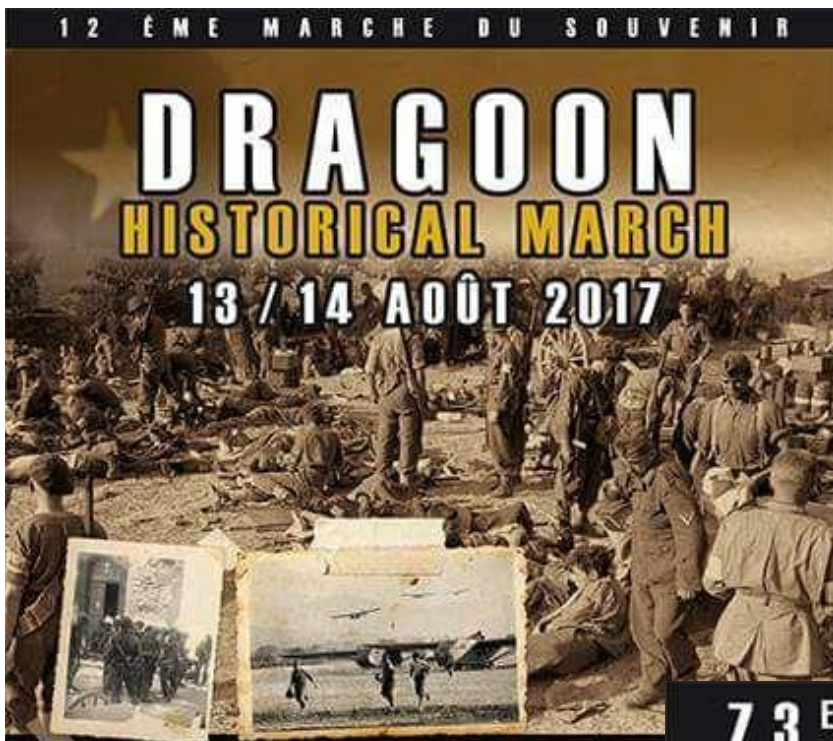
From **Mickey Monroe**:

My great Uncle **Gale R. Swartout**. Served in HQ/2 of the 517th. Received the Purple Heart for wounds received during Operation Dragoon. Sadly, he was killed in 1949 in a car accident. These are a few pictures I have of his. They help keep him alive.





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Venez marcher sur les traces de la First Airborne Task Force...

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PROGRAMME DES COMMEMORATIONS DU DEBARQUEMENT DE PROVENCE

OPERATION DRAGOON



Samedi 12 Aout :

- 09:00 : Ouverture du camp au stade de La Motte à IGH.
- 10:00 : Arrivée des participants

Dimanche 13 Aout :

- 08:00 : Arrivée/installation des participants
- 09:00 : Début de la DRAGOON HISTORICAL MARCH.
- 10:00 : Arrivée de la 1^{re} partie de la marche, nuit au camp.

Lundi 14 Aout :

- 08:00 : Départ des marcheurs pour le Mitas
- 09:00 : **NOUVEAU A CONFIRMER** : Inauguration de la stèle du 83rd Chemical Mortar Battalion au monument de Gulf Saint-Ferréal. (Association Les soldats de la mémoire)
- 10:00 : Cérémonie au Mitas
- 11:00 : Cérémonie à Valbourg à la stèle Richard Field par l'association Airborne Command
- 12:00 : Cérémonie à la stèle du golf Saint-Ferréal
- 13:00 : Défilé - Bal à La Motte

Mardi 15 Aout :

- 08:00 : Début des cérémonies à Lorgues (Stèle de Thoronet, stèle des 13 Larpouls)
- 09:00 : Apéritif offert par la mairie de Lorgues
- 10:00 : **A CONFIRMER** - Cérémonie et défilé aux Arca sur Argens
- 11:00 : Bal à Lorgues

Mercredi 16 Aout :

- 08:00 : **A CONFIRMER** - Visite du Cimetière Américain de Draguignan et dépôt de gerbes
- 09:00 : Repas à Valbourg en compagnie des vétérans et leurs familles
- 10:00 : Cérémonie à Trassas-Prevence - bal

Judi 17 Aout :

- 10:00 : Fermeture du camp à La Motte

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Parachutistes du 460th PFAB et du 1st Batalion du 517th PRCT entrent sur la place des Arcs le 15 aout 1944. Ces hommes seront tués sur le pont enjambant la voie ferrée proche de la gare.

Le 14 aout 2017, la Dragoon Historical March débutera sur les lieux mêmes de cette photo! N'oubliez pas le formulaire d'inscription.

Paratroopers of the 460th pfab and 1st battalion of the 517th prct enter la Place des Arcs on 15 August 1944. These men will be killed on the bridge crossing the railway line near the station.

On August 14, 2017, the dragoon historical march will begin on the very site of this photo! Don't forget the registration form.

See: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1924813651130597/permalink/1954644951480800/>



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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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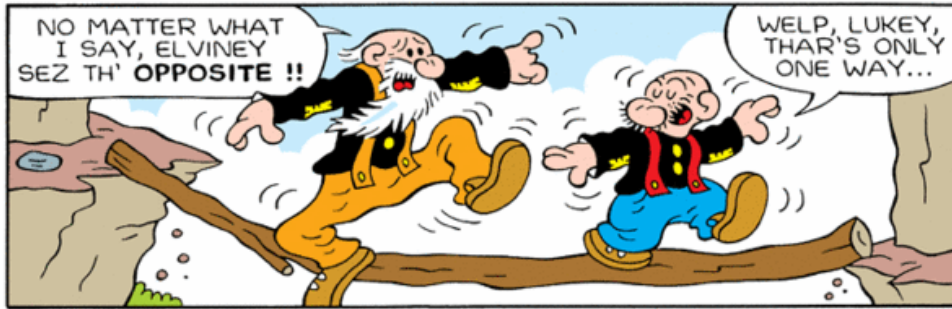
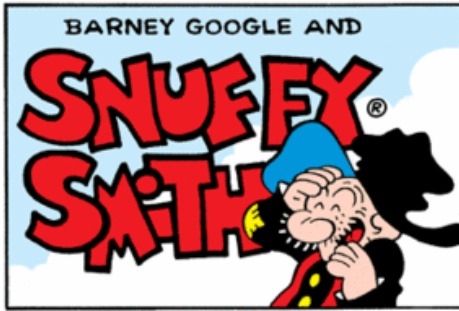
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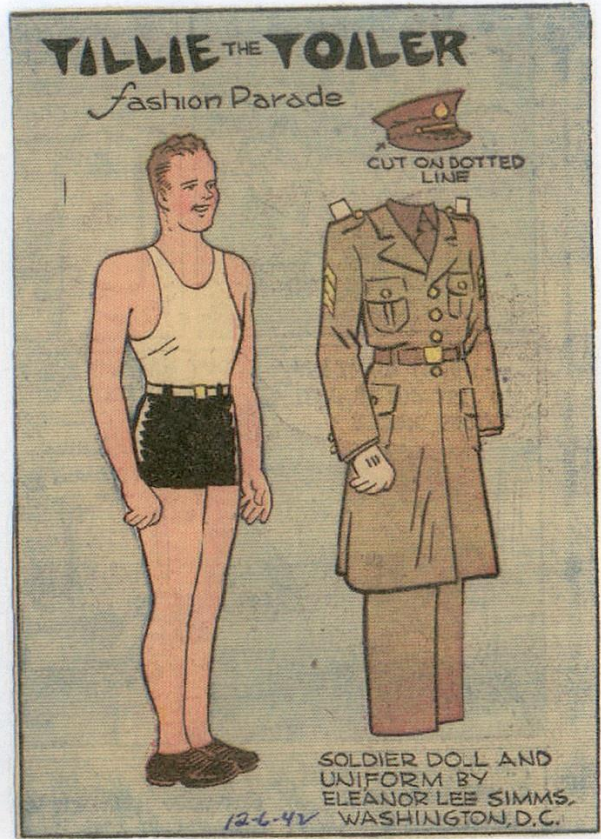
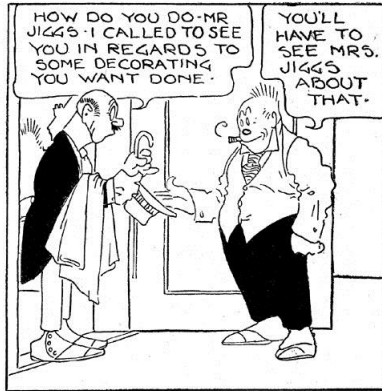
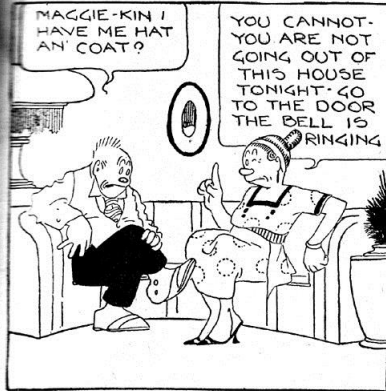
By Bob Gustafson





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Bringing Up Father



DICK TRACY

