



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*

Col. Bob Dalrymple – Commander 596th PCEC

BOB DALRYMPLE

June 10, 1917 to May 30, 2018

Bob Dalrymple, almost 101, passed away peacefully Wednesday at La Posada in Green Valley, Arizona.

Bob was born in Brazil, Indiana, to Ezra and Mary Dalrymple and was the younger brother of sister, Ruth, and brother, John. He is survived by his wife, Marya; daughters Mary North and Jean O'Grady; and son George Dalrymple, as well as their spouses and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bob retired as a full Colonel in the Army Corps of Engineers, having served as a paratroop company commander in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II and the following years in service to his country until retirement in 1965. In 1978 after finishing his second career as a professor at Metropolitan State University in Denver, he moved to Green Valley with beloved wife, Garnet, who preceded him in death in 2006. One of Bob's loves was singing and he led the "Lonesome Cowboys" singing group right here in Green Valley. In 2009 Bob married Marya Giesy, his beloved friend and neighbor.



Donations may be made to "University of Illinois Foundation FBO Robert W. Dalrymple Scholarship Fund" or "La Posada Foundation-Scholarship Fund."

A memorial will be held at Valley Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 3.

https://www.gvnews.com/obituaries/bob-dalrymple/article_26028586-65c2-11e8-9d05-e7a7c1d045e4.html



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Sorry for this late notice, but I received word on June 7th that Col. Bob Dalrymple recently passed away.

I got a call from Mrs Dalrymple yesterday that Bob died a couple of days ago. The obituary is in the Green Valley News. I think he has a birthday (101) in FEW DAYS.

Merle McMorrow

Subject: Col. Robert Dalrymple

Just arrived home from vacation, and we have been notified by Gloria Hudson (Bill Hudson's wife) that Colonel Robert "Bob" Dalrymple passed away last week.

Bob was an extraordinary man that we have had a privilege to have known.

Steve\ Markle



Bob & Garnet Dalrymple & Ann Pugh



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596TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER COMPANY
Camp Mackall, North Carolina

1 May 1944

To the Wives and Mothers of all my men:

You, my friends, are wonderful people--YOU ARE WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR. Why do I say this? Because I have your sons and your husbands in my command and they are splendid young men.

If time permitted, I would write each of you about the personal achievements of your son or husband, but their achievements are many and my letters would run into volumes. These men, and I say men because they are no longer boys, were entrusted to me by the United States Army. It has been my duty to train them to defeat the enemy wherever he is met. My task has not been easy. I have had to be sound in my judgement and firm in my convictions. Yet, I have enjoyed every minute of our training.

Our men are smart and they grasp new phases of training very quickly. They have developed into an unbeatable fighting team. As the final test approaches, that of combat, I feel that my officers and I have fulfilled our duty to the best of our ability. It remains now for our men to use what they have learned in the manner in which they were trained. I have full confidence in their ability to acquit themselves with distinction on the battlefield---- THEY WILL COME THROUGH; NEVER DOUBT IT! They have courage, faith, loyalty, love of country, love of home, and above all, youth. --- Youth with its freshness, its stamina and its ability to rebound quickly from the rigors of warfare.

I humbly ask your trust and confidence as I lead these men into battle. I pray that I will return each dear one to you when this war is over. God bless you all.

Robert W. Dalrymple
ROBERT W. DALRYMPLE
Capt. 596th AB Engr Co.,
Commanding.



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Norman Lindsey Ross, Jr. – I Company

Bob, here is my grandfather's online obituary.

Scott Ross

<http://www.rentonreporter.com/obituaries/norman-lindsey-ross-jr/>

Thursday, June 7, 2018 3:02pm

NORMAN LINDSEY ROSS JR.

September 18, 1924 to May 31, 2018



Mr. Norman Lindsey Ross Jr., of Renton and Ocean Shores, Washington, born on September 18, 1924 in Prineville, Oregon, to the late Nellie Ross and the late Norman Ross, Sr., passed away at age 93 on May 31, 2018 in Port Orchard, Washington. Norman attended Tolt High School in Carnation, Washington. From March, 1943 to December, 1945, Norman served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a member of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team. Upon returning from war, he worked in the plumbing and heating industry and in 1956 opened Central Plumbing & Heating Co. (later changed to Ross Plumbing & Heating Co.) in Renton, Washington. He closed the shop in approximately 1985. He also worked with various Tribal Nations in Montana developing housing on their reservations. Norman was the beloved husband of Betty for 28 years, who currently resides in Ocean Shores. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Ross and David Hamlin; and sister, Marion Olson. Norman is survived by his children from his prior marriage to Dorothy Ross – sons, Bert Ross (Lynn) and Vern Ross (Sharon) and daughter, Annelle Abernethy (Bob); sister, Nellie Philpott (Earl); grandchildren, Scott Ross (Deana), Steve Franco-Ross (Aaron), Marty Ross (Leah), Carrine Swift (Dave), Katie Philippides (Costa), Matt Abernethy, and Heather Coburn (Charlie); eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He had a passion for camping, hunting, fishing,

horseshoes, and canoeing in the canal. The family wishes to thank the Washington Veterans Home-Port Orchard for providing a caring and comfortable home for Norm in the twilight of his life. Our memories of Norm will live forever in our hearts.



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MailCall News

Hi,

I find a wood ammunition box (old german ammunition box) with ,on the top, the name of **Herbert V Larson** 1st LT CE. I think that this man was in 596th Combat engineer. Do you have any informations, pictures for this soldier. I live in Belgium and i find this box near werbomont.

Regards,

Erik Grandhenry



www.517prct.org Guestbook entry :

Submitted by	Comments:
Name: Dale Thompson From: Medina,Tennessee E-mail: Thomlawncare@charter.net	Just want to say thank you for the great website. My uncle J.B.Hampton died on August 22 1944 while taking the town of St. Cezaire. He was in 517prct 3rd battalion G company.
	Added: June 17, 2018

Hey MailCall readers: Yes, this weekly issue of MailCall is very late. I've been tied up at work and home for a couple of weeks. I still have a few more items to report that I will have to hold for the next issue. Unfortunately, that will also be late as I am heading off tomorrow for a 7-day mountain-biking trip through the Rockies from Telluride, CO to Moab UT. I will be out of cell phone coverage and certainly won't be carrying a PC on my bike. I will return on July 3rd and start working on the next MailCall. Send me some news about what you are up to, and I'll get it into the next issue. – Bob Barrett



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Dear Sirs,

first of all, let me introduce myself and the association I belong to:

I am the president of ALARIS (Associazione Laziale Ricercatori Storici); the Association takes place in order to research, study, add value and enhance the historical heritage of the Lazio Region (Rome area, Italy).

For this purpose, it intends to be as a reference point for any relevant cultural activity related to the territory and in cooperation with different institutions and organizations being with the same purpose. The Association cooperates with "WW2 Museum of Anzio Beachhead" to which, part of the rediscovered material is sent and it is contributing to the opening WW2 wing of the upcoming History Museum of Frascati.

We would like to let you know that during one of our fields research in the area around Frascati, driven by local eyewitness of that time, we discovered a WW2 soldier dogtag belonged to **Pvt John S. Zalik**, which we know was enlisted into 517th regiment.

The picture of the dogtag is attached to this email.

The area of the finding is mansion surrounded by an olive trees. The area was a camp for 517th regiment before Operation Dragoon, during July-August 1944 timeframe.

Frascati museum curator, Mr Roberto Erolì (in copy) of Association "Civitas Tuscolana", is writing a book about the American troops presence in Frascati, argument which deserve a better attention to be given.

We would be more than happy to share this finding with you writing an article for your website about the events that brought us to this finding and at same time trying to get closer with 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association for upcoming collaboration with Frascati museum activities and publications.

If you are not in charge for this matter, please would you be so kind also to pass this email to the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association since we wasn't able to find proper contacts.

Thank you.

Kind Regards
Goffredo Danna
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www.alaris.it





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Mr. Goffredo Danna,

Thank you for your note.

We know that Pvt. John Zalik was with F Company, 3rd platoon. We do have a couple of pictures of Sgt. Zalik posted on our website:

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

http://www.517prct.org/photos/ray_hess/ray_hess2.htm

I also found a morning report from F Company from June 11, 1944, which states that "Asgd And Jd Co as of 5 June 1944 trfd in Gr From Hq Airborne Tng. Center APO 512 US Army" If I understand this correctly, it means that Zalik joined the 517th PRCT on June 5 1944, and prior to that he was with HQ Airborne Training center.

From other morning reports, I can see that Zalik was with the 517th until at least Mar 1945. One entry says that he was "lightly wounded in action" (LWA) in Stavelot, Belgium on January 5, 1945, in the Battle of the Bulge. He rejoined the 517 on March 2 1945.

Please keep us posted on any information you might have about Zalik and the battles near Frascati. I know that all of the troopers remember being stationed in the olive Grove in Frascati to prepare for the invasion into France.

Regards,

Bob Barrett
MailCall@517prct.org



Sgt. Zalik, Cpl. Peacock, 3rd Platoon
(Photo from Ray Hess, F Company)



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Machi, Peacock, Zalik, Hill, Shaw, Fedal, Hanson, Holderman, Jop, Penrtol (?), Mounce
(photo from **Earl Boone**, F Company)

Sgt. John Zalik --->





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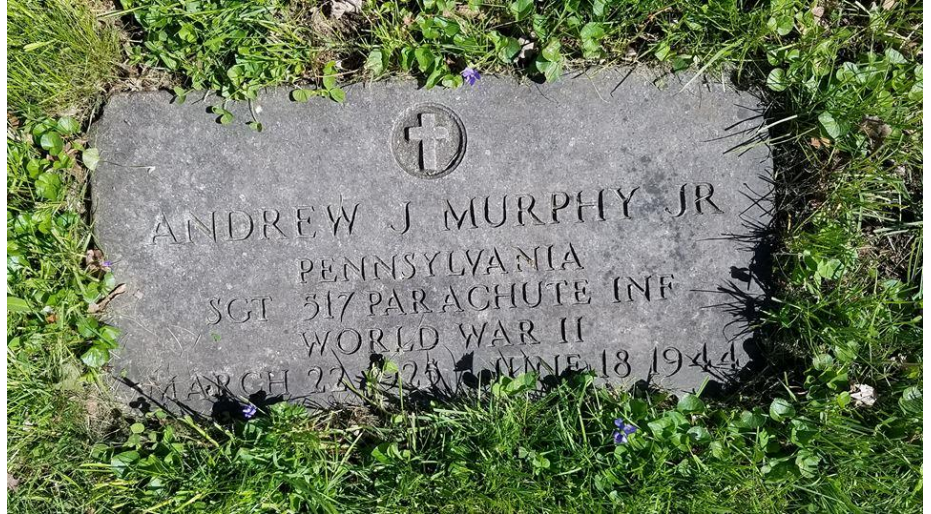
From: F Company, 517th PRCT - American Military Historical Company

<https://www.facebook.com/WW2ABHistoricalCo/>

On 18 June 1944, the 517th PRCT suffered their first combat loss in the Grosseto area in Italy.

Sgt Andrew Murphy of B Company, 517th PIR was killed in action while the PRCT was attached to the 36th Infantry Division.

We recently discovered that Sgt. Murphy was from Wilkes-Barre, PA and is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in nearby Hanover Township, PA. One of members lives in the Wilkes-Barre area and paid his respects at Sgt. Murphy's grave.



Sgt. Andrew Murphy
B Company, 517th PIR
Killed in Action
Grosseto, Italy
18 June 1944

Photo Courtesy of Ruthanne Boylan
(Niece of Sgt. Murphy)





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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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