



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



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

Mother's Day 1944

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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MailCall News

Hi Bob,

Again I cannot thank you enough for keeping Mail Call going all of these years. I have read all of them and enjoy hearing for the different people still involved.

I wanted to ask you about the 517th Gang book that is coming out in June 3019. In addition to the go fund me page can you put in an order for the book at this time. Also, from what I can tell this book will also be published in English I am hoping. Do you know who I can contact about this book.

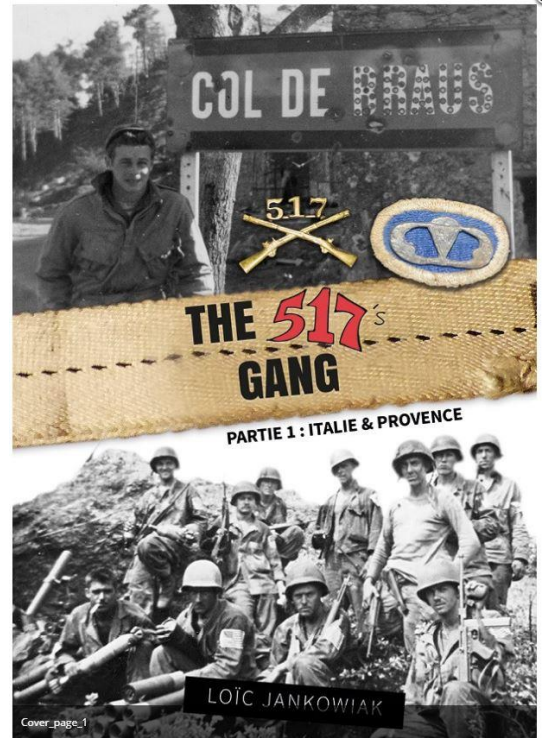
I clicked on the link for early ordering but my lack of using the computer I could not find where to order this book in English. I might even be wrong about them publishing it in English.

Thanks again Bob

Chris Lindner

Loïc, is your book "The 517's Gang" available yet in English?

Loïc Jankowiak: Fingers crossed for the end of the year



If anyone wants a copy of Loïc's book, you can order the French version for €45 at:

<https://1stabtf.com/boutique/the-517ths-gang/>

Bob Webber: I am on the cover I am sitting in the front row far left holding 81 mortar smoke shell





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RE: 517 Attack Force memorabilia

My great uncle **Charles Gaither** was in the 517 paratroopers Squad and he left me behind a really cool piece of artwork that was given to him from another Squad member when he was in the hospital recovering from two-leg shot wounds and when he caught Agent Orange...

This piece of art I believe is one of its kind a very large Trail of the 517 Attack Force hand drawn with photos that are lithographed onto the paper...

Please contact me if anyone is interested

Michael Harrington
roycem83@gmail.com

Hi Michael,

I see that **PFC Charles B. Gaither** was with D Company. It looks like he was wounded on Jan 6 1945 near Bergeval, Belgium.

I will post your note in this week's MailCall. Any way I can get a picture of this for the website?

Bob Barrett

Thank you,
here are the pics
of the
memorabilia he
left me...

Michael
Harrington





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Dear Mail Call Family:

Amazon Prime is now featuring a film on Operation Dragoon included with your Prime subscription. It is called, "*Soldiers and Saints Airborne Creed*". You can find it by using your search function and typing in "Operation Dragoon".

Tough to watch but worth it.

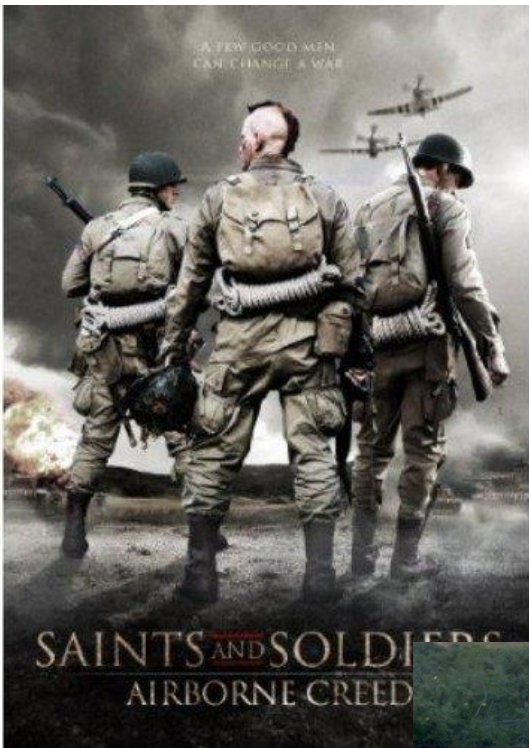
Kind Regards,

Cindy Karst

For anyone who may not know, this movie was released in 2012. It was inspired by **Lory Curtis'** book, *Letters Home, A Paratrooper's Story*, about his father **Harland "Bud" Curtis**. Several of the movie scenes are based on Curtis' stories.

As you watch the movie key an eye out for Lory Curtis, who gets credit at the end not only as an advisor, but as an actor. Has anyone spotted him yet? Yes, he does have a cameo in one scene.

Here is Lory with the starring actors:





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whisky an' ten-cent seegars."*