



## 517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

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*517<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment  
460<sup>th</sup> Parachute Field Artillery Battalion  
596<sup>th</sup> Parachute Combat Engineer Company*

### MailCall News

From **John T. Szymkowicz**

on the [517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team - Families & Friends](#) Facebook page



**Lee S. Hulett** 1st Bn 517 PIR Vet in Moscow with a Russian Paratrooper Vet, May 1995 during the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration of V-E Day. The year before, June 1994, Lee jumped in Normandy during the D-Day 50th Anniversary Festivities with a group of WWII Paratroopers including Pacific vets and



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some like Lee who didn't participate in D-Day but had jumped elsewhere (Southern France and Holland).

I had the privilege of meeting and jumping with some of these troopers at Bennett Field DZ in Salisbury, Md during their training jumps with ram air skydiving chutes.

Lee was my insurance agent and skydiving instructor and jump master but most importantly he was my friend, We made about 25-30 jumps together, including a few demo jumps at VA homes and Veteran Events.

Unfortunately, Lee died on October 1, 1995 in a skydiving accident at a Pennsylvania DZ less than 5 months after this photo with the Russki.

He lived life to the fullest, knowing and accepting that none of us get out alive. Rest In Eternal Peace Brother in that big DZ in the Sky .AATW

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Guestbook Entry of Oct 10, 2001 at 16:39 [EST]

**Name:** Lloyd S Hulett (son of Lee S Hulett)

**Unit:** 29 Infantry Division

**Email:** [lhulett@iss.net](mailto:lhulett@iss.net)

**How I found the 517th page:** From a search engine

**Comments:** My father served proudly with the 517th and was very active with reunions and the local (Maryland) DAV. I just found this website and thought I would inform visitors that knew him of his death on 1-OCT-95. In 1982 he and I became active sport skydivers together. From that point he went on to make over 1400 and eventually taught skydiving in MD, VA and PA. Maybe some of you jumped with him for the return to Normandy 50th reunion. He died at age 70 on his 4th jump of the day. He always told me and my siblings that if he had an accident, we could count on 2 things: he would have all handles pulled and he would have a smile on his face. He was buried at Arlington National and was honored by a dozen or so of his 517th brothers who traveled from all over the USA. They don't make 'em like that any more! Lloyd S Hulett

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Thanks for getting back to me. I passed on the info to my father. He said that he knew that about your father having spoken to him at one of the reunions. You are right it is not surprising but sad non the less that most of the men are gone. Thanks for all you do and connecting my dad with Loïc. I will continue to keep printing out the MailCall and passing it on to him.

Take care and Best Wishes.

Denise (daughter of **Gabriel Delesio**, C Battery, 460<sup>th</sup> PFAB)

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Thank you so much for the information about **Dr. Plassman**. I wonder if he was the doctor with whom my mother **Betty Merrill Seitz** spoke prior to her and Dad's (**Dick Seitz**) wedding in Joigny on June 23, 1945. She arrived with her fellow Red Cross bridesmaid from Holland, and sought out a doctor attached to the 517th to give her a quick course on "the birds and bees." She was 24 and from a small Western Kansas town of Ellis in the days before we had sex education!

**Pat Seitz**



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**Charles E. Myers** was my father, who served in the 517th in Europe from 28 Oct 44 to 13 Aug 45. He was a private in Company E in the Christmas 44 roster, and left the Army as a Sergeant 21 Dec 45. Unfortunately, he died in 1979 so I never got any information about his wartime experiences. It's been a long time, but I wonder if there is anyone left who knew him or can give me any information. I know he was at Ardennes, and in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns.

Anything you can find for me would be most appreciated. I wish I had pursued this years ago. Thanks.

Jeffrey Myers  
Johns Island, SC

Good morning webmaster:

Could you please place my Dad's info. in the "Meet the Troopers" section of your awesome website?

He was soooooo proud his unit. God bless all these men of valor. My Dad passed away in 2008 of Alzheimer's.

My hero/a very truthful and moral MAN in heaven 🤝 He was a tough son-of-a-gun!!!! He used to always tell me in the nursing home: "Son, Airborne soldiers used to eat Marines for lunch" and grin from ear to ear. ha.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

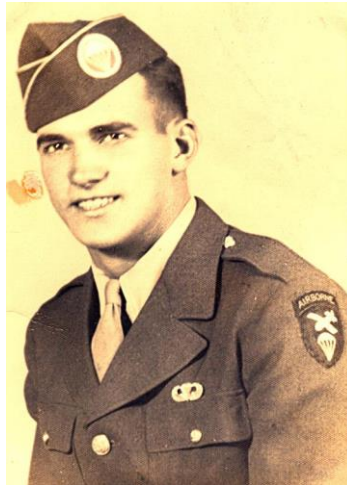
**Glenn Tucker** (son)

**Kenneth Baker Tucker** (rip)/WW2 veteran: Click on the link below and feel free to use all that info. as it is his confirmed bio on the WW2 Digital Memorial. I permit you also to use the two attached photos.

Can you please shoot me an e-mail when you have done this.

God bless and regards.

<https://www.wwiimemorial.com/Registry/plaque.aspx?honoreeID=1496210>



Hi all ! today I have been lucky enough to interview another trooper. His name is **Gabe Delesio** who was in the C Battery of the 460th PFAB.





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Gabe landed not far from Trans-en-Provence and fought briefly in Les Arcs on August 15, 1944. the interview was quite brief but he gave me some interesting stories.

Unfortunately, I don't have any pictures of Gabe to share, here is the pocket insignia of his battalion.

Thank you Gabe or your service !

**Loïc Jankowiak**

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I have just found a few photos my father took while in France. I would like to send them to you by mail. Please send address.

Thank You

**Roberta Riddle** (daughter of **Major Harry E Riddle**, F Company)



George Giuchici and Clarence McCollum  
Point de Contes, France 1944



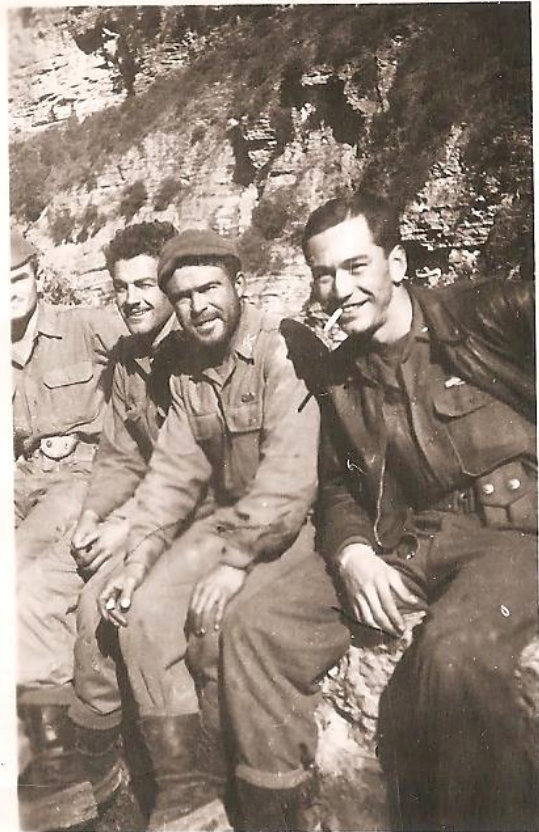
Kinder and Gliesner, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon  
Sospel, 1944



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PFC Raymond Cole  
S/Sgt Joe Samoska  
S/Sgt John DeLaHunt  
PFC Charles Fedel  
Sospel 1944



Sospel, France, Nov 1944  
Jones, Kasselman, Lissner, Riddle



Kiselwicz  
Guigley  
Starkey  
Lissner

Pompeii Naples, Italy  
1944





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Capt. James  
Lt. Prager (460 PFAB)  
Lt. Giuchici  
Jones  
Col. Seitz  
Lt. Burwell,  
Others unknown

Front lines  
Above Briell, France  
1944



Above Briell, France  
1944



Col De Braus  
Alpes Maritime

Pvts Pennington,  
Kenny, Erickson

France 1944



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S/Sgt John DeLaHunt

My Platoon Sgt at entrance to  
our Underground CPO

Col De Braus

France 1944



Point de Contes, France

Just relieved after 94 days in  
lines

France 1944

Jewell,  
Pennington,  
Frice,  
Kenny

Part of Giuchici's 3<sup>rd</sup> platoon in  
background



John Lissner

Sospel, France 1944





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