URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!
We anticipate that more men of the 596 will attend this Reunion than from any other Company of the Combat Team and probably more than from any Battalion. We want YOU to be there—not for any attendance record, but because we all need to get together. I promise you that you and your wife and other family members will have a wonderful time and that you will have an emotional experience of the finest kind—and one that you will always remember and treasure. Please make any reasonable sacrifice to be in Orlando for this memorable occasion. Make your transportation and hotel arrangements now. DO IT NOW!!!!

517 Parachute Combat Team
REUNION
AUGUST 13, 14, 15, 1981
DROP ZONE
LAKE BUENA VISTA (WALT DISNEY WORLD)
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Get Here Any Way You Can
REGISTRATION FORM

517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team
ORLANDO, FLORIDA 13-15 AUGUST 1981

Registration Fee $39.60 per person

Name

Address

City State Zip I served in (unit)

Guest(s)

Enclosed is $ for persons ($39.60 each*)

With arrival Dutch Inn on (date) via (mode of travel)

PLEASE make check/money order payable to: 517th 1981 Reunion
MAIL to: Frank Grimbich, 730 Wing Foot Lane, Melbourne, Florida 32935

*Refundable if canceled with 24 hour notification prior to 13 August 1981

The Dutch Inn is an extremely plush resort hotel situated to the south of greater Orlando, Florida adjacent to Walt Disney World and a part of the village of Lake Buena Vista. The Dutch Inn is self-contained in terms of restaurants, bars, entertainment, lighted tennis courts, swimming, shops and personal services. Lake Buena Vista Village is an adventure in itself and will be an unforgettable experience. The Village is a 3 minute walk from the Dutch Inn and consists of an elaborate shopping, dining and entertainment complex.

A scheduled free bus service from the portico of the Dutch Inn will take you to the world famous Walt Disney World where you may enjoy the hospitality of the Contemporary Hotel and the Polynesian Hotel – from the Contemporary you can board the monorail for Walt Disney World. Details on activities and facilities will be available to you at registration.

REGISTRATION: The Registration fee for the 1981 Reunion is $39.60 per person. Make your checks/money orders payable to: 517th 1981 Reunion and mail with the form at the top of page 2. Your registration fee must be received by July 23, 1981.

The Registration Desk will open and be manned in the Dutch Inn lobby on August 13 from 9:00 hours until 17:00 hours. Should you arrive after 17:00 hours, proceed to the “517th CP” which will be located in the Hospitality room. Both Visitation/Directory will be provided at the Hotel Desk. The “CP” will remain open throughout the duration of the Reunion – hours will be posted.

Dutch Inn Reservations: Your reunion committee has made special arrangements for a targeted number of rooms. All rooms are identical in size and beautifully appointed with two double beds at a reduced reunion rate of $60.00 (plus tax) per day. This rate is applicable anytime during the period from 10 August through 18 August 1981.

As in past reunions, it will be necessary for you to make your own specific arrangements. To confirm your reservations, simply complete the enclosed Dutch Inn registration card and mail it directly to the Dutch Inn, complying with the instructions regarding notation, etc. There are two toll free numbers for the Dutch Inn:

Within Florida: 800 432 2926
Outside Florida: 800 327 2994

Please confirm and make your reservations not later than July 23, 1981. DO NOT MAIL YOUR DUTCH INN CARDS TO YOUR REUNION CHAIRMAN.
Land Travel: All major highways interconnect into I-75 or I-45 and into I-4. Lake Buena Vista is approximately 10 miles SW of Orlando, adjacent to Interstate 4 and Florida 535.

Air Travel: Orlando International is served by EASTERN PIEDMONT BRANIFF UNITED DELTA OZARK** PAN AM USAIR REPUBLIC TWA** PAGE**

Make your airline reservations early in order to get your advance booking reduced rates. **Although these lines fly into Orlando International they utilize the former McCoy Air Force Base facilities and NOT the main terminal.

Rental Cars: The following major rental car agencies are located in the terminal.

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Other nationally recognized agencies are in the immediate vicinity, not in the terminal.

Shuttle-Bus: American Sight Seeing Tours offer comfortable air-conditioned buses between the airport and the Dutch Inn at a cost of $5.50 per person. The buses leave from the east and west side of the terminal, (baggage pick-up points) every 30 minutes on the hour starting at 0730 hours until 2300 hours. Time of trip from the terminal to the Dutch Inn is 30 minutes maximum.

Limo service is available at approximately $6.50 per person. Persons arriving via TWA, OZARK or PAGE must call for Limo service from the McCoy terminal. There is NO bus service from McCoy to the Dutch Inn.

Taxi: Per party of 8 in taxi-van is $13.50. Can be obtained from the front of the terminal.

Camping: Camping and RV facilities in the general area of the Dutch Inn - check your RV/Camping directories.

Tentative Agenda:

13 Aug: 0900 - 1700 hours · Registration in Dutch Inn lobby
   (Thurs.) 1800 - 1930 hours · California Committee activity TBA*)

      Entire day is free time

14 Aug: 0900 - 1200 hours · Registration in the CP
   (Fri.) 1800 - 1930 hours · Poolside Party (Dutch Bar)

      Entire day is free time

15 Aug: 0800 - 0930 hours · Unit Photographs
   (Sat.) 0930 - 1200 hours · General Meeting (Select 1983 site)
   1200 - 1600 hours · Golf Tournament
   1800 - 1900 hours · Cocktails/Dutch Bar in Ball Room
   1900 - 2100 hours · Banquet/Program
   2100 - 0100 hours · Dancing and ???

      596 Hospitality Suite is open at all times!!!!!!!

Miscellaneous:

1. Located on the large lake of Lake Buena Vista is the EMPRESS LILLY, newly completed 5 million dollar replica of a Mississippi River stern wheeler. This vessel offers the finest in dining and entertainment considered to be second to none. Its restaurants include the Steerman's Quarters, serving hearty steaks and Steerman's ale; the Fisherman's Deck offering a superb variety of seafood delicacies; the Empress Room - a gourmet's delight. There are four separate lounges, the largest being the Baton Rouge Lounge, with goodtime entertainment both afternoons and evenings with some of the best Dixie Land music east of the Mississippi.

2. Cruise to the Caribbean on the SS CARNAVAL - those interested are to contact the Travel Agent - A & L Travel, 757 Pinemere Dr., Indian Harbor Beach, Florida 32937. Trip is $750. $859 per person. A $100.00 deposit is required upon receipt of this flyer. Final payment due 13 June 1981.

3. August is, to say the least, a very warm time of year in Florida - but, it is also the height of the tourist season. Make your air and Dutch Inn reservations NOW - don't delay. Bring your memorabilia for display in the CP.
Dutch Inn
RESORT HOTEL
in The
Walt Disney World
Resort Community
of
LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA

Dutch Inn
517 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT
Thursday, August 13th – Sunday, August 16th 1981

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

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PRECHT COMBAT
ENGR CO.

517 PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

Conversion rate per room, plus applicable taxes. (Conversion rate applies 3 days prior and 3 days after meeting dates. Subject to availability)

No. of Rooms

No. of Persons

EUROPEAN PLAN

$99.00 - SINGLE OR DOUBLE

Suit rates available on request.

All hotel reservations for the period of the meeting should be made on this application blank and mailed with deposit in the amount of the first night's stay or credit card guarantee to the hotel. You will receive confirmation promptly.

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No room charge for children under 18 years of age when occupying same room with adults and when no additional beds are required.

Additional charge: $5 per extra adult (18 years of age and over including rollaway), $6 rollaway or crib. Maximum of one additional bed or two cribs per room.

Please accompany this reservation request with a deposit or guarantee in the correct amount per room. Fully refundable upon cancellation up to 48 hours in advance of arrival.

We cannot guarantee your room(s) unless your reservation request and deposit or guarantee are received 21 days in advance of arrival.
Daytimes you enjoy snacks and a cool drink poolside or refresh yourself with a swim in our unique heated windmill pool. And Lake Buena Vista at our back door offers great boating and fishing. All the Central Florida attraction tours begin daily just outside our front door. And nearby is greyhound racing, jai-alai and harness racing.

One happy visit after another. The Dutch. Treat yourself!

The Dutch Resort Hotel
1850 Providence Boulevard
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830
894-322-1011

The Dutch Resort is strategically located off I-4, exit 335, within the WALT DISNEY WORLD resort community of Lake Buena Vista. Express bus service from Orlando International Airport is available every half hour and is just a thirty minute ride. FREE unlimited transportation to all areas of WALT DISNEY WORLD, including the "Magic Kingdom" Theme Park. In addition, you’re nearby the area’s finest attractions—Sea World, Circus World and Stars Hall of Fame are all minutes away, Cypress Gardens and Kennedy Space Center in less than an hour, with tour service right from our front door.

The Dutch is a family oriented, foreign country themed 216 room resort hotel. It is the only hotel offering a unique windmill pool. In addition, the hotel offers a full-service restaurant, the "Dutch Garden", which is a 3-deck luxury paddle-wheeler featuring three family and gourmet restaurants plus adventure in any of four nostalgic lounges. Follow the sun to Florida’s perfect resort destination! Remember. Walt Disney World means the Dutch!
Cruise the Caribbean
August 16 - 23
following 1981 reunion, Orlando.
August 13 - 16

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Monday        At Sea     8:00am        At Sea      8:00pm
Tuesday       San Juan   5:00am        San Juan   2:00am
Wednesday     San Juan   2:00am        San Juan   8:00am
Thursday      St. Thomas 8:00am        St. Thomas 5:00pm
Friday        At Sea     5:00pm        At Sea     8:00am
Saturday      At Sea     8:00am        At Sea     8:00am
Sunday        Miami     8:00am        Miami     8:00am

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The first order of business in this issue of our Newsletter is to urge, beg, plead, and beseech each and every one of you to attend the Reunion in Orlando in August.

Yes, I know it involves considerable expense but I believe you will find the value much greater than the cost. You can always make more money but your time is constantly diminishing and you can't replenish it.

Our team effort to locate men of the 596th has been an extraordinary success. I want to personally thank all of you who have worked so hard and spent so much time and money on this project. Check the roster in this issue and you will see just how successful we have been. When you consider that we were working from a 1945 list of addresses, the results have been truly amazing. Sadly, we located some of our brothers who were deceased. The search for 596ers is a continuing one so let me know if you locate or even get a promising lead on someone.

My thanks to all of you who have written me letters and telephoned me. The response to our last Newsletter (April 1980), which I sent to every 596er as we located him, has been wonderful and very gratifying. Your response is the only thing that will keep this Newsletter operating or even make it worthwhile to you. So, keep those cards and letters and phone calls coming.

The devotion and dedication and time and effort and energy and MONEY spent by Don Saunders should be made as widely known as possible. He has gone so far beyond the call of duty in his efforts to locate 596ers and in communicating with 596ers that we owe him a debt of gratitude. Thanks, Don, from all of us!

I have reserved a large suite at the Dutch Inn Hotel in Orlando that will serve as the Headquarters for the 596. I have arranged for bar facilities to be set up and for folding chairs so we can have adequate seating. There will also be a coffee and snack bar set up in the suite. Bring your own liquor but beer and mixers will be provided.

Please remember to bring your World War 2 photographs and other memorabilia for us all to look at and enjoy.

You guys are wonderful and I can hardly wait to get together with you again but I must say that some of you are very reluctant letter writers. It is literally harder than pulling teeth (I should know) to get some of you to write or to write. Surprise me.

I will make an exception of "Pop" Spencer. What can you expect from a guy who wrote his wife during the war only when the Red Cross and Queta, Dairymple forced him. I think that was the last time he wrote a letter to anyone.

Thank you to those of you who have sent me postage stamps or money to help with the expenses of the Newsletter. I really appreciate your generous thoughtfulness but it really isn't necessary. The cost isn't great and I get so much pleasure from your letters and calls that I am amply rewarded.

I wish I could include every letter in its entirety that I have received during the past two years but there are too many and they are too lengthy. This Newsletter would have to be 56 or 58 pages in length so regrettably I will reprint only a few and use excerpts from the others.

If you wish to receive "The Thunderbolt" put out quarterly by the 517th PARACHUTE COMBAT TEAM, write Bill Lewis, the Editor. See his address elsewhere in this issue.

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Static Line is a wonderful monthly publication, now in its 16th year, that covers news from and about all airborne and other elite units of the past and present. A subscription is $16.00 per year and the Editor and Publisher is Don Larson, Box 87516, College Park, GA 30337. I commend it to your attention.

Be sure to have your wife bring a needle and thread to sew or tack a 596 emblem on your jacket. I bought about 15 of these emblems before the price went to $3.50 each. Now I am going to give you the name and address of the company that makes them and ask you to order your own. I will sell the 15 or so emblems that I have to the first of you who send me $3.50. If you plan to order one from the manufacturer, I suggest you do so right away as it generally takes 3 to 4 weeks to get one. The 596 unit insignia emblem is made by Airborne Unlimited, P.O. Box 33012, Decatur, GA 30033.

The 596 Hospitality Suite will also have medicinal remedies for those who for one reason or another may develop symptoms such as headache, bad taste in mouth and generally feeling like "hell". For some strange reason this malady seems to affect some of our members at almost every Reunion. There have been no fatalities but a few people have briefly wished for death.

If you would like the next Reunion of the 517 Combat Team to be held in your city, come prepared to make a persuasive presentation to the General Assembly.

In October, 1980, Dennis Shipley came by and took me out to lunch. For so many years he has lived only 30 or 40 miles away and we didn't know it. Dennis is Vice-President in charge of Sales for a large painting and decorating contractor in Dallas that does really big commercial, industrial and institutional jobs all over the country. Dennis had also visited with John Holbrook before John's untimely demise. Dennis looks great and much younger than he has any right to.

Please send me the story of some of your favorite and most memorable experiences of our days together in the 596.---they may be humorous or sad or anything that was important enough to remain in your memory for this long.

Vince Podrasky is a railroad engineer at Bethlehem Steel Corporation and plans to retire in 4 years. He and his wife, Joan, have 3 boys and 3 girls.

Last summer, Hank Simpson and his wife drove from New York to Mazatlan and spent three weeks there. They drove something over 7,000 miles. Hank is obviously doing well financially in order to be able to afford the gasoline.

George Shull was in real estate and insurance for 17 or 18 years but for the past several he has been engaged in purchasing highway right-of-way for the state of North Carolina. He and his wife, Winston, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They plan to be in Orlando.
Jim Greenwood is Assistant Vice-President of the Southern Railroad. He and his wife, Mildred, have two children and three grandchildren. Not long ago Jim had open heart surgery and has made a complete recovery. I located Jim by luck through telephone contact with his sister who is married to the Manager of the San Francisco Giants.....that is unless they have changed managers in the past year. You know how it goes with baseball managers and football coaches.

I talked on the phone last May with Monk Johnson. He worked for many years with International Salt Company. While with them he hired Jim Benton who is now a Regional Manager with that firm. Mon left the salt business and went into the brokerage business for a few years but is now retired due to health reasons. Two years ago Monk had bypass heart surgery and now wears a pacemaker. He has also had to have lung surgery. He said that when he was travelling for the salt company several years ago he ran across John Whelan, Sgt. Morgan, and Wickershems, all of whom stayed in the Army until retirement. Monk and his wife have two sons living in Texas, one in Sherman and one in Dallas, and plans to visit them in September if his health and strength permit. He also plans to be with us in Orlando if he possibly can.

If you will look through our 596 Roster you will find that wherever you may go in this country you will not be very far from one or more of your old buddies. You really should make advance arrangements to get together for a drink or dinner. I guarantee it will add a measure of pleasure and enjoyment to your trips,.......and your buddy will enjoy the experience equally, if not more. Try it; you'll like it.

Prior to the meeting in Orlando this August, I would like each of you to think about possibly electing two or three of our group to look after the affairs of the 596. These "affairs" are certainly very limited and you may feel that organization is undesirable. In any event, think about it and we will discuss it in August. If you can't attend the Reunion but have some thoughts about this question, please drop me a letter and your input will be made. I hope each of you will also give some thought to the idea of having annual rather than biennial meetings. This proposal, if made, would of course have to be considered by the General Assembly.

Bill Doane sent me a lot of old photographs that I will show around at the Reunion and hope to return them to Bill in person. Bill lacked only 6 months finishing his college degree but illness stopped him. He went to work for Texaco and retired a year ago. He does plan to be with us in Florida.

Harold Roberts has been involved in construction work, auto body repair work, a small retail business and now contracting and remodeling homes. He and Jeannie have one daughter and two grandchildren. They are interested in politics, organic gardening, and enjoy dancing and hiking in the Puget Sound area mountains. They will be at Reunion if possible.

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Marshall Turner is a civil engineer. He went back to Europe in 1964 as a tourist and re-visited many places in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany. He married Javona in 1969 and they have a daughter. Marshall started his own company 5 years ago.

Louie Galen attended college for a couple of years and was a tax assessor in Bemidji for 4 years and then joined the Minnesota State Patrol in 1952. He plans to retire next year. He is married and he and his wife, Vera, have a son and a daughter. He hopes to make it to Orlando.

T. J. Sumpter went back to his job with Phillips Petroleum Company after the war and now has 39 years with them. He said this letter to me was the first he had written in 30 years. He and his wife, Oleta, have two children and 6 grandchildren. You can be sure that he thinks a lot of his 596 buddies if he wrote the letter himself instead of turning it over to Oleta.

Hal Eddy wrote that he and his wife, Pauline, live right next to the 8th tee of the country club and playing golf is so convenient that little time is left for letter writing. The kids are grown and gone (he didn’t say how many) and they plan to drive their motor home to Orlando in August.

Ed McKinley worked as a Quality Control supervisor in the Aerocraft industry in California for 30 years. He retired 3 years ago. He and his wife, Jean, have 2 boys and 2 girls. They plan to be with us in Florida.

Bob Wilkerson plans to retire in September 1981 from Virginia Chemicals Incorporated after 30 years service. He also does T.V. repair work in his spare time. He was with the Virginia State Police for 5 years before going with Virginia Chemicals. He and his wife, Betty, have 4 children. They plan to be at the Reunion.

Al Kunzer has done electrical maintenance for Eastman Kodak Co, for the past 35 years. He and his wife have 6 children and 6 grandchildren. He plans to retire in about 4 more years. They plan on being a part of the Reunion.

Al Schomburg is another one who has expended great amounts of time, energy and money in locating 596ers. He should have been a detective. He brought his wife, Andrea, over here from Nice in 1947 and they were married in Detroit. They have 5 children. They have been back to Nice three times, once for 14 weeks. Al has been working since the war as an electrician and plans to retire in 8 years. They will be in Orlando. He closed by saying that in Minneapolis he had the feeling of being in a room filled with brothers and that he thought the wives enjoyed themselves also.

Al is working every day but is having some trouble with arthritis in his hands.

Mote is still a “private eye” and a polygraph examiner and plans to retire in 4 or 5 years. He talked with Jim Bots by phone and learned that he is retired and will be at the Reunion as will Moses.

Huey Sterkel plans to be at the Reunion with his wife, Marie. They have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. He has a degree in science and has been working for the mint making paper money for many years. He said he got a laugh out of the photos of us guys at the Minneapolis Reunion as he compared us to his memories of how we looked “when”. He said he then looked at an old photo of himself of that time and got a good laugh out of that too.

Al Goodman started another letter to me but before he had said much he wrote that Alice had just finished her shower and was on her second glass of wine and he signed off with “To hell with you for now.”

George Williamson writes that he went to work for Monsanto Chemical in July 1946 and is still with them. He and his wife, Mary, have three daughters and a grandson. He plans to come to the Reunion. He and Shirley see one another from time to time.

Mike Kovach has been a kettle operator brewing Schiltz for the past 33 years. He plans to retire this year and he and his wife, Violet, hope to be able to make it to Orlando in August.
Earl Dilts went into the insurance business in Dallas after the war and in 1951 went into a general agency with an associate in Lubbock. He closed the agency in 1965 and went to work for the Texas Tech University Book Store. He retired last August and is now catching us on his fishing. He stayed in the reserves after the war and retired in 1956. He and his wife, Edith plan to be in Orlando in August.

Dick Bartholomew has worked for allied Chemical for the past 25 years doing engineering management and has lived in several different places. He has 4 children by his first marriage. After the loss of his first wife, Dick married Florianne who had 4 children of her own and they had 17 grandchildren at last count. Dick was in Dallas last year on business and we had dinner together at our home in Fort Worth and he also visited with John Holbrook. Dick is like Ventoza and Barnes in that he looks very little older than he did 95 years ago. Pets and Darms!

Dave Pierce and his wife, Olga, have one son and 2 grandsons. He worked for Remington Rand for awhile and then for the Postal Service for the past 31 years. He just recently retired and now drives a school bus part time. Dave is 40% disabled from Bergamot carrots. The Pierces plan to be with us in Orlando.

Art Stark told me he need not apologize for a late reply to his letter as he answered a letter in 1969 that he had received from Mosel in 1946. He has been working in graphic arts for 20 years. He and his wife Jean, have one daughter and one granddaughter.

Jack "Red" Guthrie wrote some very interesting reminiscences and says he will definitely be in Florida with us. He and Bill Wickersham and Raymond Morgan moved across the street to "11" Company of the 517th after the Tennessee Maneuvers but he will remember many of his 596 buddies.

The following letter came from Dick Spencer of Colorado Springs, CO. Needless to say, I sent him a complimentary 596 patch.

"I sure want to thank you for sending me the photo proving I was at the Reunion in Minneapolis, and for the copy of your 596 booklet. I saw several fellows wearing the 596 patch in Minneapolis and wonder if you can have one made up for me—the reason being that I designed that patch during the war. I did it when we were writing that little book on the 517th that was published overseas. I also designed the 517th patch—and the 460th already had theirs. We wanted to have all three reproduced on the cover, so I just drew up the little jumper with the mine detector for the 596th. I'd like to have one in my collection—see you in Florida",

Dick is the Publisher of Western Horseman.

Clarence Hellestad is the Manager of a local advertising publication in Crookston, MN where Louis Selin also lives. Clarence plans to be with us in Orlando.

Herb Reichwald has twice had his own business and also worked for various auto dealers as Manager over the past 33 years. Two years ago he sold his business in Milwaukee and retired to Green Lake. Presently he is Service Manager for a small dealership in Ripon and says it is much different from the big auto dealerships in the city. He and his wife, Marie have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. They definitely plan to be at the Reunion.

John Whitteman and wife, Marilyn, have 3 sons and they enjoy golf, tennis, canoeing, hiking and most of all, travel. After college he spent 5 years with Avco Carol. Sixteen years with Ford Motor Co, and the past 9 years with Cherrock as Vice President and Treasurer. He writes, "I joined the 596 in Feb, 1945 at Cahills and by Aug, 1945 was on my way back to the U.S. enroute to the invasion of Japan which thankfully was unnecessary. Therefore my shared experience is much more limited than that of the fellows who were in the company from the beginning. Anyhow instead of Japan I ended up back at Ft. Bragg and ultimately in the 32nd. I was discharged in April 1946. " I hope John and Marilyn will join us in Orlando in August.

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MAIL CALL ——continued

Ray Sampson has been with the Washington Water Power Co. for 33 years. He and his wife, Ann, have a son and a daughter. Ray enjoys fishing and puttering in his shop. He wrote, "You asked if I was a 596er when you called and I answered, "You bet!" Actually I joined you people when you came back from the front and became "B Company" although none of the ten of us who joined you ever thought of you as anything but the 596 and not "B Company 129th". At any rate, it was a great honor for me to know you fellows for the short time it was."

Ray didn't say but I hope he and Ann can be with us in Orlando.

Pat Page wrote a long and interesting letter about the contacts he had over the years with a few of our 596ers. He is a drafting supervisor with Futer Company which engineers and manufactures cement producing equipment. He has been with them since 1946. He has been divorced and is now married to Peggy. Ray says they already have plans to visit Disney World in June. I hope a lot of you will call or write him and urge him to either change his plans or come back in August.

Warren Sandberg wrote last June to tell me that the leg and back he busted up in the Southern France jump have bothered him for years and he finally had to have back surgery. He was recovering nicely at that time and he and his wife do plan to be at the Reunion. His son is a Staff Sergeant in the 82nd Air Div. with 10 years service.

Tom Small of Kabwe, Zambia, and his wife, Mary, have been missionaries in Zimbabwe and Zambia since 1953. He has been involved with beginning churches, starting a Bible Correspondence School with an enrollment of 95,000, teaching in the Theological Seminary and presently Director of a Zambia wide training program for pastors and church leaders.

His principal hobby is golf and last year played in a Zambia Pro-Am tournament with Billy Casper. Their next furlough isn't until 1983 so maybe they can make the Reunion that year. They have two sons and a daughter. I must not fail to quote one part of his letter because it is the part I enjoyed the most. He writes, "You will be interested to know that a few days before your letter came Mary remarked "If I knew where Charlie Pugh lived, I'd drop him a line and let him know all the good remarks dentists have made about his work when they have looked in my mouth." That is quite an ad for work done over 25 years ago."

Bob Anderson is a Manager with Nebraska Public Power and has been with them for 35 years. He and his wife, Avis, have four children. Bob didn't mention the Reunion but I hope they decide to attend.

Earl Dillard sent me a copy of a letter he received from Wayne Norwood. Wayne took a regular commission after WW2 and joined the 11th Air Div in Japan and the 187th in Korea. From there he served in the Pentagon, Southeast Asia, Taiwan, Thailand and finally retired in 1967. He then became an urban planner and lived in Omaha, NE until 1976. He and his wife backpacked and camped from Montana to Florida where they bought a sailboat on which they have continued to explore the Florida Keys and Bahamas. They plan to be in Orlando with us.

Joe Miller is Deputy Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association. He received his B.S. degree from the University of KY in 1949 and began his work in Medical Health Administration. He went with the American Medical Assn. in 1957 and his career has been marked by a continuous rise to positions of greater responsibility and authority. Joe's curriculum vitae is longer than this newsletter. He and his wife, Mary, have two children and a granddaughter. I don't know what Joe and Mary's plans are for the Reunion but I hope that they make it.

Bill Conner and his wife, Marge, divide their winters between Brownsville, TX and Eureka Springs, AK. I believe Bill told me on the phone that they would make the Reunion but I don't recall for certain.

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Goodman a few months ago,

"I've enclosed a map showing the location of my house. The reason
I send the map is because it's something you can not be without in Tokyo.

My house address is the same as for a dozen other houses in the neighbor-
hood. For most people who have business cards, the name and address
and phone number are printed on one side of the card and on the back
side is a small map indicating the location and ways to find it. This
you give to a taxi driver or policeman when trying to get to your des-
tination. Everything is secret here---even your own rabbit hutch.

"Most of my Japanese friends enjoy having a few elbow bending
sessions. It's really funny. When they drink, especially whiskey,
their faces become bright red. Don't ask me (or them) why, but it
happens. The girls drink and become so embarrassed and pat their
cheeks and pull their hair down over their ears. They giggle, clitch
and cover their faces. Right now in Tokyo there is a lot of this going
on because it is the cherry blossom viewing season. The season lasts
about a week or ten days and during this period in the late afternoon
or early evening, people gather under large cherry blossom trees, set
up little stoves or hot plates, spread straw mats on the ground and
proceed to get sloshed.

"From my university to the nearest railway station is a long path
about 1/2 mile long. It's lined with huge cherry blossom trees.
Companies hire buses to bring employees to this district. Areas for
each company are roped off or enclosed in red and white canvas wind
protectors. Mats are spread on the ground by the women who also pre-
pare all the food and drinks (plus serve it) while the men do nothing.
Japanese never drink without eating at the same time.

Japanese festival dance (till he falls down). Much laughter and shout-
ing. Mosty they just kneel and serve, giggle and cover their mouths with
their hands. About nine or ten o'clock at night things are picked up,
everyone climbs back on the bus and home to bed. Next day, not a word
is said by anyone the evening before. It's as if
it had never happened. I've attended many of these parties and they're
fun. But for several days afterward no one drinks much sake (this is
the favorite and most traditional cherry blossom viewing beverage).

Raw fish, dried octopus and rice balls are the favorite foods. When
you get up the next morning you have a breath that nearly takes the
paint off the wall. This custom is not the only one of this nature.
They occur throughout the year, but this one is a happy spring custom
"h young and old can savor. It's supported by all companies."
MAIL CALL—continued

A and Alice Goodman write or call from time to time. He says he isn’t sure that
he can afford to show up in Florida because we keep finding guys who loaned him money
to get married in 1943. Since he is bringing the same wife, he asks Dinscot and Ayling
to at least forgive the interest. A has involved several of our guys in writing supportive
letters to Fred Zavattero as he fights a serious health problem. A got a degree in civil
engineering after the war. He settled in Bakersfield and is now President of a firm engaged
in structural steel fabrication and erection. They have 4 children and five grandchildren.
A is a devoted husband and golfer; I hope in that order. They will be at the Reunion.

Homer McRey plans to be at the Reunion. He is a confirmed bachelor. He went to
college for a while after the war and then worked for 26 years for an industrial supply
company. He played a lot of semi-pro basketball and baseball in the 50’s and 60’s.

For the past 20 years he has played around with wine, women, and song, but says he has
now eliminated most of that. He didn’t specify which parts he had dropped. He weighs
170 lbs. and has high blood pressure.

John Randall and his wife, Alice, have three children. He had his own company for
11 years making concrete products. He sold it and has been selling heavy industrial
equipment for the past 8 years. They plan to attend the Reunion in Florida.

Jim Nolan and his wife had two daughters. His wife was killed in an auto accident
in 1972. Jim bought a small business in 1945 and sold it in 1975 and retired. He said
he put his money in C.D.’s and has been watching it depreciate. He plays 18 holes of
golf everyday and says he is in the upper 10% of the duffer class. He says he has gained
about 50 pounds, lost most of his hair, drinks a little, smokes a lot, and thinks about
chasing women. He had a stroke in 1975 but is now recovered from the effects of that.

He will be in Orlando with us.

David Twight is a sailor on the Great Lakes and hopes to retire at the end of this year
and do some hunting and fishing in Canada. He is on a boat for months at a time.

Hal Bean wrote to marvel at how young Barnes looks in his photo in the last newsletter.
He was delighted to learn about his 596 buddies. His name was hit by the Teton Dam Flood
in 1976 and he lost all of his photos of his 596 buddies. He worked as a plumber for several
years and says he hated every minute of it. One day a lady called up and said, "I’ve
got a leak in my sink." Hal said, "Go ahead, lady, it’s your sink!" That ended the job.
He then worked for 13 years for Phillips Petroleum Co. at the Atomic Energy Site
in Idaho. He now is a Land Manager for the Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game and loves the work.

He rides horseback through the mountains and sees that no harm comes to the elk herd.
He plans to attend the Reunion.

I had a very moving letter from Annie Boyer after Jack’s death. She is a music teacher
in the public school system and a lovely lady. She lives near the Gus Madigan and I
believe they have gotten together.

Clyde V. Hoffman died of a heart attack in 1947.

QUESTION: Could anyone have any information about Capt. Dalmynie after 1945?

Robert E. Powers, Charlestown, MA died in 1976. He was a plane
driver, in the construction business and a fireman. He was survived
by his wife and ten children.

QUESTION: Where was Robert S. Bogan from?

Col. Rupert Graves’ wife died on 19 Dec. 1980. His address is
919 Avenue W, Hendersonville, NC.
Mail Call: Jim Benson and his wife, Dorothy, will be with us in Orlando. Jim played professional baseball after the war and had gotten to the Triple A level when he developed an Airborne back. He has been with International Salt Company for the past 24 years and is a Regional Manager. They have two children and two grandchildren. As you can see by his photo elsewhere in this issue, Jim is another of those "eternal youth" guys.

"Time changes, and we with time, but not in the ways of Airborne friendship..."

We 59ers have a bond one with the other that is rooted deeply in a mutuality of extraordinary experiences involved in a three year period of severe training, adversity, fear, danger, tragedy, courage, and triumph. Few if any of us would care to relive those years but getting together as a group to laugh and reminisce gives rise to a feeling of warmth and closeness that is difficult to describe. I think you feel it most when the three days of the Reunion come to an end and it comes time to say goodbye. God willing I'll see you in August in Orlando.

One picture is worth a thousand words... AIRBORNE ALL THE WAY!

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In Memoriam

JOHN R. BERRYHILL
JACK W. BOYER
JOHN CELEC
WALTER K. CHARLTON
ADOLPH A. CORREA
MILTON O. DORMAN
CARROLL W. DOROTHY
FRANK R. ENNIS
AL POLLY

WALTER WASHBURN
CLYDE V. NOFFMAN
DR. JOHN T. HOLBROOK
GORDA L. (TOMMY) LANIGRUM
PETER LIBERATORE
RALPH LONGBRETH
DURLAND (BUCKY) McGAULEY
ELIAS NOLAN
ROBERT E. POWERS
IRA VAN DYKE

Please send me any address change.
If your telephone number is not in the Roster,
please send it to me. Also, wife's first name.
Please notify me of the illness or death of
any family.
During the past year we have lost four of our comrades:

Jack Boyer, Dr. John Holbrook and Peter Liberatore.

General Mel Zeis lost his battle with cancer on 5 May 1981 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In later years, Burleson said he

turned to Holbrook to help two other

crime fighters—Darrell Cam, the Dallas

police officer convicted of shooting a

12-year-old Senor Rodriguez, and Fort

Worth millionaire T. Cullen Davis, who

charged with the murder of his then-

wife's lover and her stepdaughter.

Burleson said he and Holbrook en-

gineered an innovative polygraph, ad-

ministered to Cam while he was un-

der the influence of sodium pentothal,

or truth serum.

The results of the polygraph were

never admitted in court, but Burleson

and the new approach would have

proved that Cam believed he had em-

ploved all bullets from his gun be-

fore he held it to the Mexican-Amer-

can youth's head and pulled the trig-

ger.

In the Davis case, Burleson said

Holbrook testified at Davis' initial

bond hearing that the Fort Worth in-

dustrialist did not have any propensi-

ity to future violence.

Looking back, Burleson said he

tended to call Holbrook in important
criminal cases because "I thought it

would have an elixir on the trial

docket because of Holbrook's credibil-

ity as a witness.

Memorial services for Holbrook will

be at 10 a.m. today at Bastland Me-

orial Chapel.

He is survived by his daughter, Ba-

sian, and his son-in-law, renowned

polygraph examiner Eric Holden.

In one of his many court appear-

ances, Holbrook testified he had been

affiliated with Texas Christian Uni-

versity, the University of Texas Medi-

cal Science Center in Dallas and the

Baylor Medical Center before going

into private practice.

From 1963 to 1973, he was chief of

psychiatry for the Texas Department of

Corrections.

Born in Fort Worth in 1922, Hol-

brook attended Southwestern Medical

School and graduated in 1956. He re-

ceived further medical training at

Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Peter Liberatore passed away on Feb. 28, 1980 due to

respiratory arrest.

Jack W. Boyer, 55, former area stock broker 30 July 1980

DELRAN, N.J. — Jack W. Boyer, 55, Delran, stockbroker, a former resident of Sunbury, died Wednesday in the Rah-

brugg Memorial Hospital.

A graduate of Sunbury High School in 1943, he also was a 1948 graduate of Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army where he received the Purple Heart, Parachute Badge

gold star, European and American Theater ribbons; and the Croix DeGare.

In 1947, he was manager to the assis-
tant vice president of the municipal bonds department of the Philadelphia National Bank. While in Sunbury he

was president of the Central Pennsylvania Securities Corp., and dealt in stocks and bonds. He was manager and

promoted to vice president of the Na-
tional Central Bank in Lancaster in 1957, where he was founder of the mu-
nicipal bonds department and was

director of the municipal bonds un-
derwriting activities.

Born in Sunbury, he was a son of La-

lian Boyer of Sunbury and the late Lew

Boyer.

In addition to his mother, he is sur-
vived by his wife, the former Anne C.

Miller, a son, Kirby W. of Mount

Holly, N.J., and a grandson.
1st Lt. George E. Flannery-------Italy
PFC Francis T. Ropyak----------Italy
Pvt. Harry L. Springer--------Italy
Pvt. Henry Wilkins----------Jump area So. France
Sgt. Howard D. Jaynes, Jr.-----Var River Valley--So. France
PFC Ernest R Coffelt---------Var River Valley--So. France
Pvt. Leonard Mathis-----------Var River Valley--So France
Pvt. Patrick L. Michaels------Mountain above Nice, France
PFC William F. Bogdan--------Nice, France Airport
Sgt. Wallace F. Englebert-----Nice, France Airport
Pvt. Vestal A. Lucas--------Nice, France Airport
PFC Herbert B. NcLamb--------Nice, France Airport
Pvt. Harold H. Miller--------Nice, France Airport
PFC Alois J. Siewierkski------Nice, France Airport
Pvt. George (Pappy) Jones-----Belgium

Howie Jaynes Ernie Coffelt

Annie & Jack Boyer

Ralph & Deil Longstreth

GEN. ZAHR
If you should ever wish to contact the President of the 517 Parachute Combat Team or a Member of the Board of Directors, here are their names and addresses:

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1981 Reunion Jumpmaster—Orlando DZ

Frank Orbinich

Hank Simpson has been our very capable and devoted representative on the 517 Combat Team Board of Directors for quite a few years. We all thank you, Hank.
On Christmas Day, 1944, with a platoon of the 596th Para-
chute Engineer Company, I was temporarily bivouacked among
some farm buildings just outside the small village of Xhoffraiz,
Belgium. Xhoffraiz is situated on the Belgium-German border,
a few miles northeast of Malmedy, Belgium. Unless you have a
very detailed map of either Belgium or Germany, you will have
a difficult time locating that little inconspicuous village with
such an impressive name.

On December 25, 1944, there was no peace and little good
will in that part of the world. The "Battle of the Bulge" was
in its second week, and a combination of weather and powerful
German armies had exacted a terrible toll among the Allied
forces. We had overwhelming air superiority, but weather had
grounded all but small observation planes. As a result, German
armor and German troops moved with impunity from air attack.

Christmas Day, 1944, dawned bright and cold with cloudless
skies. Out of the west, flying over our position, and to the
north and south of the little village of Xhoffraiz, and as far
as the human eye could see, came the greatest air armada the
world had ever seen -- an armada, the likes of which will never
be seen again. They came by the thousands -- a continuous stream
of aircraft more than 300 miles long. I am told that when the
leading squadrons began dropping their bombs over Germany, the
trailing squadrons were taking off from their airfields in
England. After dumping their bomb loads, these mighty squadrons
returned to their bases, not to enjoy their Christmas dinners,
but to fuel up - load up with bombs and ammunition, and to re-
turn to the conflict again.

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Over, under, and often among the bombers were their escorts, the fighters. They also numbered in the thousands. And then there were the German fighters, the last remnants of Herman Goering's "invincible" Luftwaffe, who rose to meet the bombers and their escorts by the many hundreds. There were so many dogfights going on in the sky simultaneously on that Christmas Day that one pair of eyes could but selectively watch them.

As the bombers flew over our position, they began to meet the black puffs of heavy flack from German anti-aircraft guns. With a sort of stately dignity, the bombers held to their course. All too often a bomber would be hit, sometimes to explode in the air with debris slowly spiraling to the ground. Then there were the bombers disabled by flack and often on fire. We, on the ground, would breathlessly wait for the billowing of parachutes and count those parachutes, praying that all of our comrades on that stricken bomber would live to see other Christmas.

At that time, and in that war, ground troops were often critical of the flyboys and their "soft life." Christmas Day, 1944, forever changed that attitude for me, and I am sure for many others. It was a most memorable Christmas.

Isn't this a beautiful piece of writing by Pete Lannen of Spokane, WA?

Pete was a carpenter before he went into the service and he resumed his trade for 5 years in Newark, NJ after the war and then moved to Alaska until 1976. Most of those years he was an Officer of the Carpenters Union. In 1976, he retired and moved with his wife, Josephine, to Spokane. They have no children.

Here is some more of Pete Lannen's excellent prose:

"During WW2, Parachute engineers were very rare birds, as you are well aware of. We of the 596th were the rarest because of our bastard status---without divisional parents---always on loan to someone. Since the war, I am sure that each of us has shared this frustrating experience when we are asked about our wartime service. We respond that we were in the 596th Parachute Engineer Company, which was a small unit of the 517 Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team, which was attached to so many larger units that we cannot recall all of them. At about this stage, I just throw in the towel and order another drink. By the time we went into the "Bulge," the 596th had been attached to 13 larger units. I was Operations Sergeant prior to, during the Bulge, and until disbandment of the 596th. One of my assignments was to help Ray Roe prepare situation reports to parent units. It seems to me, we had different parents every week. I would suggest that during its existence, the 596th was attached to at least 20 different units."
The Airborne Mystique

Major James K. McCollum, United States Army, Retired

In FRENCH, they are known as parains, in German as Fallschirmjäger, in Spanish los paracaidistas and, in English, we call them paratroopers. Whatever the language used, the contention is that of soldiers who are held in war and respect by their comrades and possible adversaries. They form a body of tough, elite, highly disciplined troops for any nation. For some, they have been held back as a general reserve; for others, they have been the first forces employed in time of trouble.

About 20 years ago, a nonuplanner assessed the importance of airborne forces in the US military establishment as follows:

"More than any other type, airborne forces are the most directly and effectually useful in cold war, limited conflict, and general war. In cold war they represent the nation's 'first beef'--mobile forces always ready for rapid deployment; and so are a deterrent force. In limited war they would likely be the first armed forces strategically deployed. In general war they would carry out a variety of missions such as reinforcing combat elements already deployed, filling strategic gaps where there were no deployments, andinterfering enemy forces by vertical envelopment."

The current importance of airborne forces was underscored by the G3 of the 82d Airborne Division in similar terms. They are a very important segment of the realistic deterrent which calls for "maintaining strong, quick-reacting, general-purpose forces that can meet a common threat anywhere."

New techniques to minimize the deficiencies of airborne operations in the past make the paratroopers of today probably as visible as they have ever been in history.

A large part of the viability factor in the airborne as an important part of the force structure comes from the effect of airborne training on the individual. Says jump school instructor Major Mark Pouliot: "Why airborne? Aside from the practical role of airborne troops, there's a tremendous psychological mystique that's established around men who jump out of airplanes."

The "mystique" in, reality, a personality change undergone by those who become paratroopers. The change is based upon two major factors: the rate of initiation which allows a soldier to be called a "paratrooper;" and the continued reinforcement of this status.

The initiation Rite

Sociologist's long ago confirmed in laboratory experiments the logic that all men who have undergone stress to be accepted into a particular group intuitively know; a severe initiation causes entrants to value the group highly, whereas a mild initiation does not engender nearly as much of a commitment to the group.

This was demonstrated by Elton Mayo of Stanford University and Tobias Mills of the US Army Leadership Human Research Unit, Human Resources Research Organization, in their 1930 studies. Aronson and Mill described a situation in which a number of subjects were given a severe initiation to a group they knew nothing about, and a mild initiation to a group they had given; a mild initiation; and a third group was given no initiation at all. After listening to the group's discussion by the use of headphones, the subjects were asked to rate the group and their own feelings toward being a part of the group. The subjects who received no initiation or a mild initiation rated the group a statistically significant amount lower than did the subjects who received a severe initiation. Said Aronson and Mills:

"The results clearly verified the hypothesis. Subjects who underwent a severe initiation perceived the group as being significantly more attractive than did those who underwent a mild initiation and those who underwent no initiation."

The initiation described by Aronson and Mills lasted but a few hours. Contrary to what the three weeks of intensive training to make a paratrooper, and the binding effect of this initiation is magnified many times.

The three weeks of jump school is a severe "rite of passage" and there is no "mild" initiation. "There are only two grades in this school: Superior or failure!" The "rite of passage" analogy is due to R. M. Blum.

The "rite of passage" concept was introduced by Edward T. Hall. The "rite of passage" is the transition from one stage to another stage; separation from the former stage or group; transition to the new; and, finally, incorporation... . In the case of paratroopers training, the transitional phase is most important.

The transition is accomplished by physical stress and repetition through the first two weeks of the training. The trainee is subjected to all situations encountered in jumping, one at a time, and drilled to execute an automatic response to each of these situations. In the third week, he puts it all together.

Before the last week is out, or the jump week starts, five times he is grabbed by extraction, and five times he is unatched when his chute pops open and leaves him half way up. He'll step out a little broader, more confident, his head still away from the properly and his sides still locked in stances for the rest of his life."

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The tension involved in the continuous requirement for jumping causes that there is no relaxation of the personality change which took place during the initial training. Gidion Aron states that there are two motifs which maintain the personality change which he may call "the Airborne Mythos." The first motif is:...deeds with the extremity and the type of emotional excitement involved in parachuting; the exhilarating enthusiasm -- the one hand and the feet and arms on the other."

The second motif is the:...spatial-symbolic significance with which parachuting is charged...this motif inevitably results from the intense emotion that accompanies the act, especially fear."

The fear is always there, but is safer counter. The following thoughts were expressed by a young Specialist 4 in the 82d Airborne Division in 1960:...I'm sure these thoughts -- they're right."

Jumping encourages self-confidence, determination, self-reliance, water- proof clothing, suppression, courage, and other forms of stress resistance of the psycholinguistics type, all of which are very important in the military setting, especially in parachute operations, which rely heavily on individual action and are aggressive in nature. In a war, even the slightest of environment can be exacerbated by jumping and make a better soldier."

"Parachutists live a life of uncertainty. Not only must they be trained in the act, but their nerves and behavior are more often tested by the under-study of general conditions which may require their presence. In modern warfare, we can think of a significant number of actual deployments to know that the parachutist must be ready."

"Diplomatic deployments of airborne forces continue to lead to the formation of special units, to the formation of the Afghan Resistance in 1963, in the communist Republic of Vietnam in 1960, and in numerous trouble spots within the United States during the past 18 years. Deployments were counter-balanced by the older, more reliable forces of the Army and the Marine Corps."

You can bet on it. Very rarely does one hear jumping -- while jumping and not engaging self-discipline that conquers fear. Subconsciously every parachutist knows this. That's why he has that extra confidence."

Part of the World War II German paratroopers crew units in 1941 were as capable as a paratrooper, although they had no special training. They were trained as regular soldiers."

An example is the 11th Airborne Division, which performed a number of successful operations in World War II."

You never know about other匠 parachutists."

(Reprinted from Military Review, Nov. 1976)
"It's best not to speak to paratroopers about tailoring.
They always ask where you got your boots."

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Order stamps out shiny Army boots

NORTHOLK, Va. (AP) — Right-sided boots are being kicked out of the military because American soldiers wearing them are too easily spotted by enemy using infrared lenses, the Defense Department said.

The right-sided boots produce a "signature" that can be detected by infrared lenses such as the one the argument stated.

In the right month, soldiers in some of the services will be swapping a new pair of boots that are more likely to go undetected by enemy forces.

The new boots will be similar to the old "chukka" boots, except they are made of a material that's more likely to go undetected by infrared lenses.

Some反射ivity was not even imagined.

"I don't believe it," said Military Police Captain George H. Smith, who is stationed at Atlantic Base in the Pacific Northwest of Maine.

"They might change the boot, but I think the new ones are better. I think the new ones are better," he said.

In another development, the Air Force has issued a new Airman's Creed for officers, scheduled to be adopted by all services.

The Air Force said the new creed is a "reminder" of the right-sided boots, with the Airman's Creed to be adopted by all services.

The boots will have a clean plate, a camouflage-patterned sole, a high-quality thread, and a quick-drying design to allow for easy exchange.

The new boots will be available to officers in the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and to everyone who's interested in getting a new pair of boots.

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I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.
I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness... should I fail.
I have seen the face of terror; felt the chilling cold of fear;
and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.
I have cried, pained, and hoped... but most of all,
I have lived times others would say were best forgotten,
At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was... a PARATROOPER!

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The Airborne Family

The Airborne STATIC LINE spans the entire Airborne family and covers the entire time-frame from the date of inception of the Airborne in 1942 up to the present day. The purpose of the Airborne STATIC LINE is to hold together the members of the Airborne family by providing a means of maintaining communications between and among its many varied and scattered members.

The Airborne family is huge, diverse and far-flung. The STATIC LINE does not try to answer everyone's prayers, but merely to provide the tie that binds. Whether or not you wish to remain in contact with your Airborne associates is your decision to make.

A total somewhere around a million men have been Airborne qualified in the United States Armed Forces. Not all of them wish to maintain or retain the ties with those with whom they served.

But the Airborne STATIC LINE reaches some 10,000 Airborne families, and is the warmest communication that you'll ever get into your home because everyone of the people whose name and address you retain within the covers of this publication are there because they want to be there.

The STATIC LINE is your link with common sense and sanity. These are the people that have been there and they know what it's all about. Any man who has been willing to offer his life in battle for this grand county of ours is a man who knows that there are some things in this world that are worth fighting for. Airborne men are not only men of great dedication, they are men of great faith. They are robust, strong, faithful, dedicated. In the mainstream of war you are reminded more than ever of the supremacy of God and of the futility of evil.

To the Airborne fraternity is given the knowledge to appreciate that saying, "greater love hath no man than that he give his life for his fellow man." Every Airborne man who has been subjected to the vagaries of armed conflict is alive today because of this great love.

As our members slowly yield to the wills of time and old-age, and our numbers become smaller, it behooves us to move ever closer together in spirit so that we may share the fellowship that all of us understand. And the surviving widows of the departed Troopers are encouraged to remain within the STATIC LINE circle.

From time to time, as fellow Troopers pass on, I hear from their widows. They usually request newly to drop them from the rolls. But many more fervently request to remain on the STATIC LINE roster as long as they can. And we are happy to retain the widow in our roster because they, too, are part of the close-knit Airborne family.

Our Airborne affiliation is more than the result of our military service. Airborne is a philosophy, a way of life, a belief and a faith. No description fits all Airborne men. But every Airborne man has the seeds of promise necessary for the salvation and the preservation of our society, the American way of life.

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May the blessing of blue skies and gentle landings be with us all...