



517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team



PARACHUTE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM

MailCall No. 2138

December 25, 2012

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

More Christmas Greetings!

We wish you a Merry Christmas from Belgium.



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ERIC, JEAN MICHEL & ADRIEN
"15 AOUT 1944" AIRBORNE TASK FORCE MUSEUM ASSO.
WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMASS !.....



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ERIC, JEAN MICHEL & ADRIEN
Association "15 aout 1944" A.B.T.F Museum
Vous Souhaitent un JOYEUX NOEL !!!



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*This is a note from **Cecil Doty** in 2008, on MailCall #1675:*

Merry Christmas to all the 517th family and all our friends overseas.

I've been thinking about Christmas of the past and believe the Christmas of 1944 was the hardest of them all.

Do you remember the 517th had been moved to Soissons, France, Preparing for a jump across the Rhine in the spring? Many of us were thinking about a Christmas in Paris. It never happened. On Dec. 18th we received orders to be ready move out on a two hours' notice, due to the Germans breaking through in Belgium.

On Christmas Day, as I remembered, we were moving toward Manhay in about a foot of snow, with cold K rations for Christmas Dinner. We finely had our Christmas Dinner in April after being taken out of Combat in Feb. 1945.

I think about our Men and Women in service this Christmas and pray that they will have a safe and a Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas to each of you.

Cecil Doty



Manhay, Christmas 1944



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from 1943

More MailCall News

Thank you **Mr Hensleigh** for the short Christmas story...My dad **Odas Sweet** was with 3rd battalion, H Company on that Christmas during the Battle of the Bulge, as a PFC under Lt Hensleigh's command. I would love to hear about how Christmas was celebrated in 1944 and anything about those days from all of you who served...I'm sure many others share my curiosity! Merry Christmas to all of the 517th, 460th and 596th family! May your feet stay warm!!

Rick Sweet

Correction to Mail call #2137: Caption of Henry Hannon photograph reads "You can see **Major Frazer** in the photograph and Suzan Boyle...**Col. Boyle's** daughter".



True, it is Col. Boyle's daughter in the photograph but her name is **Sheila Boyle**. If I'm not wrong Susan Boyle is well know is well known singer from Ireland. From personal experience the Colonel's daughter Sheila Boyle is also a very fine singer. - cheers,
Paul Abbene



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Bob,

Happy C-Mass & Merry New Year, a holiday greeting worthy of Paratroopers ALL!

I wanted to give the membership and association members a heads up about a BLURB-or-BLOG that I posted on a forum site about militaria aptly named,

<http://www.usmilitariaforum.com/forums/index.php?/topic/163522-letters-home-a-soldiers-story-lcurtis/>

On this site is a forum section, among hundreds of others, that encouraged members to share a recent military related book or recent article read or interesting movie, documentary or video clip, and well, I sorta got carried away with my zeal for Lory's book and the resulting movie. I posted unit logos, pictures of the book and movie covers and some history of the unit leading to a link for the 517th web-site. If I have taken liberties that aren't acceptable please let me know and I can have the administrators of the US militaria forum remove the whole thing. I also took the liberty of copying and pasting the picture of the 24 DEC 1943 cover of YANK that is in the introduction of the most recent mailcall. I certainly don't want to get into any copyright infringement issues or appear too forward about spreading the great news about our Troopers and their history and their website.

A very airborne holiday greeting to you all in remembrance of this 68th Christmas since the Battle of the Bulge.

Dan Perry, son of a Buzzard, **Floyd R. Perry**, HQ Co. 2nd BN 517th PRCT





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Mail Call	MailCall@517prct.org
Mail Call Archives	www.517prct.org/archives
2012 Roster (updated!)	www.517prct.org/roster.pdf

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Note that only people marked with a green **Y** will receive the Thunderbolt newsletter in a paper version. But if you receive weekly MailCalls, you don't need to receive the paper copy since we will be posting all future Thunderbolts on the website and in future MailCalls.

Administrivia

- If you miss any MailCalls, they are all available online at <http://www.517prct.org/mailcall/>
- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know.
- 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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