



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*

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Thunderbolt (Winter 2014)

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MailCall Greetings

To the 517th Parachute Regiment Combat Team, the Association, and the families of Buzzards, Hoping your holidays are full of cheer and all the best in the New Year.

Many grins, **Paul Abbene**

Merry Christmas to all! phil mc spadden

[The USAF Band - 2014 Holiday Flash Mob - YouTube](#)

I just want you to know that I read every Mail Call and every Thunderbolt... I enjoy hearing about the 517th's exploits and the 517th family. The pictures are great too! Thank you for all of your hard work and also **Lory, Claire, and Miriam** For the Thunderbolt and taking care of the funds! I'm usually a little late on the funds but always send them in eventually plus a little extra. (A check is on the way!) Kind of a self-imposed fine! Just know that all of you are appreciated and I'm proud to be part of such a fine group of people.

I got to see Lory a couple of weeks ago when he traveled here to see his family. We had a good time driving down to the Ohio River and eating lunch at Don Pablo's. It is right on the river so we had a beautiful view! We also talked with **Morris McDowell**, who recently had knee surgery and is in therapy! Hang in there Morris. I know it hurts! I've had my right knee replaced. Great seeing you Lory! Happy New Year to all!

Rick Sweet

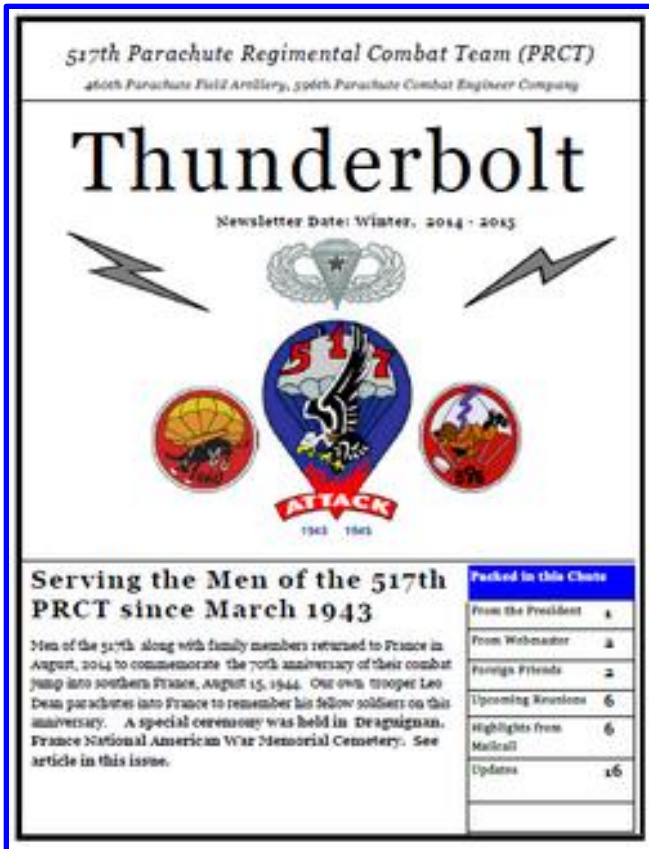


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Thanks for the Christmas issue of Mail Call. Enjoyed the cartoons and information on our dear friends in Belgium.

John Krumm

The Thunderbolt



The Winter (December) 2014 Thunderbolt is complete and at the printers. You can read it now:

<http://517prct.org/thunderbolt/2014%20December/Thunderbolt%20Winter%202014.pdf>

Kissimmee Reunion- Sign Up Now!

Time is running short. Please let Claire and the hotel know if you're able to join everyone in **Kissimmee, Florida, from January 17-19 2015**. Info and Registration Form is at:

http://517prct.org/reunions/2015_florida_mini/kissimee_reunion_2015.pdf



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MailCall News

My father, **Daniel Medonich**, was in the 517th PRCT, Company E. What information do you need to include him in the roster?

Hi Diane,

Is your father still alive? If so, do you want him to receive the Thunderbolt -- quarterly news about the 517th troopers? To add him to our roster, I just need his name and address.
If you have any stories or pictures about the 517th, I would love to add them to our website.

I took a quick look through some of my records, and we do know that he was with E Company. He is listed on the Christmas 1944 roster, just before the 517th was sent into the Battle of the Bulge.
<http://517prct.org/documents/xmas1944/xmas1944.htm>

I also see his name mentioned as "wounded" on page 21 of Bill Myer's journal:
http://www.517prct.org/bios/bill_myers/bill_myers_journals.pdf

I also have some Morning reports mentioning your Dad with the following entries:

CO	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	RANK	DATE	CODE	S/N	MOS	LOCATION	NOTES	SIGNED BY
E	Medonich	Daniels	J	PFC	3-Oct-1944	A	37356151	7604	2 miles East of Lucuram, France	Reasgd and Jd Co fr Det of Pat 7th Army LWA	E. H. Schofield, CWO USA
E	Medonich	Daniel	J	PFC	30-Jan-1945	II	37356151	7604	Stavelot, Belgium	aptd CPI as of 3 Jan 45	Martin J. Fastaia, Capt Inf
E	Medonich	Daniel	J	CPL	12-Mar-1945	II	37356151	7745	Joigny, France	promoted to Gr of S/Sgt per par 8 SO 42 this HQs dated 10 March 45.	Robert H. Newbury, Capt., Inf

Thanks for checking in.
Merry Christmas to you and your family!

Bob Barrett



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Subject: Remember Manhay & Troopers

"Take Manhay at all costs!" These words (or similar ones to-the-point) echo through the pages of documentation that are the history of the 517th. Gen. Ridgway most likely didn't know our loved ones personally, those Company "I", 3rd Bat. Troopers who will forever remain men in their late teens to early 20's in our memories and photographs. There was no foretelling that a squad of the 517th would give their full-measure 70-years ago today, on 27Dec1944.

And so, as we 517th Family Members remember our loved ones during this 2014 Christmas Holiday Season, *Lest We Forget* these names. Some were KIA by friendly fire, some died of injuries incurred during the retaking of Manhay, Belgium.

Pfc. William Eckart, Pfc. Fred Iserman, Pvt. Merle Kaminsky, Pvt. John Penn, Pfc. Paul Rzonca, Pvt. Arthur Sessum, Pvt. Frank O. Scott, Pfc. Shannon Smith, 1st. Lt. Floyd A. Stott, Cpl. Courville Tarpley, Sgt. Wendell J. Tinger, Pvt. Albert Vasquez, Pfc. Edward Walsh, Pvt. Edward Weimer, Pfc. Clyde Whittington, and Pvt. Robert Williams.

Personally, the words on the bottom of page 304 of "Battling Buzzards", will live with me and my family forever. "When I (**Lt. John Saxion**) found Paxton, he was in tears as he told me **Lieutenant Stott** had been killed by the barrage."

May they all Rest In Peace!

Kenton "Kent" Floyd Immerfall

Nephew of **1st Lt. Floyd A. Stott**, Co. "I", 3rd Bat., 517th PRCT

WW2 Battle of the Bulge color videos:

From **Don Gentry**

Color film of both sides. Additional links with each segment.:

Part 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaTu-6PYnvc>

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpxUvaCb9uQ>

Part 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pttlm1DcWzk>

Some details of the action in and around St. Vith from the 16th of December 1944 into Jan 1945. Commanders from both sides narrate their strategies in post war interviews.

Some mention of the Paratroopers from the 82nd. I believe the 517th had some units attached during the later days of the battles. Runs about an hour. Will look back for Howard's posts on this era. That part needs to be remembered as well.

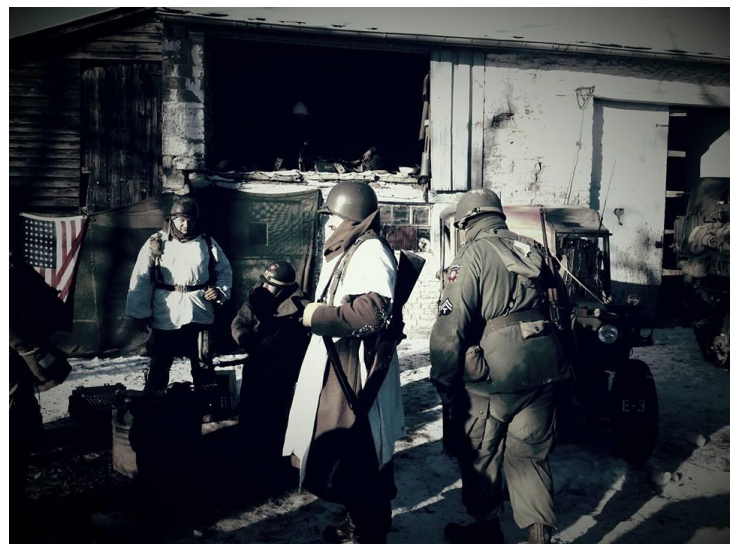
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/9dR3h2HdnBQ>

Don Gentry



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In the Ardennes with **Eddy Monfort** and friends

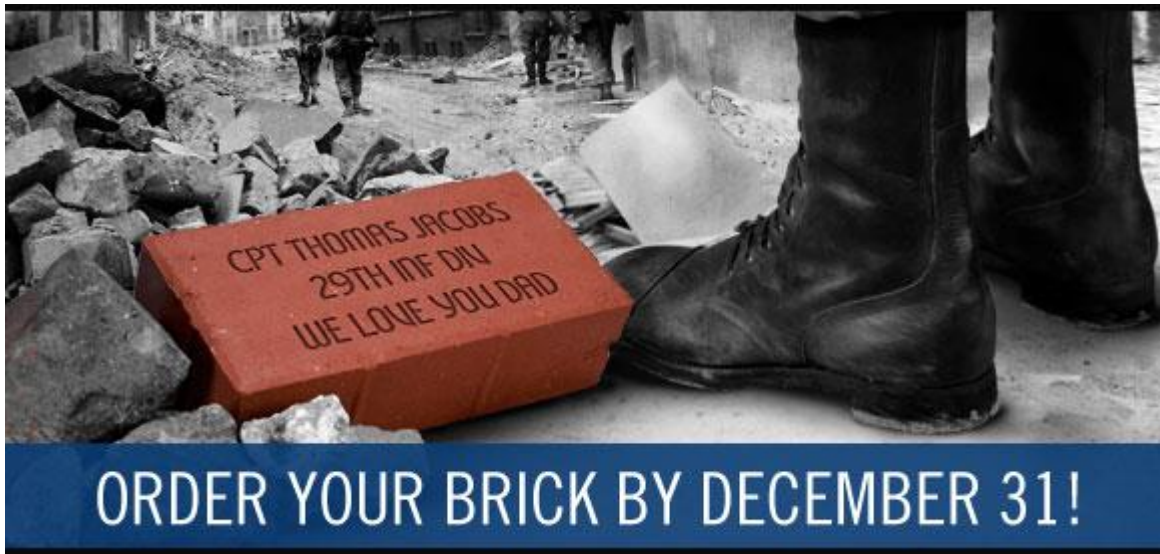




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For Patricia Roland Pavia Orengo, Clairej Giblin, Bob Barrett, and any other 517th PRCT-ers. Please pass this along to anyone who has or had a family member who would be interested in this. There are sections of the museum for all the WWII campaigns including the home front. It is useful to know that the 517th is not mentioned, but there is a "Road to Berlin" Battle of the Bulge section of the museum that has just been added.

Vanessa Armand



See: [The National WWII Museum](http://support.nationalww2museum.org/site/MessageViewer...) <http://support.nationalww2museum.org/site/MessageViewer...>

Commemorative Bricks at The National WWII Museum

There are less than 2 weeks left to place your order before the next order deadline—December 31st.

The Museum orders its popular Commemorative Bricks just three times a year. Make sure your Commemorative Brick is included in our next order by [purchasing your brick conveniently and securely online right now](#).

Plus there are less than 800 of our limited-edition Campaigns of Courage bricks left to purchase. [Don't miss out, buy your brick today!](#)

NOTE: Purchase your brick by December 31, 2014, to make our next installation. Please allow 4–6 weeks for the arrival your purchase confirmation, commemorative certificate, and tribute book (if applicable).



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Joyeux anniversaire à ce magnifique couple! -- BB

Patricia Roland Pavia Orengo Got Married -- December 27, 2003



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- At any time, if you want to be added or removed from the MailCall list, just let me know, or just click on the unsubscribe link on the email.
- 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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