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'til the end of me.

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This newsletter is an extension of the old Thunder From Heaven's Mail Call column, modified to redefine what the 17th Airborne Division truly represented when our history is being studied many years into the future. The 17th Airborne Division participated in World War II, which was principally fought by the young men and women who had suffered the hunger pangs and deprivations of the Great Economic Depression of 1929. Had we lost that war, the entire world would now be speaking either German or Japanese, or even Russian. If our next generations are not as vigilant as our own, their world might be speaking a mid-Eastern language, with five kneelings daily on the floor facing east.

In each issue, we will present one of our troopers, living or past, with his story or biography to tell more about him than just his name. However, trying to get a biography from some of our active members was like pulling teeth, They will not

have existed when our history is recited by their descendents many years into the future.

Each issue is transmitted in the Adobe (.pdf) format that cannot be altered, but it can be printed or saved to a CD or to your computer for future reference.

I will attempt to print this newsletter in two languages—English and Dutch or German, in absolute appreciation of the grateful people of England, Holland, Belgium and The Czech Republic who are adopting the grave sites of our fallen troopers as their own to honor. I understand most people of the Netherlands and Belgium can read Dutch or perhaps German.

This is a preview of what our new newsletter will look like after the “Thunder From Heaven” is put to bed after April 2008. If you wish to receive airborne news in this format, please make sure that your email address is current in my file. Also, add my two email addresses to your computer so that it will accept mail from me. My permanent address is kn6qd@arrl.net, however, the address that might be used to transmit this newsletter is <thundermailcall@gmail>. Make certain both addresses are entered into your address file in your computer. Some email programs will reject messages from an unknown source.

There is no monetary charge for this newsletter, but you will need to support it by writing letters and sending photos to me so that I will have something to print. Otherwise, my own stories will dominate the pages. The email format will permit you to save each issue to your computer file, or to transcribe it onto a CD for your permanent library to hand down to your future generations as a memorial of the 17th Airborne Division.

Our generation of airborne troopers are indeed the Greatest Generation ever produced by our nation in that dynamic 20th Century. Our entire civilization

survived because of men like us who had responded to the call to arms and had confronted mortal dangers knowingly and willingly – instead of running off to hide in Canada, like some of our lesser citizens.



Reunion Host (Bob Quegan),
Medic (BillTom), Parliamentarian
(Ed Good),

and our ever active President (Colonel Del Townsend), at the
Final Reunion, October 4-7, 2007



I was the Hospitality Chairman at our Final Reunion. My three children, Kathy, Jackie and Bill, volunteered to be my hospitality assistants to greet and photograph as many of our attendees as possible. I truly appreciated their help and I am using this forum to thank them, again – and again. (Bill Tom)

PERSONALITY



Ralph Grooten, 139-C Airborne Engineers
The Chairman of our Memorial Monument Committee.

Ralph Grooten, was born on 25 May 1924 at Schadack Landing, NY, graduating from high school in 1941 and entering the army in February 1943. After basic training in demolition with the 60th Combat Engineers, he transferred to aviation cadets at Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus, OH and was trained as a navigator on B-17's until the Air Force closed the program in 1944. Then, Ralph volunteered for parachute training at Fort Benning where he complete both jump and rigger schools. In Early January 1945, he was assigned as a demolition expert with C-Company, 139th Airborne Engineers engaged at the Battle of the Bulge. He stayed with the 17th Airborne to jump across the Rhine until its dissolution in June 1945. He was then assigned to the 82nd Airborne to occupy Berlin and returned home in March 1946, having made 17 military jumps.

Ralph was very active with the 17th Airborne to become its President in 1972 and reunion chairman in 1976, and was active in several other organizations. He is married to Mary La Scola in December 1944 at the chapel in Fort Benning. Mary Grooten was also active as Executive Secretary for many years and had served as Treasurer of the 17th Airborne Ladies' Auxiliary.

Ralph started a one-man business in 1949 to expand it to becoming one of the leading Marine Dealerships in Central Ohio, before he retired in 1984. His hobbies are flying and collecting classic cars. One of his most magnificent accomplishments was his leadership in organizing and planning the building of the 17th Airborne Memorial. Ralph was instrumental in the design and construction of our Memorial Monument at Fort Benning, Georgia.



The 17th Airborne Division Memorial at Fort Benning.

It is commonly true that in most modern wars that the casualty ratio was generally five wounded soldier to every man killed in action. The ratio in the American Civil war was much lower because most of the wounded eventually died afterwards for lack of medical care. At the Gettysburg battle, for example, the wounded men had lain for weeks in the hot sun before help came. During the night, pigs that had escaped from the farms had turned wild, were eating the dead and wounded. That battle was fought in July 3rd and 4th. The heat of the day and thirst killed many as they laid there.

Conforming to that ratio of 5 to 1 average in World War II, if we had ten men up on the line, if one got killed, there would be five wounded. All of a sudden, statistically, we have only four men left standing that can still fight. Such was the sad statistics of modern combat. If left unattended, the wounded would either had bled to death or were frozen to death during the night, as at the Battle of the Bulge.

Charles Knight recalled going out with 120 men, and came back with only 17. Curt Gadd went into battle with 176 and only 8 were able to walk out. Thank God for our medics. 98% of our wounded survived their wounds—some were able to recover to fight again! Sadly, some carried the effects of their wounds for the rest of their lives.



An airborne trooper saying farewell to a fallen comrade.

The following four plaques are listings of names of our heroes who gave up their lives to restore freedom and independence for you and me.

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In their memory do we pray and remember that our freedom was dearly paid for by those brave young men! Most of them were in their young 20's when they were killed. They gave all. We the survivors gave some, except for some of our wounded who continued to give for a life time.

The 17th Airborne Division Memorial was initially erected on Sacrifice Field within the boundary of Fort Benning, Georgia. So as to inspire future public visitations, the Memorial will later be moved to outside the main gate of Fort Benning for easier public access, to be located adjacent to the 17th Airborne Museum where our War Room memorabilia will be on display. All of the other Memorials of all other units will be moved also.

Our Memorial is the most impressive among all other monuments at Fort Benning to serve as our final tribute and dedication to the memory of our 17th Airborne troopers who had fought in the coldest winter of the decades and who were the first to airdrop cross the Rhine River to invade Germany to help bring about a rapid conclusion to the war in Europe In World War II. The only land we have gained from all our wars on foreign soils were only those where our fallen heroes are now buried.

This Memorial is also a constant reminder to all who visited it that the survivors of the 17th Airborne built this monument to remember all the many thousands of fine young men who had served in the Division to have formed the grand brotherhood of airborne troopers known as the 17th Airborne Division Association.

The following prayer was attributed to a young Dutch girl when she visited the Margraten Cemetery in Holland where many of our fallen now sleep.

Her prayer was worthy of application to all of our fallen in every cemetery around the world, at sea, the Missing In Action, the Unknown, and eventually to all of us who was known as an American War Veteran and as one of the "Greatest Generation".

Let them sleep, dear God – They are so very tired.

Let them wake whole again to the soothing sounds of soft music, love and laughter.

Let them wake to the sight of green hills and majestic fields of fragrant flowers.

Then tell them, dear God, that they are loved and missed,

But most of all, tell them that they did not die in vain. Amen

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