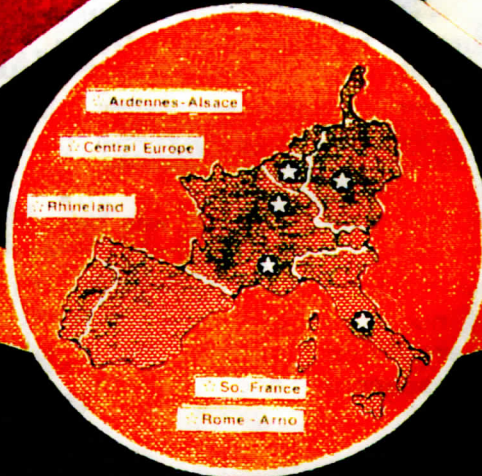
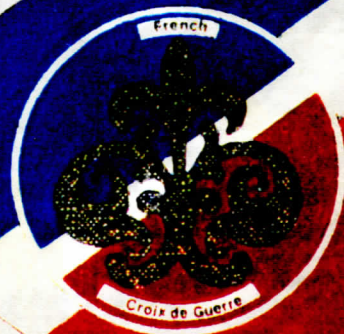


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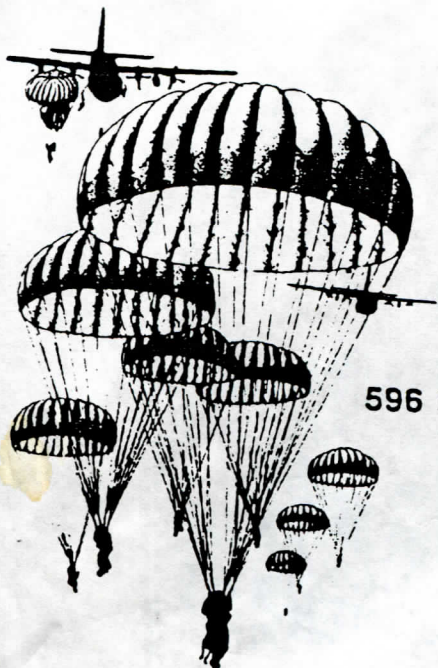
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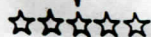
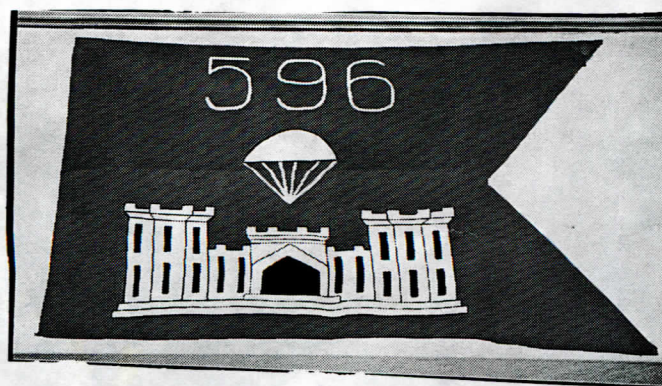


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The beautiful cover on this issue of WINGS was designed by Clark Archer. He is an extraordinarily talented and creative graphic artist. Although the color cover is an extravagance, in black and white it would have been an injustice to the art and to the artist. Clark is a retired nuclear engineer who worked in our space program with NASA and the Atomic Energy Commission. He is equally talented as a cartographer and as a military researcher and historian.

WE THANK YOU, ARCH.

Editor



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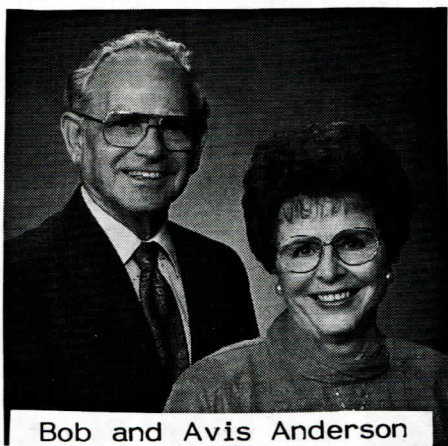
BOB ANDERSON writes:

We winter 6 months in Apache Junction, AZ and 6 months in Big Springs, NE. We travel during the summer months visiting our 3 sons and 1 daughter in MI, WY, and NE.. Two of our sons were in Vietnam for 2 years.

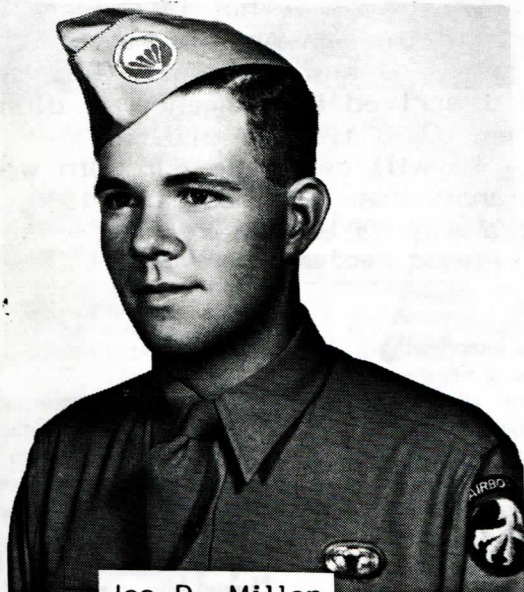
We continue to enjoy good health. I spent 40 years working for a power company. For our 50th wedding anniversary we took a 19 day tour of 9 European countries---much different than 1944-45.

I had one brother KIA in the Navy in Battle of Coral Sea in 1942 and one brother who was a medic in the China-Burma Theatre. I think of the 596 real often and try to put together names and faces.

Thanks for your work in keeping us up to date.



Bob and Avis Anderson
What a good-looking couple!



Joe D. Miller

JOE D. MILLER writes:

Wish I could give you a here-to-fore untold story about events of long ago, but my supply is exhausted. So no need to bore anyone with repeats of things reported earlier.

I can tell you that Edie and I are doing reasonably well. For 72 year olds, she is the better of the two. Our family has expanded to a total of 13 grandchildren since you last heard from us.

The exciting happening in our family at the moment is my daughter's graduation from law school on May 11. This 44 year old mother will be taking the Ohio and Kentucky bar exams later this year. We are really proud of her.

Enough of this family update. What I really want to do is to thank you over and over again for all you have done for our company, the combat team, and all of the airborne community. No one else has given so much of his time and energy in our behalf. We are eternally grateful.

The 596th is going to miss your journalistic talents. How you got it all done while maintaining the practice of dentistry is a mystery to most of us. Anyway, we love you for keeping us together. Ed has some big shoes to fill, but God bless him for agreeing to take on the job.

Lastly, I want to thank you for being my friend. It has been a long time since you, Bill Conger, and I left Ft. Benjamin Harrison on orders to report to Camp Toccoa, GA. The intervening years have only strengthened our relationship since that first encounter in 1943. It has been a good trip all the way. Also, my thanks to Ann for putting up with us all these years. She could write a book on "old soldiers never die---they just fade away" but their tales of old just grow and grow!! We love you, dear. See you in Palm Springs next year, if not sooner. AIRBORNE!

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Don't be left out of our history book!

The 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team Association and Turner Publishing Company have joined forces to publish the *517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team History Book*. It will be OUR story with biographies of the association members, special stories by the men who witnessed the action, and personal photographs.

I can't tell you how important your support of this project is! You are the only ones who can tell these stories. The book will be a treasured keepsake to hand down to your children and grandchildren. What a wonderful legacy to leave your families and the world. Libraries, museums and other veterans will want this historic book.

I know you are proud of your accomplishments - do you want them to be lost to history forever? I invite you to submit your personal stories and photographs for inclusion in this once-in-a-lifetime publication.

LTC William Lewis, AUS (Ret.)

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Submit your 150 word personal biographies using the sample on the next page as a guide.
- Submit a biography for a deceased member, spouse, or family member.
- Submit a recent photo as well as a photo of you as a 517th PRCT member
- Optional: Send personal stories from your time in the 517th PRCT (2000 word limit).
- You don't have to order a book to be included but may do so with the order form on the next page. Include a check or money order to reserve your copy.
- All materials will be returned to you upon publication.
- Book is scheduled for publication in the second quarter 1997.

Editor's Note: I hope all of you will take a few minutes to write something about yourself for this forthcoming book and send a couple of photos. If enough of us 596ers participate in this book that will have a historical section about the 596 PCEC, perhaps our autobiographical sketches can all be together. In any case, I do hope you 596ers will all be in the book and will send in an order for one or more of them. This will no doubt be the last book written about our Combat Team, at least under the direction of the Combat Team. Even if you should have no interest in owning a copy of this book, you should make sure that you are in it for posterity's sake and because the rest of us want to read about YOU at the same time we read our own and realize how immodest we have been---and that's OK. AIRBORNE!

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