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On the Cover: 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division Paratroopers at Pope Army Airfield Sept. 23, 2012 after their deployment to Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. Scott Naumann, commander of 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division shakes the hand of Spc. Daniel Holmes, the 5-73 CAV medic who won the division Best Medic Competition Sept. 7, 2012. Holmes will be moving on to compete at the Army Best Medic Competition at Fort Sam Houston in November. Photo by Sgt. Joseph Guenther





Col. Michael Fenzel 3BCT Brigade Commander

A warm welcome home to our fellow Paratroopers from 2-505 PIR, 82nd BSB, and 3rd BSTB. They left on a moment's notice and filled the crucial role of covering force for the Afghan theatre of war. Indeed, they conducted combat operations in support of five different Brigade Combat Teams during

the four month tour of duty. Senior military leaders unanimously expressed their appreciation for the invaluable contribution of our teammates. A job incredibly well done by these disciplined professionals.

Discipline is our foundation. We have all heard how important the application of discipline is to any successful organization. I will take it one step further and suggest that discipline is the hallmark of every great organization. As the weeks pass by the serious incident reports in our Brigade have reduced to a trickle from what was a flood a few months ago. Many of those Soldiers in our ranks who chose to go a different way and not fully commit to their fellow Paratroopers are no longer in our ranks. We talked about the importance of this commitment on a dark morning on Pike field just before PT started...that message is an enduring one. And I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance.

All of the Paratroopers in this Brigade Combat Team are elite. Being elite comes with responsibility. The more we work together to shoulder that responsibility and live up to the inherent expectations, the more our reputation will grow and the more we will inch toward greatness. I have mentioned to all of our awesome NCOs and command teams that there is only one reason to look forward to coming to work every day...so that we can be great. Together we really are an exceptional organization with obvious potential to be great. Part of something that we will tell our children and grandchildren about in the years to come. In order for this to happen we have to work together closely as Squads, Platoons, Troops, Batteries and Battalions to achieve that greatness.

Discipline is where this greatness is derived from. It is obvious in seeing the steel in the eyes of our redeployed Paratroopers, watching the intensity of our PT sessions, seeing the tremendous focus on our live fire exercises, and precision of our DZ missions that greatness is in our grasp. In your recent small unit discussions about resiliency we all realized how teamwork can thicken our commitment to one another. And I believe we are all realizing the importance of always doing the right thing, especially when no one else is around, and no one else is looking. This is becoming a habit across our formation. Excellence is becoming a habit and it is obvious.

We have talked about what it takes to be on a championship team. You don't mind the tough practices or the hard calls that the coaches make. Those players on the team that make bad decisions or disregard their teammates don't stay on the team much longer. And those that remain on the team after all the hard work start to feel their work pay off as the season starts. I would compare all of us Paratroopers to Professional athletes. One of the important differences is that we are in positions that are vastly more important to the nation than those sports stars. We are paid to be in top physical condition, we are coached at every level, but if we blow an assignment our teammates may not live to see the next game. There isn't another professional league that has lost 61 teammates in the last ten years. We have lost 61 of our comrades over the last decade who made a pivotal decision, the same decision you have all made by committing to the 505th PIR, to risk everything if the nation calls for us to act.

We are asking you to redouble your commitment to this legendary regiment and to this awesome Division. Redouble your commitment to one another. And redouble your commitment to every single opportunity to train that we have between now and our next mission. We will be called upon and we must be ready. Let's take care of one another and let's remember the responsibility we have to our fallen brothers. Let's not forget the sacrifice made by the Paratroopers who came before us. Exacting discipline is what will pave our path toward greatness. "H-Minus!"



Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Rolling

As I have observed training, a few things have become apparent. First, we need to ensure that leaders understand Army training doctrine and how the Army expects us to plan, prepare and execute training for our Paratroopers. Our Panther Team needs to understand and implement

this doctrine- because it works. Use it and every leader will produce trained Paratroopers.

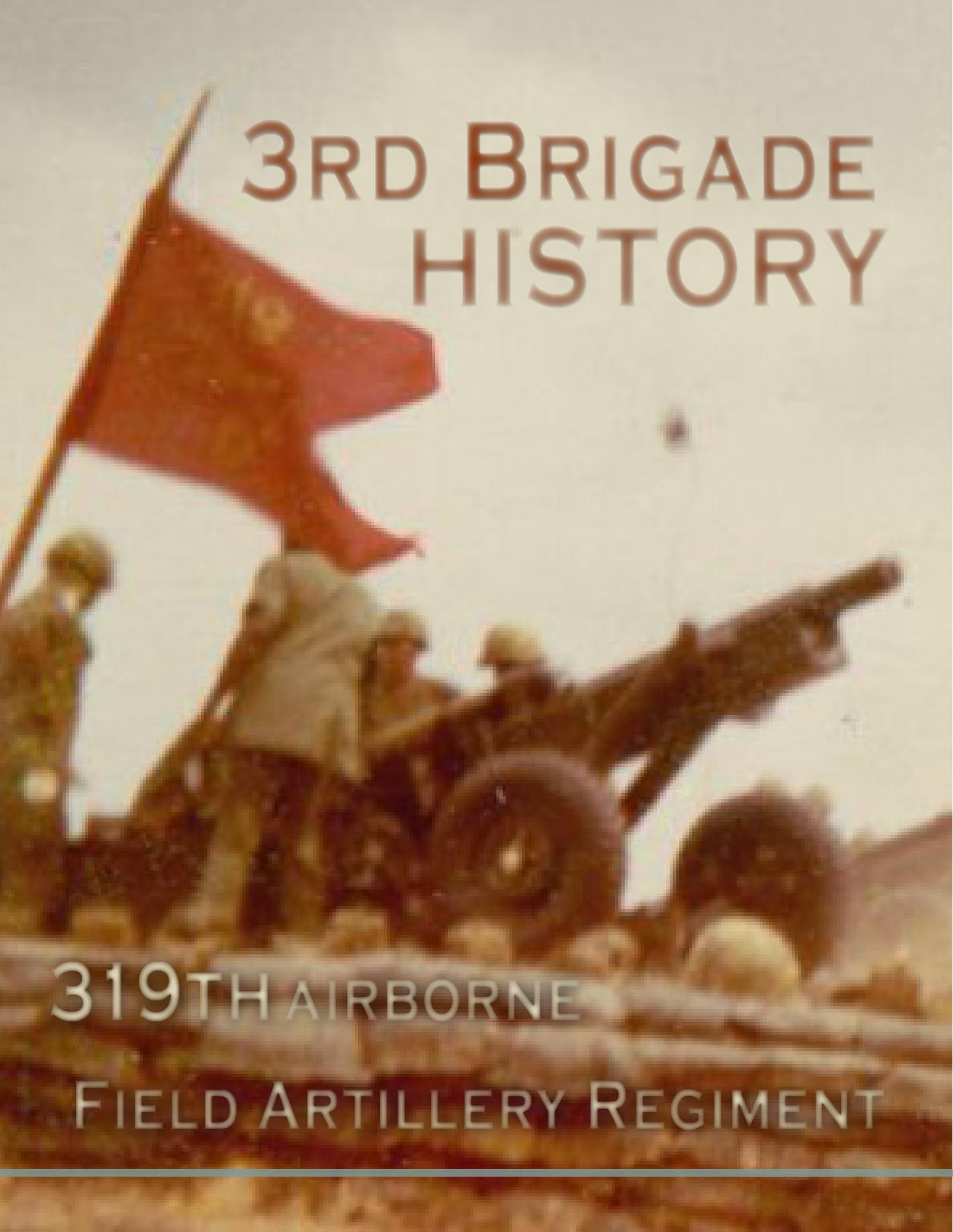
NCOs are the key to executing training. The Army trains using a crawl-walk-run methodology. This means that before units can train on collective tasks, the individual tasks that support those collective tasks must be trained to standard. There is only one standard in our brigade.

NCOs take care of your Soldiers by good leadership and ensure that your Soldiers are taking care of their families. We are going to get very busy in the coming months and it is critical that nothing is overlooked. Ensure that family care plans, power of attorneys, and personal finances are in order as we may be called upon at any time.

Train your Paratroopers, lead them, and get to know them. They may save your life one day. Sergeants are the first line leaders. Where you find a good NCO Corps you find a great organization. One of our most important tools is communication. We must ensure counseling is performed regularly. Paratroopers deserve great leadership.

Paratroopers need to look out for one another. Make sure you are watching over your Airborne buddies and they are looking out for you. If you need help in anyways, or think your Airborne Buddy does...talk to your first line leader to get some assistance. "H-Minus!"



A historical photograph showing several soldiers in a field. On the left, a large red flag is being held up. In the center and right, soldiers are positioned around a large field gun or howitzer. The scene is set outdoors with a light sky and a dark ground.

3RD BRIGADE HISTORY

319TH AIRBORNE

FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT



On May 1965, 3rd Battalion, 319th Field Artillery was the first U.S. Army artillery unit engaged in combat in Southeast Asia. Firing in direct support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, the base piece of Battery C fired the first field artillery round by a U.S. Army unit in Vietnam from during a registration in support of Operation Junction City.

3-319th FA participated in numerous campaigns during the Vietnam conflict and returned to the United States on 23 July 1971. The unit was awarded its third Presidential Unit Citation, its first Meritorious Unit Commendation,

the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal and twelve battle streamers.

On 14 January 1972, 3-319th FA was relieved from assignment from the 173d Airborne Brigade and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

2d Battalion, 319th Field Artillery deployed with the 101st and arrived in Vietnam on 19 November 1967, performing the tactical mission of direct support to 3d Brigade.

In April and May of 1968, 2d Battalion supported 101st operations along the highlands of the Quang Tri and Thua Thien

Provinces. The Battalion, along with the remainder of the 101st Airborne Division, was converted to a fully airmobile status from its former parachutist status by August 1968.

On 20 December 1971 2-319th FA departed Vietnam and deactivated in July 1972. The Battalion was awarded a third Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Republic of Vietnam Crosses for Gallantry with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal and seven other Battle streamers.



RETIRED CSM HONORED WITH DOUGHBOY

Story by
*Spc. Terrance
Payton*

On the Right: Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tadeusz Gaweda, 3rd Brigade Combat Team's Honorary Sergeant Maj. receives the Doughboy Award Sept. 19, 2012 at the Maneuver Conference dinner at Fort Benning, Ga. The Doughboy Award is presented annually to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions to the United States Army Infantry.

On many days you can walk through the halls of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division and hear stories of long ago being told to Paratroopers. Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Tadeusz Gaweda, the brigade's honorary Sergeant Maj., is telling those stories.

Gaweda speaks with an accent that draws you and gives away the fact that must have spent his early life somewhere other than the United States.

After wearing the Army uniform for 35 years, Gaweda retired and has dedicated his life to the Soldiers and families of the 82nd Airborne Division. For that dedication he was honored with the Doughboy Award Sept. 19, 2012 at the Maneuver Conference dinner at Fort Benning, Ga.

The Doughboy Award is presented annually to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions to the United States Army Infantry. The award is presented on behalf of all infantrymen past and present and is the highest honor the Chief of Infantry can bestow on any infantryman.

"I am genuinely proud to be an American and equally proud to have worn the uniform of the United States Army," said Gaweda. "It was worth every success and failure, every exhilaration and disenchantment, every joy and heartache."

Born in Poland, Gaweda and his family were forced into a Nazi labor camp in Germany. After Americans liberated the camp he immigrated to the United States and joined the Army at the age of 18 as an infantryman.

He said his greatest moment came while aboard the USS Walker in 1953. "I was the liberator," he said. "That was the greatest experience I ever had. They fought to liberate me. Now its my chance."

Gaweda served many tours during his long career. He has served four tours in Korea, two in Vietnam and hand full of others. Even though he is no

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longer in the Army, he has always managed to find his way to Iraq and Afghanistan to visit deployed Soldiers.

“I visited the regiment in Iraq and in Afghanistan on four separate occasions over the past years,” said Gaweda. “What a tremendous honor and privilege it was to visit the Soldiers in the best Army in the combat zone.”

have served under commanders whose faith, pride, courage and self-confidence motivated me and in the process showed me what leadership at its best could be. Fortunate to have served with Soldiers whose toughness, combativeness, discipline and pride in themselves and their units awed me, and whose loyalty and friendship humbled me.



Gaweda, who still lives in Fayetteville, NC, published his autobiography in 1999 “I love America”. The book tells how he escaped the Nazi labor camp and climbed up the ranks to become the XVIII Airborne Corps command sergeant major.

“During my military career no Soldier has been more fortunate than I,” Gaweda said. “Fortunate to

Today, Gaweda still lives for the 82nd at the age of 78. Every time the division has a four-mile run he participates and hasn’t missed one since 1986. He also serves as a board member of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation in Fayetteville. This dedication shows how much he really does “Love America”.



MEDICS

PANTHER BRIGADE BEST IN DIVISION

The strobe lights flashed furiously in a darkened room filed for by medics working their way across the room. Every patient bore multiple injuries, both internal and external. Every move these medics made as they treated patient after patient in a variety of environments was carefully observed and annotated.

Thirteen medics from across the 82nd Airborne Division competed in the division's Best Medic Competition held Sept. 5-10. The grueling competition challenged these Paratroopers to push themselves hard, and to test their training against their peers. The best among them will move on to compete at the U.S. Army's Best Medic Competition at Fort Sam

Houston, Texas.

competitions and train on the line." At the end of the competition, the medics and representatives from their units assembled at the 82nd Airborne Division Headquarters. All four of the top-placing competitors who will be participating in Army Best Medic Competition represented 3rd BCT.

"The Best Medic Competition is designed to pick the best medic here in division," said Master Sgt. Jonas Woodruff, the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of the competition. "Here at the division we created a system to send the best possible medics from the 82nd Airborne Division to Fort Sam Houston to compete for the entire Army."

The competition tested these medics in a variety of ways, from stress shoots, to an obstacle course, to running in the humid pine forests of Fort Bragg's extensive training grounds to move patients over and under obstacles and across bodies of water. Many of the events lasted late into evening, and others began in the dead of night.

Every move was scrutinized, and every success and failure was recorded. Only the best medics from the division will be acceptable to send on to the next level, so each event must be closely scrutinized, said Woodruff.

"I structured the competition

Gen. Flynn awards Spc. Daniel Holmes of 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team for winning this year's 82nd Airborne Division Best Medic Competition. Photo by Sgt. Joseph Guenther





here to mirror the competition and the scoring scale down at Fort Sam Houston,” Woodruff explained. “Last year we placed third for the overall Army, this year we’re going to achieve first!”

Sgt. Craig Miller, a medic with 5-73rd CAV, and one of the top-placing medics who will compete at the Army level in November described his extensive training for Expert Field Medical Badge prior to the competition as if it were a casual day on the job. “We’ve been training up for EFMB, so it’s along the same lines. We’re constantly evaluating our trauma assessments.”

The constant training paid off, said Miller. He was not alone in expressing the importance of rigorous training provided every day by noncommissioned officers.

“Our senior NCOs are

pretty good about giving us sensory overload,” said Spc. Jonathon Snelling, a top-placing competitor from 5-73rd CAV. “They put us in a dark room with a lot of noises and a lot going on; so it makes it easier to go through the different lanes.”

“It was an adventure,” Snelling added.

Holmes expressed gratitude to his platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Clark Hitchcock for allowing him every chance to train in a variety of environments, and attend multiple schools and competitions. “He’s provided the opportunity to go out and get hands-on experience,” he said.

Maintaining the selfless spirit of the Army medic, Holmes said his greatest achievement is serving and helping others. He said his greatest accomplishment is not awards or

badges, but allowing Soldiers on the line to do their jobs and not have to worry about getting hurt, because their medic is experienced, skilled, and will be there when he’s needed. “That knowledge brings me a lot of satisfaction,” he said.

All four of the top-placing medics were from 3rd BCT and will be competing at the Army level this year. They are Spc. Daniel Holmes of 5th Squadron, 73rd Airborne Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Spc. Jonathon Snelling, 5-73 CAV, 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div., Sgt. Jason Boroff, 1-505 PIR, 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div. and Sgt. Craig Miller, 5-73 CAV, 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div.

Story by
Sgt. Joseph Guenther



505TH

PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

MEMORIAL CEREMONY: QUORN, ENGLAND

Story by Maj. Loren Bymer

QUORN, ENGLAND – It's been more than 68 years since the Paratroopers of 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment were camped at Quorn, England. The 505th PIR used this area to prepare for their third combat jump into the Normandy invasion. They also used it prior to Operation Market Garden, their fourth combat jump and the largest airborne operation of World War II.

During their time in England, these Paratroopers became an integral part of the Quorn community. Many married several local women. This was not specific to the 505th PIR, but across the 82nd Airborne Division.

For nearly seven decades the regiment and the 82nd Airborne Division's presence can still be felt throughout the

bustling communities in England. Paratroopers who are, or have been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, are always treated as welcomed guests here.

The Quorn Parish Council, in conjunction with the Quorn Chapter of the British Legion, held a ceremony September 17, the 68th anniversary of Operation Market Garden. This rededicated a 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial in Stafford Orchard Park that had been given a million dollar royal make-over.

Stafford Orchard Park was originally dedicated in the memory of the 505th PIR on May 3, 1952. The memorial itself was a grove of trees which lined a walk way through the park and bronze plaque mounted on a stone from a ruined church in Nijmegen at the head of the trail. This stone is from where the 505th and 504th PIR had secured the bridge over the Waal River in fierce fighting to allow reinforcements assist the British 1st Airborne Division, who was surrounded at Arnhem.

Maj. Gen. James Gavin, referring to the 82nd Airborne Division's fighting in Holland, described the battle to cross the Waal River as "the most brilliant and spectacular battle of all."

The words of Bill Downs, who was a CBS war correspondent at the time, were read during the ceremony to express the significance of this battle. "A single isolated battle that ranks with Guam, Tarawa, and Omaha Beach. A story that should



Bottom Left Photo: Information board describes the contributions of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and other 82nd contributions to the Quorn, England area and overall war effort. Photo by Maj. Loren Bymer

Middle Photo: A stone from a ruined church in Nijmegen due to the fierce fighting the 504th and 505th Parachute Infantry Regiments were involved in during World War II. Photo By Maj. Loren Bymer

be told to the blowing of bugles and the beating of drums for the men whose bravery made the capture of this crossing over the Waal possible.”

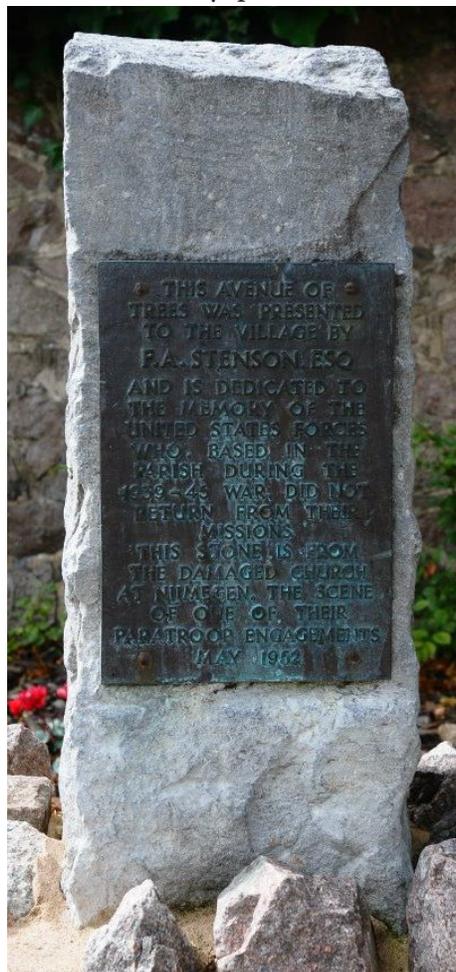
Throughout the years however, the park had begun to be neglected and the people of Quorn saw a need to refurbish the park in a manner fit for the 505th PIR and the 82nd Airborne Division. A consensus was among the council that this piece of history could not, and would not perish. They needed not only the grand and great-grandchildren of the World War II veterans to remember, but those grandchildren of the local area to know it as well.

When the Park and People Program was established in 2006 through the English Lottery system to grant money for improving older parks, the town's people and the parish council saw an opportunity. After three years of relentless work to acquire the money, the Quorn Parish Council was awarded £645,000 (approximately one million dollars) to give the Stafford Orchard Park a legitimate make-over. After additional fundraisers and other budget expansions, the Quorn Parish had spent £800,000 on the entire project.

“We have replaced missing trees in the avenue, re-sited the Nijmegen stone to a more prominent location, installed an interpretation board to explain the significance of the memorial, and named this entrance to the park in memory of the U.S. 82nd Airborne,” said Quorn Parish councilman, Ivan Bexon.

“We wanted to tell a new generation about the significance of this memorial and the sacrifice of the U.S. forces to who it is dedicated.”

As the bagpiper played, the members of the ceremony passed under the



82nd Airborne Division Gate into Stafford Orchard Park and were greeted by the Quorn Branch of the Royal British Legion with their colors. The townspeople, Members of the Quorn Parish Council and others were among those present.

As the sun set and the cool wind made the American flag ripple over the ceremony

attendants, prayers and blessings were administered by the Reverend Howard Ketton and Rector David Bowler for the redeveloped 505th PIR memorial. Standing around of a variety of bushes imported from the United States in the Garden of Remembrance, the people of Quorn were very appreciative and expressed their thanks for the 82nd Airborne's Division's contributions during World War II.

Many shared stories with one another about the Paratroopers drinking down at the White Horse Pub while others reminisced of the 505th baseball games that were frequently played in the field just beyond the memorial.

“It was an honor to be invited by the Quorn Parish Council and the Friends of the 82nd Airborne Division-UK Chapter to attend today's events,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Cotman, the battalion commander of 82nd Brigade Support Battalion.

“We appreciate the recognition of the Paratroopers who sacrificed so much for our two countries; it is a piece of history the people of England and 82nd Airborne Division share with each other,” said Cotman.

Upon completion of the ceremony, the attendants were all invited down to the White Horse Pub to enjoy the ambiance, food and refreshments that once entertained so many Paratroopers of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.





Paratroopers with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division redeployment ceremony at Pope Army Airfield on Sept. 27, 2012. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton



Paratroopers with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division redeployment are greeted at Pope Army Airfield on Sept. 27, 2012. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton



A Paratrooper with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division reunites with his family at the Pope Army Airfield Sept. 23, 2012 following his deployment to Afghanistan. Photo by Sgt. Joseph Guenther

WELCOME HOME 2 PANTHER



*Watch the 2-505 Redeployment
video on Youtube:*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTsMDDaJuU4&feature=plcp>

Video by Sgt. Jack Smith

*A Paratrooper with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry
Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division
reunites with his family at the Pope Army Airfield Sept. 23,
2012 following his deployment to Afghanistan.
Photo by Sgt. Joe Guenther*





RAMAZAN: AFGHAN ARMY BREAKS BREAD WITH 2 PANTHER

On August 14, 2012, Task Force 2-505 strengthened compatibility and partnership with the Afghan Army Commandos through religious support operations during Ramazan.

The 2-505 Chaplain, Capt. Vincent Garcia, 2-505 Chaplain Assistant, Sgt. Nicholas Jefferson, a host of other chaplains, and three U.S. Muslim Service Members participated in a prayer and ceremonial meal along side the Afghan Army's US Central Command Mullah and Lt. Comdr. Abuhena Saifulislam.

The event successfully built trust and enhanced the partnership between the U.S. and the Afghan Army through religious support.

On the Right: WILMINGTON, N.C. -- Spc. Phillip Fithing of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division swears the Oath of Allegiance as he becomes a citizen of the United States of America Sept. 17, 2012. Photo by Sgt. Joseph Guenther

DIVISION WELCOMES ITS NEWEST CITIZENS

Story by Sgt. Joeseph Guenther

Nearly 100 people from all over the world walked together onto the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial to participate in a ceremony to become citizens of the United States of America. It was fitting for the national holiday, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. More than half of the candidates to swear allegiance to America to the first time were in military uniform.

Every branch was represented, especially the U.S. Army. And more profoundly, the All American Division was represented in every Brigade Combat Team. The division was named for its representation of every State in the Union, and was the first racially integrated division in the Army.

“Today we came here as citizens from all over the world,” said Jeffrey Sapko, the field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in Raleigh. “We will all leave here as American citizens.”

Among the Soldiers, Marines, sailors, airmen, and civilians, were five Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division, and even more from Fort Bragg, N.C. Their origins spanned the globe from Mexico, to Russia, to the Federated State of Micronesia.

Originating from Micronesia and representing 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion was Spc. Phillip Fithing. Fithing, who says he left behind a relaxed life on his island in the Pacific Ocean, joined the Army right after high

school. “I could have stayed and gone to college,” he said. “I really just wanted to join the Army.

As citizens, immigrants have far more opportunities in the United States, along with added rights such as the right to vote. Fithing’s citizenship was about giving more to his new country and the Army. “I can now get a security clearance and there’s more I can do,” he said. He plans on staying in the Army until he retires.

In maintaining the true spirit of comradery and brotherhood, Spc. Luis Francisco Lopes of 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division was accompanied by his entire platoon for support and a cheer section. His first day as an American citizen was christened with a promotion on the ship’s deck from Private First Class to Specialist after the ceremony.

“I love America!” Lopes exclaimed following the ceremony.

Sapko made a special note of the fact that so many of the day’s newest citizens were serving in the military, and many had already served tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. Sapko, a U.S. Army veteran, said that he and the rest of the country were proud to grant citizenship to the finest and most honorable American citizens the world could offer.



319TH CELEBRATES THE REGIMENT'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

Story by Spc. Terrance Payton

FORT BRAGG, NC – Paratroopers assigned to 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division celebrated the Regiment's 95th birthday with a run and a cake cutting ceremony Sept. 7, 2012.

The Regiment was organized at Camp Gordon, Ga. on Sept. 2, 1917 in order to provide artillery support

for the 82nd Infantry Division. Equipped with horse-drawn 75mm howitzers, the Regiment served as the Division's principal fire support units.

"Given Sept. 2 fell on a Sunday we thought it was appropriate to host this ceremony here today to recognize the 319th FAR who has earned our motto Loyalty for 95 years of loyal service to fellow Paratroopers and the 82nd Abn. Div.," said Lt. Col. Shane Morgan,

1-319th battalion commander.

The day kicked off with a run lead by Morgan, who picked up 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment and 3rd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment along the way to form what was once known as the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery (DIVARTY).

Former 1-319th battalion sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Campbell, who is

Paratroopers shake hands with Command Sgt. Maj. Retired Michael Taylor, in celebration of the 95th birthday of the 319th AFAR at Fort Bragg, NC, Sept. 7, 2012. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton



currently the Fort Bragg Garrison command sergeant major, spoke to the Soldiers standing in formation about the importance of maintaining the legacy of the regiment.

The 319th Field Artillery Regiment whose lineage dates back to 1917, were all inactivated and reactivated assigned to separate units throughout the divisions Brigade Combat teams in 2006.

“As we all moved out to our respective BCT’s and became a part of Devils, Panthers and Falcons, we could not lose our identity as Loyalty Soldiers,” said Campbell. “It is very important that you understand the legacy of this regiment because it will be called again to do the nation’s business.”

“Field Artillerymen have been very successful because they realize that the army and the opportunities that the army offer are unlimited,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Retired Michael Taylor the Honorary Sgt. Maj. of the 319th AFAR. “The difference between a good soldier and a great soldier is attitude. And that’s what makes you a Paratrooper, your attitude.”

The battalion has proven themselves in battle from World War I to today’s War of Terrorism and is one of the most decorated field

artillery regiments in the United States Army.

In the fall of 1918, the 319th Field Artillery participated in its second major action during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. During the offensive, Maj. John H. Wallace, commander of the 319th FA, was adjusting fire from a balloon. The balloon was shot down by a Bodne airplane and Wallace was forced to bail out. Wallace made a successful descent by parachute and is remembered as the first person in the 82nd to make a parachute jump.

During the ceremony several Soldiers were awarded the Master Parachutist Badge and the Senior Parachutist Badge as they stood in front of their

peers to be recognized for their accomplishments.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the youngest Paratroopers from each of the battalion’s and Taylor were invited to cut the 319th birthday cake.

“THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD SOLDIER AND A GREAT SOLDIER IS ATTITUDE. AND THAT’S WHAT MAKES YOU A PARATROOPER, YOUR ATTITUDE.”



Command Sgt. Maj. Retired Michael Taylor, and the youngest Soldier in each battalion, cut a cake celebrating the 95th birthday of the 319th AFAR at Fort Bragg, NC Sept. 7, 2012. Photo by Spc. Terrance Payton



PANTHER

FAMILY

EVENTS

4 October *5-73 CAV Squadron FRG Ball at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux Fayetteville, NC. This will be a traditional Cavalry Ball with Dinner, Special Guest Speaker, Dancing, and a special treat for all in attendance. Childcare will be provided by Fort Bragg Watchcare Providers and Short Term Alternative Child Care (STACC).*

9 October *2/505th Battalion FRG Steering Committee Meeting*

13-29 October *2/505th Block Leave*

15 October *5/73rd Steering Committee Meeting*

29 October *3rd BCT Steering Committee Meeting*



CONGRATULATIONS

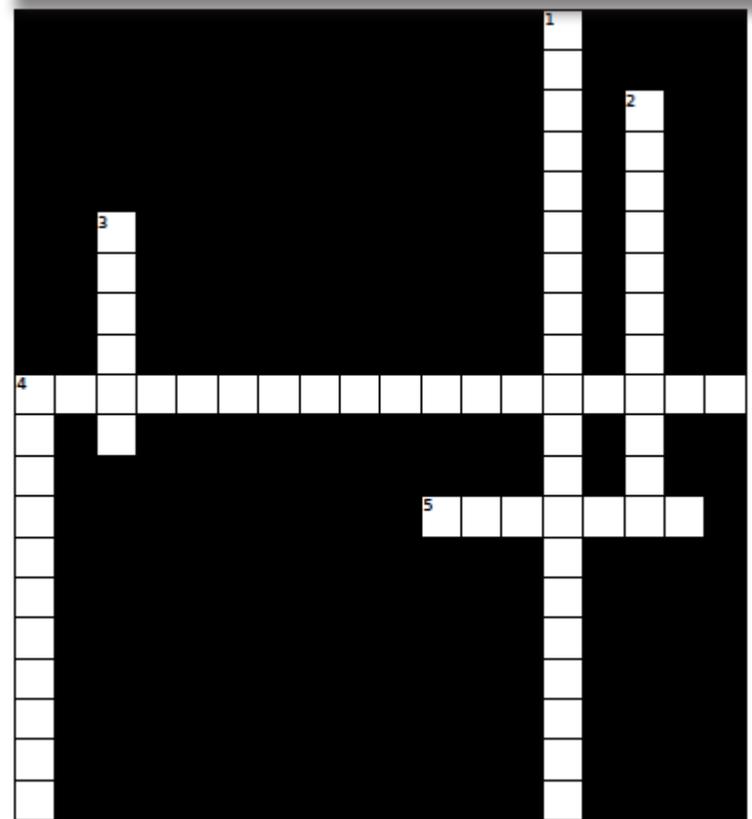
Mrs. Teri Buzzard, Mrs. Veronica Fagan, Mrs. Beverly Judge, Mrs. Desiree Moszer, for winning the Dr. Mary E. Walker Award. The Dr. Mary E. Walker honors outstanding volunteers for their efforts to make the Army a better place.

Mrs Jenny Hiatt of 82nd BSB received the BDE COA for all her efforts in Volunteerism with BDE and the BN



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- 1 Germans launched a surprise offensive through the Ardennes Forest
- 2 Since its initial members came from all 48 states, the unit acquired this nickname
- 3 Division combat operations were parachute assaults in 1943
- 4 The 82nd Division's was organized and formally activated on 25 August 1917 at _____.

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- 4 First member of the 82nd to be awarded the Medal of Honor
- 5 Division combat operation were parachute assaults on 13 September 1943





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