

PERA GIMMUS

Publication of the 358th Infantry Combat Team

New Series, Vol. I

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER, 1948

No. 1

First Annual Reunion in St. Louis May 29 and 30, 1948



During the week-end of May 29 and May 30, 1948, approximately 75 former members of the 358th Infantry Combat Team met at the Hotel Sheraton, St. Louis, in the first annual reunion of this fine combat unit.

Highlights of the two-day reunion included a registration in the Main Lobby from one to five o'clock the afternoon of the 29th followed at eight o'clock in the evening by a smoker in the Crystal Room. Sunday, May 30th, was spent in personal and group reminiscing, golf, baseball games, etc., ending with an evening banquet.

At the banquet, movies of the division's last parade before General Patton at Wieden, Germany, were shown by Chaplain Edgar A. Stohler. Chuck Martin also showed some excellent colored movies of various members of the regiment taken since the war, and Howard Stotler presented some slides made from snapshots taken overseas. One of the bright spots in this session were quips, imitations and anecdotes by Bill Falvey who, with the aid of an assortment of Ameri-

can and German Army hats, etc., kept the crowd highly amused.

At the business meeting it was decided to form an organization named the 358th Infantry Combat Team Association. The following officers were then elected:

President, Howard A. Stotler; Vice-President, James C. Lambert; Secretary, Merrill Bowman; Treasurer, Charles R. Martin; Chaplain, Edgar A. Stohler.

Executive Committee: Byron J. Clark, William Falvey, Mike Knouf, Roy Oertli, Frank Schmidt, Earl Taylor, William Wallace.

It was also decided to publish a pamphlet or news letter to be called "Peragimus." The subscription price was set at \$2.00 and every member in attendance immediately placed his subscription. The letter was to be published at least two times a year, and four, if finances permit.

Many of the group in attendance came from great distances. Wallie Kapaun from Fargo, North Dakota; Mike and Lil Knouf from San Antonio; Weldon Buster from Tampa, Florida; Chuck Whittinghill

from Denver, Colorado; Jack Shardon from Lockport, New York; Clive Jaffray from Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jim and Ann Morris from Wichita, Kansas; Charlie Wise from Omaha, Nebraska; and Colonel and Mrs. Al Seeger from Leavenworth, Kansas. The following were also in attendance:

Clay A. Adams, Walter H. Bohr, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Bowman, Karl Burch, Ronald W. Campbell, Leo Chadwick, B. J. Clark, Angelo Colombo, James Conte.

Roy Coyle, Frank A. Dadej, Russell L. Dilts, Parnell J. Donohue, Al Fabian, William Fox, Ed Gerbig, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Givan, Sol Goffstein, Mr. and Mrs. John Hennley, Carl Johnston, James C. Lambert.

Louis A. Marot, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Martin, Sam Morris, Jr., John F. Murphy, Roy H. Oertli, Frank J. Razo, Sanford Roy, L. W. Schauder, Frank A. Schmidt.

Edward J. Schneider, Francis E. Simon, Edgar Stohler, H. A. Stotler, F. E. Street, Earl Stubblefield, Jr., Earl Taylor, William T. Wallace.

PERAGIMUS

Published in the interest of officers and enlisted men of the 358th Combat Team.

Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

Voluntary Subscriptions to PERAGIMUS are \$2 per year, and should be sent together with NEWS and personal data to the editor at Box 230, Champaign, Ill.

Some Facts About Our Publication

This first issue of PERAGIMUS was born on May 30th of this year when some 75 members of the 358TH INFANTRY COMBAT TEAM met for their first annual reunion in St. Louis, and formed an association named the 358th INFANTRY COMBAT TEAM ASSOCIATION.

These men did not wish to discredit the Division Association but they felt it was too large and too inclined toward members from World War I, with whom we have very little in common. In a smaller organization, they could hear and see more of their buddies from their own company or platoon. Hence, the new organization was formed.

It was felt that the association should publish a news letter of some kind to perpetuate the organization between conventions, and to reach those not able to attend such functions. Thus it was decided to publish a news letter every fourth month named PERAGIMUS. Here's our first effort.

The name was chosen because it is our Regimental Motto and means "We Accomplish." It is with solemn pride that we of the 358th review the history of our organization in World War II, and note what this motto has meant to those who have gone and to those of us who remain.

The interest in the publication to date has been extremely gratifying. If members continue this co-operation, we should have little difficulty in keeping it alive. You must all, however, fill out your questionnaire and supply us with items of interest and pictures. If the material you send us does not appear in the next issue, do not despair; it may be that it arrived too late for the deadline, or we may be planning to use it in the next issue.

Our Thanks To These Subscribers

Clay A. Adams, J. L. Alexakis, S. C. Anderson, Dr. G. R. Andre, Charlie P. Aylsworth.

Capt. Cud. T. Baird, E. W. Balser, Pasco Bangor, Col. J. W. Bealke Jr., Charles Bedore, Clarence Bergum, Rudolph Betz, Edward J. Blake, W. L. Blake, Paul J. Boehm, Walter Boles, Mike G. Borgia, Merrill Bowman, Manuel E. Brown, Charles B. Bryan, Giles C. Buntin, Howard K. Burch, M/S Weldon Buster.

T. W. Caldecott, Ronald W. Campbell, Byron J. Clark, John

R. H. Oertii, W. W. Olson, John S. Papp, T. T. Paulsen, J. S. Paxson Jr., Dick Perley, Louis Pito, L. P. Politano, A. B. Powell, H. F. Proctor, O. L. Ramsey, F. J. Razo, R. J. Reichart, T. M. Reynolds, P. D. Rines, Louis Rogish, P. L. Rother, S. R. Roy, Dr. J. M. Ruda, M. D. Rudes, Col. J. H. Rustemeyer, W. E. Rutledge Jr., Sgt. Charles E. Smith.

A. O. Saline, L. W. Schauder, C. R. Schmid, F. A. Schmidt Jr., R. H. Schultz, T. M. Scovill, Lt. Col. Al Seeger, J. S. Shardon, F. D. Shil-ton, R. C. Shortridge, C. H. Skoog, F. G. Sleeman, Capt. Roy Smith, D. P. Snodgrass, Jas. Somerville, Carl C. Spelce, J. S. Spivey, H. R. Sternberg, Edgar Stohler, B. C. Stouffer, F. E. Street.

E. B. Taylor, C. D. Thayer, Wm. E. Thumma, R. J. Tiffany, S. J. Utterback, Arlis Vanlandingham, R. E. Vasold, P. M. Vickery, L. G. Waddill, Bill Wallace, Dr. C. A. White, C. L. Whittinghill, Chas. Wise, James L. Yates, A. F. Zabel, Del H. Zackman.

L. L. Hegna, L. C. Miller, John F. Murphy, F. E. Street, Albert P. Speese, Edward Newcomb, Raymond Hierholzer.

NOT AN OFFICER PUBLICATION

PERAGIMUS is not a publication for only the Officers of the 358th Infantry. It is being published for all members of the 358th Infantry Combat Team.

In the beginning the only roster we had was the Officer's given out in Nabburg, Germany, so it may be that this first issue will contain more news and pictures of the Officers than of the enlisted men.

However, thanks to the good work of some of you, we are rapidly building up a good roster of enlisted men. Send us more, it is the only way in which we can make this organization survive. SEND US PICTURES, NAMES, NEWS.

R. Coghill, Angelo Colombo, Lewis E. Combs Jr., R. J. Corns, R. D. Coyle, John W. Crotty.

Frank Dadej, C. E. Dailey III, G. H. Daniels, A. Dengler, P. J. Donohue, J. G. Esser, Bill Falvey, C. Fields, P. Fisher, G. A. Foster, R. B. Freeman, Dr. F. J. Gargano, E. G. Garza, E. J. Gerbig, V. H. Givan, Sol S. Coffstein.

Francis T. Halligan, K. Hanon, C. F. Hansen, E. H. Hanson, J. E. Hennelly, M. S. Hougen, Hubert Jackson, J. R. Jackson, J. R. Jackson, C. P. Jaffray r., M. M. Jessen, Carl Johnston, R. R. Jones Jr., Joe Jung, Wally Kaupaun, C. A. Kjesbo, M. Knouf, G. A. Kodet, Chas. Krol, R. L. LaForge, J. C. Lambert, E. P. Larson, R. C. Lausten, George T. Legros, Lt. Col. F. H. Loomis.

S. M. McElroy, L. A. Marot, G. F. Marra, C. L. Martin, J. D. Meeks, Lynn L. Moore, E. H. Morgan, F. J. Morelli, T. J. Morris, J. S. Morrison, J. F. Murphy, R. J. Nash, H. C. Neil Jr., Chas. Novotny, G. G. Nowell.

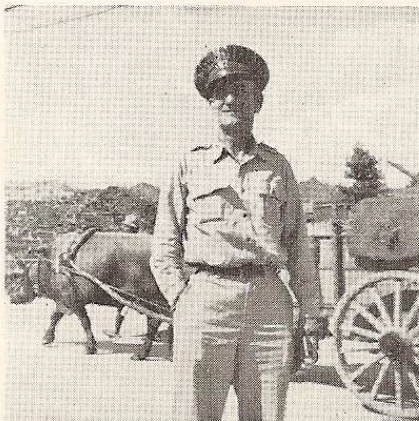
CAPT. BAIRD WRITES

Capt. Cud T. Baird, C. O. of "A" Company, wrote last March from Hq., IDTC, Grd. Div. AAG, A.P.O. 909, c/o P.M., San Francisco, Cal.:

"I'm with the Army Advisory Group which was sent over here at the request of the Generalissimo to reorganize the entire defense set-up. It's all high-level stuff.

"I'm with the Infantry Division Training Center on Taiwan (Formosa). Came down here the 21st of November with the first group. We are training Chinese troops here One division, in fact. We have three schools in addition to the Division. A Field Grade officer's school, a Company Grade officer's school and a NCO school. They have just started a Officer Candidate School so all total we have quite a few in the various schools. My job is advisor to the schools. These people are the damnest people I've ever worked with. They claim they want our advice, but when you give it they pay no attention unless they feel like it. General Marshall is absolutely right in his views of China."

The 358th Infantry Combat Team Commanding Officers



COL. J. H. RUSTEMEYER

Col. J. H. Rustemeyer has just returned from an assignment in Korea, where we understand he was held captive for a time by the Red Chinese Army.

Col. Rusty was our first Regimental Commander, who guided us through our first year of training. It was he who took a regiment of raw recruits and molded them into a well disciplined outfit of trained soldiers.

Those who trained under him will never forget his unflinching demands for perfection in training and his warnings of its value in the tremendous tasks we were about to face. He never failed to instill color and interest to every ceremony held by the regiment and our parades were the pride of the Division.

His name was never forgotten and even those who subsequently joined us overseas came to know him and the part he played in forming our unit and its history.

He is now Senior Instructor in The Illinois National Guard with offices at 205 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, and has written the following message to all men of the 358th!

"To the members of the 358th, I extend respectful congratulations on your achievements. Although I was denied the privilege of being with you physically when you stuck your nose through the curtain of fire established along the Normandie coast line (as I predicted to the officer cadre at Fort Benning), and again when you covered yourselves with glory at the German border, I assure you that I was there in spirit watching your every move.

"You did nothing unexpected during the war; it would have been a sore disappointment to me had you acquitted yourselves otherwise. No group of officers ever had a finer organization; nor was ever any organization better officered. Therefore, although the pages you added to the history of this great country of ours stand out in bold type, printed with pure red blood, and stamped with the pressure of heroism, you merely lived up to my fondest expectation of you all.

"I am proud beyond words of the

privilege of having played a small part in your creation and of having been recognized as an associate with you. And, while it was my job, as the "blankety blank blank," to inculcate into the organization, in those formative days, a full realization of the seriousness of our task and to imbue you with spirit to cope with the problem at hand, let me point out to you again the seriousness of the problem that confronts us right now.

"The full purport of our present situation is not appreciated by all of us. It is time to take stock and determine our assets and liabilities, lest those who gave their full measure towards victory over one aggressor did so in vain and only to fall prey to another.

"There is no end to struggle; there are just those who "drop their guard" from time to time. Our forefathers struggled before us just as you struggled in the most recent (not the last) war. But they left us a wealth of heritage. What are we going to leave to posterity? As I told you on 4 July 1942, you—the people—control our national barometer. Don't wait until the storm strikes to batten-down your possessions.

"Each of you have a piece of paper to prove that your soldering days are over and some of you may wish to rest on your laurels. Admitting, and historically established, there are plenty of laurels for all of you, if you do rest on them that very piece of paper may well become a sentence to slavery.

"Therefore, I caution you to be ever alert to the smooth talker who makes condemnation of our government and our national policies sound so plausible; to counter in every way possible; and to live up to our motto: PERAGIMUS.

"PERAGIMUS" is being published by the Stewart Howe Alumni Service at Champaign, Illinois. This alumni service publishes magazines and booklets for college fraternities on a national scale. We know of no other organization better prepared to give us this service. The two dollars which you send us is being used to pay for this service. If the subscriptions become large enough, we hope to be able to reduce the price to one dollar, in order to reach a still larger group.



COLONEL THOMPSON

Colonel Thompson commanded the Regiment through the first crucial days of the Normandy Invasion, where he was severely wounded. It was under his exacting leadership that the 358th was so well prepared for its battle tests.

He served as G-3 of the Division from its activation until the summer of 1943, at which time he assumed command of the Regiment, leading the unit through the rigorous Desert Training and the intensified preparation for the Invasion.

Colonel Thompson is leaving this month to be Military Attache of the U. S. Embassy at LaPaz, Bolivia. Here's his message:

"To the other members of the 358th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, Greetings!

No assignment I had before commanding the 358th Infantry Regiment, nor any that I have had since, has given me the pride and pleasure that I had in that association. It is a fine regiment in a fine division.

To those I knew, "Hello!"

To those I did not know . . . I wish that I had"

MORE TO COME

We expect that a lot of you will be disappointed because we didn't have any news or pictures of your unit or your buddies. Just be patient, we have a lot of material that arrived too late to get in this issue, we will get around to it in future issues. There is a lot more to come. But—keep writing to us! We want to hear from you!

The 358th Infantry Combat Team Commanding Officers



COLONEL CLARK

Col. Clarke's role in the history of the 358th has been one of great importance. At the time of activation he served as S-3 of the Regiment. He later assumed command of the 2nd Battalion and led this unit through the early days of the Normandy Invasion. Taking command of the Regiment in July he led the succeeding successful campaigns of LeMans, France; Falaise Gap; Northern France; and the First Moselle Crossing. Shortly before the Saar he was stricken with pneumonia and evacuated. Upon recovery he served with SHEAF Headquarters until the end of the war.

The accompanying "Items of Interest for Publication," was written especially by Colonel Clarke for our new Peragimus. Colonel Clarke is leaving the States in December to be Military Attache for the U. S. Government in Buenos Aires.

"ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR PUBLICATION"

Proposed citation for 358th Combat Team for the November, 1944 Moselle river crossing forwarded through General Weaver to General Van Fleet (who is commanding in Greece these days). General Van Fleet recently advised me that he will submit the 358th Combat Team citation to the Department of Army (War Department's new name). The AGO advises me that they expect to approve the citation for the Distinguished Unit Badge (often erroneously known as the "Presidential Citation") for the 358th and other regiments plus attached troops of the 90th division. The entire 90th division was recommended by General Walker XX Corps Cmdr., approved by General Patton, Third Army Cmdr., and by Twelfth Army Group and ETO Headquarters, but the War Department would not cite any more divisions as a whole and di-

rected instead that the subordinate units be cited—CTS, regiments, separate Cos., etc. This is now being done and it looks as though it should be approved by approximately Christmas.

Recent orders from Department of Army authorize the Bronze Star Medal with "V" devise (V for valor, as contrasted with meritorious service) for every holder of the Combat Infantry Badge. So those officers and men of the old outfit who are entitled can write the AGO, attention: Awards and Decorations Branch, Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C., giving their name, serial number, rank, company and regiment, etc., and request the Bronze Star.

I am under orders to be transferred this month from my present duty in the Budget Division, office of the Chief of Staff, Department of the Army General Staff. I am to attend the Strategic Intelligence School here in the Pentagon for approximately four months and then go to the U. S. Embassy, Buenos Aires, Argentina as the Military Attache.

Promoted to permanent Lt. Col. Regular Army.

Cleveland A. Lytle, formerly Lt. Col., commanding 1st Battalion is in Fort Mill, S. C. He is currently running for State Senator—not U. S. Senator, and tells me he expects to win. I expect that he will too!

Lt. Col. James O. Boswell, formerly G-2 90th Inf. Div. and C. O. 358th Inf., is with the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington.

James Spivey, formerly C. O. 3rd Battalion is an airplane parts dealer in Washington and doing very well we hear. He is active with the 90th Division Association.

Lt. Col. J. W. Bealke, former C. O. 3rd Battalion and Regtl. C. O., is in Japan. His address is G-3, Sec Hdqs F.E.C., A.P.O. 500, Care P.M. San Francisco.

I regret very much my inability to attend the first convention last May. I had expected to attend and had arranged for a plane flight, but bad weather cancelled all flights and I had to fall out on the convention to my bitter disappointment.



LT. COL. JACOB W. BEALKE, JR.

Lt. Col. Bealke, shown above on right with Col Bryant and Major Morris, was our last Regimental C. O. in combat and had been with the Regiment since its activation.

He commanded the 3rd Battalion through the Normandy campaign. It was his battalion that was instrumental in breaking the German line at Foret De Mont Castre, when they engaged in a deep enveloping movement, and broke in through the woods behind the enemy position. The battalion suffered heavy casualties and was nearly wiped out, but this achievement will not be forgotten to the men of the 90th.

Col. Bealke was wounded at the first crossing of the Moselle River, but returned to Command the Regiment from Saar Crossing until the war's end.

(Written from Tokyo 11 August, 1948) I agree very thoroughly with your statements that the associations formed during our service in the regiment are too strong to be lightly set aside. I'm also in hearty accord with your feelings toward the 90th Division Association. You see, I went to the Reunion in Fort Worth just before I went overseas and I agree to your feelings about the Association being dominated by WW I men.

Junior Yates, Wild Bill Weaver's aide, and later one of Dick Stillwell's assistants (Stillwell, Burns, Yates & Co.) just passed through here yesterday on his way to Korea for duty. There is no way of knowing yet what his address will be. P. R. Steckla is enroute to Nanking, China, for duty with the Army Advisory Group to China. Last heard from him as he approached the port. He did not expect to be routed through Tokyo, much to my disappointment, as I had hoped to see him. Father Esser is on duty with the 2nd Bn., 32nd Inf., 7th Div.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel — Special Units

Clayton H. Shrout, Red Cross Field Director, is now chief deputy county attorney at Omaha, Nebr., and is currently democratic state chairman for Nebraska.

Capt. Paul Steckla is back in the Army, where he has had tours of duty with the 5th Army in Chicago and at Fort Benning. On the 16th of August he left the West Coast by plane for Nanking where he will go on duty.

Jack Hollenbeck is in Lodi, Calif. He reports that the Stork arrived with a boy last November.

Dick F. Perley is doing telephone accounting work for the LaCrosse Telephone Corp., LaCrosse, Wis. He was Personnel Sgt. Major.

Robert J. Nash, Administrative NCO, is now assistant auditor for the Binghamton Savings Bank, Binghamton, N. Y.

G. A. Foster, 344th FA Bn. S-2, was one of the few who was with the outfit when it was reactivated at Camp Barkeley and remained with it until its deactivation. He is now a sales representative with Gulf Oil Corp., Houston, Tex. Home: Box 34, Victoria, Tex.

Frank Razo, formerly AT Co., is now working in the Caterpillar Tractor Co., plant, Peoria, and lives at 105 Benedict St., Chillicothe, Ill. He is with Illinois National Guard, Co. M, 123rd Inf.

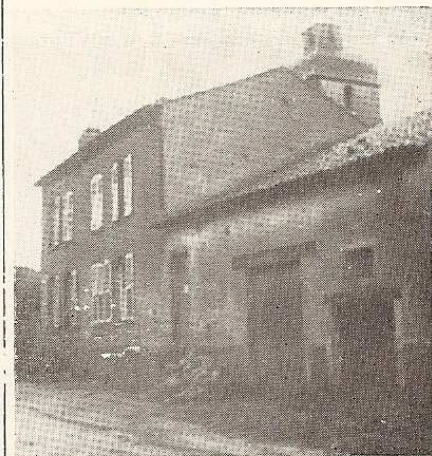
Henry R. Sternberg, company clerk, is credit manager for S. & W. Fine Foods, Inc., 380 Southern Blvd., New York, N. Y.

William J. Falvey, owner-manager of the James P. Falvey Co.,

retail clothing store, Niles, Mich., reports: "Bob Burns stopped in to see me . . . he was the only officer left in the front lines of the 3rd Battalion in their froet de mont castre fight after John Coghill was hit the last day."

Charles L. (Capt.) Whittinghill, is an attorney with the U. S. Dept. of Justice, anti-trust division, 470 Post Office Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Dr. Frank J. Gargano, reg't. dental surgeon, dentist with offices at 108 Park avenue, McVillie, N. Y.,



REGIMENTAL COMMAND POST for Siege of Metz at Vionville, France.

reports that James Shield, rifleman of Co. E, is now selling him dental supplies.

Blair C. Stouffer, Regt. executive officer wounded in Normandy, is manager of the Riverton Garage (Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, at Riverton, Wyo.) He reports: "Had a nice visit with Tom Caldecott in San Francisco, May 26, 1948. Marion and Jewel Baldwin stopped overnight with us in Riverton on June 29th. Dr. Andre, and family, with

the Stouffers spent a week with the W. W. Olsons in Idaho during June, 1947.

Carl C. Spelce, AT Co. Comdr., was recently elected regional commander of the Third Region of Disabled American Veterans organization in Texas. Spelce is field supervisor for the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Federal Bldg., Marlin, Tex.

Parnell (The Penguin) Donohue, distinguished Bonesteel, S. D., attorney, is states attorney for Gregory county and a delegate to the Democratic national convention.

M/Sgt. Wldon Buster is now with Hq. 307th Bomb Wing Medium, MacDill Air Force Base, MacDilk, Fla.

Raymond C. Lausten, personnel officer, is assistant buyer for the Sherwin Williams company, 1450 Sherwin avenue, Oakland, Calif.

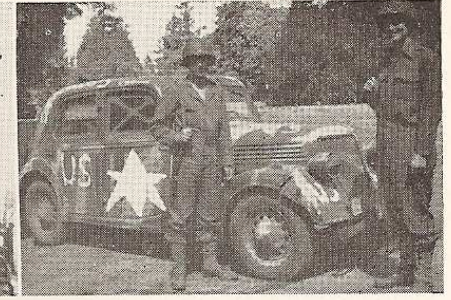
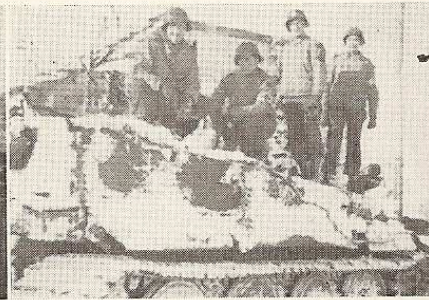
Charlie Aylsworth, anti-tank gunner, is working for the Texas Refining company, Casper, Wyo.

Dr. Gaylord R. Andre, regt. surgeon from the time of activation, is now a physician and surgeon at Lisbon, Iowa.

George F. Marra, code clerk, is a graduate chemistry student at St. Bonaventure College. Home address is 63 Main street, Cohoes, N. Y.

Walt Olson, Regt. S-4 through combat is a potatoe farmer out in Buhl, Idaho.

Charles E. (Black Charlie) Wise, Co. O. of Cannon Co., is with George T. Stevens and Associates, (Continued on Page 9)



At left we have group from A. T. Co., in back Kraft, Gosse, Light, and Duenow, and in front Lowe and Caufot. The center picture shows Corp. Merrill Bowman and Medics on Jerry tank at Oberwampach. On the right we have Capt. Barndt and Lt. Lausten of Personnel Section at LeMans on August, 44.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel — First Battalion

Tom Caldecott is a distinguished member of the California legislature and a practicing attorney in the Financial Center Building, in Oakland, Calif.

Lt. Col. Al Seeger is now in the Regular Army, has just left for a tour of duty in Korea.

Ronald W. Campbell is teaching at Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kans.

Jack Shardon is doing well as a coal and transit mix cement dealer in Lockport, N. Y.

Uncle Hubert Jackson, formerly C. O. of "A" company and First Bn S-1 in Combat, is the Los Angeles sales manager for the "Flying Tiger Airline."

Lt. Col. Dan Ahern, formerly C. O. of the 1st Bn, is in Buffalo, Wyo. He left the regiment on the desert to go to Italy with the 45th Division, where he was the first from our outfit to see combat. Reports have reached us that he was the best Bn C. O. in the 45th. He was wounded several times and writes that he encountered several of the 90th men in the hospitals.

Sgt. James Lambert, military instructor at Waller high school, 2039 North Orchard, Chicago, has received the "Military Medal" from the British Consul General, awarded in the name of the King of England for gallantry in leading patrols into enemy territory during Sept., 1944, in France for information on enemy positions. He was formerly platoon leader of Company "C."

Walter E. Rutledge Jr., sales manager for a frozen foods firm,

1739 Albion street, Los Angeles, Calif., was recently married to Audrey Carter from Riverside, Calif.

Orville L. Ramsey is a postal clerk, Bismarck, N. D., and writes: "While on my vacation this summer I talked with two of my buddies—Clarence Bergum of Crookston, Minn., who used to work in the supply of Co. "I" and August Hoegels of Esmond, N. Dak., who used to work in the supply of Com-



FIRST BATTALION Command Post at St. Marie where "Herman the German" lived.

pany K. Also talked by telephone to Dan Schaffer of Velva, N. Dak., who was Co. Clerk of "K" co. He is now working in California."

Paul E. Spayde, 1094 Willard Ave., Columbus, Ohio, instructor in the College of Education, Ohio State University, was C. O. of "B" company in Normandy.

Ralph LaForge is supervisor of Lion Oil company, First Avenue N., and Van Buren, Nashville, Tenn. He was formerly executive officer of the 1st Bn in Normandy.

Victor H. Givan is manager of the Independence Bottling Co., Independence, Mo., and lives there at 418 E. Walnut.

Chester R. Schmid is farming at Barlow, N. Dak. Max Jessen is farming at Neola, Iowa.

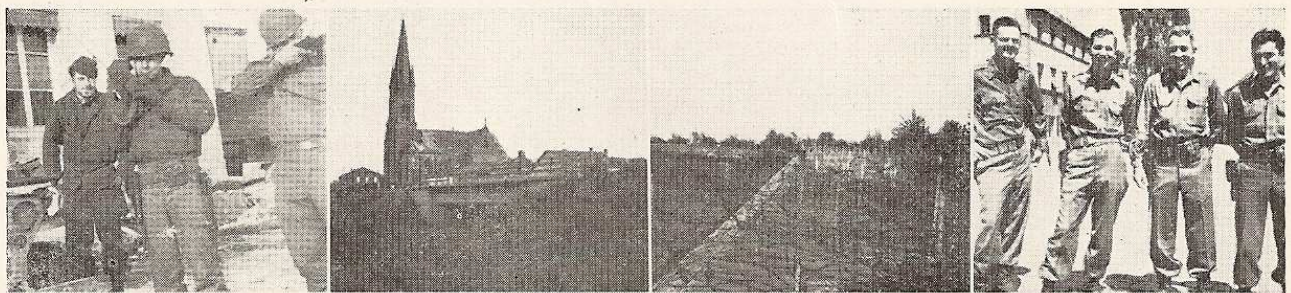
John R. Jackson, C. O. of Company "D," is teaching at LaGrange, Texas, and received his Master of Ed. degree from Texas A. & M. in January, 1948. Riley was wounded in Normandy.

Pasco (Pat) Bangor, Company C. O. of Company "B" is sales manager for the Diamond Supply company, 109 East 1st street, Hazleton, Pa. At present he is Commander of Chapter No. 34, Military Order of the Purple Heart; Commander Mother of Grace CWV Post 1590; Department of Pennsylvania Sr. Vice Commander of Military Order of Purple Heart.

Lynn L. Moore is an attorney with offices in U. S. National Bank Building, Springfield, Ore. A former C. O. of "B" and "C" Companies, he was wounded on the first day of combat. He came back to the Battle of Seven Island and was captured there. Was called the 'Judge' in prison camp, too, we are told.

Edward J. Blake, former C. O. of "A" company is now a pressman with the St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis and lives at 2212 Normandy Dr., St. Louis County 21, Mo.

Also in St. Louis is Sol S. Goffstein, a salesman with H. Brown company, 612 Locust. He was Communication Officer with the 1st Bn throughout the entire combat.



On left Sgt. Prector and Sgt. Givan of Co. "B." Next, bridge at Basse Ham where 1st Bn fought after first Moselle crossing. Second from right, is the parapet on Ft. Konigsmaker. On right we have Capt. Baird, Lt. Shardon, Capt. Jackson, and Lt. Goffstein in Germany on July 1945.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel — Second Battalion

James L. Alexakis, former Bn. Operations Sgt., is now a bartender. Home address: 838 N. 9th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

Stanley C. Anderson is an attorney with offices at 108½ South First street, Lufkin, Texas. He writes that he has changed professions since the end of the war . . . was a school teacher, and is a lawyer. He was S-2 of the 2nd Bn.

William E. Thumma, Lt. with the rifle platoon, is now an electrician with C. B. Harnish at 45 W. Cottage avenue, Millersville, Pa. He is married and has one child.

Manuel E. Brown is a salesman with the Adams Stationery store at 132 Washington street, Boston, Mass. He was Comm. Sgt. with Co. "E."

Glenn G. Nowell, farming at Chapin, Iowa, tells us that some of the Co. F buddies and families met in mid-August in Fairmont, Minn. Let's have a story on this, Nowell!

Earl B. Taylor, Liaison officer with the 344th F.A., is now a land appraiser for Bankers Life company of Iowa with offices at 323 American National Bank Bldg., Indianapolis where the Taylor home is located at 3360 N. Euclid.

Stanley J. Utterback, supply officer, is farming near Hagerman, New Mexico.

Ralph L. Myers Jr., is a post office clerk at Riverside, Calif., where he lives at 4526 Westmoreland Ct. He is a Captain in the Coast Artillery Corps Reserve.

Howard Hanson, farming at Ar-

gusville, N. D., would like to hear from all members of Service Co., 358th, and Hq. C., 2nd Bn., 358th.

Robert T. Corns is doing citrus research work for Engleman Prod-

IN APPRECIATION

We greatly appreciate the cooperation some of our members have given us to date by sending us pictures and lists of names. Please keep up the good work!

We are indebted to Col. Thompson for his donation of a picture of every Company in Regiment taken at Fort Dix and displayed at our first convention; likewise to Col. Clarke and Merrill Bowman for their fine pictures.

Some members were very generous in their contributions and gave needed amounts over and above their subscription price which we gratefully list below:

Father J. G. Esser, \$25.00; Bill Falvey, \$22.00; Lt. Col. Bealke, \$10.00; Lt. Col. Loomis, \$10.00; Blair Stouffer, \$10.00; Clay Adams, \$7.00; T. J. Morris \$7.00; Doc Andre, \$5.00; Doc Bulger, \$5.00; Col. Clarke, \$5.00; Louis A. Marot, \$5.00; Col. Rustemeyer, \$5.00; H. K. Hanson, \$4.00; Doc Hennelly, \$4.00; Sgt. Lambert, \$4.00; Chuck Whittinghill, \$4.00; and Charlie Bryant, \$3.00.

ucts company, Elsa, Texas. He reports that while on vacation went to California and saw Hugo Pyes, A. Ackel (Ackel the Jackel) and Hubert Jackson, and had a small-scale convention.

Lt. Col. Wm. Wallace is plant manager for Priebe and Sons, Inc.,

1309 West Seventh street, Dixon, Ill., where he lives at 930 North Dixon avenue. He is also serving in the Illinois National Guard, 129th Inf., 44th Div.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Shultz, Hq. U. S. Constabulary, A.P.O. 46, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y., writes:

"Still have an A.P.O. address and still 'enjoying that 'European Culture'—remember? At present am Hq. Comdt. and Sp. Trp. C. O. for U. S. Con., which is a thankless job. For the past three months have been on maneuvers.

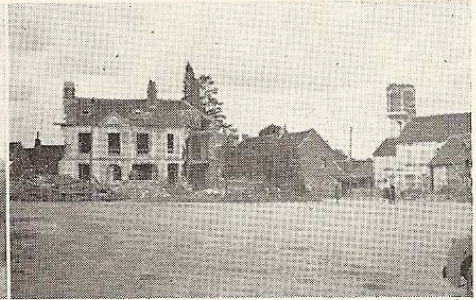
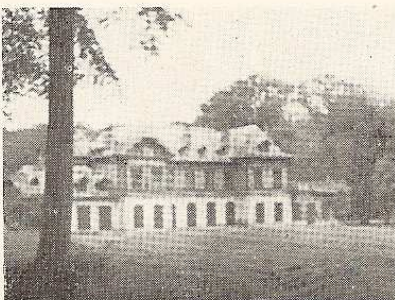
"Many members of the 90th Division are in the 1st Div., especially in the 26th Infantry since it is commanded by 'Hanging Sam' Williams. Col. Williams and I had many talks together. Also Lt. Col. Kahn, F.A., who commands the 7th Field, is an old-timer in the RCT."

Edward J. Gerbig can be reached at 5215 Rolson Ave., Norwood, Ohio. He was Bn. Commo. officer.

Thomas M. Scovill is a manufacturers representative and gets his mail at Box 1372, Atlanta, Ga.

Thomas J. (Jim) Morris Jr., is with the 4th National Bank, 200 East Douglas, Wichita, Kans., and owns a small manufacturing company on the side . . . also shoots a hot game of golf these days we hear. He was C. O. of the 2nd Bn. and Co. I.

Edward A. Newcomb is doing production scheduling for the firm of W. C. Hamilton and Sons, Miquon, Montgomery county, Pa. His home is Jericho Manor, Jenkintown, Pa. He was Commanding Officer of Rifle Company E with rank of captain.



At left, C. P. 2nd Bn. located edge of woods "Foret de Gouffern" on Aug. 18. At center, barracks at Thionville where 2nd Bn. was billeted on 7 September. At right, crossroads at Le Bourg St Leonard where 2nd Battalion fought during Argentan Gap.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel — Third Battalion

Richard H. (Doc) Bulger, 3rd Bn. surgeon, is now a physician at New Enterprise, Pa. Another 3rd Bn. surgeon, Dr. Charles A. White, lives at 2980 Edgehill Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Two 3rd Bn. members who reported themselves as being students are George H. Daniels, 1016 E. Raleigh street, Glendale 5, Calif., at the University of Southern Calif., and Charles T. Krol, 314 North State street, Ann Arbor, Mich., studying at the Univ. of Michigan law school.

John W. Crotty can be reached at 2817 Pine street, Wilmar, Calif.

Clarence M. Bergum is in the Caterpillar Parts Dept., of Wm. H. Ziegler Co., Inc., Cookston, Minn.

Walter A. Boles, former cook of "I" company is postal clerk at Randolph, Kans.

Ernest H. Morgan was studying at the University of Kentucky when he sent us his data sheet. His home is at 833 S. 31st street, Louisville, Ky.

Capt. Charles P. Parrish, Co. "I" C. O., was intergrated into the regular army last November. When he wrote he was at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Arthur P. Saline, 3112 Dudley street, Lincoln, Nebr., would like to hear from members of M. Co., 1st Platoon (Sgt. Rose's squad.)

John Coghill is manager of the Silver Lake golf club near Orland Park, Ill.

Carl F. Hansen, manager of the Beatrice Foods company dairy at Rantoul, Ill., was in the same

prison camp with Capt. Lynn Moore and Lt. Paul Spayde. Home address is 1309 N. Neil, Champaign.

In Clay Center, Ohio, Merrill B. Rudes runs a grocery store. He is running for election as treasurer of Ottawa county. He is County Council Commander of the VFW and President of the county Young Republican club and S-3 of the county reserve battalion.

Lt. Col. Charles B. Bryan, popular C. O. of the 3rd battalion through



COLONEL CLARK standing on the spot near Sarthe River, North of Le Mans, France, where the 358th C. T. crossed by use of fishing boats.

the Siegfried Line and Germany is with Bryan Dairy, Inc., Route 1, Johns Island, S. C. There are four children in the Bryan family.

Russell C. Shortridge, Capt., C. O. of Co. L, is a vocational agriculture instructor at Park River, N. Dakota.

B. J. Clark is living at 3926 Harrison in Kansas City, Mo., and has just finished a three-year law course in two years.

Sam McElroy is farm and veteran instructor and lives at 323 N. Court street, Morganfield, Ky.

Last March Chaplain Esser wrote thusly from Post Munsan, Korea: "I have been in Korea since 9 October. Two Bns. of the 32nd Inf. outpost the 38th Parallel for 100 miles. My gqs. is on the Imjun river near Munsan, 32 miles north of Seoul, the capital.

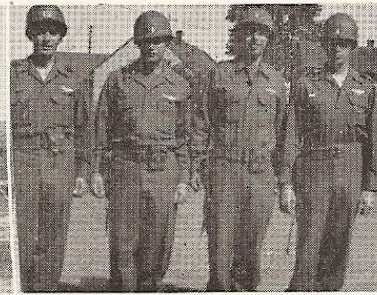
"We are at less than one-third strength and there are few replacements. The new circs. on the AUS and ORC officers will cause many vacancies. From here I don't see the 'plan.' We wait on the deliberations of the UN to know our future missions. Events here could outrun discussion."

Rev. Anthony R. Sidoti, popular 3rd Bn. chaplain wounded in the Saar Triangle, is at St. Mary's Rectory, 414 Frankfort Street, Frankfort, Ky.

Gordon H. Skoog, Co. "I" rifleman, is living at 1525½ S. Shenandoah St., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

David P. Snodgrass is an accountant and can be addressed at 5701 Canal street, New Orleans. He worked at the National City Bank, Wall street, New York after getting out of the army and then returned to Duke University, Durham, N. C., to graduate.

Frances E. Street, assistant munitions officer (WOJG) is now secretary-treasurer of Woodside & Son, Inc., rt. 1, Lilbourn, Mo., and lives at 114 N. Madison, Maldon, Mo.



At left, Capt. Shortridge, Sgt. Russo, and Lt. Fleming at Retz, Germany, on July 1945. At center, Capt. Mateyko and Co. "M" on June 1945. At right, "The Big Four" of Co. "M," Capt. Mateyko, Lt. Gatewood, and Lt. McElroy.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel

(Continued from page 5)

447 Furniture Mart, 666 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Home: 215 Cedar St., Omaha, Nebr., and tells us that Lt. Shelton (D. Co.) is managing the Strand Theatre in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Alan F. Zabel, Asst. S-4 through training and combat, is a stock man with International Harvester company, 118-120 W. Front street, Davenport, Iowa.

Lt. Col. Frederick H. Loomis, formerly Regt. Ex. Officer, is now serving under Lt. Gen. Van Fleet, former 90th Division Commander as a G-3 in Athens, Greece, and can be addressed in Care of the American Embassy there. He recently received his promotion as major in the regular army. He completed the C & GSC at Ft. Leavenworth on July 2, 1948, and from 1945 to 1947 was P.M.S. & T at Hill Military Academy, Portland, Ore.

Ernest G. Garza, anti-tank gunner, Purple Heart winner, writes to us from RFD, Box 8, Rio Grande, Texas.

Keith Hanan, co. clrk., is with Workman Service, Inc., Chicago.

Giles C. Buntin is farming and working in the Dan River Cotton Mills, Danville, Va. Home: Ringgold, Route 1, Va.

Clay A. Adams is a livestock dealer on Route 2, Springfield, Mo. He is a former platoon leader and executive officer of Company "C."

Chester A. Kjesbo is a grain options clerk with the Atwood Larson company, Grain Exchange building, Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank A. Schmidt Jr., is a counselor of veteran's affairs for the State of Michigan, and lives at 65 East Fairmount Ave., Pontiac, Mich. Business address is 411 East Michigan avenue, Lansing, Mich.

Alfred T. Dengler, PW interrogation, is a sales engineer with Lake Asphalt and Petroleum company, Box 247, Greenfield, Mass.

Dr. Abraham Schneiderman, 1st Bn. surgeon, lives at 901 S. Orange Grove, Los Angeles, Calif.

NEWS OF ALL UNITS

Lt. Col. R. V. Strauss, who was the 3rd Bn's. first CO, just left GHQ for the States. He is assigned to the Historical Division, Dept. of Army Special Staff. His work will be in connection with writing the Official History of World War II. He should be a very good source of information about any publications that DA publishes about operations in which 358 participated.

Paul D. Rines, C. O. security guard and regimental adjutant, is assistant manager of the floor covering department, Wolf Furniture company in that No. 1 Pennsylvania town of Altoona, Pa., where he lives at 121 Second avenue. Rines is married and has two children.

Paul L. Fisher would like to hear from 358th C. T. personnel at his home at 85 E. Rice street, Alliance, Ohio. Paul is a paraplegic as the result of having been wounded in action June 10, 1944.

John R. Covey is in the auto supply business at Wytheville, Va.

James D. Meeks, personnel clerk of Company B, first battalion, is now working as a librarian with the Yonkers, N. Y., public library. Home address: 162 Ellison, Bronxville, N. Y.

Michael G. Borgia, first battalion rifleman, wrote: "Last day of the war for Co. B, 1st Bn., was the best day for knocking off Krauts for the third platoon. We had casualties, but we also had a feast. That wasn't our happiest day, but the next day, May 8, 1945, was!" Borgia works for Swift and company, 110 Bridge street, New York City.

Harry H. Kimball, Topo draftsman, is studying business at University of New Hampshire so he can be prepared to assist F. D. Shelton with the management of his theatre, Kimball tells us.

James Somerville, platoon leader, first battalion, wounded in Normandy with Company A, is now an accountant with the permanent budget commission, state of Delaware, at Dover, Del., where he lives at 10 Clara street with wife and two children.

Arlis Vanlandingham, Company Commander, First Bn., is an electrical estimator for the W. K. Jennings Electric company, Inc., 310 West 10th street, Austin, Tex.

Frances D. Shelton, Assistant S-2, is manager of the Strand Theatre at Sixth and Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa, and is now in the 185th Infantry of the Iowa National Guard as captain, S-3, Third Battalion since reorganization of the outfit in March, 1946.

Harris C. Neil Jr., Company Commander, 1st Bn., D.S.C. winner and hero during the capture of Fort Koenigsmocker, is a field representative of the Vendo company, 7400 East 12th, Kansas City, Mo., and lives at 7803 Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas.

Melvin S. Haugen, Exec. Off., Hq. & Hq. Co., 3219 Benjamin St., N.E., Minneapolis, Minn., is studying at University of Minnesota.

Charles Novotny, mechanic and truck driver, is now working as a truck driver for Hess Transport Service, and living at Narka, Kans.

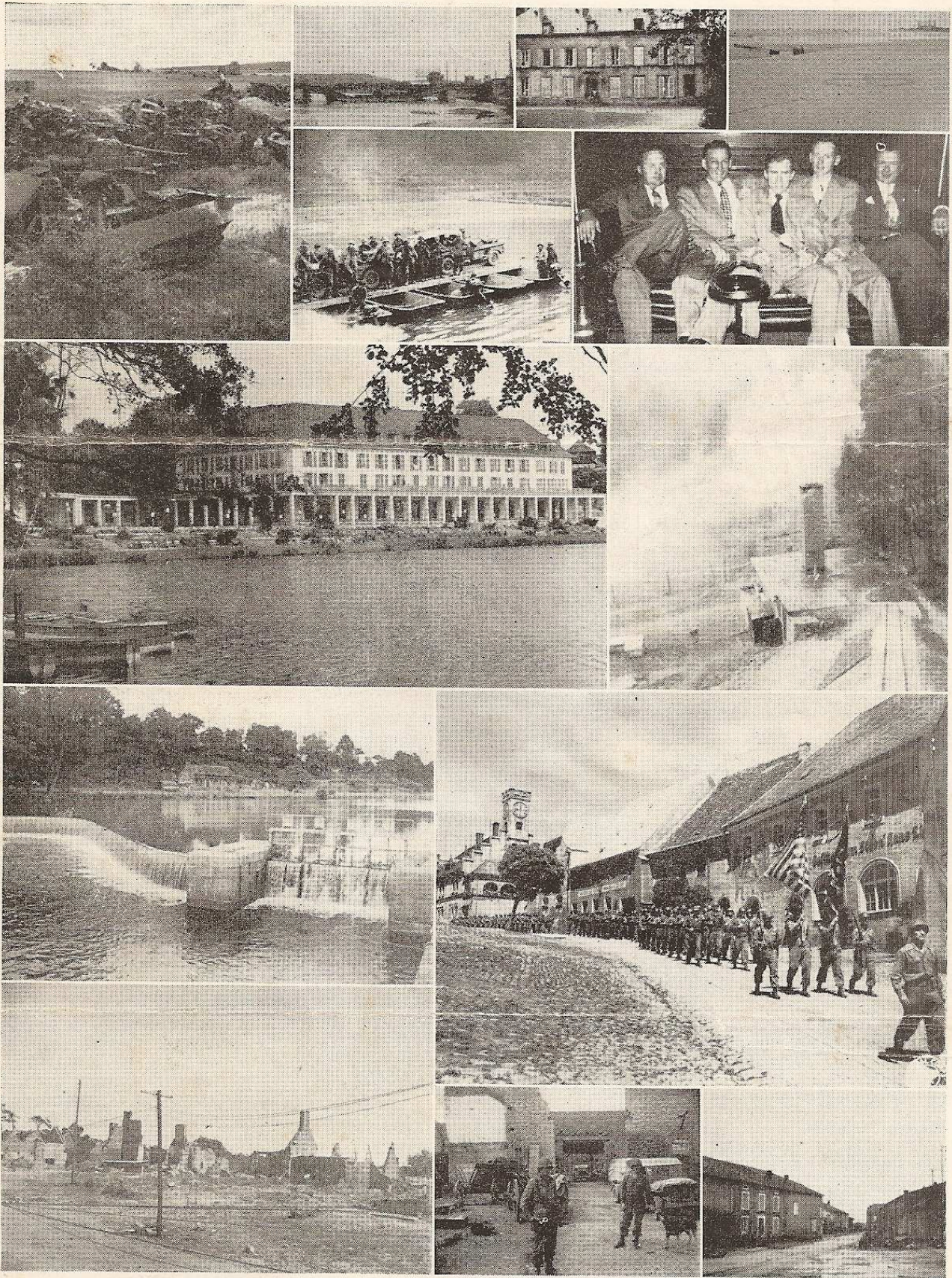
Louis A. Marot is the first person living in Oak Ridge, Tenn., not connected with activities in nuclear physics. Marot, former platoon sergeant, is owner of the Marot Jewelry company in Oak Ridge and lives there at Gastonia apartments No. 14.

Frank K. Morelli, gunner, has as his occupation that of glass blower with the firm of Becton and Dickinson, Rutherford, N. J.

The following letter was written last March 2 from Korea by Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, formerly C. O. of the 344th F.A. Bn.:

"Received the notice about the reunion of the 358th Infantry Combat Team and will be happy to attend if I am back in the States by that time, and if I possibly can. Would certainly like to see many of the fellows again. I am due to return to the States in July of this year (1948).

"Was in Tokyo not long ago and had a nice visit with Col. Bealke, he is with GHQ in Tokyo. Col. Rusty-meyer, former C. O., 358th Infantry, is Deputy Chief of Staff of the XXIV Corps."



At top left is wreckage of German tanks at Falaise Gap. Next is the RR bridge at Thionville, then Regtl. C. P. at Volkrange. Top right is picture of Utah Beach. Picture of Ferry was taken at 2nd Moselle Crossing. Group at St. Louis from L. to R. Taylor, Gerbig, Bowman, Clark, and Senator Donohue. We see next resort hotel at Bad Salzungen and on its right crematory at Flossen-berg Concentration Camp. The Dam is on the Mayenne River in France where the 358th all took its first swim.

The parade of regimental units on Flag Day is in Naburg, Germany. At bottom left is the duins of Pont L'Abbe Normandy. At bottom center we have capt. Jaffry, Capt. Bovard, and Fritz. At bottom right is Mairy, France, where 1st Bn. knocked out Panzer Brigade.