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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

It is gratifying to receive such newsworthy letters for this edition and your editor wishes to thank those men who contributed the following accounts.

Here's a letter from **John R. Jackson**. J.R. was a member of Co. "C" and C.O. of Co. "D." He writes:

"I always enjoy receiving 'Peragimus.' I look through it rapidly for names of those who were with us during our training period. I have a particular interest in those. (You understand why, of course.) Then I go back through and read about those who joined you after Normandy. I like to know about them also. You know, Stotler, I have always regretted that you and I went up to see the 'show' that day in Normandy, but that was the way it had to be, I guess.

"I got down my scrap book the other night after receiving Peragimus. There were pictures of our training at Berkeley; **Sirio, Stewart, Baldwin, 'Cuz' Jackson, Beville, Wise, McPherson, Fagan Autry**, and of course Stotler. It really did bring back memories. There were also a few of our desert training. So much for that!

"I'm still teaching school with the LaGrange high school. I am getting along fine—wish that I could have made the reunion, but that was when school was still going so had to pass it up. Maybe someday I'll be able to make one. I hope so.

From **Bill Wallace**, Box 25, La-Grange, Texas, comes this stirring message:

"Just arrived home from camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and was greeted by a newly arrived daughter, Susan. She arrived while I was at camp. The best I could do was to borrow a plane and pilot and arrive in time to do a little proud beaming, then return to camp.

"While at McCoy I saw quite a bit of Captain **Gene Axtell** who recently was transferred from Benning to Chicago ROTC duty. His address is 16 South Clay Street Hinsdale.

"I also saw Colonel 'Rusty' who as you know, is senior Army instructor for the J. N. G. I asked him to pay us a visit and let us know what he thought of the outfit. He said, 'You know G-D well I will.' But, though he did visit us he never came around to 'chew

my head off,' so I guess he was fairly well satisfied.

Col Bealke is possibly back in Korea again. He writes all the details in the folling letter:

"I'm enclosing a check in payment for a subscription to 'Peragimus,' and I have time for very little else. You see, there's a war on in Korea, and just this morning I received orders to get over there and get into it. I can't divulge when or where I leave the States, but believe you me it is mighty soon.

"Can't think of anything I'd rather have right now than RCT 358 as it was in April, 1945. Can't think of anything that the Com-mies would rather not see than RCT 358, as of that same date.

"Address future mail to Mrs. Alice K. Bealke, 108 Elm Street, Boonville, Missouri, and eventually it will catch up with me."

A subscription for \$5.00 and a nice letter comes from **Elmer O. Boettcher**, Unadilla, Nebr.:

"In January of 1949 I wrote you that I got hurt in a corn picker accident December 2, 1948. Since then I have gotten out of the Veteran's hospital in Lincoln, Nebr. I have my articial limb and get around with it fairly well.

"In early May of this year I was right in the middle of a very disastrous flood that struck the Little Memaha Valley in Eastern Nebraska. All of our farm buildings and our home and possessions were swept away. Luckily we escaped with our lives. This was the worst flood in the history of Unadilla.

"I am now postmaster at Unadilla, Nebr. I received my commission April 18, 1950, and was installed as postmaster on July 1, 1950. I hope this will be my lifetime job."

Boettcher served with the Anti-Tank company mines platoon.

A responsible job is being held by **Mike Knouf**, 212 Pershing Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, at the present time. This is what he says about it:

"Currently I am doing Wage and Hour investigation work with the U.S. Department of Labor. I have been in Dallas and Little Rock, Arkansas and now am officially stationed permanently in San Antonio. We think our 13 month old red haired daughter is undoubtedly the finest baby in the world."

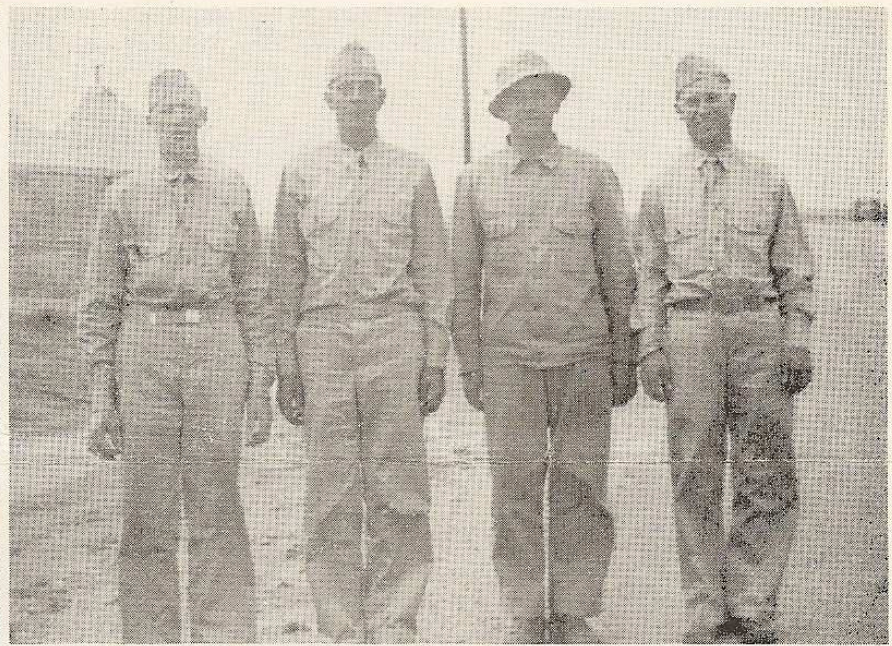
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News Of 358th Personnel-Separate Units, And 1st Battalion

From Norfolk, Virginia comes news that Lieutenant Colonel JAMES BOSWELL, former regimental C. O. and division G2, of Hq. and Hq. company, has just finished Armed Forces Staff College and hopes to be stationed with Bill Bealke in Benning. In the meantime, we have learned through Lt. Col. Bob Salisbury that he is with the 3rd Division in Korea.

The Flint plant number 1, of Fisher Body division, claims ERNESTO GARZA, as its employee. Ernesto has also made Flint his home and seems to enjoy the Michigan climate. His home address is 1615 Oklahoma Avenue. While in the service, he was a member of A.T. company and held the duty of gun crewman.

From the deep south comes a message from RODERICK B. FREEMAN. His buddies will remember that he was medical aid man with the 358th. At present Rod is a bookkeeper with



Taken at Camp Berkeley, Texas, May, 1942. L. to R.: Bjorkman, Novotny, Seybold, Gritten.

Sawan, incorporated in Columbus, Miss. He shares his home with Mrs. Freeman at 612-4th Avenue, South. The phone number is 1374 R, in case any of the buddies are in that area.

Happy tidings from the MERRILL BOWMAN'S of 5753 East New York Street, Indianapolis announce the birth of a little girl Joyce Ann Bowman, making a total of two fine girls for them.

This excellent letter was sent to us from HOWARD HANSON, of Argusville, North Dakota:

"Received my Pergimus today and enjoyed reading it very much. I sure wish I could have attended the convention. I recognized several of the names and pictures in Peragimus. I am farming 12 miles north of Fargo, North Dakota.

"I have two children now, so will have some help on the farm in future years.

"RALPH MUHR, a former rifleman with company L works as a mechanic in the local garage here."

Another Loyal Peragimus subscriber, ELMER E. JACKSON, Box 294, Cuyuna, Minnesota, writes:

"Here the latest news from the Jacksons! Mr. and Mrs. T. HOFFMEISTER spent two weeks up here in Minnesota with us. They

did a lot of fishing, but failed to catch any big ones. While they were here we drove to Tenstrike, Minnesota and visited the Oksanen's. We enjoyed our 'bull session' that Sunday, believe me. Two days after the Hoffmeister's left, HENRY KOCH dropped in, so we took him fishing also. Koch was in the division wire team with Hq. and Hq. company.

"I am now working as a mechanic at the G. H. Steinke Garage in Iornton, Minnesota. I have been here almost a year."

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Capt. (Alias Uncle) Hubert Jackson, out of uniform, near Mainz, Germany.



Louisiana Maneuvers in Spring of 1943. L. to R.: Theodore Wagner, George Mikiska, Albert Powell, and Carl Steger of Co. "B."

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AUREL C. ASHENHURST is living way down in McCamey, Texas where there are plenty of wide open spaces to fly his 65 Porterfield plane. He already has 15 hundred hours. He sends this news:

"I have not seen but one of the fellows since the war ended and that was BEN HILL and his wife. They came by to see us (my wife and I) on their way back from their vacation in the Davis mountains.

"At present I am with the Gulf Oil corporation production department and have been with them since I was discharged from the service.

"If anyone is interested in writing to us, the address is Box 533, McCamey, Texas."

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ARLIS VANLANDINGHAM of 2204 Rountree Drive, Austin, Texas, on the birth of a 6 pound 10½ ounce baby boy on October 23. His name: William Glendon. Arlis is an electrical estimator for the W. K. Jennings Electric company, incorporated.

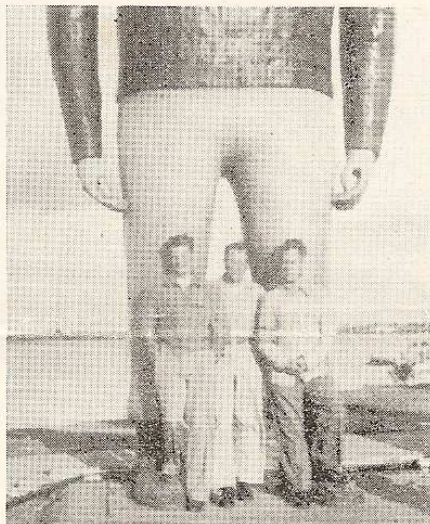
WALTER S. MILOS (AT) is a clerk in the State of New York Division of Paroles and lives in Albany, N.Y., at 278 Orange street. Milos is the proud father of a son, Paul Stanley, born September 9, of this year.

We sure hope that Wyoming doesn't have the bad winter it had a few years ago, because CHARLIE P. AYLSWORTH is living way out in Casper. He writes:

"Would have liked to attend the reunion in Chicago but could not make it. I am still working at the Texas Refinery. I have done quite a little fishing this year and am now looking forward to a hunting trip this fall. I would like to see the reunion moved farther west and maybe more of the fellows could make it. There is quite an aggregation living west of St. Louis."

The insurance business is a far cry from being a platoon leader in company D, but that is what former Lieutenant ROY J. REICHART, Kendallville, Indiana, is doing. He works for the Jones Insurance

company and is living at 115 South Lincoln Street. He is married and the proud father of two children.



L. to R.: Hoffmeister, Jackson, and Oaksanen of Headquarters Company get together under statue of Paul Bunyan.

In the traffic department of the great A & P Tea company is ROBERT R. QUINTAL, 34 Dickinson Street, Chicopee Falls, Mass. He was with them before he went in the service.

"I was in Columbus, Georgia this spring and had an opportunity to see COLONEL BEALKE at Fort Benning," writes ALAN ANDERSON, 31224 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

"He was extremely busy at the time but we managed to chat for a couple of hours. He looked very well I thought and said he liked his work at Benning very much.

"I also talked to BILL HIMERICH and JOE KODRICH in Minneapolis in June and they are both getting along fine.

"BILL SHIPE works for the same company that I do—Chrysler Airtemp. He is in Dayton."

Jumping from the Jeep to the tractor was not too great a change for CARL H. JOHNSON, RFD 1, Lafayette, Minnesota, although we might say the latter was undoubtedly a little more comfortable. Carl and his wife are farming in Minnesota. When in the service he was in company D. Regarding the next convention—Carl would like to see it held in Minneapolis.

In business for himself, CHARLES NOVOTNY, has forsaken driving a gasoline transport and has purchased a service station, known to all the natives of Narka, Kansas as "Charlie's Service." When enroute west on your vacations buddies, how about patronizing a first rate station?

FRANK MORELLI is working for Bobink and Atkins Nurserymen in East Rutherford, New Jersey. He is also in the New Jersey National Guard 50th Armored division stationed in Passaic Armory. He writes:

"I am a corporal in the machine gun section. On June 24 the whole division went to Pine Came for 14 days maneuvers. It was just like old times for two weeks. I

Can you please send me information if the 90th Division, 358th, or 1st Bn. as a whole received any decorations.

(Editors note: 1st Bn. received a unit citation for its achievement in capturing Fort Koenigsmacher.)

It is with regret we report the death of NICK ANDRICAN Hibbing, Minn., a member of the 358th Anti-Tank Co. and light-heavy-weight boxing champ of the 90th Division, back in 1942-43 at Camp Barkley.

Way down east in East Rockaway, New York, you will find DONALD P. SAULNIER, former gunner with company D. Don is the owner of 'Don's Station Delicatessen' at 4 Ocean Avenue and his residence is just a little further out at 40 Ocean Avenue. East Rockaway is just 15 miles out of New York City and Don would like any visiting members of the 358th to come out and see him. The phone number is Lynbrook 9-10483.

"I stopped to visit CHARLES VAN PATTEN, JOHN HELLMIC and RAYMOND COYLE, all of Iowa while on my vacation," writes PAUL J. BOEHN, 5019 Raytown Road, Kansas City 3, Missouri. "These were all former company A men of 358th Infantry. I have also seen JAMES WHITE and JUNIOR REED of Hutchinson, Kansas."

"For the past four years I was employed in the feed business and
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GEORGE B. TURNER sends regrets from Martinsville, Virginia that he was unable to make the reunion in Chicago. He plans to hop a plane sometime and make one of them. At present he is entertaining his step grandson, whom he claims keeps him pretty busy.

A former platoon leader in company F. PAUL J. LUTAR informs us that he is a railroad conductor for the River Terminal railway. He is married and has two children. The home is located in Cleveland, Ohio at 7700 Linwood Avenue.

MELVIN C. SCHIRMER, 8010 Genesta Place, Affton, Missouri, has been able to put his Army avocation to good use. Mel was cook and baker while in the service and now bakes for Armin's Pastries in St. Louis, Missouri. He sends this news:

"1st Segeant HOMER GRAY, Co. E., passed away from injuries incurred in an accident, August 1948. He is survived by his wife and small son. They reside in Jefferson City, Missouri and Gray was operating a garage there until his death."

RAYMOND A. GEISZLER, a squad leader in company M Mortar Platoon is married and has two children, one boy 7 years old and one girl 3. He lives at 802-17 Street North Moorhead, Minnesota. He is a mechanic at Berrill Studebaker Garage, Fargo, North Dakota.



Raymond A. Geizler of Co. "M" poses with family in Fargo, N.D.

Several of his buddies will remember that he was wounded in France and according to late reports he is still having trouble with the wound.

He would like to hear from some of the boys, as he has only seen two of them since he was discharged.

"I have just changed jobs" writes MELVIN ZWEIGBAUM, of company F. "I have completed a two weeks training period as an insurance agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. I'm still living at 18 Custer Place, Newark, New Jersey. While reading a copy of Peragimus one day, I noticed the name of Marshall J. Showalter of Company F. We exchanged letters at the time. I would also like to hear from any other fellows of Company F. I usually exchange seasons greetings at Christmas time with SALVATORE COSTELLO and JOHN TURINI.

"I'm wondering if there is any Eastern 90th Infantry Division Association in existence. If so, I would like to become a member and I would appreciate the name of some of the officers. I will answer all letters and would like to receive some snap shots."

On August 18, 19, and 20, the following men of Company F met at Decorah, Iowa. ERNIE HOROWITZ of Minneapolis, SAM CICCARELLI of Minneapolis, PAUL McCLUSKY of Clinton, LORRAINE WICKS of Atlantic and GLENN NOWELL of Chapin. Their wives and families accompanied them. Next year the group plan a meeting near Sidney, Iowa and taking in the rodeo. Anyone interested in joining should contact L. M. Wicks of 605 Hazel Street in Atlantic, Iowa for the exact place and time.

ELMER PAULSEN of Hampton, Iowa was married to Lorretta Korth of Hampton on October 6.

Former Lieutenant DEAN HELLE of company H, and wife Jane, are the proud parents of two little girls and they live at 1015 South 43rd Place, Birmingham, Alabama. He reports:

"I always enjoy receiving 'Peragimus.' We hope to make the next reunion. I am now sales manager

for the Rudisill Foundry company of Anniston, Alabama. Jane and I recently adopted two little girls, Lynne and Diane."

Dean laments the fact that he never gets to see any of the old members of company "H" around his neck of the woods, so how about it, when any of the old members are traveling south, be sure and stop in to see Dean.

Uncle Sam has beckoned to JERRALD R. HENDERSON again and he will soon be in the army. Jerrald had just accepted a position with Wyoming Gas company, too, which means he will have to take a 'rain check' on it until he gets out of the service. He mentions that he saw SGT. SKARR of the Regtl. Hq. in Billings, Montana, recently and that Captain BERGDALE stopped in to see Gerald at his home in Basin, Wyoming. He also runs into ROLLIN D. BARNARD at Denver, Colorado occasionally.

From McLouth, Kansas we received this news from JOSEPH J. UHLRICH:

"I am still working for J. C. Haigwood Construction company as a bull-dozer operator.

"We have a new daughter born June 22, which makes a total of two. I also have a son.

"Here's hoping I can attend the convention next year and see some of you boys again."

A former rifle staff sergeant in company L, MELVIN J. REESE

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L. to R.: Sgt. Paul Inman, Paul Rother, and E. J. "Bud" Dillon of Co. "M." Taken when the boys got together at Rothers farm in Okarche, Okla. for a weekend.

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M. C. Johnson, M. Co., of 9154 N. Pelham Parkway, Milwaukee, Wis., has sent us a clipping from the Milwaukee Journal of late August about Lt. Rakowski, "who I think deserves mention as he sure is adding fame as a 358th alumnus who is still going strong. He changed his name to Richards, but I'm sure he will be remembered by all the fellows.

"I spoke to his wife this week and she tells me he is ready to go again. His address First Lt. J. V. Richards, 0-1318930, Ward C-20-21, 416 Annex, Osaka General Hospital, APO 25-5, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

The Milwaukee Journal article was headed "Had Five Wounds in World War II, Gets 6th in Korea," and we quote:

"An infantry lieutenant who was wounded five times in Europe in World War II has been wounded in Korea, his family has been notified. He is 1st Lt. James V. Richards, 28. His wife, Mrs. Marian Richards, of 4669-A N. 18th St., said that she had been notified that he is in a hospital in Japan recovering from a bullet wound in the abdomen."

"As for myself," continues Johnson, "I went back to my job in the business of which I have been president of 23 years.

Kathryn Agnes made her appearance at the home of JIM and Connie Lambert (C Co.) at 903 W. Wellington, Chicago 14, Ill., on November 23. Weight: 8 pounds.

Capt. J. D. Aughtry, former S-3 of the 1st Battalion paid us a visit in Champaign while in the States on a vacation trip. He was en route to Purdue University after consulting with the University of Illinois College of Agriculture here at Champaign-Urbana, Ill. After visiting in West Lafayette, Ind., he planned to return to Texas before going back to the West Indies.

Thank You—

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Quintus, Paul Rother, Joseph M. Ruda, Donald P. Saulnier, G. E. Seybold, Russell Shortridge, Salvatore Sinopolis, Richard F. Stanley, Thomas J. Stanton, Jr., Henry Sternberg, Dale W. Stuart, Carl D. Thayer, G. Ben Turner, Joseph J. Uhlrich, Del H. Zachman, Melvin Zweigbaum, Glenn G. Nowell, David P. Snodgrass.

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is living in Grayville, Illinois. He tells us that he is married and has two children.

One of our members of company K who made the army his profession is First Lieutenant GEORGE J. LAMB, HQ TRP USCON, APO 46, C/O Postmaster, New York. He writes:

"On my first assignment here with HQ US Constabulary, I discovered that my CO was none other than LT. COLONEL SCHULTZ, former regt. exec. We had quite a few talks about the old days in Bavaria. I went to Waldmuenchen last fall to see some of the old places and faces. They are still there. The big T-O is still on the castle wall in Sulzbach."

"Spent an interesting and reminiscing evening with MERRILL B. RUDES the first part of September," says CHARLES A. WHITE, former 3rd battalion surgeon. "Merrill was to leave for active duty on September 11th. He is C.O. of a weapon company and was in active reserve. He is Captain Rudes now. He and I have been trying to contact TONY REINEL, MAC officer for the 3rd battalion. If anyone knows his whereabouts we would certainly appreciate having his address. (Ed. Note. The last address we received from Tony was 20 Albert Street, River Plaza, Red Bank, New Jersey and we feel certain that you will be able to contact him there.)

We were happy to hear that CLARENCE E. DAVIS, former machine gun operator in company M., took advantage of the G. I. Bill and attended Barber school. At the present time he is an apprentice in Richmond, Indiana, although he lives at 305 West Union Street in Liberty, Indiana. Almost immediately after leaving the service Clarence met and married Anna Bloommel of Connersville, Indiana.

R. L. BAIRD, of Houston, Texas, was a jeep driver in M company during the war. At the present time he is one of the leading jockeys in the nation. He rode a horse in the Kentucky Derby last year

and has been riding quite a few winners this past summer at Detroit and Chicago.

DICK STANLEY tells us that he got married on the same day of the Convention this year, which accounts for his absence. Dick and his bride had their wedding in Lakewood, Pennsylvania, which is about five miles outside of Erie. Their new address is 3721 West 14th Street. He reports:

"I have talked to RAY HIERHOLZER, 320 Newman Street, Erie, from company I, weapon platoon. You see I was in I company too, so we really have a lot in common. Ray is working for the post office and I have been with the Champion Washing Machine company here in Erie since 1942. I'm in the Shipping department. Jean and I went to a Honeymoon resort in the Pocono mountains for our trip.

Lieutenant A. G. FLEMING, former platoon leader of L company is now teaching school at Sligo, Pennsylvania. He is also coaching basketball and last season had an undefeated team. They won 35 and lost none. He had an unexpected and pleasant surprise when 1st Sergeant A. B. RUSSO, of L company paid him a visit. Needless to say they had a wonderful evening talking about the times they had in Rotz. Sgt. Russo is now in the Radio and Television business in Newark, New Jersey.

"I've been vocational agricultural instructor here at the county agricultural and training school since July '46," writes RUS SHORTRIDGE, Box 411 Park River, North Dakota, former member of L, K, and M, companies.

"I have 2 children, a boy 4 and a girl 6."

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as of March of this year I started farming," writes HARRY A. MULLEN, Villisca, Iowa. "The one thing I have wanted most to do since returning home. My wife and son Robert, age 19 months, seem to like it on the farm too. You may recall that I was supply sergeant for company D."