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On The Moselle



FIRST LT. PAUL LUTAR of "F" Company, photo taken by Harold Kessler after the Mosselle River was crossed the second time.

FAREWELL TO PERAGIMUS

To The Members of The 358th Combat Team:

This, our 25th issue and our ninth Christmas issue of PERAGIMUS, will be the last issue to be published as such.

Since October, 1948, we have endeavored to perpetuate those irreplaceable bonds of friendship formed, as only such can be, in those days of rigorous training and combat by the members of the 358th Combat Team in World War II.

It has been our belief that the closest bonds were formed within the small units and that a Division Association made up of men from both World Wars was too large for men to find buddies in common.

The interest and appreciation of many of you have been keen and your support generous. Unfortunately, however, there were not enough of you out of the 1500 names we have. We have not heard a word from too many of you. Because of this, it has been impossible to keep the publication from operating in the red and this has been the case with practically every issue.

In an attempt to eliminate this financial loss, we are going to publish a paper for all units of the Division. The Division Association has asked us to do this. The newspaper will be the official organ of the 90th Division Association.

We plan to incorporate PERAGIMUS in the new paper in its entirety and to do the same for the two other Combat Teams and the Separate Units. The new paper will probably be called "TOUGH OMBRE" unless someone can find a better name.

We will need your support as before and any subscriptions now paid up on PERAGIMUS will entitle you to the Division paper until your subscription expires. Do get behind this new effort and give this your support. This will be our last chance of survival. Our joining the Division does not mean we cannot still keep together in the small units as before.

May I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,
Howard A. Stotler
Editor, PERAGIMUS

Veterans Day Parade Sparks 90th Reunion; 358th Has Conclave

The 358th Annual Reunion of the 90th Division Association was a well-planned and well-attended affair. This highly successful event was held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas, Tex., from Nov. 9 to 11.

From the standpoint of our 358th Infantry Combat Team, one of the high points was the appearance of a number of Texas members whom we had not seen since Europe. There were about 50 members of the 358th Infantry Combat Team attending the reunion.

Informal unit gatherings and a Stag Dinner were featured Friday, Nov. 9, the first day of the reunion.

Parade Held

On Saturday, there was an outstanding Veterans Day Military Parade featuring the Cadet Corps of Texas A and M College, the 90th Reserve Division, and units of the Texas National Guard.

HARRIS NEAL of "C" Company and Fort Koenigsmacher fame lead one of the 90th Division Battalions. This was the most inspiring parade witnessed by many a 90th man since the war.

After a Dutch Lunch in the Grand Ballroom of the Statler Hilton Saturday, there was a business meeting at which MILT SEARS of H Company, 358th, was elected president of the 90th Division Association.

Minneapolis Chosen

Minneapolis, Minnesota, was selected as the site for the 1957 reunion. The date of the 1957 gathering will be announced later.

Saturday evening, the 358th enjoyed a friendly cocktail party before attending the banquet in the Grand Ballroom. Lt. General JOHN H. COLLIER, Commanding General of the Fourth United States Army, gave an address on current military problems at the banquet.

Following the banquet and Lt. Gen. Collier's speech, a dance was held in the Grand Ballroom.

A Memorial Service Sunday morning climaxed the reunion's series of events. The reunion was a success and a lot of credit for that success is due to HOBBY McCALL and the officers of the 90th Assn. for their fine work.

358-ers Assemble At Dallas Convention During November



358th COMBAT TEAM MEMBERS AT THE 1956 CONVENTION HELD AT DALLAS, TEX.

Address Changes . . .

Many new addresses have been received within the past two months from men of the 358th Combat Team. Among these are:

Marshall J. Showalter, 1123 Moore St., Huntington, Pa.
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Perry A. Beville, 3465 Durwood, Beaumont, Tex.

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Louis J. DeNoya, 817 W. Otae, Ponca City, Okla.

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Ray Kennedy, 4040 Mintwood St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.

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Roy M. Lowe, Route 1, Box 88, Leavenworth, Kans.

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Harris C. Neil, 6418 Chevy Chase, Dallas, Tex.

Dewey D. Matthews, Central Texas Oxygen and Supplies, 1007 S. 7th St., Box 1437, Corsicana, Tex.

SEPARATE UNITS . . .

Thanks to T. O. HOFFMEISTER for sending us a photo taken at Camp Lucky Strike just before he, MORRIS RANEY, EMMANUEL LEWINSTEIN, and BILL FRAME sailed for home. Shortly after this picture was taken in October, 1945, they were separated and have never seen each other since.

Ted is a special finisher for the Western Electric Co. His address is Box 2732, R. #6, Sappington 23, Mo.

E. WAYNE BALSER A. T. Co., sends his regrets at being unable to attend the 358th get-together at the 90th Div. Assn. reunion, but the distance was just too great from his new home at Hubbard Place, Wheeling, W. Va., to Dallas, Tex.

He says, "It's been a long time since I've seen any TOer's. There

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don't seem to be many around this part of the country. However, I live just two blocks from route 40 in Wheeling and, no doubt, many of the men pass by during the year. So let this serve as an invitation for all to drop in and relive some of the war adventures and old times."

Wayne is the sales manager for the Hercules Box Co., 428 Hawley Bldg., Wheeling, W. Va.

"If any of the boys of T.O. come through McCook, Nebr., they are welcome to stop at my place for I would be glad to see them," writes EDWIN A. GLINE, of Hdqr. Co. Ed lives along R.F.D. 4, McCook, Nebr.

Ed continues, "When I was on my vacation, I stopped at Sterling, Colo., and saw ERNEST A. SCHMID. He is still working for the Sterling Packing Co. there. I would like to hear from some of the boys from the 358th Hq. Co. that I was with in the 358th."

Just Before Going Our Varied Ways



A QUARTET OF FOUR 358-ers taken at Camp Lucky sometime during October, 1945, just before we sailed for home. Reading left to right are Morris Raney, Ted Hoffmeister, Emmanuel Lewinstein, Bill Frame. As T.O. Hoffmeister says in sending in this photo: "Shortly after this picture was taken we went our separate ways and have never laid eyes on each other since."

Answer 'Here' For Co. C At Convention



SEVEN FORMER MEMBERS OF COMPANY "C" gather at the 1956 Convention. Front row, left to right, Clay Adams, Harris Neil, Arlis Vanlandingham. Top row: Hobart Smith, Archie Brown, Howard Stotler, and Raleigh Jackson.

First Battalion News

Due to the recent death of his father, STAN MALLEY was unable to attend the 90th Division Assn. reunion. Stan sends greetings to the boys, especially those of B Co.

"Just received the last copy of PERAGIMUS and enjoyed it as I always do," writes CLARENCE VIESTENZ, Co. B and K.

Clarence is now superintendent of the Sheyenne Memorial Hospital. He was not able to attend the reunion this year since his present work load leaves him little free time.

He also missed the Midwest reunion this year, the first one since he started to attend them.

JAMES M. HAMILTON, former Chaplain with the First Battalion writes, "Following V. E. Day, I was a Chaplain with the Ninth Infantry Division for 16 months. When I returned to the States, I was assigned to duty with the Air Force at Lackland A. F. Base in San Antonio, Tex.

"From there I became pastor of a church in Oklahoma City for two years. Since 1949, I have been a Chaplain for the Veterans Ad-

Looks Like These 358-ers Had Fun At Dallas Convention



THE CANDID CAMERA VISITS THE 1956 CONVENTION AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Upper left: Bill Falvey with the old and new presidents of the 90th Division. Left to right, Milt Sears, the new president; Falvey, and Hobby McCall, retiring president. Upper right: Three buddies from OCS to the 358th at Berkeley. Left to right, Paul Simms, Phil Vickery, Bob Tiffany. Vickery and Simms are in partnership in Arlington, Texas. BOTTOM ROW: A congenial group including J. D. Aughtry on left, up from the Dominican Republic; Bill Falvey, Clay Adams, and Stotler. Right: At the Cocktail Hour: Barndt, Adams, and Vanlandingham.

ministration and am serving my seventh year as Chaplain for the McCloskey Veterans Administration Hospital in Temple, Tex.

"I have been active with the Air Force Reserve. I attend a two hour meeting every Monday night and have 15 days of active duty every summer. At one time I had a good hop in a T-33 Jet."

"Our children are quite grown up now. Our elder son flew 53 missions as a fighter pilot in Korea from the aircraft carrier Princeton. He is in his third year of medical school. He is married and has two children, also.

"Our younger son earned his degree in aeronautical engineering and is a Navy pilot. He is married and has one child. Our only daughter is a stewardess for American Airlines, based in New York City."

From the Peragimus Editor's Notebook

Shortly after the 90th Division Association reunion, we received this letter from Col. JOSEPH RUSTEMEYER, 1211 S. Broadway, Leavenworth, Kans.

"I'm sorry that I was unable to be present this time, because I should have liked very much to see some of those who attended the reunion for the first time. Life becomes more complicated as time goes on. I've been trying to see DAN AHERN for four years now and I seem to be getting further from it all the time.

"I'm sure your untiring efforts and master stroke of organization gave all who were fortunate enough to attend the convention a wonderful time and some good

bull sessions. I hope that the entire team made it."

TIM LINLEY, president of the 90th Division Association in 1955, sent PERAGIMUS this note.

"I am very proud of my affiliation with the glorious 358th. I enjoy reading your wonderful PERAGIMUS. We are all a part of the 90th, a truly great division."

Second Battalion

PHILLIP S. SCHLAIFER, a mechanical engineer with Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. in Niagara Falls, N. Y., writes, "I enjoyed receiving the latest issue of PERAGIMUS with the pictures of

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Kubicek Barracks. It brings back many memories of Company F and our stay in Vohenstrauß.

"Since last writing, I have married and moved from Frederick, Md., to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where I live at 617 Buffalo Ave. My wife, Helen, and I have a wonderful little daughter, Debra, who is seven months old.

"We would enjoy seeing any of the Tough 'Ombres passing through Niagara Falls."

We hope that M/Sgt. HAROLD F. KESSLER has recuperated from the malaria attack and kidney infection which hospitalized him in November and prevented him from attending the 90th's reunion in Dallas. But he is looking forward to next year's reunion.

Thanks to Harold for sending us a snapshot of 1st Lt. PAUL LUTAR, F Co., 358th Infantry Regiment. The photo was taken after they had crossed the Moselle River for the second time.

Harold says, "At that time Lt. Lutar was commanding officer and was one of the finest officers and as fine a combat leader as could be found. He was respected, admired, and loved by his entire company."

Harold also pays tribute to 1st Sgt. STANTON DARLING of F Company, whom he felt was tops as a "Top-Kick." Lutar and Dar-



RETURNING FROM THE 1956 CONVENTION PARADE. Left to right, Chaplain Hamilton, Marion Baldwin, Howard Stotler.

ling were fast friends and enjoyed each other's company, says Harold.

M/Sgt. Kessler sends his best wishes to former members of

Fighting Fox Company, 358th Infantry Regiment.

Third Battalion News

EDWIN W. MORTIMER, Co. I, writes, "Since our local group in the New York area broke up several years ago, I haven't even seen the few fellows whom I knew.

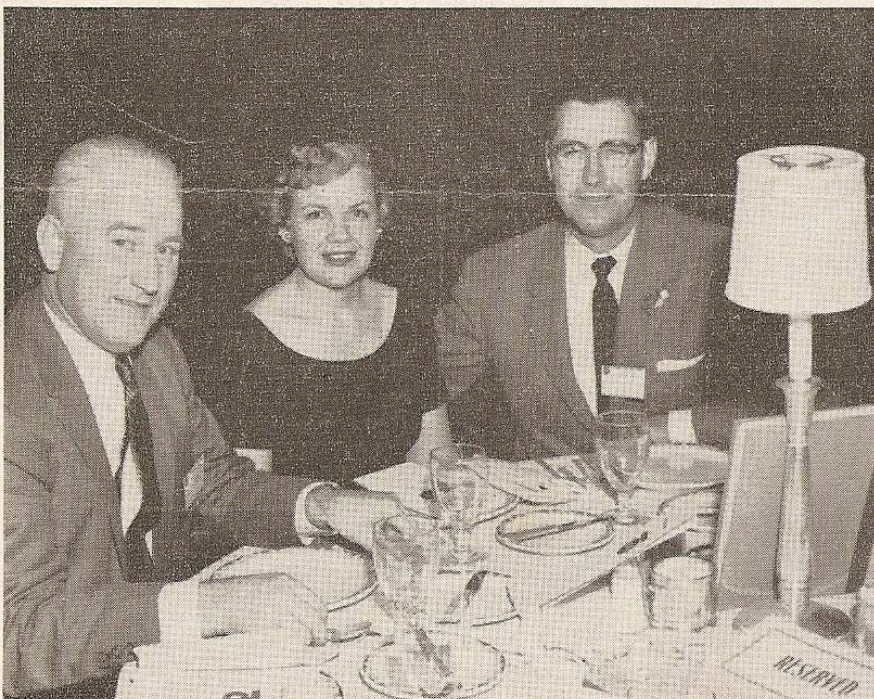
"I used to run into ED McBRIDE in Times Square occasionally and bought candy at Lt. GUS TAYLOR's store which he operated in the Bronx, but both have vanished from sight.

"This year I finished a three year art course under P. L. 16, after all these years."

Mortimer lives at 1200 Woodycrest Ave., New York 52, N. Y.

JOHN W. CROTTY, 5222 W. 124th Pl., Hawthorne, Calif., his wife, and four children traveled across the nation from their home to Massachusetts in July.

John called BILL FALVEY, CLIVE JAFFRAY, and GEORGE M. BIRD of L Co., but he was unable to contact them. He did, however, talk to "WILD BILL" JONES in Torrington, Wyo. John phoned him from Laramie.



358-ERS AT THE CONVENTION BANQUET. Left to right, Bill Falvey, Clarine and Bob Tiffany.