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From The Editor . . .

We have intended to make this a Christmas issue. We hope it has reached you in time. We like the idea of a Christmas issue because it is during this season that we recall our close associations of the past and exchange greetings.

Certainly there are no closer associations than those we formed during our years of training and combat with the old 358th Infantry. Comrades in arms are comrades forever. For our part we would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season and many more to come.

We should also like to take this opportunity to express our apologies for our failure to acknowledge the many fine letters that have been written to us. If we were to answer each and every one of these, however, it would take time away from the publication of Peragimus which needs more time than we can now spare from our work and the pressure of outside activities. We hope that you will consider each issue of Peragimus our reply to you and our thanks for your letters.

CAPT. BILL SHIPE, former 2nd Bn. and Regt. Hdqs., 2050 Poplar St., Abilene, Texas:

"Sorry, I've been so late replying, but you see I've been one of the boys in the army for the past 17 months. May I add here that I hope that's the last time for that.

"Spent some seven months at Ft. Dix, N. J., which is well remembered by the 90th. Still looks the same. Then 30 days at Ft. Benning, and on to Okinawa for five months and three days. Then home to Abilene and the family. At present am enjoying the fruits of being a civilian.

"Saw CHUCK WATSON of the 1st Bn., BOB CORNS of the 2nd Bn., JIM PRUGEL of 3rd Bn. They are all civilians except BOB CORNS.

From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

COL. CHRISTIAN H. CLARK, JR., former Regt. Co., sends this interesting letter about his recent activities:

"Have just returned to the United States after 3½ years as Army Attache to Argentina. Am now in Washington as a student at the National War College.

"First, I want to tell you what a fine job you are doing keeping the 358th together and here's my subscription to keep it strong and alive.

"Sorry, I couldn't write while in Argentina, but I didn't dare say anything about that country while there, by mail, because it's a tight dictatorship and all mail is censored. They have an Iron Curtain just like the one in Europe.

"However, on a more interesting note, recently met a French naval officer here in Washington whose cousin owns the property between ARGENTAN and CHAMBOIS where we fought. This chap was in ARGENTAN during the fight and was with the FFI. He asked if I shot any hare or pheasants or wild boar in the GRAN FOREST de GOUFFERN or around SILIE en GOUFFERN (where the reg't C. P. was located). I told him that all of our hunting there around 17-24, August, '44, was confined to hunting Krauts. His name is Grandjean, a French naval Lt. Commander on duty with NATO in Washington. He's a nice guy and I'm going to have him around the house soon and reminisce about the battle of the 'Gap.' I'll let you know later if there are any further details that develop.

"This is the third time I've been stationed in Washington since the war. As was the case both other times I bought a house. My present one is at 3911 Harrison street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

"Although a reunion wasn't held this year, I hope that we can have one next year and I shall certainly make every effort to attend now that I'm back in the U.S. Through the columns of 'Peragimus' I send greetings to each and everyone, who at one time or another was a member of the 358th Combat Team and wish you success and happiness in your present ventures wherever you may be."

SOL GOFFSTEIN, former communications officer of 1st Battalion, writes:



COLONEL CLARK

"Recently had a very pleasant visit with 'UNCLE HUBERT' JACKSON. He was traveling across the country in behalf of his freight consolidating company. 'The Old Gray Fox' doesn't look a day older than when I first saw him on Louisiana maneuvers.

"Jackson still insists if it weren't for the miles of toilet tissue you placed on the sagebrush in the California Desert, the 1st Bn. would still be wandering around out there.

"We were also wandering if there were any French lovelies roaming around Lockport, N. Y. knocking on doors asking for 'Jacque.'

"I'm still looking forward to our next convention, and if I can do anything to help don't hesitate to call on me."

Bits about 'em from COL. JIM BOSWELL:

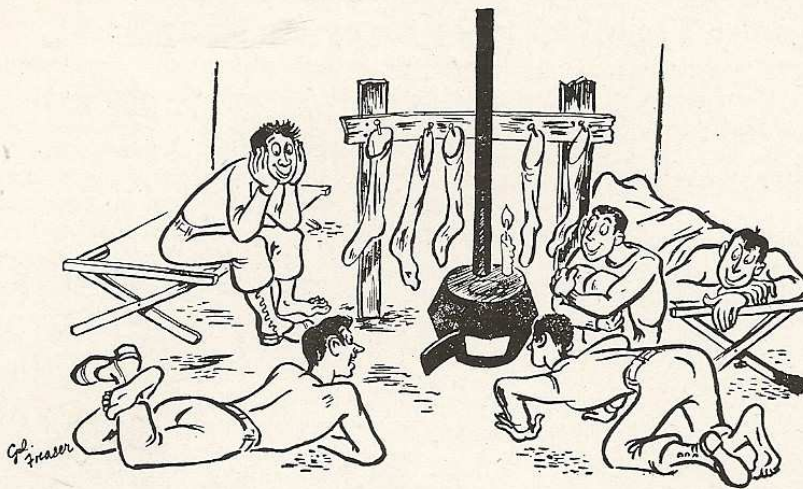
"Saw CHRIS CLARKE at the President's Cup Regatta (hot dog stand department). He is a student at the National War College, after finishing a tour as army attache in Buenos Aires.

"DICK STILLWELL is at Benning for a 'get rich quick' course prior to taking off for Korea where he will get a regiment—the 7th, my old one there, I hope.

"'TOMMY' THOMPSON finished the National War College in June of this year and has been transferred to Benning.

"Gen. Van Fleet was still wearing the Combat Badge (right side) when I last saw him in Korea."

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REMEMBER THIS? Cpl. Fraser drew these for our Christmas cards when we were training on the desert in 1943.



Editor's Notebook

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"Enjoyed your last issue immensely. I didn't realize how many names and faces of the 358th I could put together," is the much-appreciated word from MAJ. GENERAL HERBERT L. EARNEST, Retired, of White Stone, Va.

"You are doing a fine thing with your magazine. It serves to keep old comrades in touch with each other. It reminds me also of the fact that 'experiences' grow in magnitude with the years. Tell the men to make them good, for that is about all a fellow gets out of a war—comrades and yarns."

J. R. JACKSON, Box 25, La-Grange, Texas, sends in a nice long letter:

"I am always happy to receive my copy of PERAGIMUS. I want to commend you most highly for your efforts in keeping it coming. We all too often set aside and let others do things for us. In this case it is all of us who are setting aside and letting 'BIG STOT' do it for us. I for one appreciate it and believe that I am speaking the sentiments of many, many other former 358th, men.

"I was most pleasantly surprised the other day to find Major PAT PARRISH here at Texas A & M College. He is with the Infantry branch of the ROTC here. From the remarks I get from his students that I also teach here he is doing an outstanding job with them. (Incidentally they tell me things that make it appear that at times he shows symptoms of having had 'Undergraduate' training

from a real OLE ARMY MAN—COL. RUSTYD. He, MAJ. PARRISH, and C. P. VICKERY (With us at Barkley) and I had quite a nice visit together. Vickery is now a big business man and part time rancher.

"Another of my happy evenings was spent recently with the AUGHTRYS. They were here at Texas A. & M. visiting relatives and we got together one night. This was the first time I had seen him since I so abruptly left you in Normandy. Needless to say, this was a most pleasant meeting. He said that he had recently seen you. I wish I could also have that privilege. You would probably be surprised to know that I was pulling for the Republicans.

"I recall vividly, some of the many discussions (I won't call them arguments) that you and I had about the Roosevelt boys. At any rate I would like very much to see you some time. If you are ever down Texas way please come on down to see us.

"I certainly enjoy reading about all the old boys. Peragimus keeps me posted. Keep it coming.

"Incidentally my cousin—CUZ JACKSON—and I also had a few discussions about politics and I imagine that he too would be surprised at my present predicament.

"In case I didn't report. I am now teaching Agriculture Education in the college at Texas A.&M. I am enjoying my new work very much."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. KNOUF, Major, former S-4, have a son, Thomas Howard, born September 18, 1952. Our heartiest congratulations!

New Addresses

Post office information received since the September, 1952, issue of PERAGIMUS indicates that the following 358th men have moved to addresses shown:

Major Cud T. Baird, 410-9 Kearney Ave., Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Keith Baker, Care Gen. Delivery, Del Rio, Tex.

Grover C. Boswell, 3557 Boswell Ave., Overland 21, Mo.

Ronald W. Campbell, Hort. Dept., Kansas St. College, Manhattan, Kans.

Milford N. Christopherson, 148 E. 4th, St., P. O. Box 3144, St. Paul, Minn.

Chester C. Ciminski, 3135 W. Armstrong, Chicago, Ill.

Glenn R. Davis, 2652 E. 34th, Tulsa, Okla.

James W. Davis, 509 Bolivar, Denton, Texas.

Robert M. Fleming, 2764 Fairmount Blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Russel Geary, 1716 Prospect St., LaCrosse, Wis.

Lloyd W. Gebhardt, No. 1 Susquehanna Apts., Darlington, Md.

Wilbur C. Holmes, Jr., 1804 E. 35th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ivan Howard, 313 Whittier, Georgetown, Ill.

Russell Jacklin, Rt. No. 2, Granton, Wis.

John R. Jackson, Ag Education Dept., A&M College, College Station, Texas.

Edward R. Kincaid, Rt. No. 1, Sherwood, Mich.

George A. Kodet, 3517 E. 110th St., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Separate Units

M/SGT. HENRY FISCHER, formerly Service Co., now with the 132nd Fighter Bomber Wing, Alexandria Air Force Base, Alexandria, La., has this news for us:

"Finely got settled down her in the south, known as rebel land, been one hot summer, and kind of glad the hot weather is over with

"Since I have been here, made a small fast trip into Texas, and saw some of the fellows, first got to see BEN HILL and family, and talked about old times, and different fellows in the outfit, and saw most of his army pictures, had a pleasant stay there with him.

"Down to Goose Creek, Texas, and saw BILL SMITH and family, old Bill is still the same, no change, old welcome laugh and always smiling, had the bad news after eight years, that Bill got hit, but is coming along fine now, he's now Asst. Supt. of mails and doing a fine job.

"Saw DEWY 'JERK' MATH- EWS in Corsicana, Texas, and his charming wife and family, I went 400 miles west to see him, at Beeville, Texas, getting there I find out he had moved east, boy, a guy will do anything now days to see his old army buddies.

"Like to have seen more of the fellows, but had a time limit, and what I did see, was sure glad and happy, and the Southern Hospital- ity was just like they say it is down south.

"The time of this writing and the time the Peragimus goes to press I will be discharged from active duty with the Air Force, and again will make my home in Nebraska, anyone stopping by is sure wel- come, always a extra bed room, and plenty of beer in the basement.

"On the way back I expect to see DOC MYNEAR in Holt, Missou- ri, then swing over to see CY SYBOLD and STUBBY YOUNG; CHARLEY NOVONTY in Repub- lic, Kans.

"To the rest of the gang from the the 358th is going through Wor- Year to you all."

RAYMOND A. COMEAU, AT Co., 121 Sixth street, Leonminister, Mass., has this note for us:

"I am very sorry that I have nev- er written before, but am pleased to take this opportunity to tell you I am in the best of health.

"As soon as I came home I vis-

ited the parents of Robert Larkin (mine platoon) AT Co., killed in ac- tion in Normandy in July, 1944, and they were pleased to hear from me.

"I am still employed by the A&P Tea company and at present I am an assistant manager in Hudson, Mass., which is about 15 miles from home.

"I have seen a few of the boys from AT Co. . . . FRANCIS HAL- LIGAN, BENJE DAVID, and DON- ALD SARGENT.

"By the time the next issue of PERAGIMUS is out, I will have been married on Nov. 11 in St. Ber- nard's Church in Fitchburg, Mass. to Miss Marie Stanley."

FIRST LT. PAUL F. SANCHEZ and family, Edna, wife; Paul III, Pabelle, and Peter are now in Germany. Paul is with the 169th Inf. Regt., 43rd Division, Co. C, A.P.O. 112, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

GEORGE SKORICH of 3516 Grand Avenue, Duluth, Minn., sends regards to all old pals, and now has quite a family of two boys, Craig and Brian, and twin girls (red-headed) Sandra Kay and Shei- la Rae, identical, but both blind, unfortunately. He and his wife, Lois, enjoy Peragimus very much.

HERBERT VI OLSON reports: "I had two visitors last summer, RALPH HERMAN and OSCAR ORR. I was away at the time at the V. A. hospital at Des Moines, so missed them. On my vacation last summer I stopped at Milwau- kee and called on JOE SCHNABLE. Boy, did we have a bull session.

"Three cheers for THE PERAG- IMUS. It's swell hearing of the old gang.

"After Jan. 1 my address will be Route 2, Lyons, N. Y."

"I never forget all my friends and good company," writes ERN- EST G. GARZA, AT Co. He lives at 1615 Oklahoma in Flint, Mich., and is working for Fisher Body Division of General Motors Corp.

FRANCIS E. SIMON, AT Co., Dist. 793, Box 549, Milwaukee 14, Wis., writes:

"While vacationing this summer in Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Francis E.

Simon stopped in to see the FRAN- CIS (BUZZ) HURLEY family of St. Paul, Minn. Irene and Buzz have a very fine boy, about seven, and were expecting another addi- tion, which they probably have about now. Buzz works for the Post Office in St. Paul. We spent a very enjoyable afternoon talking of old times with the 358th, and concluded with a very fine dinner at their home.

"As for myself, I'm kept quite busy selling Real Estate, and bus- sier yet since I've been elected Commander of the American Leg- ion Post in Elm Grove, Wisconsin."

JACK SCHWARTZ, Service Co., advises us that his address has been changed to 25 Chadwick street, Worcester, Mass., and writes:

"After getting out I have done what most have—built a home, married, and have two girls, Judy and Jean. I've put on quite a bit of weight as a result of my wife's good cooking, so if anyone from the 358th is going through Woe- cester, they can always be sure of a good meal—free—just stop in."

"I enjoyed the latest issue of PERAGIMUS very much," is the good word from FRANK J. RAZD, AT Co., of 101 Benedict street, Chil- licothe, Ill.

"I was very much surprised to see the picture taken as we (the 358th) attended that first stage show, on our first rest period after the St. Lo break-out in Norman- dy.

"I remember I was there—I won- der how many will find themselves in that picture as I did, and will correspond with you to that effect.

"Since my last correspondence, I have married and am in business operating my own barber shop here in Chillicothe."

C. J. MERRIGAN, JR., has a new address at 2501 West 50th Place, Kansas City, Kansas. He originally moved to Kansas with the intention of taking the Kan- sas bar examination. He adds:

"JAMES D. MEEKS (personnel clerk) now running the public li- brary in Enid, Oklahoma, took off two weeks in July and we went to California. We stopped at Desert Center about five one morning and discovered the heat had not mod- erated since 1943.

News of Separate Units Personnel

"KEITH HANAN, personnel clerk, was here in April . . . now with civilian personnel at Ft. Sheridan. Address: 426 Westminster avenue, Lake Forest, Ill."

A nice letter reaches us from A. J. McDANIEL, Box 538, Lamesa, Tex., who writes thusly:

"I have just finished reading the September issue of PERAGIMUS—and I, for one, appreciate the effort you're making in keeping alive the memories and friendships of former days. I'm sure there are many others who feel as I do and yet have not contributed either material or money to help you. It's a very peculiar thing how a man can live so closely with such a fine bunch of men, 'sweat-out' such trying circumstances with them—and then, seemingly, lose all contact with them. Maybe it's due to the fact that the army was so universally unpopular and, once loose from it, we all try our best to forget all about it. Whatever the reason, I know that all of them join me in commending you for your work.

"While I was far from the favorite non-com of the officers of the regiment I had a great deal of re-enjoy hearing from them and their families. I follow with much interest the careers of those who stayed in the service, as well as the messages from the ones who didn't. Still, I wish that more of the enlisted men would write you as that is of major interest to me—naturally. I would especially like to hear from anyone in Service Company and the whole RSO set-up.

"Until you visit the Llano Estacado of the Panhandle of Texas it would be hard for you to imagine what little news I have of any of friends of army days. RAYMOND DODSON (the S-4 jeep driver) used to live in the nearby town of Tahoka, but he moved out from under—where, I don't know. BEN HILL and one or two others came by to see me on vacation trips, but, otherwise, I've had no contact with anyone. I'm still superintendent of Mails in the post office here, and would enjoy seeing anyone who would visit me.

"I enclose my check for two dollars—maybe if 'SENATOR' DONOHUE is on the wrong track I'll be able to make it more next time. By the way, I was particularly glad to read of COL. RUSTEMEYER

and COL. BEALKE—do you ever hear from COL. THOMPSON? Those three men did a lot of good molding. Also officers KNOUF, OLSON, FALVEY, STECKLA, CHUCK MARTIN, and many others whose names escape me at the moment. I was also glad to read of OLIVER WILBANKS, DICK PERLEY, O. L. PHIPPS AND M/SGT. (no less) HENRY FISCHER. If the latter should read this I'll add a message for him. The latch-string is off and the free meal is waiting—and it won't be 'C' or 'K' rations!"

THANKS TO THESE

Peragimus is with you again, through the generosity of some but not enough of the men of the 358th. Here are those who have contributed for this issue:

\$10—Walt Olson, Col. Christian H. Clarke, Clay Adams.

\$5—Arnold Levine, Maj. Gen. H. L. Earnest, J. R. Jackson, C. J. Menigan, Jr., John J. Schwartz, Lawrence Kelso, James Josendale, Col. J. O. Boswell.

\$4—Robert Muthig, Chaplain James Hamilton.

\$3—Stanley C. Anderson, O. L. Ramsey, L. P. Politano.

\$2—Clarence Viesting, Clarence Bergum, Roy Hughes, Howard Proctor, Glenn Norvell, Earl Starr, William Mooney, 1st Lt. Ralph Myers, Jr., Herbert Olson, Morris Helm, Eugene Armstead, Edward Hardy, Clarence Christianson, Frank Morelli, A. J. McDaniel, Joseph M. Ruda MD, Roderick Freeman, R. B. Smith, Raymond A. Comeau, Frank J. Razo, Frank Gargano, Francis E. Simon, Delbert F. Nerge, Juel Tollernd, Bill Shipe, D. W. Johnson, Jas. B. Pain-ton, J. A. Moses.

NEW ADDRESSES

Edwin Larson, 2425 W. 15th St., Duluth 6, Minn.

John Lighty, 141 N. 4th St., Clinton, Ia.

Ted McFarling, 1017 Clark, Ames, Iowa.

Clarence J. Merrigan, Jr., 2501 W. 50th Place, Kansas City, Kans.

Dan L. Middleton, 315-32nd St., Sioux City, Ia.

Roger W. Moser, Box 158, Garrettsville, Ohio.

Col. Merton E. Munson, 0-29519, 1155 School D e t a c h m e n t (USAREUR). A.P.O. No. 164 Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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CLARENCE E. CHRISTIANSON, better known as "Big Chris from Co. D," writes:

"Enjoy Peragimus a lot, surprised to see myself in the U. S. O. picture in the September issue.

"Was down to Abilene, Texas, last December. My wife and I drove out and looked over old Camp Barkley. The place looks good, they have torn down the whole camp. Also drove out to Hankins Ranch, which all the boys will well remember.

"At present I am working for the Desoto-Plymouth dealer in Bemidji. I still have my farm southeast of town, but rent it out."

CARL D. SWARD, Co. "B," Geneva, Minn., writes:

"Wish to report that the 1952 Midwest 90th Division reunion was held in Minneapolis on Saturday, Sept. 27. Saw a number of 358th boys, among them the one and only 'PURNELL J. DONOHUE.' No one suspected anything like that.

"Also had quite a get together with those Co. 'B' buddies, JOE JUNG, CLYDE PAGE, CLARENCE VIESTING, STANLEY MALLY, HAROLD HEGGERNESS, MILFORD CHRISTOFERSON, LEO HANSON, and 'LITTLE' DONALD L. PETERSON from Red Oak, Iowa—'DONOHUE,' of course is a former 'B' Co. boy, too, having charge of the Weapons Platoon on Louisiana maneuvers. He now admits he never did know a thing about mortars or machine-guns. That we know it true.

"The 1953 reunion will be held in Fargo, N. Dakota. This will be the first time it will not be held in Minneapolis.

"It's always a pleasure to receive Peragimus. Hope you can keep it coming."

CLAY ADAMS, Co. "C," Rt. No. 2, Springfield, Mo.:

"I'm still waiting for that next convention. Sure hope we can get together in 1953—I spent two days in St. Louis attending the Cardinal ball games—talked to ED BLAKE and SOL GOFFSTEIN.

"I sure enjoy reading the Peragimus—I'm sure my donation will be accepted without a subscription blank."

Received word that Sfc. JAMES
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News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—First Battalion

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C. LAMBERT has been ordered to the Far East, reporting to Ft. Lawton, Wash., on Nov. 20 for overseas. Jim has been ROTC instructor in Chicago. Mrs. Lambert, Teddy 5, and Kathy 2, will move to LaCrosse, Wis., at 1825 S. 22nd St. "Keep the news coming. Will send my overseas address as soon as possible," says Jim.

A few good words from Chaplain JIM HAMILTON, Veterans Administration Center, Temple, Texas:

"It was a joy to receive another copy of Peragimus, Sept., 1952. To help assure future publication of this 'tie that binds' I am enclosing my check for a two year subscription.

"News in Peragimus forces us to realize that 'Time Marches On.'

"After I left the 358th in August, 1945, I spent about a year and a half in Germany with the 9th Inf. Div. Upon my return to the States I was assigned to the Air Force with duty at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio. I now hold my reserve commission (Major) in the Air Force, and take Air Force Reserve training every Monday night.

"After becoming a civilian I served for two years as pastor of Capitol Hill Christian Church in Oklahoma City, and am now into my fourth year as Chaplain for the Veterans Administration, located with old McCloskey Hospital in Temple, Texas.

"Our son, Paul, who was a Navy fighter pilot in Korea, got out of service in July and is now a Pre-Med student in the Univ. of Texas. He is married and promises to make his parents, grandparents!

"Our twins, Harry D. and Jane are also in the Univ. of Texas. The male is getting four years of Aeronautical Engineering under the Navy Program. He was on a two months Navy cruise this summer and was in England and Ireland. The daughter is majoring in music and education.

"Saw Sgt. JACK BENTLEY in Booneville, Arkansas last March. He was with our First Battalion Aid Station and was badly wounded the last part of July, 1944, at the time of 'First Batt. Capture.' He was in the hospital with his wounds until 1946. He now has a fine wife and son.

"Also saw Sgt. 'SANDY' OGLE

(1st Batt. Aid) in Cisco, Texas, some time ago. He owns a filling station there. He, too, is married.

"I know where a number of our 'old gang' are located in Texas, but have not had the time to look them up. Say, 'you all' I sure would like to see you at McCloskey if you ever get to Temple.

"We average about 1050 patients in our hospital which includes vets from Spanish Amer. War to vets of Korea. We maintain four services: TB; NP; GM&S; and Dom. care.

"I attended the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in Chicago last May. Sorry I didn't have time to look a number of you up in those parts.

"I have a number of pictures that HAROLD FERRIN (Chaplain's right hand man in First Batt) that I took in Germany which I will try and send you some time. Ferrin and I correspond at Christmas. His address is 14 Marvin Ave., Linwood, N. J. He is music director for a large hotel in Atlantic City."

News of Second Battalion Personnel

WILLIAM P. MOONEY, Co. "F," 61 Memorial Place, E. Paterson, N. J.:

"I certainly was glad to see that picture submitted by MERRIL BOWMAN of the USO show. It brought to my mind many fond memories. Just after the show I received a package from home containing two cans of corned beef hash and a can of Spam. Ma never could understand just why I wasn't too happy to receive it.

"There aren't very many Tough 'Ombres' around my neck of the woods. I get a word every Christmas from DICK GURNLY and his wife Millie from Ebenezer, N. Y. HOWARD MEUSE lives in Long Island, N. Y. I haven't been able to get in touch with him and I certainly would appreciate any help in that respect.

"If any of the survivors of that little trouble we had in Normandy remember me I'd like to have you drop around sometime or at least drop me a line.

"My family consists of my wife, Louise, and my son, Timothy Patrick. I'm employed as a claims examiner by the Veterans Administration in Newark, N. J."

LAWERNCE L. KELSO, Company "E" and "G," 5040 35th Ave. N. E., Seattle 5, Wash.:

"Just a few lines to bring you up to date on my movements. I was called back into the service on the 11th of June, 1951, and put in four or five months at Camp Roberts, California, giving basic training to inductees. Since I had changed my branch of service in the ORC and was (and am now) in Armor I wasn't particularly pleased at my

assignment. I might add that I have been in better camps than Camp Roberts, too!

"I was ordered to The Armored School in November of 1951 and graduated from there in March of 1952. I was sent from Ft. Knox to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina to join the 31st Infantry Division as Reconnaissance Company Commander. Went with the division to the Longhorn Exercise in Texas and from there to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where I am at the present.

"At the moment, I am more or less marking time awaiting the end of my term of service which comes on the 11th of November, this year. I can't say that I am sorry to see the day coming as this is nothing like the 90th of the old days. If I can arrange it, I will come through Champaign on my way back to Seattle and drop 'n for a chinfest so that I can be brought up-to-date on where everybody is at the moment so that I might be able to see a few of them on my way home.

"Hope that the five bucks will help keep the Peragimus coming as I look forward to reading every copy. It is the only way in which I can keep track of the people that I served with in Europe."

RALPH L. MYERS, JR., former F. O. 344 FA Bn., writes:

"Came home on leave last week from Ft. Bliss (18 Oct. '52). I had very good intentions of writing to you before and sending in my subscription but you know about good intentions.

"I've been back in the army since November, 1950, and at Ft. Bliss since March, 1951. My present ca-

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reer is tied up in radar and electronics and after a course of instruction I was made an instructor in the electronics department of the AA School. My wife and two small sons live with me on the post.

"Since getting back into artillery I haven't seen many old faces from the 90th of 358th. Several old artillery people are from Divarty who I didn't know previously.

"I'm always glad to hear about the old friends I made in the 358th and anyone writing will receive a reply, especially ED NEWCOMB, former C. O. of 'F' Co., 358th."

OIVA OKSANEN, Box 63, Tenstrike, Minn.:

"Have enjoyed your Peragimus very much, so I guess it's time I let you know of the wonderful job I think you're doing. I was greatly disappointed about the poor response to the convention plans last spring in St. Louis. Well, I hope we may be able to get together next year.

"After being discharged in Oct. '45, I went to Telegraph school for the Northern Pacific Ry. Co., in Jamestown, N. D. Upon completion of my course I went to work for them and at present am depot agent at Senstrike, Minn., which is 16 miles north of Bemidji (the ice box of the nation).

"I was married in '47 and we have Susan, age 4, and Charles, 3.

"I see LLOYD FINSETH quite often in Duluth, Minn. He is employed by the Bell Telephone Co. and has seen RALPH CHURCHWARD once in St. Paul, same old Churchward. I also ran into BILL FINLEY of 2nd Bn., Headquarters in Bemidji. At the time he was attending teachers college there. That's about all the news I have at this time."

DELBERT F. NERGE, Sgt. "G" Co., 114 King William street, Dundee, Ill.:

"I was very happy to have run across a buddy who gave me the address to which to write in regard to receiving some information of the 90th Division. I wish to thank you for the copy of PERAGIMUS and I am enclosing my subscription to receive it regulary.

"I was especially happy to have received the copy I did, because it had an article in it about ROY

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FREEMAN, formerly of 'G' Company. I have wondered a number of times what happened to Roy, and where he was living. I hope to drop him a line in the next few days.

"For myself, I am married and

have two boys, Davey and Donny. I work as a bookkeeper and salesman for a G.M.C. Truck and Minneapolis Moline Farm Impliment dealership.

"Would enjoy hearing from any former 'George Company' men."

News of Third Battallion Personnel

CLARENCE M. BERGUM Ass't. Supply, Co. "I," of 224 N. Minnesota street, Crookston, Minn.

"Thanks for THE PERAGIMUS as I enjoy each copy—in fact, I read it thru before I even eat.

"This summer 'POKER FACE' RALPH MADDEN visited me for a few minutes while I was working. I tried to have Ralph and his wife stay over (I promised no poker, Ha!) but they had other plans. I am hoping to visit them next summer, also I want to go to Minneapolis to see my other Co. I. 358th pals — KRAEMER, SYVERSON, JOHNSON, DANIELSEN, and my 'Money Order' pal, PAUL HOLMQUIST.

"This baby-sitting for my little boy and girl, and Minnesota leading Purdue 14 to 0—I'll be lucky if you can read this letter.

"So glad to see my pal, PAUL STECKLA, get hooked, or I should say, blessed with a wonderful girl. I didn't think anyone would ever 'get' him, but he was a swell leader when he was with the famous 4th platoon.

"I do hope that some of the boys will look me up if they are ever around Crookston, Minn. WALTER ROLES said he was coming up. I

even had a 'blind date' as this gal would like to get someone that could make rolls like Walt used to do, but something else must have happened.

We were glad to hear from WILLIAM P. MOODY, Co. F, of 61 Memorial Place, East Paterson, N. J., and hope he enjoys this issue of PERAGIMUS.

"Here's hello to the best 'guys' I have ever had a chance to know—the TOs of Company 'T' and the 358th."

ARNOLD LEVINE, Co. "L," 1107 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.:

"I happened to receive a copy of the September issue of Peragimus from HOWARD MUSE, an old 358th Mortar Man. Being a member of 357 myself, I anxiously scanned the pages of this issue for any familiar names. I did come upon a few and it was certainly a kick knowing where certain fellows are today.

"Seeing the name of COL. JOHN MASON brought back some real fond memories. He was my battalion, and later my regimental C.O. and to me there was never a finer

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PICTURED AT LEFT IS JACK M. MALE, German interpreter of Co. C, taken near the town of Hanau, Germany. Male took the picture above Oberviechtach from the Cham-Weiden highway, showing the town among the trees of the Oberpfalz Woods. At Right below is a Oberviechtach village scene taken by Male during a visit there in 1950.

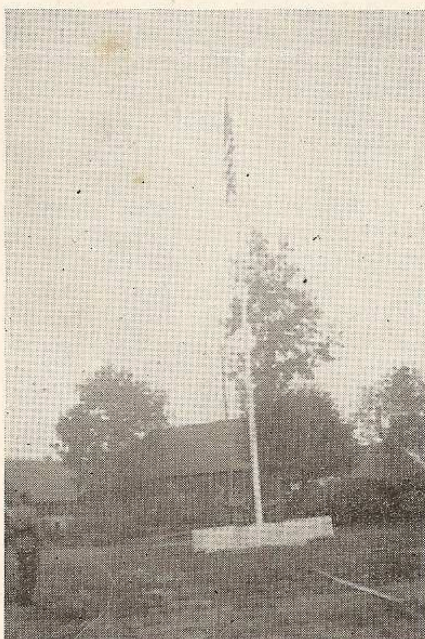
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soldier. As I said, although a member of Co. 'L,' 357th, I enjoyed receiving the paper and would like to have a subscription for the future.

"Yours for continued success in your work in connection with keeping the 'old outfit' together."

STANLEY C. ANDERSON (Andy) of 104½ West Lufkin avenue, Lufkin, Texas, advises us that his law partner's father, Martin Dies, has been elected a congressman from his district, and so when Andy goes to Washington to visit him, he will look up PARNELL J. (Senator) DONOHUE. He adds:



"I see WINDROW C. PAYNE, SGT. MORRISON, and CECIL WILLIAMS quite often. Glad to hear that EARL TAYLOR finally found the 'range' on a farm. Will never forget the time he woke up and told me it was rationed."

JAMES JOSENDALE, former Co. I, Country Club Place, St. Joseph, Mo.:

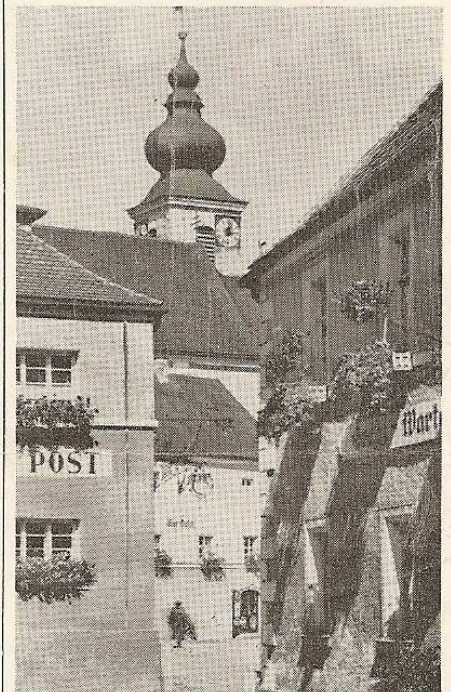
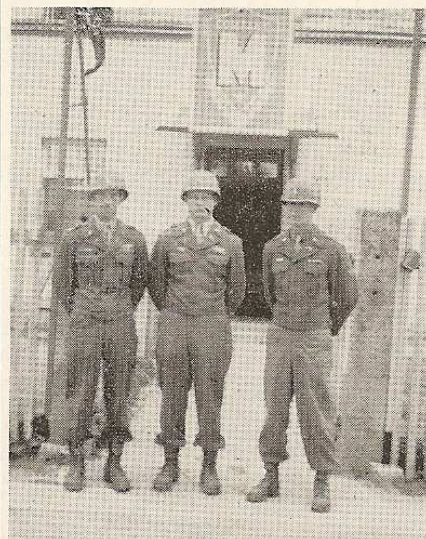
"Debbie and I are getting pretty well settled down here in the mid-west. Have been trying to get together with M. L. and Eula K. HARRIS and JIM and ANN MORRIS, but we always get fouled up one way or another. We're hoping we might do it this fall, but I fear it is only a hope.

"I see JACK MILLER who was our officer's messergeant from time to time. Jack is chef at the one big hotel in St. Jo and doing well.

"If you get down this way, please drop in. We'd like to rehash some

of those old days."

CLARENCE DAVIS, former Sgt. "M" Co., now owns and operates his own barber shop in Richmond, Ind. He took up barbering in Indianapolis under the G.I. bill. He has been married for five years.



AT EXTREME LEFT is picture of Retreat, June, 1945, "M" Company, at Schonthal, Germany. Second picture is of Officers of "M" Company in front of the C. P. in the summer of 1945. Can someone please help with identification? We'll appreciate it!

