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CONVENTION PLANNED FOR MAY 30-31!

From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

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The amount of news and pictures received is also gratifying, for it takes both MONEY and NEWS to keep PERAGIMUS alive. That is why we enclose with each issue one of our NEWS BLANKS and reply envelopes so that you will find it most convenient to write to us. Send your PICTURES, too. They are always welcome.

(A special thanks to all those who sent Christmas Cards to the editor. They were all most appreciated!

Ed McBride, formerly F. Co., Regt. Hqs. Co., S. G. Co. and E Co., now in Le Havre, France, can be reached through P.O. Box 790, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N.Y. He informs us:

"As you can see by the postmark I am now in Le Havre, France, as Purser on a ship which is waiting here to take on fuel prior to returning to the States. I've been sailing in the Merchant Marine

again since last summer when I graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, Univ. of Pa.

"Last trip I had the good fortune to visit with an old friend of the 358th—Espinosa. I had dinner in Paris with him and his charming family in October. He looks wonderful and prosperous, and is quite proud of his 6 month old daughter. Espi and I talked for quite a while about the old days in the 90th—especially the many recon trips he, Schnabl, Pecheco and I made along the Moselle when the Regt. Hqs. was in Volkrange for several weeks. If a lot of 358'ers ears were burning last October it was because Espi and I were drinking many a toast to them. Espi, his brother (also a former liaison officer), and myself then went to a terrific Paris night club—The Crazy Horse Saloon. What a time! It was the wee hours in the morning when we reluctantly broke up. It sure was wonderful to see him again.

"Good old Joe Schnabl and I got together just before Thanksgiving, 1950, in Milwaukee. He had just gotten married and I found out later that he was on his honeymoon when I saw him! We had a good time together reminiscing over the days in Normandy and Northern France. What a guy! If everyone in the Army had had the guts he had, the war would have been over 6 mos. earlier than it was. He's living up in Milwaukee at 1939-A So. 14th St. with his wife and two sharp step-daughters.

"As for myself, I'm sailing now because I find it the easiest way to see the girl I'm going to marry as often as possible without having to pay \$250 a crossing. I plan to get married and settle down in Paris

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St. Louis Site Needs OK of 358 Men

During the past year we have had many queries as to when another 358th Combat Team Convention would be held, and it would appear that if such a Get-Together is to be scheduled, certainly the time for it would be this spring.

The most centrally-located city in which to hold a convention appears to be St. Louis, Mo., easily reached by train, air travel, or highway from the entire Mid-West as well as overnight from the East Coast and two days journey from the West Coast.

May 30 Logical Date

The most logical date for such a convention would be Memorial Day Weekend, May 30 and 31.

Tentatively we are suggesting that the convention be held at the Sheraton Hotel, St. Louis, on the above-mentioned dates, BUT ONLY IF THE RESPONSE OF 358th COMBAT MEN WARRANTS IT.

Send Us Your Vote

To give us an idea as to whether or not to make definite commitments, we are asking 358th Combat Team men to RETURN THE ENCLOSED PINK CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE. Saying that you think you can come, doesn't obligate you for a reservation (cards will be mailed later) but does help us plan as to whether or not we will hold the convention at all—so if you feel that there is an outside chance you'll be able to make the Get-Together at St. Louis Memorial Day Weekend, so indicate on the enclosed slip.

Greetings From Salisbury

Thanks for the Christmas card to Lt. Col. Bob Salisbury who sent it all the way from Tokyo, Japan, where he is with the G-3 Sect. of the Army.

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

Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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Sincere thanks go to the following men who sent in a subscription to help keep the Peragimus going: \$10.00—Merrill Rudes, Phil Vickery.

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Serving In Korea

From Mrs. Reddinger comes word the First Lt. C. A. Reddinger, formerly of 5343 Terry Ave., St. Louis 20, Mo., is now serving in Korea in the 7th C.I.C. detachment, 7th Inf. Div., APO 7, care of P.M. San Francisco, Calif. His home address is 5-B Harding Court, Nashville, Tenn.

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for a couple of years as soon as I get a good job there.

"That was an excellent job done on the Directory and on every issue of Peragimus. Would appreciate it if you would note my change of address. It's now P.O. Box 790, Grand Central Station, New York 17, N.Y.

"P.S.: I'll send you my subscription money as soon as I change these beautiful yet almost worthless francs."

Herbert Earnest, Maj. Gen. Rtd., former division commander, says: "It was nice to receive the Christmas issue of Peragimus and to read about the personnel of the 358th RCT. Please remember me to all the old members of the 358th you may run across. The outfit was a grand fighting unit and could always be depended upon in or out of a clutch."

From Box 5, Marlin, Texas, comes word of Carl Spelce, former CO, A.T. Co., 1942-44, along with a subscription: "You and all others in the regiment undoubtedly remember Lt. Simms for his singing ability (hill-billy) accompanied by Lt. Bob Tiffany, and for his ability to sleep standing up.

"Simms is now a blockman for Allis-Chalmers Tractor Co. at West Memphis, Arkansas. He was down here this fall for a short visit. He and I helped Phil Vickery to select a tract of ranch land to buy near Meridian, Texas, just north of Waco. I am located about 25 miles south of Waco, so Vickery and I will be neighbors just as soon as he can move to his ranch.

"Former members of Anti-tank Company will be interested to know that company mail orderly Joe B. Hines has the addresses of most all members of the company. His address is Poolville, Texas.

"I wish to express my thanks to you for your fine work in making it possible to receive news of the 358th Combat Team personnel."

Parnell Donohue, "alias Milton Klopstok," Major General U.S.A. Retd., was, in late January, "Enroute to Washington to get them straightened out on a few things—and see Churchill." He and wife Dorothy had a 6 lb., 15 oz., daughter, Margaret Ann, born to them last December 17.

Lt. Col. Robert Schulz, GS, HQ 4th Inf. Div., G-3 Section, APO 39, care of Postmaster New York, New York, sent a card from Germany where he has been since May. His family (now 3 boys) joined him there in mid-December. "Trust that you are in good health. Do not see many of the old gang anymore. But it is sure nice to have a 'home' in a division once more."

Hubert Jackson, 741 Ave. B, Redondo Beach, Calif., as of Dec. 8 had an addition to the family; a son, John Meredith, 7 lb., 8 oz.

Jack Shardon, 425 Park Ave., Lockport, N. Y., extends a cordial invitation to visit him in his new home and requests that it be soon.

Dan Ahern, Mountain View Court, Buffalo, Wyoming, former CO of the 1st Bn., writes:

"I really enjoy reading all about the 358 Regt.

"We finally got through our hunting season; it lasted from September to the first of December. Over 23,000 antelope were taken out of this section of the state, two went to Texas with Lt. Windrow C. Payne of San Augustine. They also took an elk and a deer apiece. We had some good visiting and hunting over the prairies although I do think that Windrow thought our horse back trails were built too high up on hills that only German soldiers would occupy!

"Sgt. Robert Sanders, Regt'l Supply, is in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He has one little girl. Went cat fishing with him in Kansas five years ago. In 1944 he and I were in the same battalion in France and often got under the same tree together. He did a grand job with the Thunderbirds and earned even more decorations than he received.

"Col. Blair C. Stouffer is running a used-car business in Riverton, Wyo., and he stops in about once or twice a year to visit for a few minutes.

"I had Col. Rustemyer's address but lost it during my remodeling of our tourist court. Please send it to me as I want to get him out here for some hunting before the next war starts.

"You know I now have four boys, all hunters and fishermen. They

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News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Separate Units

Our sincere thanks to Wilfred Glazer, 115 Herrick Ave., Teaneck, New Jersey, for sending in \$5 to help pay for the directory. He was a 1st Lt. with Cannon Co. Recently he "saw Paul Sanchez and he told me about Peragimus. Sure was nice to read about the great fellows I know."

"Finished my education at Kansas U. some time back. Worked for an insurance company for a short time, quit and am now with General Motors B.O.P. assembly plant in Kansas City, Kansas. Process Engineering Dept. Have been married to these seven years and we are expecting No. 3 in November; have a boy and a girl now so don't care what the next is. Saw Jack Wooldridge last year on vacation in Paris, Texas, Cecil Williams in Nacodoches, Texas, and tried to find Hansel Hammond but no luck. All old injuries have healed fine but doubt if old friends would recognize me now. Am about 40 lbs. lighter." Thus writes Jean Neibarger, Tonganoxie, Kans.

Thos. L. Mitchell died Nov. 24, 1950, in a hospital in Martins Ferry, Ohio, from appendicitis and was buried in Farmington cemetery near Barton, Ohio. American Legion post 227 of Bridgeport, Ohio, had charge of the services. He

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leaves a wife, Helen, and two children who reside at 2209 South First St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Alice Jones sent in a subscription for husband Bill who is busy in Korea. "He was recalled in Oct., '50, from inactive status, as so many were. He was ordered overseas Aug. 25, 1951. He is attached to the 24th Inf. Div. which is located in central Korea. He called me while he was on a 5-day leave in Toyko and at that time he said he should be leaving Korea on or about 19 Jan. '52. He has run into several fellows whom he served with in the last war, one of them being Capt.

Billy Neal, who is another Wyo. man."

Floyd Johnson, Hdqs. Co., now lives at 3524 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. He is still in the hardware business at 3612-14 Indiana Ave., run under the name of Johnson Bros. He would like to have any of the old bunch who get into the area to stop in and see him or at least call.

Samuel Adelson, medical detachment, 49 Thomas Rd., Rockville Centre, N.Y., was married last August and in November went into his own business, a boys' clothing store in Rockville Centre. He would like to know the address of Captain Nissenbaum, who was one of the regimental medical officers at Barkeley. He'd also like to hear from Cecil Linville, Texas, and Bob Tabor, Chicago, who trained with him at Barkeley.

From 67 Laurel St., Waterbury 16, Conn., George Colby writes:

"I was formerly a Sgt. in the mines platoon of Anti-Tank, 358. After a good bit of walking in Europe, I find that I didn't have enough of it; so I am, and have been, a regular mail-carrier here in Waterbury, for the past three years. As I write this we are all getting ready for the usual big Christmas rush. Heard from Elmer Boettcher, an old Buddy at CO recently. He has been postmaster in Unadilla, Nebraska now for about a year . . . He had a visit from Vince "Bones" O'Loughlin, former platoon Sgt. of the miners. He is at present repairing airplanes at an airport, out in Redwood City, Calif.

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Members of the third squad, mines platoon, Anti-tank Company. Taken at Zella-Mehlis, Germany, in March, 1951. Back row, l. to r., John Wozniak, Les Fountain, Delmar Cronk, Buck Buchanan. In front: George Colby, John Eudes.

Separate Units

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. . . Frank Arata, another mines platoon member, has been married for three years now, to a German girl he met in the town of Schwartzenfeld, the city the miners occupied after the war. They have a daughter, and live in Medford, Mass.

A. H. Brodeur writes:

"The Christmas Edition of Peragimus just received and as usual I found it very interesting. I was with the RSO section for some time and later was the Regimental GRO Sgt. working with Lt. Gus Ackel.

"Our 1st Sgt. A. J. McDaniel's letter in the last issue was especially interesting to me due to the fact that he mentioned the Service Company mascot. The French boy's name is Louis Magaud and he was practically my shadow from the time that he came to Service Company. I still correspond with him and he is now married and has a son almost four years old.

"Enclosed please find my belated subscription to Peragimus. At a later date I intend to send along some pictures which I think would be of interest.

"There are not too many former members of the 358th living in this vicinity and I have not met any for quite some time. I sure would like to attend one of the conventions some day but so far I haven't been able to see my way to travel as far as Chicago or St. Louis solely for that purpose.

"I am now working for Dennison Mfg. Co., Framingham, Mass., doing Production Planning Work. Am married and have two daughters. I will gladly answer anyone who cares to write to me at the address to be found in the wonderful Directory you published some time ago."

EXTRA COPIES AVAILABLE OF DIRECTORY, PERAGIMUS

Several 358th members have written in to the editor, requesting back issues of PERAGIMUS or the Directory published last year.

We thought we would let you know that a limited number of the directories are available at \$2.00 each, and single copies of back issues of PERAGIMUS at 50c each. Since funds are needed to maintain our publication, it is hoped that those of you who wish back copies or a directory will write in.

News of First Battalion Personnel

Clay Adams, Route 2, Springfield, Mo., was "Sure glad to receive another Peragimus. I think an early spring convention would suit everyone. I think Mr. Parnell J. has a very good suggestion and would be the man to check on the idea."

With his new address, 41 N. Main St., West Hartford, Conn., Frank Golden sent: "It is good to hear what the fellows from 358th are doing. Keep Peragimus rolling."

Forrest Kleinsmith, 1406 Camanche Ave., Clinton, Iowa, with his subscription said: "Hope they keep coming as I enjoy reading them. Keith Hanan, 'Service Co.' is still in San Diego working as a civilian for the Navy. Leo Oakerlund, Co. clerk, A Co., recently got married. Wayne Wahlstrom and family moved recently into their new house in Elmhurst, Ill."

M/Sgt. Ed. E. Knisley, Bainbridge, Ohio, just returned from Korea and discloses:

"In your last issue someone asked about Sgt. Bitzer. He was with Co. B of the 9th Inf. in Korea. How he made out I can't say. You know how it is keeping contact with someone in another Regt. At present I am assigned to 5th Recon. Co., 5 Div. for duty with Div. faculty trng. recruits. I was formerly a member of C Co., 358th as platoon sergeant and later as 1st Sgt."

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The news from Paul Spayde, 1498 Wagar Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio, is:

"Thanks for the December Peragimus. Keep up the good work. Had dinner with Bob Burns and his wife at the Stevens when I was there a few months ago. It was a pleasure to hear from the fellows. You know Bob Burns, Jim Prugel, Paul Steckla, and I all started with the 3rd Battalion when it was formed early in 1942. By the way, have you heard from Steckla recently?"

Lakewood, he adds, is a part of greater Cleveland (6 mi. downtown) and many of the "fellows remember Agnes from Barkley days. Larkanna is in kindergarten and Steven Lee is 2½."

Paul also sent in a quotation from *The Hills Beyond* by Thomas Wolfe which he felt helps to explain the "tie that binds" in the 358th: ". . . would rather have his son choose any other profession in the world than that of the soldier; every instinct of his nature, every element of his character, abhorred the whole idea and life of war.

"It's not a life, anyway," he said. "It's a death. It's true the finest men I ever knew, I knew because I went to war. But I went to war because I had to go—and that was the reason that the others went. But the reason you meet fine men in war is because it is fine men who have to go to war; it is not war that makes them fine. War is the filthiest, rottenest, corruptest, and most damnable disease that man and the devil have invented; and because it is the filthiest, rottenest, corruptest, and most damnable disease, it brings out the most heroic and ennobling qualities that men have. But don't deceive yourself; the reason war brings out these qualities is not because war is good, but because war is bad. These qualities come out in men who go to war because without these qualities men could not suffer and endure it. Sherman said that war is hell; well, he was wrong. War is not hell, war is worse than hell, war is death!"

Frank Schmidt, Jr., 528 W. Maple, Mason, Mich., asks if there are any plans for a 1952 convention for you fellows—all wearing the Army tans."



At the left is Carl Spelce, former C.O. of Anti Tank Company. At right is Paul P. Simms, former Ex-Officer of Anti Tank Company. Picture taken just North of Leesville, La., in 1943.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Second Battalion

Capt. Lawrence Kelso, 01296220, ACO, Student Off. Co., TAS, Ft. Knox, Ky., sends: "Just a few lines. I have just finished re-reading the July '51 issue for at least the fifteenth time since I received it. I sincerely hope that I shall have the privilege of reading many more issues. I trust this slight sum will help to get them for me."

"Things have been happening with rapidity since I last wrote to you. The postman rang again and here am I, back in the service. The ring came in May so I was back on June 11—stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. I stayed there until 25 October and then was sent to the Armored School at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, where I am at this writing. If I have missed an issue of Peragimus would you be so kind as to send me a copy at my present address."

"I have plans to drop in on **Chaplain Stohler** the first time I get the chance. If you know of any ex-TO's in this vicinity who were in companies E & G, I would like to get in touch with them while I am at school. I will be here until 6 March. After that my plans are very indefinite."

"The school here is excellent. I find everything very interesting and informative. I have enjoyed most of the work but seem to have lost my taste for ranges during freezing weather. The ranges are among the best I have ever seen—and the weather is to be classed

with some of the worst, reminds of some we had on the Our River. I guess I'd forgotten what soldiers have to put up with in the course of their duties. Also, the Army now has little resemblance to the one we were in. I must admit that the changes all seem to be for the better."

"I hope to attend the next convention if Uncle Sam doesn't send me so far that I won't be able to get to the convention city."

Stanley Utterback, Route 1, Hagerman, New Mexico, has "Enjoyed every issue of Peragimus and certainly wish to keep on hearing about the old outfit and everyone who shared our experiences—good and bad."

"I have this year bought a little farm which I will worry about along with the old home place. Land has really gone up in price hereabouts; should have bought long ago."

"We have three children now, two girls and a boy—not much farm help there but maybe not so much front line duty either. I received a lot of Christmas cards from the boys but Col. Wallace and Corp. Erickson are my steadies."

"Would like to have any of the outfit drop in at anytime."

Alva McGinn, Box 232, Conway, S. C., reports that since being discharged from the Army, May 29, 1946, he has been living in that city.



Sgts. **Lloyd Gebhardt** and **Melvin Zweigbaum** of Co. "F" in Vohenstrauß, Germany, July, 1945.

"Started working for the Ford Tractor Co. here in Conway and worked there until Sept. 1, 1951. Am now working for Conway Auto Parts. Have a daughter 2½ and a son 3 months old."

"Certainly have enjoyed reading Peragimus and sorry I haven't helped you much toward its success."

Bill Wallace, 2nd Bn. Lt. Col., 930 N. Dixon Ave., Dixon, Ill., was still in the 44th Ill. NG Div. when it got tagged. "Have asked for a 6-month delay but if I don't get it, will go to Camp Cook as Exec. for the 129th Inf.—about 15th Feb."

Lynn Jeffries, Box 639, Columbia, Kentucky, jotted down: "Have just returned from a trip to Texas to witness Ky. trounce T.C.U. in the Cotton Bowl game. Saw Phillip Vickery and Marion Baldwin and wives while there."

"Had lunch in Nashville with **Ralph La Forge** and family en route and saw **Larry Lampo** at his home in Jeanerette, La. Doubtless you know Lt. Col. **Robert H. Schultz** is Eisenhower's aide."

"I am farming and hardwaring in Columbia, just 20 miles from huge Wolf Cub Dam on Cumberland River, one of the scenic spots of the South."



Company "M" men who attended the 90th reunion in Oklahoma City on Nov. 2, 3, and 4, 1951. L. to r.: **Hickney L. Spinks**, **Paul Rother**, **Allan B. Oliver**, **John A. Bell**, **Paul W. Inman**, **Ralph B. French**.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Third Battalion

Earl Shostrom, ex-platoon leader in Co. I, Attorney General's office, Des Moines, Iowa, says: "No real news on this end of the line. Am still functioning as an Assistant Attorney General and doing considerable basketball officiating at night. Keep up the good work."

From Walton E. Burke, R. R. 1, Mannford, Okla., comes word that: "I wonder how many members of the old mortar section, 'L' Co., can hear this Charmaine without thinking of Gravelotte, France. I can't."

"By the way, old Hank the mortar man seems to be left off the directory. His address is Henry G. Euler, 920 Oak Cliff, St. Joe, Mo."

"Not much news with me. I seem to keep expanding a little now so that I have 1200 acres of these Oklahoma hills. Will try to enclose a snapshot or two sometime. James A. Fuller and family were up to see us this fall. Had an enjoyable three or four day visit. He is still in the grocery business in Dallas."

"I was out to Camp Barkeley a couple of years ago. It was all abandoned then except the old warehouse district. Sure looked desolate."

Paul Rother, Okarche, Okla., brings us up to date with: "Just received the Christmas issue of the Peragimus and needless to say it was a wonderful Christmas gift. Am not sure if I paid my subscription or not so am sending it along anyway."

"My wife and I attended the 90th reunion in Oklahoma City in November and spent a wonderful few days going over our past experiences with Sgt. Inman, Archie Spinks, Ralph French, and their wives, and John Bell and Allen Oliver. I'm sure the 358th reunion is a much better deal for us War II fellows and I hope to make the next one regardless of where it is. I personally prefer Kansas City or St. Louis and for the farmers in this section the time most preferred would be before May 25."

"I would like to hear from any of the Mike Co. gang. I have a quite accurate roster of the old men so if anyone wants any addresses and I have them, they can drop me a line."

"Mike Co. men will be sorry to hear that Felix Lopez, 3rd platoon

Sgt., died last year of pneumonia. Harold Wilson, 1st platoon, also died suddenly on Christmas day, 1947.

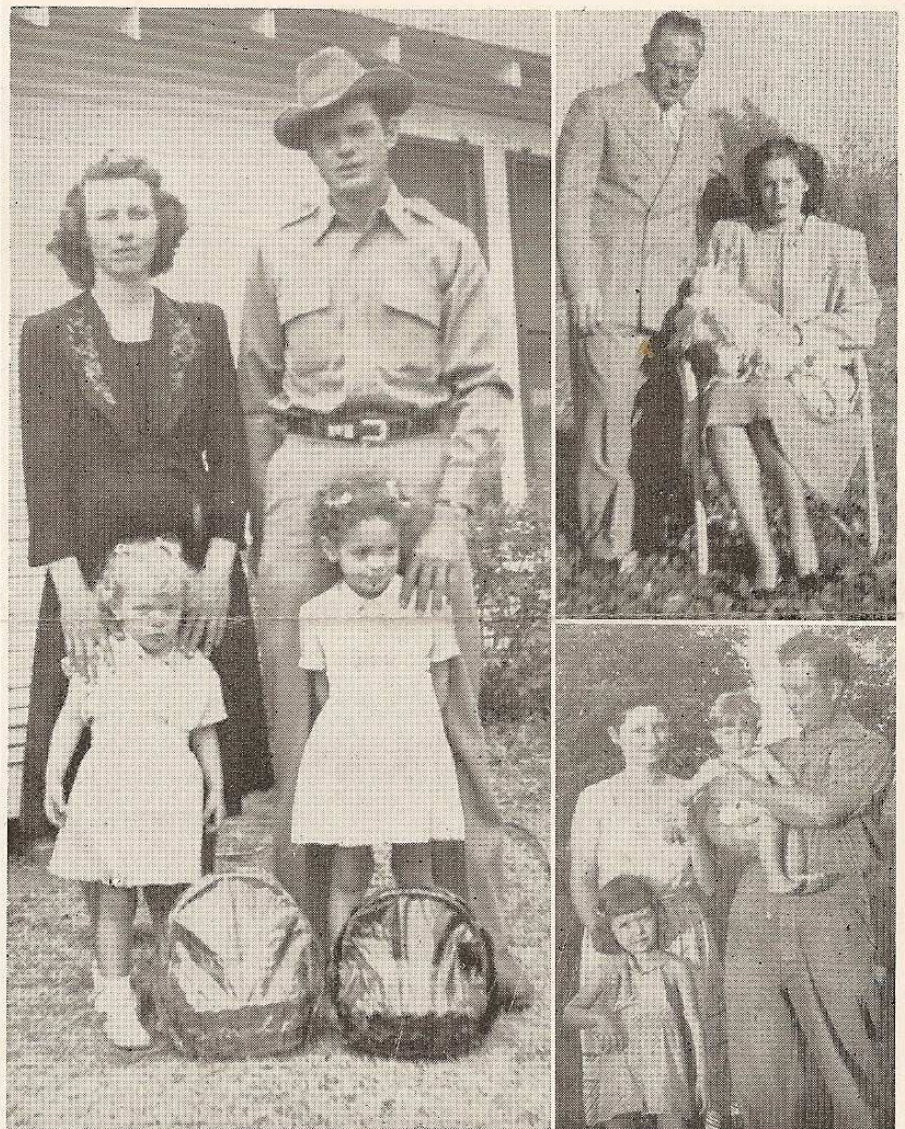
"I hope to see all the fellows up north in the wheat belt as I'm taking a couple combines up on the wheat harvest. If any one gets in a pinch let me know. Needless to say, everyone in the regiment must feel as I do about Peragimus. It took a lot of what it takes to take something like Peragimus and make it into a going organization. Good luck."

Merrill B. Rudes, S-2, was "glad to get the latest copy of Peragimus. I'm out of the Army again and still have the grocery store (which my wife runs), and managing a Dodge-

Plymouth agency with my brother, and going to Law school at Toledo University nights. I don't have too much spare time.

"Went fishing with Doctor Chas. White, our 3rd Bn. surgeon after Dick Bulger went to regiment. We had a swell time fishing, although the catch was light, the conversation was heavy. Congratulations for the great job you are doing to keep together the finest regiment the Army ever knew. Incidentally, the name of the Life photographer who was with us near Dillingen was Robert Capa, who, not too long ago, did an article with John Steinbeck for 'Ladies Home Journal'." Merrill's address is Box 43, Clay Center, Ohio.

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The growing 358th Combat Team. Walton E. Burke of Co. "L" with wife and two oldest girls. They have another new addition. The Schneider family, Edward J. (of Co. "H") Eunice and Eddie, Jr. Nickolas K. Weber, of Cannon and "H" Companies, and family.

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can take you where the big ones hide. I'm getting too old or lazy to climb over the rocks. If any of you old 358ers ever get out this way, stop in. There's always something that needs shooting or catching."

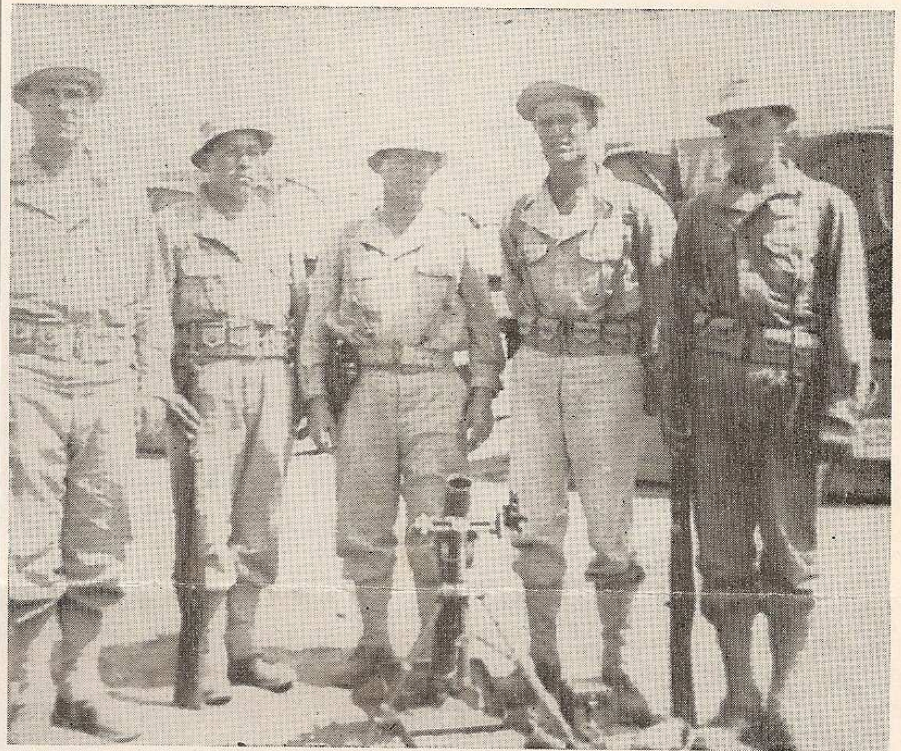
Colonel Merton E. Munson, 1712 Lee Blvd., Falls Church, Virginia, writes:

"First of all I want to thank you for the July and December issues of Peragimus which you so thoughtfully mailed to me. I have read them from "cover to cover" and have enjoyed them so much. You are certainly to be congratulated on putting out such a fine publication. If you have any back issues, I would certainly enjoy receiving them.

"There are not many former 90th Division members here in the Pentagon Building. Lt. General Raymond S. McLain is still here as The Comptroller of the Army. Major General John M. Devine, former 90th Division Artillery Commander, is also here. He is Chief of the Armed Forces Information & Education Division. I am still with the Legislative Division, Office Chief of Staff, Department of the Army.

"Captain William R. Mathews was here in the Pentagon last week on a visit. He is on the faculty at The Artillery Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. You will remember him as the liaison pilot with the 344th Field Artillery Battalion. I recall being at the 358th C.P. during the battle of the Falaise Gap and I, along with Colonel Clarke and others, was listening to him directing fire over his radio while circling over the Gap. It was as good as a three ring circus. Although I did not hear this myself, Colonel Clarke told me later about the following incident. He said he was listening to Lt. Mathews over the radio when Lt. Mathews became impatient and asked the Fire Direction Center of the 344 F.A. Bn. what was the delay. They replied they were computing data for a new target and he, seeing hundreds of targets to shoot at, yelled back excitedly over the radio to "Stop computing and start shooting." This is just one of the many amusing incidents I remember while serving with the 358th Combat Team."

C. P. Jaffray, Jr., 289A St. Jo-



The third mortar squad of "L" Company at Camp Barkeley. Reading from left to right: Harold S. Lawrence, John W. Ketchum, John H. Dowdle, Gerald Nelson, Walton E. Burke.

soph Ave., Long Beach 3, Calif., relates that: "Weyerhauser, my employer, recently moved me out here to sunny California (which was

hard to take as you can imagine). I haven't had enough time to look up any of the fellows, but intend to do so in time."

News of Third Battalion Personnel

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Richard Bulgar, former battalion surgeon, living at New Enterprise, Pa., sent in a Christmas card along with his subscription and the comment that the Peragimus is "a good newspaper."

Lee Kaniecki, 3122 S. Union Ave., Chicago 16, Ill., sees "many familiar names in the Peragimus and enjoy reading about old buddies of the 3rd Battalion, especially of I Co. I hope some day to get to see some of the old boys such as Sgts. Thomas, Howe, Baker, Madden, Boles, Lt. Donnelly, and Capt. Morris and many more whom I can't remember the names of but can still remember them as one bunch of swell Joes. I would also like the address, if anyone has it, of the Catholic Chaplain who took over after Father Esser was wounded in the gap."

Editors Note: This is Father Sidoti, 90 Grand St., Albany, N. Y.

Andrew Cooper, P. O. Box 94, Tuskegee, Ala., is "Still employed by the State of Alabama, Depart-

ment of Veterans' Affairs, as Veterans Service Officer in Macon and Bullock Counties. My wife and I are both well, and enjoying our new home that we moved into during 1951."

George Daniels, Co. L, 325 W. Putnam Dr., Whittier, Calif., bought a new home there near Gene Vann. He writes: Stan Turner, CO company L, and wife Edith, Gene Vann and wife spent the evening with us not long ago."

The news from Alfred Brown, S/Sgt., Co. L, now at 530 Lincoln St., Union City, N.J., is:

"Enclose you will find a check for subscription of Peragimus. I always like to hear news of my old outfit and of the men who served with me. I have been with several outfits of the Army before and after the war but I think that the old 90th has them all beat. I am Commander of Union City Post 46, American Legion and have been trying for the past several years to organize a branch of the 90th in Union City."

NEW ADDRESSES . . .

Note: Have you moved recently? If so, please inform the Peragimus Editor of your new address so that our publication and other notices will reach you promptly. A Business Reply Envelope has been included for this purpose.

Since the last issue of the Peragimus the following "358ers" have moved to the addresses shown:

Alan Anderson, 1960 Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.

Lawrence Anderson, 206 7th St., S. W., Valley City, N. Dak.

Major Cud Baird, 1898 Sylvan Ridge Drive, S.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Keith Baker, Wildwood Terrace, Apt. 2, Florence, Ala.

Rex M. Blackburn, Kelliher, Minn.

Neland Burt, Route 4, Box 354-A, Lufkin, Tex.

John Crotty, 5222 W. 124th St., Hawthorne, Calif.

Stanley Danielsen, 972 E. Cook St., St. Paul 1, Minn.

Stanton G. Darling, 166 W. Kenworth Rd., Columbus 14, Ohio.

Henry Fischer, 160 Court Apt. D, Bangor, Maine.

William Fox, 233 3rd, Elyria, O.
Lloyd Gebhardt, Susquehanna Apts. No. 1, Darlington, Md.

Francis Halligan, 233 Bellevue Ave., West Haven, Conn.

Vern Harbin, 1125 Rosecrans, Gardena, Calif.

Herbert Hawes, 349 S. Edgehill, Indianapolis 21, Ind.

John Hunt, 1984 Eden Ave., Glendale 6, Calif.

Melvin C. Johnson, 4317 N. Oakland Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wisc.

Robert Kime, 1319 Jackson St., Scranton 4, Pa.

Alexander Laduzenski, Jr., 21 Artisan St., Williamansett, Mass.

Tom Lawler, 413 S. 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Roger W. Moser, 4819 Sharon Ave., Columbus 14, Ohio.

Arthur Peterson, Jr., 955 Lenwood St., St. Paul 5, Minn.

Daniel Schafer, 1205 Browning, Los Angeles 37, Calif.

Alf O. Skar, 6716 S. Dee, Tacoma 4, Wash.

George Skorich, 3516 Grand Ave., Duluth 7, Minn.

W. B. Smith, Valley Spring Ranch, Rush, Colo.

William J. Stevens, care of Jack Smith, Route 1, Yellville, Ark.

Melvin S. Zweigbaum, 1033 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, N. J.

Greetings . . .

(Editor's note: We thought that all of our 358 combat team members would be interested in reading the timely and appropriate greetings sent out at Christmas-time by Bill and Betty Falvey of 507 Broadway, Niles, Mich., which is printed herewith in its entirety.)

A 1951 Merry Christmas to the Combat Infantrymen of the 358th Regiment in World War 2

It's seven years plus since June of '44

When the 358th Doughboys stormed ashore

And just one awful long week from then

We had lost more than a third of our men.

Normandy's Beach seems a long time ago

There we left white crosses, row upon row

Under them . . . lie many a buddy and friend

Who fought for Right . . . to the bitter end.

While today in our home we are snug and warm

Other Americans are in or close to a bullet storm

Much concern for them and their loved ones we feel

For we know about infantry when fighting is real.

We prayed a new war would not start

But now it has—and we'll do our part

One thing though, we want to see Our Government must be as clean as it can be.

The Field Commander is our old boss Van Fleet

He's good, smart and fair . . . and can't be beat

We know from experience . . . he's true and tried

He'll do well if his hands are not tied.

Britain's socialistic plans are failing

That's the same direction we are sailing

So . . . let's stop and make a sound mental note

The least we can do is Think . . . and Vote.

What is it that makes America Great?

Not the fact that it's a welfare state

I'll tell you what makes us the world's best

Harder work . . . and more opportunities than the rest.

We're losing our leading position fast

Our Government's too big for it to last

Present tax trends in our great nation

Amount to complete opportunity confiscation.

Now I'm not a politician at all Democrats or Republicans can carry the ball

But for the sake of the good old U. S. A.

Don't let either take incentive and opportunities away.

We've hit the dirt . . . when shells explode

Ducked the bullets, on which death rode

And in all of our struggles on this earth

Let us stop and think . . . what's it worth.

At the very best . . . life is short After that to God we all report

If we obey his commandments as we should

The result for us is bound to be good.

For just one word of help from Him

And there isn't an enemy we can't trim

So to God let's pray and confide And spend his 1951st birthday on His side.

And now back to the front ablaze At Normandy, Hill 122, Meta and Flaise

Those things have bound us together tight

Not by choice, we admit we had to fight.

But since it happened we are fastly friends

Infantry comradeship is something that never ends

We can talk and understand about combat days

Only with each other—there are no other ways.

Be you from Dallas, Chicago, or Kalamazoo

We send our best "Christmas Greetings to you

And—Don't forget if you get close to Niles

Stop and we'll visit about our Infantry trials.

Merry Christmas for 1951

THE FALVEYS 1-2-3-4-5-6

Bill and Betty

Joan and Patty

Jim and Richie