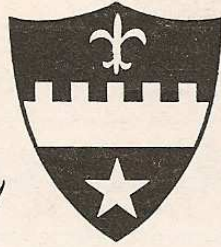


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GENERAL GEORGE PATTON and General Earnest are pictured in the above snapshot sent to us by Henry J. Crepeau, Jr. 3517 Siems Court, Arden Hills, Lake Johanna, St. Paul 8, Minn., former driver for the Regt. Commander.

Address Changes

Since the last issue of Peragimus, we have received the following address changes from the men of the 358th Combat team. If you have moved, let us know. Only by keeping us informed will we be able to keep your record and assure you of receiving each issue of the Peragimus.

Sgt. Paul Inman, 1439 Snow Rd., Laurton, Okla.

Clive P. Jaffray, Jr., 1901 Logan Avenue South, Minneapolis 5, Minn.

Sgt. James C. Lambert, 2017 South 21st Place, LaCrosse, Wis.

Gustave Larson, 12124 Dunrobin Ave., Downey, Calif.

A. Russo, 8 South Baums, Ct., Livingston, N. J.

Walter E. Rutledge, Jr., 2417 Ranch Dr., Riverside, Calif.

Jack S. Shardon, 78 Lincoln Ave., Lockport, N. Y.

Thomas J. Stanton, Jr., 11 Tower St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

William T. Wallace, 808 N. Galena, Dixon, Ill.

Nelson Young, 400 Askew Dr.,
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From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

This issue of PERAGIMUS has been made possible through the generosity of the subscribers, names of which are listed on Page 2. As long as we get a sufficient reply to our request for subscriptions we can continue to bring you PERAGIMUS at regular intervals, so if you want our publication to continue and to bring you news of your 358th Combat Team pals, it means that we must have your financial support for this project.

IF YOU ARE GETTING A SUBSCRIPTION BLANK WITH THIS ISSUE, IT MEANS THAT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS WANTED. HOW ABOUT IT! CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

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!)

Lt. Col. Robert Schulz, 025303, G-3 Section 4th Inf. Div. APO 39 c/o PM, New York, N. Y. writes:

"The family is enjoying their stay in Germany. We hope to take a trip to Spain in the Spring. Am still G-3 but should be moving on to another job soon. Have hopes of getting a Regiment but will have to wait and see."

"I'm back in the part of the world where I can see some of the tracks of the 358th Combat team," says Merton E. Munson, Colonel, Arty (344 F.A. Bn.) APO 175,



CHRISTMAS, 1944, was the date of this picture taken in Reming, France, of Louie E. Cinnato, message center chief; Donald R. (Champ) Champlain, wire chief and Keith Baker, radio chief, all of Hdq. and Hdq. Co.

Baker is now announcer on radio station XERF, the most powerful radio station in North America, located in Acuna, Mexico, across the Rio Grande River from Del Rio, Texas, 1570 on your radio dial. Everyone's invited to tune in and here 'your old neighbor,' Keith Baker, every night.

New York.

"I am stationed at Darmstadt which isn't far from where we crossed the Rhine at Openheim or from the city of Mainz, near where the Main and Rhine Rivers flow together, which was taken by the 358th. I drove over to Mainz a few days ago and it is still badly damaged.

"I am the Commanding Officer
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Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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In response to our special "To Be or Not to Be" letter requesting additional 1953 subscriptions to PERAGIMUS, we are pleased to report that the results have been extremely gratifying, and it is due to the co-operation of the 358th C. T. members listed below that this issue has been made possible.

Our thanks go to:

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or Post Commander of the Darmstadt Military Post and am enjoying my tour over here very much. A great deal of building has been done in Germany since the 90th Division left. If I run across any 358th people over here, will let you know."

From the law office of Parnell J. Donohue, Bonesteel, S. Dak. comes:

"Enclosed is a contribution toward Peragimus. On second thought, I don't know why I should help sustain it, with the abuse I take in its 'Reader's Columns!'"

"As you may have noticed in Carl Sward's libelous letter, I did weaken and go to the Mpls. conclave. Bill Himmerich (S/Sgt. Hdqtrs. Co) and Ray Scisson (90th Signal Co. T/Sgt.) both formerly of Bonesteel are leading figures in this association, and broached the subject to me of asking you if a merger could be made. They said it might take one meeting at Minneapolis to get the job done. The 358th seems to have a very active contingent in it. I wish you would reflect on this, and advise, and I would write others about it, if you react favorably."

Col. Bill Bealke writes:

"I've served six months of my sentence in the Pentagon, which in turn has served to convince me that it is truly a sentence rather than a tour.

"I arrived here just too late to see Colonels Munson and Stilwell, who were on their way to other assignments, but I have seen Col. Jim Boswell, and as usual over the Christmas season, heard from many of the 358th via the Christmas card route.

"Last fall I spent a very pleasant Sunday with Dr. Bulger and his family at New Enterprise, Penna. We fought the war all over again from the Normandy Beaches to Czechoslovakia.

"I always read Peragimus with a great deal of interest and I always marvel at the time and effort you must put into the job of keeping it coming our way. You are doing a splendid job."

From France comes word of Espi, former French Liason officer, J. P. Espinosa, 76 Av. de Wagraw, Paris: "Happy to see you are still go-

ing on and making fine. It is always nice to hear about the old chaps. I am still on the law job and having now two babies. To all friends I knew and to all the officers and men of the 358th, I did not know, I am sending cheers and wishes for a very happy 1953. They are late but not less heartened. All the best."

Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, C.G., 90th Div. from Normandy to Metz writes:

"Several friends of mine, here in Oklahoma City were recently returning from a trip to South America when they ran into a colonel (undoubtedly Col. Clark) returning from tour in Argentina. He learned they were from here and asked if they knew me. When they did, it is reported there was a considerable exchange of information."

Keith Baker, former radio chief with the 358th, writes that he is now "announcer on radio station XERF, the most powerful station in North America. The station covers every state in the U.S. It is located in Acuna, Mexico, across the Rio Grande River from Del Rio, Texas, 1570 on your radio dial. Everyone's invited to tune in and hear 'Your Old Neighbor' Keith Baker every night.

"We live in Del Rio, and have one little girl, 5 years old."

Address Changes . . .

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Louis C. Ross, 4204 Cole Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dale W. Stuart, 1460 Lamar St. Apt. 29, Lakewood, Colo.

Leon H. Lanciault, 4 Lakeside Ave., Worcester, 3, Mass.

Charles A. White, M.D., 21099 Colby Rd., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

G. N. Taylor, 26 Lindberg St., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.

M. C. Johnson, 4317 No. Oakland Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Henry J. Crepeau, Jr., 3517 Siems Court, Arden Hills, Lake Johanna, St. Paul 8, Minnesota.

Paul P. Simms, 228 Ross, West Memphis, Ark.

Lyle O. Wickman, 3630 Oakland, Minneapolis 7, Minn.

Herbert Spreigl, 22 E. Highway No. 36, St. Paul 6, Minn.

J. D. Kodrich, 2118 Pillsbury Ave. Minneapolis 16, Minn.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Separate Units

Elmer Jackson, formerly of Hdqs. and Hdqs. Co., writes that there is "not much news from here, except took a week's vacation in October and dropped in to visit the Hoffmeisters in St. Louis. We had some good bull sessions in the evenings. Am still working as mechanic at the G. H. Steinke Garage in Ironton, Minn. See Oscar Orr, formerly of the I and R Squad, every once in a while."

Emil Bartz, formerly of Regt. Headquarters, writes:

"Appreciate receiving news about the 358th. Please keep it coming. We are expecting our third youngster this month (January)."

An old 358th friend, Tracy Moore, Jr. sends us this long letter:

"Seems as though I've been meaning to write for years as to my whereabouts, but never get around to it. I always enjoy Peragimus, and appreciate your efforts in rounding up material and publishing it, as well as the time spent by all the comrades in advising of their doings. Many of the names are strange to me as I left the outfit early in 1943 for a fling at 'the Wild Blue Yonder.'

"This proved to be the wrong move, so I requested return to the Infantry, in the meantime contacting Marion Baldwin who said he'd be tickled to death to have me back in his Battalion. The War Dep't

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felt differently about the matter so was sent to Camp Wolters IRTC, then a visit at Benning, return to Wolters and finally assignment as a Casual Replacement to the 'Far Shore' in the Spring of '44.

"Joined the 109th Infantry, 28th Div., and feel certain that any experiences were too similar to all the others to be of any note, except that there too the personal associations with fine men and officers was a bright light in an otherwise rather terrifying existence. I can recall when we first arrived at Barkeley, how superior we felt to the carefree 45th Division, who you may remember were just leaving. My opinion of the National Guard certainly took an abrupt about face in short order after

joining the 28th. There is certainly a great deal to be said in favor of units composed of personnel who have known each other for a long time. I was certainly grateful to be accepted.

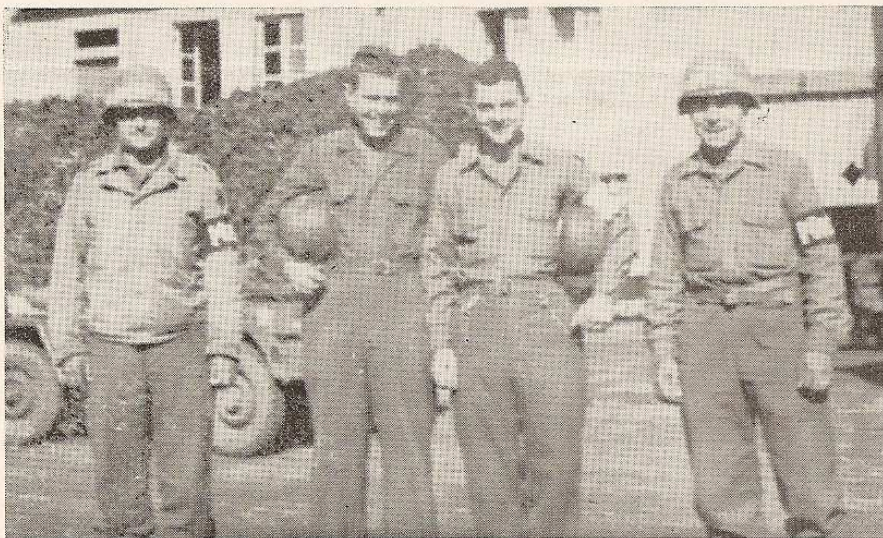
"I was hospitalized late in '44, or rather early '45 and spent some seven months in various hospitals, mostly DeWitt General near Sacramento, Calif. After release, I returned to UCLA for my BA, and since then have been engaged in the Insurance business in Southwestern Washington, Ocean Park being the center of a resort area.

"Since my only contact with the 358 has been Peragimus, and Bill Falvey's annual Christmas Card, I can't offer any news of others. In the event that any of the gang ever gets near the mouth of the Mighty Columbia, a warm welcome, including refreshments for my old RAR friends is guaranteed."

"I am still a soil conservationist with the Soil Conversation Service," says Paul Moore, formerly of Regt. Hdqts. "We have two boys, one three years and one eight months. I enjoy the Peragimus very much."

D. R. Champlin of Vincent, Iowa, formerly of Hq. and Hq. writes that he "just received the December issue and had better get my two bucks worth on the road. At present I am a guest of Uncle Sam at the VA Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa. Somewhere along the line, I contacted the old TB bug and sounds like it will take about a year to take care of it. Kind of

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FOUR 358th C. T. members are pictured in front of regimental headquarters at Vionville, France, October-November, 1944. At extreme left is John Monte, and extreme right is Pvt. Watson. Names of middle two of the group would be appreciated by the Peragimus editor.

Separate Units . . .

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rough with a wife and two little girls waiting for me, but not as bad as some months spent over yonder. Have been working with North Central Tile Co."

Duane Crowder, 2300 Crawford St., Terre Haute, Indiana:

"Just about the only publication I read cover to cover, so it ought to be worth two bucks.

"I'm a mail carrier now. Seems to be a lot of post office employees from the 358th now. Have three fine boys, so keep pretty busy. **First Sgt. Starr** came to visit me a few years back and I saw **Charles Reed** at West Point, Indiana. He has three youngsters also."

A former member of the Anti-Tank Company, **C. P. Aylsworth**, now of Casper, Wyo., says:

"I enjoy receiving the Peragimus. I am still working at the Texas Co. I never see any of the boys of 358th here, but do enjoy receiving Christmas cards."

Claude Ringuette, c/o Al't Taxi Inc., 1 Oak St., Gardner, Mass., tells us that he has bought out a taxi cab company with two-way radios. He further states:

"Once in a while I receive a card from **Edward McBride** with a couple of words of French on it. I can't help but laugh when I think about him. He certainly could make us laugh.

"I received a wonderful letter from **Maj. Falvey**. I hope to receive news from the I.N.R. Platoon."

Alfred G. Lass, formerly of the Anti-Tank Co. writes:

"Have intended to write for some time, but kept putting it off. This morning I cleaned off my desk before leaving on a vacation to sunny California for a few weeks and found your last Peragimus. So I'll send you a check right now and a note.

"My time is taken by the Railway Express Co. as a relief man (working vacations mostly) and by the local greenhouse. I like both jobs very much. Had a little tough luck this summer in that I had to spend three and a half weeks in the Veterans' Hospital at Sioux Falls, So. Dak. The nerves went out of control in my right leg. I had the same trouble six and a half years ago just after I got out of the Army.

"I'm feeling fine though now and am working every day. If I had time I would look up some pictures, but the wife is busy packing suitcases so I guess I had better help. Good luck to you are Peragimus. May you be able to keep it coming for a long time."

We are advised that **Dearrel Phillips** of AT Company died last May 31st in the Veterans Hospital in Jefferson Barracks, Mo., of a bloodclot due to a brain tumor operation.

First Battalion . . .

Here's news from **Cud T. Baird**, former C. O. of A Company, who writes in late February thusly from 410-9 Kearney, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.:

" . . . I attended the Regular Advanced Course at Benning and graduated in April. Our course was supposed to have run nine months, but due to the war, they cut it short by sending us to school Wednesday afternoons, Saturday mornings, and cutting out some of the curriculum. From Benning I went to Atlanta where I was assistant secretary and later secretary of the general staff at Headquarters Third Army. Received orders last spring to come here to the Regular Course and have been here since last August. I will graduate sometime in June and then I feel sure it will be overseas again.

"There were five 90th Division men in my class at Benning, but **Jim Yates** is probably the only one you knew . . . Saw **Lt. Col. Bob Schulz** while I was there—he was with the 4th Division. He went to Germany with **Lt. Col. Bud Ryder** who was in another Regt. and who is here as a student. **Col. Loomis** is here as head of one of the departments. I think **Col. Loomis** is scheduled to leave before long. He was on the Military Mission to Greece when General Van Fleet was there and has been back in the States long enough to be scheduled for overseas again.

"**Col. Jim Boswell** had a Regt. in Korea the last I heard of him and was doing a d-n fine job and making quite a reputation for himself. Incidentally, **Larry Lampo** was attending the Associate Advanced Course at Benning while I was there. He graduated in December, 1950, and went back to Louisiana as far as I know.

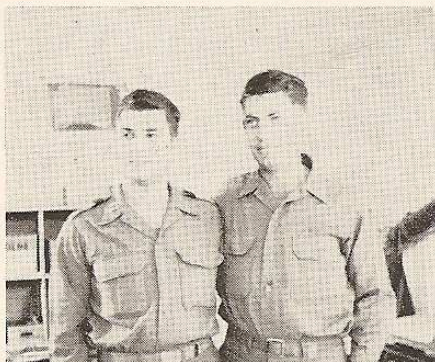
"My family has been increased since I last wrote you so now we have evened things up—have two boys and two girls. The last one, **Lucinda**, by name, was born in Atlanta on June 28th.

"Have gotten a new home," says **Louis Ross**, former Liason Artillery man, "and am employed as attorney with an oil and gas company here in Ft. Worth. The address is 4204 Cole Street, Ft. Worth."

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THE ABOVE PICTURE SHOWS COMPANY "F" BARRACKS (Clothes Factory) at Vohenstrauss, Germany, in August, 1945, taken by John Monte, 2nd Bn.



BELOW: Capt. Robert A. Crepeau of "D" Company 29th Division, and his brother, Pfc. Henry Crepeau, Jr., taken in the basement of the 358th Reg. C. P. at Nabbing, Bavaria.

Former C Co. man, Max Jessen writes that "Jimmie Kerr stopped to see me this summer. He was doing a radio show at Sioux City, Iowa. We sure had a good time. Always welcome the Peragimus."

"I didn't know until a few days ago that you published the Peragimus," writes John Logston, former Staff Sgt. with Co. B. "I was visiting Nelson Zonny in Oklahoma City and got a copy of it from him. So, am sending \$2 for a subscription.

"I don't know whether you remember me or not as I was platoon Sgt. of Security Guard of 1st Bn. on limited service. It seems as if my records were lost while I was in the hospital in France and I need some affidavits from men who knew me. I would like to have the addresses of Lt. Alexander Smith, the platoon leader of Sec. Guard,



BLANKENSHIP, PETERSON AND HEMMONS of the first battalion.

and of First Sgt. Almon E. Blakley of Co. B. Also Clyde Page, Earl Starr, Clarence Viesting, Stanley Mally, and Harrold Heggerness."

Editor's note: The addresses are listed below:

Almon E. Blakely, 1503 E. 5th St., Pueblo, Colo.

Clyde W. Page, 336 Harrison Ave., North Mankato, Minn.

Earl Starr, Box 254, Perth, North Dak.

Clarence Viestenz, 1046-12th St., No., Fargo, No. Dak.

We do not have current addresses for the other men.

An A Co. man, Dale W. Stuart, "hopes there will be a reunion in
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FIRST BATTALION GROUP: Howell, DeBerard, and Crowder.

358th Combat Team Personnel—Second Battalion

Bill Wallace, former CO of the Second Battalion writes:

"Lots of water over the dam since I last wrote, chiefly, I didn't go on Active Duty with the 44th. Got a delay of 48 hours prior to induction. Subsequently my boss convinced 5th Army that he needed me more than they did, and I was finally released for good.

"Since then we've moved to a larger place—we outnumbered the old one. And just recently I got a new assignment, supervising 12 more plants, in addition to my own. So, Jan. 1 I hit the road part of the time."

Ed Gerbig, formerly Commo. Off. of Second Battalion:

"We have no news to report from Cincinnati other than my wife and I extend our hospitality to any of the fellows and their families coming through to stop for a visit with us. Nina and I live at 3568 Lilac Ave. (Hyde Park) Cincinnati, Ohio. No family as yet.

"I am known as a peddler (salesman) to the trade and I peddle plywood for the Roddis Plywood Corporation, Marshfield, Wisconsin. I cover the Southeastern part of Ohio and Northern half of the state of Kentucky.

"I am attending one night a week classes at the Fort Thomas, Kentucky Officers Reserve School. This is my third year in the school."

G. N. Taylor, formerly with 2nd Bn. Hdqts., is looking forward to the convention if the group can get together. "Current news concern-

ing the Taylor family is that we have a new daughter, which makes two girls, and we have just moved into a new home at 26 Lindberg St., Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

"Business is great. Just returned from L. A. on a business trip, but flew and didn't have the opportunity to see anyone. I am now a major in the National Guard, 107th Regiment, 7th Regiment of New York. Will be down at Benning for four months starting March 15."

"Fortunately, I had the opportunity of seeing the New Year in
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WITH REGENSBURG, GERMANY, and the Danube river as a background, John Monte of 2nd battalion had this snapshot taken in September, 1945, as he was coming home. Monte is from Co. F and also 358th M.P. company.

Second Battalion . . .

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by skiing the Laurentian Mts. north of Montreal," says **C. O. McCarthy**, formerly of G and E Cos."

Melvin Zweigbaum, formerly of Co. F, of 1033 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, N. J. writes:

"I am now associated with the Security Mutual Life Ins. Co. and am always ready to correspond with any of the boys of Co. F. If the boys now living in New Jersey will contact me, I'll be only too happy to perhaps organize some small association of New Jersey men."

Wayne J. Maxheimer, formerly of Co. H, Third Platoon, writes that "this past summer my wife, daughter and I went west for a vacation. We went through Rapid City, S. D. and spent a couple of evenings and a day with **Richard F. Dingle** and his family. He was also in the 3rd platoon.

"For nearly three years now I have been a rural route mail carrier. I carry out of Buffalo, Ill. We live in Lanesville, Ill. If any of the boy's should pass by this way, I'd be happy to have them stop."

John Monte, formerly of Co. F, M.P. Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"**Capt. Rose** was my CO in F Co., God bless him, where ever he is. It was he who put me in the M.P. Co. after being in combat quite a bit. I have a boy of ten, a girl of three, and another one on the way.

"My first reunion with the boys was in 1946 at Hotel New Yorker. **General Van Fleet** was there. It was a dinner and entertainment. I met **Lt. Tersoglis (Taylor, now)**, **Ed McBride**, **Forman** and many others. **Lt. Amato** told us of his experience when wounded and captured at the battle of the island in July, 1944. I was there. Thank God I was lucky. He was a prisoner for about six months until the Russians freed him. He had some tough times with them."

"I am **Domingo G. Rivera** and I used to be in Co. G. I really haven't much to say for myself, but I will like very much to here about some buddies of mine, **Catarine Trujillo** and **Jose Struck** of K Co."

News of Third Battalion Personnel

Richard Bulger, former battalion surgeon, now an M.D. in New Enterprise, Pa. sends us this lengthy letter:

"This letter has been in the composing room for several months, but haven't printed it. With a New Year, I resolved to get it done. Am still doing general practice in New Enterprise and as yet haven't developed the right bedside manner to make a whopping success. At least, my bank balance doesn't indicate it.

"Received the Christmas issue of Peragimus and had to stop to read it. Let me congratulate you for your work. I don't know all those mentioned although there is always something of interest in the paper. I know it sounds trite, but I miss the outfit.

"Had a wonderful few hours with **Col. Bill Bealke** in Sept. He is now in the Pentagon with S-4 working in logistics. Heard from several of the outfit during the autumn season. **Tony Reinel** is now a captain. He has returned from two years in Korea where he went after re-enlistment. He is now with the Surgeons office, 1st Army Hq. His address is 84 Main St., Matawan, N. J. He was with the 7th Reg't in Korea.

"**Charley Blick** sent me a note from Nunball, Pa., where he is still a school teacher. This life he likes better than leading a platoon and he hopes I keep my needles sharper than in '43. Nunball is close to Pittsburgh, my home town, and I hope to see him when there. **Roy Hughes** of 3rd Bn. Aid Station is now assistant to the Area Medical Director of the United Mines Worker Welfare and Retirement Fund. He thinks it a good deal and is getting along fine. Mentions meeting **Bob Lambert** of M Co.

"**Pete Rabits** of the personnel section also wrote me. He now lives at 1128 4th Avenue, Duncansville, Pa. and works at the Pennsy R.R. shops in Altoona, Pa. **Merrill Rudes** wrote that the family has had an addition during the past year.

"We too should have another child in May or June. My Christmas card sending was interrupted by little bundles from heaven and since I have an aversion to sending cards without notes, I hope to be able to write a few notes this month, if the stork will let

me alone. My latch string is ever out to anyone from the 358th."

Pfc. Paul W. Inman of Co. 17 is now serving in Heidleberg, Germany as personnel Sgt. Major of the Quartermaster Division in Europe.

Andrew J. Cooper of Co. L writes that he is "still employed with the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in the capacity of Hospital Representative. Visit the three V.A. hospitals in the state as well as the state institutions where veterans are hospitalized."

Bob Russo, former 1st Sgt. with Co. "L" writes:

"Do enjoy reading Peragimus. Like to hear from some of the boys of Co. L. Sure a swell bunch. If at anytime any of the boys are around N. J., they or their families are sure welcome. Sure would like to know how the town of Rotz is. Would like to make the next convention."

"I made quite a trip this summer," writes **M. C. Johnson** of the Northern Tree Service, Inc., "but failed to see many of our old outfit. We went up into Canada to Montreal, Windsor, Ontario, down into New York, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Visited with **Ralph Martire**, 672 North Ave., Bridgeport, Conn. Also visited **Gus Taylor**. He was a 2nd Louie in the 3rd platoon for awhile.

"Then we went back to Detroit where we visited **Stephen Nappi**. We had a nice trip but I wish we all could work up enough enthusiasm for a reunion this coming year. I'd like to suggest Milwaukee but seeing our last one was in Chicago I imagine we should have it elsewhere. Couldn't we sort of divide the country in sections and have one of us in each section work up interest by contacting the fellows in his particular area. I know it is tough to keep these going but I'm sure all the fellows enjoy them. Whenever you get to Milwaukee, give us a ring, Edg 2-5107, and feel free to spend as much time as you can."

D. P. Snodgrass, ex-1st Platoon leader of I Co. writes:

"Sure do look forward to getting the Peragimus. Know you have
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Third Battalion . . .

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 a lot of seemingly unappreciated trouble getting the material together. Most of us are prone to be eager and enthusiastic for a while, but the unselfish efforts of people like you keep things going. You are doing a fine job and all of us hope the wherewithall remains for you to keep it up.

"I'm still working as an accountant in New Orleans, and repeat that I'll always welcome any 358ers who happen to get down this way. Always enjoy the Christmas cards I get from a few 3rd battalion men. Was particularly pleased to hear that Pat Parrish is infantry ROTC instructor at Texas A&M as reported in the last issue. Pat was about the best company commander a guy could have. Incidentally, the picture of M Co. officers on the last page of the last issue had Capt. Shortridge on the left—the others I can't place. Anyone reading this may be able to tell me how to get in touch with Tex Sappington, Earl Banks, Ed Carver or Pete Marchanuk, all from the fightin' first platoon of Item Co.

"Will do my utmost to make one of the reunions soon. I keep very busy here, and get away from New Orleans very seldom but want to make one soon. Best of luck, Howard, and keep up the good work."

Editor's Note: None of the men listed above are in our files. If any of the 358ers have any information about these men, we would appreciate them forwarding it to us.

Walter Midener, formerly of Regt. Hq., and now instructor at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts at 47 Watson St. writes:

"Was happy to receive your Christmas copy of Peragimus and it was indeed good to read all the news about the old 358th.



"Well, we have some news. Just booked air travel for the 26th day of May to Rome. Tentative plans call for three weeks in Italy, 10 days in Austria and possibly Germany, two and a half weeks in France. I want Peggy to see some of our old hangouts on the Rhine and in Normandy. Shall report to you how I found everything. Plan to see, if possible, Espinosa.

"Do let Peggy and me know when you are in town next time, Howard."

Along with his letter, Walter sent a clipping telling of his recent honors in the Michigan Artists Exhibition. The Detroit Free-Press clipping shows Walter's sculpture, "The Sisters" and reads in part:

"For the first time since 1944, a sculptor has won top prize in the annual Michigan Artists Exhibition of the Institute of Arts.

"The Founders Society Prize of \$300, given for the work judged best in the exhibition, was awarded Walter Midener. Only two other sculptors have won the award in the 26 years it has been given. The prize-winning work is a 39-

inch mahogany sculpture entitled 'The Sisters.'

A. W. (Blackie) Blackford, first lieutenant and platoon leader Company L, August to November, 1944, of Box 729 Corsicana, Texas, is one of our PERAGIMUS boosters. He was wounded and lost one eye at Metz.

B. J. Clark., former S-3, 3rd Bn., wrote recently:

"Have just been released from my second involuntary tour with Uncle Sam and this was my last, as I have taken my name out of the reserve hat. Spent most of this tour in Japan and had a very few interesting incidents worth repeating.

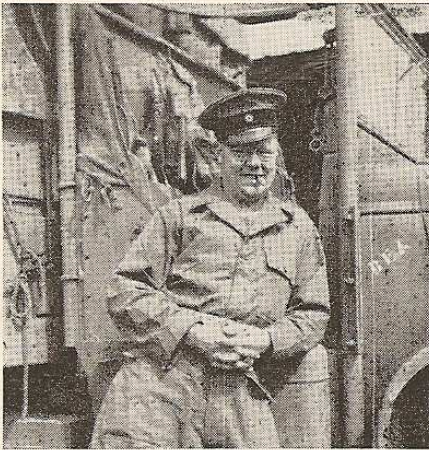
"I will be back on my old job as sales manager of the Ervin Feld Motor Company, Kansas City's leading Dodge-Llymouth dealer, next week. So if you or any of the boys of the 358th are going through Kansas City, please come by or call and we'll reminisce old times.

"My address after April 1st will be 5714 Indiana, Kansas City, Mo. We leased our home while in the service, and it will take that long to get possession."

Hobart Winebrenner, Route 2, Albion, Ind., reported that he had a visit last May 30th with Hartwich of England, Ark., and they both visited Albert Maneschelchi and family. Al was a jeep driver in M. Company. Please Hobart, send us Maneschelchi's address: He is currently lost in our files!



SECOND BATTALION IN PICTURES. Our thanks to Tony Antalek, former Capt., 2nd Battalion, for sending us the above snapshots: **RIGHT:** Capt. Taylor of the Artillery and Lt. Ed Gerbig, taken in Czechoslovakia. **CENTER:** a roadside conference contemplating the next move and Jerry Henderson, Bob Smith and Perry Beville can be recognized. **LEFT:** Foxx, Antalek's driver and Antalek, also taken in Czechoslovakia.



PRESENTING GEORGE MYLNAREK, Service Co., shown above in a picture furnished by A. H. Brodeur Service Co.

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Kjesbo, Joseph Dimitt, Maj. Gen. R. C. Partridge.

\$6: Ben Hill.

\$5: Louis P. Politano, B. J. Clark, Theodore T. Paulsen, Frank Morelli, A. W. Blackford, George J. Arends, Hobert Winebrenner, John Ovenauer, Stanley Dutcher, Francis J. Clarke.

\$4: Howard K. Hanson, Cud T. Baird.

\$3: W. E. Smith, Vincent J. O'Laughlin, Michael Forman, Bill Knowlan, Earl D. Osborn, Col. C. H. Clark, Anton Gratz, Lucio Lopez, Robert L. Lambert.

\$2: Donald W. Johnson, Morris S. Helm, Arnold Levine, Joe B. Hines, Glenn G. Nowell, Ralph Muhs, Ferdinand Martin, Herbert K. Rittersporn, John R. Jackson, William M. Foise, John N. Gregorich, Fred Grover, Harold D. Anderson, Arthur Voos, Giles C. Buntin, W. B. Smith Jr., Harold E. Sander, Boyd W. Cunningham, Howard F. Proctor, Robert T. Corns, Charles W. Watson, Earl C. Starr, A. H. Brodeur, E. J. Blake, Harvey E. Hawkinson, Ray Erickson, Francis E. Simon, A. C. Ashenhurst, Herbert A. Hawes, John Crotty, Allen J. McCloat, Russell Johnson, Leo W. Hanson, Fred F. Felan.

We regret if our "To Be or Not to Be" letter was sent to any who had paid their PERAGIMUS subscriptions during 1952 or so far in 1953. The purpose of the mailing was to remind those who had not paid during this time that their assistance was needed if we were to continue to send PERAGIMUS your way.

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the Midwest sometime in the spring. I am employed by the Veterans Administration Insurance Dept. and have recently been transferred to Denver."

Leon H. Lanciault, formerly of C Co., also saw action in Korea. He writes:

"I was recalled to duty in August of 1950 and was in Korea in September. (No messing around.) I was assigned to the 7th Regt. 'Garry Owen' 1st Cav. Div. right back in a rifle company as a Platoon Sgt., but got a break shortly after that when I was made 1st Sgt. of H Co. Their 1st Sgt. was killed. I met a Lt. Finatso who was a Buck Sgt. in the TO, but he stayed with us only a few days as he was captured in Dillingen. I think he was in the 2nd Bn. I was wounded again and received the Silver Star.

"I have four children and am sure glad to be back home again. I am employed at Worcester County Electric Co. as a turbine room operator. Would like to hear from some of the boys out of C Co."

Marvin Greb, formerly of 1st Bn. Hdqts. has this say:

"I talked to Chester Kjesbo a few months ago (He had charge of the maps) and he lives in Richfield, a suburb of Minneapolis. He says that Sergeant Rustad lives out there also. I stopped at Kjesko's home one night, but no one was there. He has a nice house. I still am planning to get to see him."

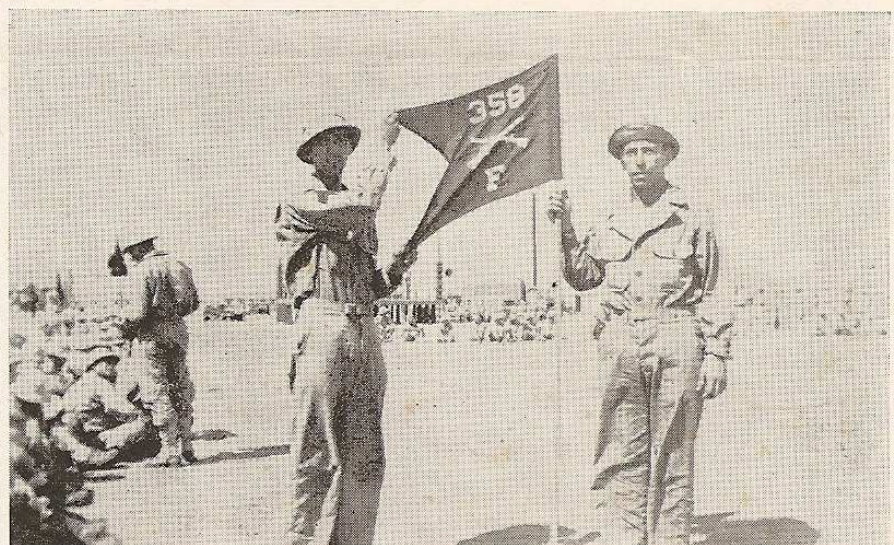


CUD T. BAIRD, Mrs. Baird and three of the four Baird children. Missing from picture is Lucinda, born last June 28th.

Chuck Martin, former S-4 of the 1st Bn., 20 West Elm Street, Canton, Ill., enclosed his subscription to PERAGIMUS to celebrate the fact that he had received his discharge from the Reserves.

Chet Kjesbo, former Operations Sgt., 1st Bn., now with Atwood Larson Co., grain commission, Minneapolis 15, Minn., writes:

"Life has been good to me. I met, courted and wed a very wonderful girl and now we have two sons. Craig 2 years and Bruce 11 months. We also built a new home and have busy furnishing it and landscaping the grounds."



LUCIO G. LOPEZ sends this picture, taken in 1942 at Camp Barkeley, Texas. On the left is Stanley Mobery, former Sgt., and a great friend of Lopez.