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## 358th Convention Nov. 11 Calling!

### 358th CONVENTION PROGRAM—NOV. 11, 12, & 13 HOTEL CONTINENTAL, KANSAS CITY, MO.

#### Friday, November 11

- 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Registration, Hotel Lobby.
- 3 to 5 P. M. 358th Get-Together (Place to be Announced)
- 7 P. M. Presidents Dinner.
- 9 P. M. Ice-Breaker Dance, World War II Memorial Bldg.

#### Saturday, November 12

- 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Registration, Hotel Lobby.
- 9 A. M. to Noon, Unit Get-Togethers.
- Noon: Dutch Lunch. Don't miss this affair.
- 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. Social Hour in honor of the Ladies.
- 6:30 to 8:30 P. M. Annual Banquet.
- 9 to 12 midnight: Annual 90th Dance.

#### Sunday, November 13

- 8 A. M. Annual Memorial Breakfast and Memorial Service.

### Here's A Reunion You Must Attend

Men, The Opportunity of a Lifetime!

Yes, the chance of a million! Every 358th Combat Team member should make plans, if he hasn't already done so, to attend the 1955 Reunion, to be held in conjunction with the 90th Division Get-Together in Kansas City, Mo., November 11-12-13!

#### A Great Affair

We know from correspondence with 90th Division Association officers that it will be a great affair. Check the program given at left on this page.

Of special significance to all 358th Combat Team men is the fact that Maj. General Herbert L. Earnest has assured your editor that he will be present and will address the reunion.

#### Many Notables

Others expected included Brig. General J. Earl Rudder, commander of the present day 90th Division and Land Commissioner of the State of Texas. In addition to these distinguished military men, the Honorable Leo Hoegh, Governor of Iowa; Mr. S. L. A. Marshall, Chief Editorial writer of the Detroit News and brilliant military analyst; the Honorable Harry L. S. Halley, Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Major General William G. Weaver is now in Palo Alto, Calif., and intends to be present if at all possible.

Highlights of the 90th Division Reunion will include the "Past President's" dinner held Friday evening, a Saturday noon "Dutch Lunch" and the highlight of the entire convention, the Banquet Saturday night, with a dance following. On Sunday will be a Memorial Breakfast with special trib-

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### From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

*Editor's note: On the eve of the 1955 90th Division Reunion in Kansas City, Nov. 11 to 13 the following account of the World War II record of the Division of which the 358th Combat Team is a part, from the pages of the Kansas City Star is perhaps most appropriate. The story appeared in the May 7 issue and was written by Albert Earl Robinson of the Star's staff.*

Those men crossed Germany from border to border, cutting it in half as Sherman once split the Southern Confederacy, cracked the redoubtable Siegfried line in two places, took 83,437 prisoners and left 3,871 of their ranks dead on enemy soil, with 21,000 casualties.

They saw war as few had ever seen it, and were the first Allied soldiers to cross the Czech-German border, where they stopped at last on May 8, 1945, ten years ago tomorrow, within a stone's throw of the westbound Russian

allies. They stopped only because the war was over.

The battle-scarred veterans had fought their way in 336 days across 1,100 miles of enemy country, never out of contact with that enemy except for three periods of

#### 358th INFORMATION

Your editor is looking forward to meeting personally a great many of the 358th men who will be attending our Reunion at the Hotel Continental in Kansas City, Mo., November 11 to 13, 1955. He will have a suite at the hotel and 358th men can call there for information about time and place of our own particular Get-Together. not more than one week each. They had crossed five countries since that June day in 1944 when they landed under fire on the Normandy beaches and pushed their way inland.

The division was composed of 20,000 men from every state in

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Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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## PERAGIMUS BOOSTERS

Helping keep PERAGIMUS coming YOUR WAY are the following 358th members who have sent in subscriptions since our August issue:

\$5: Clay Adams, Otis O. Jones, Albert J. Fabian, Charles Mateer, 90th Division Association, A. J. McDaniel.

\$4: John F. Murphy.

\$3: Howard S. Muse, Tom Murphy, Angelo Colombo, Henry Sternberg, Charles Novotny.

\$2: Gen. Herbert L. Ernest, Salvatore Ciccavelli, Alfred C. Brown, Gail L. Hohman, Herbert Olsen, Walter Nogulich, Herbert Lackey, Albert P. Speese, George Mlynarek, Edward J. Serbig, Walter Burke, Capt. Ernest H. Morgan, Bob Russo, Robert Kedzieiski, Earl R. Shostrum, Cyril G. Bobeck Jr.

## NEW ADDRESSES

New addresses, as indicated below, have been received for 358th Combat Team members, since the last issue of PERAGIMUS:

Col. Merton E. Munson, 3400 S.U., Fort Campbell, Ky.

August L. Cassle, 323 East Prospect, Terre Haute, Ind.

Lee Aasterud, 2997-A S. Delaware Ave., Milwaukee 7, Wisc.

Russell Greiman, Blue Earth, Minn.

Charles Whittinghill, 5803 Wingate Drive, Bethesda, Md.

Harold E. Sander, Seneca, Kans. Russell Wilson, 1628 Graymore, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

Marion Hughes, Route 1, Hillsboro, Ohio.

James Knoell, 319 South Park Ave., Fremont, Nebr.

Harold J. Riege, Nakomis, Fla. Marion C. Baldwin, 5916 Azalea Lane, Dallas, Tex.

Capt. Jesse P. Sims, 2308th S.U., Hq. Ky. Military District, Louisville, Ky.

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the Union, in three regiments of infantry, one of engineers, a quartermaster battalion, a signal company, reconnaissance troops, and four batteries of artillery. It was reactivated at Camp Barkley near Abilene in the mesquite range country of West Texas, March 25, 1942. It was authorized to wear the T-O monogram shoulder patch insignia of World War I. indicating that a majority of its first personnel came from Texas and Oklahoma. Army vernacular translated the initials to "Tough Ombres," and the men who were boys so short a time before soon justified the designation. Ten thousand replacements were to wear the insignia before the war ended. The record of the division's war service can be summarized briefly, but the full story of the heroism of men from desk, shop and school, in combat with the finest trained veterans of the German army, will never be told adequately.

Completely motorized, the division rolled away to Louisiana for intensive combat training with the 77th division January 26, 1943. On August 4 it was sent to the California desert for final toughening in the heat and sand, and then across the country to Ft. Dix, N. J., arriving there New Year's day, 1944. It was the first time the personnel had known regular barracks, with cots, steam heat, and meals under a roof.

Alerted at once for overseas duty, the unit put to sea on March 22. It arrived in Liverpool, England, April 8, twenty-six years almost to a day from that on which another convoy, carrying the fathers of some of these very men, disembarked the old 35th division at the same port in another war a generation before.

Unlike those men of the 35th, they went to Birmingham instead of to Winchester and from there, May 12, to Wales, to mingle with soldiers of the British empire and get their land legs. On June 4 they joined the great rendezvous off Cardiff in readiness for the jump-off of D-day.

### On Into Normandy

June 8 found their carriers across the channel and anchored

off Utah beach on the Cherbourg peninsula of France. They debarked under enemy fire and pushed inland along the mined roads of Normandy. Less than twenty-four hours after they landed they had suffered their first casualties. Across the fortified hedgerows they went and on June 12 took their first city, Pont l'Abbe.

Then they encountered the rains of sunny France. The ground beneath their hobnailed boots turned to a quagmire. The Tough Ombres of the 90th plowed through it.

### Crack Mahlman Line

They cracked the Mahlman line, one of Germany's strongest defense positions, pushed on to Avranches, the hedgerows behind them now and open, rolling terrain ahead. They occupied St. Hilaire, took LeMans August 8, turned north and west to Alencon and through the Foret de Gouffern.

They took the industrial city of Thoinville on the Moselle in September and October found them opposite the old fortified city of Metz. November saw the start of the assault crossing of the Moselle, a river swollen with the greatest floods of its history, and on the 27th they again faced the steel and concrete Siegfried line.

Then, in the bitter cold of winter, north through Luxembourg and the Ardennes forest into Belgium in January, 1945, to take part in the recovery of ground lost in the Battle of the Bulge. On Washington's birthday came the last push that opened the way to final victory with the race to the Rhine, which they crossed March 18. On April 3 they took the town of Markers with its salt mine used for the storage of the Reich gold reserve and art treasures stolen by the Nazis from occupied countries, and entered Czechoslovakia April 18.

### VISITING NARKA, KANS.?

Charles Novotny reports that he is still operating his service station (Charlie's Service) and bulk plant at Narka, and that he hopes to move in to his new home by Christmas, and that "we will have a guest room ready for any of my buddies and their families."





COMPANY CLERKS of the Third Battalion, taken in Germany. Kneeling: Schafer, Co. K, Sternberg, Co. I. Standing: Chard, Co. L, Burch, Co. M. Clerk of of Hq. Co., is unidentified. Picture submitted by H. Sternberg of New York City.

### Attend Reunion

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ute to our late Lt. General Raymond S. McLain and letters received from the Mayors of LeMans and Chambois will be read at that time.

The 90th Division Association officers have assured us that there will be plenty of opportunity for the 358th to get together during the entire three-day period.

There is no doubt about it—a great day for all 358th Men is coming November 11-12-13 at Kansas City. Be there if you can possibly make it!

### ATTENTION

358th Members Attending 90th Division Reunion, Kansas City, November 11-13, 1955

Use the Wabash Railroad for your trip to the reunion. Direct service from St. Louis, as well as connections there with East, Southeast, and Northeast trains. Also fast fourteen-hour service, Detroit to Kansas City, with stops at Adrian, Mich., Montpelier, Ohio; Ft. Wayne and Lafayette, Ind., Danville, Champaign, Decatur, Ill.

Also use our Blue Bird Domeliner operating between Chicago and St. Louis and our City of Kansas City Domeliner between St. Louis and Kansas City.

Contact your local ticket agent asking about family plan fares, requesting Wabash routing wherever possible.

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We'll surely appreciate having you send your two bucks (cash or check) in the enclosed reply envelope on which **POSTAGE IS PAID**. Better attach it to our subscription blank so we'll be sure to acknowledge it in our next issue.

**REMEMBER, the future of PERAGIMUS depends on YOU! Can we count on your \$2 worth? Send that check TODAY!**

### 358th Combat Team Personnel—Second Battalion

CAPT. WM. E. MORRISON is now stationed with the 10th AAA Bn., Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., his wife advises us and adds this note: "We always look forward to Peragimus—some day maybe my husband will get around to visiting you"

We're indebted to Mrs. JAMES MONKELIEN, of Box 453, Sac City, Iowa, for sending us this news item:

"Several former Co. F men and families met at "Lake of the Ozarks" in Missouri for their annual Get-Together July 15, 16 and 17. It's a real family affair—the children look forward to seeing each other as do their parents. We rehash Barkley days on till occupation days, some pretty interesting conversations!!! This year Mr. and Mrs. GLEN NOWELL and daughter of Chapin, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. SAM CICCARELLI and nephew of St. Paul, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. GLENN MILAM, Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. PAUL McCLUSKY and family of Clinton, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HOROWITZ and daughter, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. JAMES MONKELIEN and sons of Sac City, Iowa.

"Next year we plan to get together at Clear Lake, Iowa—so anyone up that way keep in mind the last week-end in July—you'd enjoy it!"

Mrs. Monkelien tells us that hubby Jim is in the Reserve and was at Camp McCoy, Wisc., for two weeks training this past summer.

We received a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD J. GERBIG of 3568 Lilac avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, telling about their interesting vacation trip thru Eastern U. S. and Canada this summer. The Gerbigs will be attending the Kansas City convention in November and are looking forward to seeing all their 358th friends there. In Cincinnati, Gerbig is sales finance representative for Fifth Third Union Trust Co.

### Separate Units . . .

HERBERT V. OLSON, Hq. and Hq. Co.: "Here is my two bucks. We can't let this thing die. Sure grand to hear of our old buddies. Here's hoping to see it coming again soon.

"While in Iowa last summer I got to spend a day with the VERNON ELSEN family of Palmer.

"This finds the Olsens O. K. Greetings to the old gang."

GEORGE MYLNAREX of 1411 South 13th street, Milwaukee, Wisc., is maintenance mechanic for a steel casting company there.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Roy H. Oertli, 10156 Meadow Field Lane, St. Louis 23, Mo.

Stanley O. Magnuson, 2713 "E" Street, South Omaha, Nebr.

Col. Jos. J. McGill, Box 206, Premont, Tex.

Leo A. Kreitingier, 808 Thayer Ave., Bismarck, N. Dakota.

Frank J. Dadej, 2132 W. Superior, Chicago 12, Ill.



## Third Battalion . . .

GAIL HOHMAN, Randolph, Kans., writes: "I am still postmaster here and WALTER (Hooker) BOLES is my clerk. Any of the 90th going through stop in. I was transportation Corp. of Co. "M" and Boles cook of "I" Co.

HENRY STERNBERG, 211 Ft. Washington avenue, New York 32, N. Y., credit manager for S. & W. Fine Foods, Inc., writes:

"I get a big 'kick' out of reading about my old buddies and think you are doing a great job in keeping us posted on events (big and little).

"Any possibility of having a 358th Reunion in the East sometime. I'd sure work hard to make it a success if we had one.

"Was company clerk of 'I' Co. from the time we left for Europe until the time came to come home when I became attached to a medical outfit."

GLEENON J. SMITH, "I" Co., farmer at River Aux Vases, Mo.:

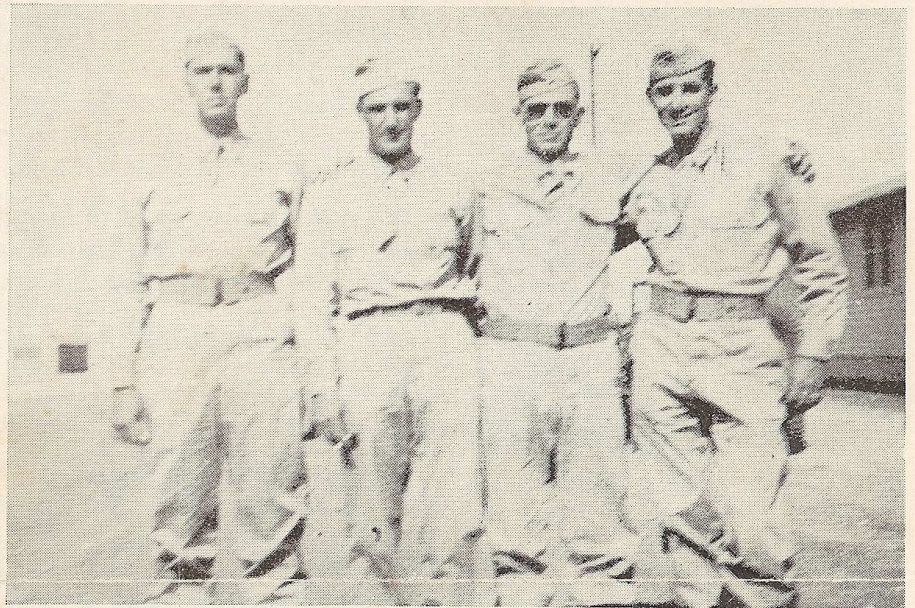
"Had a nice surprise in July—a short but very interesting visit with Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT B. POWELL of Kansas City, Mo., formerly supply Sgt. of Co. I. They stopped to visit us on their way to Oak Ridge, Tenn.

"Last week-end (August) my family and I motored to Acton, Ind., to visit with HERBERT HAWES and family, formerly of "I" Co. We were both in the same squad. Had quite a time locating him, but had a very enjoyable time after finding him.

TOM MURPHY, 14 Bay Edge Lane, Worchester 4, Mass., office manager for a construction company there:

"Arrived in the 358th late—Sept. 1944—after 21 months in the Aleutians, Adak and Kiska. Checked out early, March 1955, less than 1½ months or so in hospitals. Finally 'racked up good' just prior to Moselle Crossing? Spent about 2 years getting patched. Finally made it sans left wing.

"Appreciate your efforts in fostering Peragimus. Being from the East, it is my only contact with the organization save for periodic letters from BEN SANFORD and BILL MEANS, and being on the Christmas Card list of several other of the 'old' men in "I" and "G."



FOUR MEMBERS OF "M" COMPANY, left to right, Homer Peckinpough, Al Maneschelchi, Paul Rother, and Walter Nogulich, taken at Camp Barkley, Tex. In submitting the picture, Nogulich writes: "The four of us were lucky to go through the war and come out alive. Peck was hit twice, but he is all right today. Al was hit and I picked up some shrapnel. I don't know about Paul, but I know he is alive. Peck lives in Indiana, Al and I are from Chicago, and Paul is from Oklahoma."

WALT NOGULICH lives at 3128 Clybourn avenue, Chicago and is a timekeeper for the City of Chicago.

ALFRED C. BROWN, 170 Front St., Secaucus, N. J.:

"Sorry that I could not send my \$2.00 before this but I was laid up for five months in the East Orange V. A. Hospital in East Orange, N. J. with an old war injury. I am now on the road to recovery but not able to return to work.

"I was hoping to attend the Convention this year but due to the above I am unable to do much traveling.

"Please give my regards to any of the former members of old Co "L" that you may see in the future."

B. RUSSO, former first Sgt. of "L" Company, 850 Baums, Court, Livingston, N. J.:

"Would like to hear from a few of the boys of "L" Company. Met 1st Sgt. SOL SOLIVINSKY, of 456 Hazel St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"I am in the TV and appliance business, but I do not like it too much. Would like to raise beef cattle. Have two wonderful boys and another due at any time (Aug. 25), a girl we hope." Russo is with Paramount TV and Appli-

ances, 1099 S. Orange avenue, Newark, N. J.

WALTON E. BURKE, Route 1, Mannford, Okla.: "Not much news with me, but seems like the 3rd Bat. has been a little slow in writing lately, so thought I'd manage a line. Would like to see more letters from "L" company in your fine paper.

"I am now employed in a sheet metal shop in Tulsa in addition to seeing after my cattle, etc. These dry years (four in a row) haven't helped!

"Keep up the good work and let's see more names in PERAGIMUS."

GEORGE HOGAN JR., Macks-ville, Kans.: "Received the PERAGIMUS and enjoyed it very much. It has many parts of interest.

"I would like to hear from the boys in the 2nd Platoon of Co. "I".

"I am planning on being in Kansas City Nov. 11-12-13. I sure hope there are many and especially faces I know. I'd like to hear from BIG JOE and BALDY who were in the second platoon.

"Let's all be at Kansas City Nov. 11-12-13 and fight World War II the the easy way."

Hogan is a pressure operator and pumper for the Kansas Power and Light company.