

A black and white photograph of a snowy winter landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, smooth snowdrift. In the background, several evergreen trees are heavily laden with snow, their branches creating a dense, white canopy. The sky is a pale, uniform tone, suggesting an overcast day. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

Season's Greetings from -

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From The Editor . . .

We have intended to make this a Holiday issue. We hope it has reached you in time. We like the idea of a Holiday 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.

90th Division Reunion To Kansas City

We are indebted to Tim Linley of Cimarron, Kans., for late word about the 1955 Reunion of the National 90th Division Association which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., at the Continental Hotel, Nov. 11 to 13th inclusive.

His letter further reads, in part:

"This is the first time the reunion will be held outside of Texas and Oklahoma in 37 years.

"Many of us who have attended the reunions in the past are now hopeful of a better chance to see the buddies we are still looking for. This is primarily the purpose of holding a reunion, of course.

"We National Association of officers are holding our first plan-

From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

A request was made at the D-Day Anniversary reunion May 29 and 30 in St. Louis to survey members of the 358th Combat Team to determine how often a convention should be held, and where.

Please use the enclosed card blank to write down your choices, and mail it back promptly.

1. How often do you think a 358th Combat Team reunion should be held, every one, two, three, four, or five years?

2. Would you or could you attend a convention if it were held in any of the following cities, and which one would be your preference, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Denver, Dallas, Abilene, Texas, Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, New York, or Los Angeles?

The wider the representation we can get on this informal survey, the better we can plan future conventions to accommodate the largest number of men, so please send us your choices immediately.

The Editor has received a clipping from the Sept. 5 issue of the Kansas City Star, which is a news story about a dinner meeting of that city's chapter of the 90th Division association. It reads:

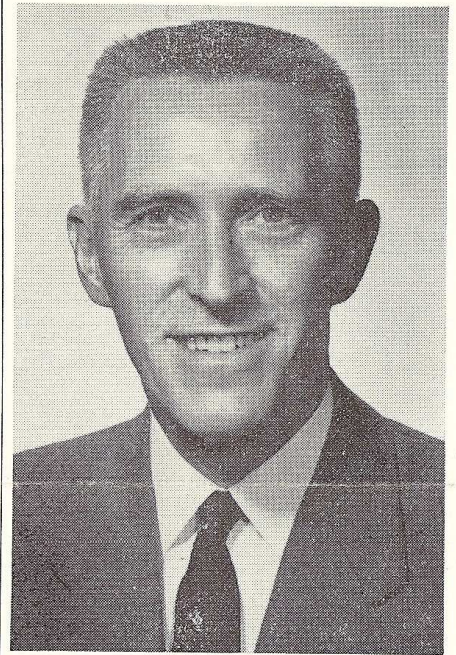
"Men fighting together under arms build a comradeship comparable to no other association, Judge HARRY L. S. HALLEY, chief justice of the Oklahoma Supreme court, said last night at the World War II Memorial building.

"Speaking to about sixty persons at a dinner of the Kansas City chapter of the 90th Division association, he described veteran reunions as a way to "review experiences men hope will never happen to themselves again.

"Judge Halley, an infantry officer in France with the division in World War I, reviewed the division's record in both World wars."

And F. E. JOHNSON, 3524 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, pens, "I was at the reunion. Had a fine time. This (Kansas City) chapter has over 100 members now and expect more.

ning meeting in Kansas City on January 29th in conjunction with the K. C. Chapter. If you could possibly come to give us your suggestions, we would most certainly be glad to have you do so."



LEO A. HOEGH, who was a platoon leader in Co. L from March to July, 1942, was elected to a two year term as Governor of Iowa in the recent elections. In 1953 and 1954 he was Iowa's Attorney General. After leaving the 358th, he served in the E.T.O. as G-3 of the 104th Inf. Division. His home is in Chariton, Ia.

GEN. McLAIN DIES

We are indebted to Col. Christian Clark for news of the death, on December 15, 1954, of Lt. Gen. Raymond S. McClain, 90th Infantry Division commander.

Lt. Gen. McLain, 64, was the first National Guard officer appointed a brigadier general on the Regular Army permanent list, and the first citizen-soldier since Civil War days to command a full corps of the United States Army, leading the 19th Corps across the Elbe and within 35 miles of Berlin before his advance was halted by orders.

Gen. McLain was known as a man of audacity and daring in completing his assigned missions. At Anzio his 12-gun battalions fired 7,000 rounds a day for three days.

He personally captured 12 prisoners during the war. Twice he got ahead of his own troops, ran into German roadblocks and shot his way out.

First Battalion

From JACK M. MALE, 524 6th Ave., Steubenville, Ohio, comes this inspiring letter; "Enclosed you will find my donation to our beloved 'Peragimus' of whom we all feel proud to have served with in combat and the occupation.

"I am thinking of something we can do to keep it alive so that it can live as long as we the members do. I still have my old Peragimus Insignia that I used to wear in Germany.

"I would like to propose that we get enough money together from voluntary contributions from the members to edit and publish a history of the 358th C.T. called 'Progress of Peragimus' with a text and many, many photographs.

"Or if we couldn't do that, maybe we could published a photo album of the 358th C.T. called 'Photographing Peragimus'. What do you think of it? I think it is a sound idea. As I am an ardent supporter of 'Peragimus', I will do my part to see it doesn't die. Peragimus or Perish. What will it be?

"Receiving Peragimus brings back memories of days long ago. It is like living the war all over again."

Jack was a member of C Company, while with the 358th.

DONALD WHITAKER pens, "I recently visited a buddy, ALLEN McCLAST of Hempstead, N. Y., and he gave me a copy of 'Peragimus'.

"We were both members of Company D. We joined the 90th at Camp Barkley back in 1942.

"It will sure be good to hear some news of some of the fellows once more."

DONALD M. JOHNSON, a former D. Company man, whose home is now at 4109 Mildred Py., Robbinsdale, Minn., pens, "I spent a week visiting SCHARBAUER EDISON down in Lovington, N. M. He has one of the most beautiful ranch homes I have ever seen.

"I don't know when I have enjoyed a visit so much. My wife and three children spent most of their time in his swimming pool.

"If any of the old D Co. men would like a sample of REAL WESTERN hospitality (any of the fellows from 358th for that matter) stop in and see Ed. If any of the fellows that would like to shoot

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the breeze are up my way, stop in at the Police Department in Robbinsdale, Minn., and look me up. That isn't my residence, I work there."

Second Battalion

WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR., informs us of another 358th man, "I think you will find the enclosed clipping of interest, especially if the news has not already reached you. It is from a recent issue of 'Fortnight', which is a semi-weekly news magazine limiting itself to news and events in California.



FOUR MEN OF HQ and Hq. Co., 358th C.T., are pictured above during a stop enroute from Reims to Marseille, L to r, they are, S/Sgt. D. R. Champlin, Sgt. Clayton A. Rose, Sgt. Horace A. Williams, and Sgt. Alan Anderson.

"The Republican chairmanship will go north and the odds are that Assemblyman THOMAS W. CALDECOTT of Alameda County, the vice chairman, will be promoted. However, youthful Senator John F. McCarthy of Marion County may make a strong bid for the post. McCarthy has the backing of Lieutenant Governor Harold J. Powers.

"A subsequent issue announced the successful election of TOM CALDECOTT, whom I'm certain that most of us will remember as Regimental S-1 and 1st Bn. Executive Officer.

"I'm still living at the mouth of the mighty Columbia River, where we have recently passed through our annual Mammoth Salmon Derby season—I say Mammoth, since it was estimated that there were some 5 to 6000 participants this year. In the event that any of the original Rusty's boys are ever near Ilwaco, please look me up.

"I can't keep track of the annual dues, so am enclosing \$2.00 with the hope that you can continue to publish. I have a number of snapshots from Barkley days at home, but before sending any, wondered if you need negatives, or will prints do?"

(Ed Note: Prints are OK.)

VINCENT H. WOLTERS, 70 Columbia Avenue, Jersey City 7, N. J., writes, "I would like to hear from my old buddies in Fox Company, especially SAM RODRIGUEZ, who last lived in El Paso, Texas. I have been writing him Christmas cards and letters since 1945 and never received a reply. Come on, F Company, let's make noise with those pens. 'Write!'"

Separate Units

ERNEST G. GAIZA writes that he is still working at the Fisher Plant in Flint, Michigan, but recently spent a month in Texas at his home there. He also traveled across Canada to Niagara Falls and back over Labor Day weekend. He's still single, and would like to see any of his old buddies from the Anti-Tank Co.

PARNELL J. DONOHUE writes, "To Whom It May Concern:

"While the expected and even predicted Democratic upsurge did not materialize in South Dakota there were enough 'realistic' voters to return that unusual barrister, MILTON KLOPSTOK, to the office of States Attorney.

"This redoubtable character, Klopstok, should be some authority on this subject of 'Smears', in politics. This election had the worst qualities of McCarthy's, Nixon's, and Dewey's assembled in a composite, but most important—it didn't work."

MACK E. MANLEY, whose home is at 5623 Rosehill Rd., Shawnee, Kansas, writes, "I was a member of SERVICE CO., 358th, from December 1942 to the end of the war.

"I had lost touch with the 358th & the rest of the 90th until the K. C. STAR told of an approaching dinner to be given by the K. C. chapter of the 90th Div. Assn. This was held on Sept. 4, and was attended by approximately a hundred or more.

"There I met a former 358th Message Center drive from Hdy. Co. named JOHNSON. He later sent me the September issue of 'Peragimus' and then as my wife usually reads my mail before I get home I was informed over the phone that my picture was on page six.

"In case no one knows where Shawnee, Kansas is, it is one of the many suburbs of Kansas City."

RAYMOND KENNEDY, a member of Hq. Co. while wearing the Peragimus, writes, "I hope to make the next get-together, regardless of where the convention is held. I prefer Minneapolis."

Any of you other men who haven't yet notified the Peragimus as to your choice as to where and when the next convention should be held, please turn to the Editor's

Notebook for all the details, Now!

"Nothing much to write about," pens LAURENCE KELSO, 5040 35th Ave., N.E., Seattle, Washington. "I am, at present, a student in the USAR School, Ordinance Branch, here in Seattle. Attended two weeks of Active Duty Training in Ordinance at Presidio of San Francisco, August 15 through 29th. Really had a swell time and learned a lot about problems of Ordinance supply.

"Sorry I couldn't make the convention as I noticed the names of several people I would have enjoyed seeing again. I was in St. Louis for the 1952 convention—which didn't come off—and was very disappointed at missing the gang.

"I am still in the reserve but am now in Armor, with an MOS as Armored Reconnaissance Unit Commander. Was recalled to active duty June 1951 and served until November 1952.

"Would like to hear from all who would care to write, especially those in Companies E and G."

"Enclosed find subscription for Peragimus, and hope you can keep it going, as I really appreciate it," writes D. R. CHAMPLIN.

"My wife and I along with SAM HEFFNER and wife, of E Co., 358th, recently attended the Mid-West 90th convention at Fargo, N. D. Although we didn't see too many of our old buddies, we really had a good time.

"It seemed to us that the brass was extremely short and some of us would like to see some of them at our next reunion."

Third Battalion

"I was in Co. I, 358th," writes ACHILL VYRL LeSARGE. "I was down to Kansas City, July 3rd and talked to JOHN MURPHY at the meeting we had there for 90th men. I didn't know about the wonderful work you're doing with Peragimus so he sent me out the last copy.

"Was glad to read it. Would like to hear from some of my buddies in the third battalion, especially Co. I."

C. A. BURNETTE, JR., pens, "Have just returned from annual two weeks summer camp at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Am G-3 of 316th Logistical Command.

At Ft. Bragg ran into two former 90th Division members: BRIG. GEN. BIXBY, who was Div. Arty. C.G., and CAPT. J. P. SIMS, F. Co., 358th. Address of both is Hdq., 1st Logistical Command, Fort Bragg, N. C.

"Both were very much interested in news about 90th. Told them about Peragimus and sent each an old file copy.

"I am now married, three daughters. I served with L. Co., 358th, and 3rd Bn. Hq. Later at Division as ass't provost marshal."

HOWARD M. LACKEY writes, "Just a line from an old Company I man to say that I have just moved into my new home at 2917 East Moreland Dr., Columbus 9, Ohio. I am working for the Army Engineers at the Columbus General Depot.

"Was talking to two 358th men this weekend, DALE W. STEWART of Co. A. who is working for the Veterans Administration in Philadelphia and ROGER MOSER of Co. L who is working for Fairmount Foods and lives here in Columbus."

LEE D. JONES, a former sergeant in Item Company, writes, "I have been slow in sending my subscription, but I still read the Peragimus, always looking for a familiar name from the third battalion.

"I don't know how I went this far without mentioning my new son, Donald Lee, born Sept. 25. I have a boy and a girl now, her name is Donna Lee."

Lee's address is 3253 Faronia, Pittsburg 4, Pa.

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We extend many thanks to the following members of the 358th Combat team, whose subscriptions have helped to make this issue of Peragimus possible.

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