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A. W. BLACKFORD (BLACKIE) got his wish when he said to consider Dallas for the next convention in his news sheet sent November 3. He is in Corsicana, Tex., Box 129, where he is in his own printing business. He enjoys reading the PERAGIMUS and keeping up on the news about the company "L" grads.

EARL B. TAYLOR writes: "Surely was gratifying to have such a fine turnout at the Kansas City Convention, and you should be especially proud of 358th having the most members present of any Combat Team. Obviously this is the result of the fine job PERAGIMUS has done in keeping alive interest in our old outfit."

## From the Peragimus Editor's Notebook

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is the season of the year when we pause to rejoice and think of those closest to us. I think it is most appropriate then that we again publish a Christmas issue of PERAGIMUS, for certainly no relationship can match those of our comrades in arms in the good old 358th. The Christmas cheer brings with it that grand feeling of the warmth of real fellowship and memories of our days of trial together in training and combat. Wherever you may be, I want to extend to all of you in the 358th my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COL. JOE RUSTEMYER tells us of his experiences in Kansas City at the time of the convention.

"Aside from all of the flattering lies that were told during the period, it was a most enjoyable affair for me. The little remarks that go almost unnoticed are always a revelation to me and give me an insight of what happened after the outfit reached the roads to Hell.

"It is always a satisfaction to me to learn that the 'old gang' now fully realizes that a job must be done without favor, without fear of hurting someone's feelings, and without thought of hardship; too, that they have come to realize that one can't train for a touch football game by reading the Saturday Evening Post and eating ice cream cones.

"It was good to see so many present—which may or may not be due to the joint convention. Personally, I believe that it was due to the central location. I hope that I am wrong and that next year will see many more present.

"I saw Judge Moore Sunday morning, but didn't go by the hotel, because by the time I had accomplished the purpose of my trip to Kansas City, I was certain that all had departed. I put my car in a lot Saturday afternoon and by the time I went for it (around 1:30) the lot was closed and my car was securely locked in the basement. Sunday morning being a rather busy period around here, I rode a bus back to Leavenworth where I live. Jeannette and I drove in Monday when she, after some shopping, picked up her car and I drove back on the second mount. Fortunately,

I caught BOB SCHULTZ Saturday and rode home with him."

Thanks to TRACY MOORE, JR., who has recently purchased the Arthur Strand Insurance Agency with which he has been associated for nine years in Ilwaco, Wash., for sending us a clipping from a recent Life Magazine showing our own TOM CALDECOTT, First Battalion, carrying a banner as the Republican State Chairman for California.

WALTER H. KLEINSCHMIDT, Langdon, N. Dak. is doing pretty well with deer hunting. He went hunting with five friends and each of them bagged a deer. Walt's first son, Michael Walter was born October 4. He has a daughter, 9, also.

## NEW ADDRESSES

The following men have changed their addresses since the last issue of PERAGIMUS was published:

Dennis C. Anderson, 5138-40th Ave. So., Minneapolis 17, Minn.

Lloyd W. Anderson, 3704 Chowen Curve, Minneapolis 10, Minn.

Gabriel W. Tomasko, 5301 Nokomis Ave., Minneapolis 17, Minn.

Virgil L. Miller, Box 325, McLeod, Okla.

Stanley A. Turner, 1824 Winthrop Rd., San Marino, Calif.

Stanton G. Darling, 8 E. Broad St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

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Frank Cantella, 309 W. Otterman, Greensburg, Pa.

Anthony J. Reinel, 4463 Sims St., Columbus, Ga.

Roy E. Smith, 630-L S. Lauman, Ft. Sill, Okla.

Charles S. Thomas, 238 Bowers St., Jersey City 7, N. J.

Carl B. Everett, The New Drilling Co., Inc., 1018 Patterson Building, Denver 2, Colo.

Douglas Brasel, 5423 Kavanaugh, Little Rock, Ark.

Hugo Westphal, 2050 Pleasant Dr., Dallas, Tex.

Leslie F. Howard, 1117 Sandra Dr., Midwest City, Okla.

William A. Gruen, R. 3, Wills Point, Texas.

John R. White, P.O. Box 372, Bloomington, Ill.

John T. Christensen, 201-1st Ave., Audubon, Iowa.



358TH COMBAT TEAM MEMBERS who gathered together for the business meeting on Saturday morning at the Reunion in Kansas City's Continental Hotel.

## Combined Reunion Achieves Success; To Repeat In '56

The 358th Combat Team combined its forces with the 90th Division Association in its 37th Annual Reunion in Kansas City on November 11, 12, and 13. The reunion was a rousing success not only from the 90th Division Association, but from the standpoint of the 358th Infantry Combat Team. There were over a hundred men and their wives representing the 358th Infantry at the reunion. We consider this a good turn-out.

### A Great Get-Together

All told we had a wonderful gathering and we owe a lot to the Kansas City Chapter of the 90th Division Association for their fine work in planning this reunion. **Tim Linley**, President of the Association; **Milt Sears**, Secretary-Treasurer; **Wilton Barger**, Publicity Chairman; and **Roscoe Cox**, Reunion Chairman; all did a grand job and should get a vote of thanks from all of us.

On Saturday morning, we had a meeting of the 358th Combat Team. It was decided at this meeting to hold our next meeting in conjunction with the 90th Division Association, since the Kansas City meeting was such a success. However, we plan to make better arrangement for a few meetings of the 358th, such as a room for cocktails before the banquet, a pre-arranged business meeting, and our own registration.

The convention will be held next year in the new Hilton Hotel in

Dallas, Tex. **Hobby H. McCall**, a Dallas attorney, is the new President of the 90th Division Association, and the boys down there show every promise of giving us another good convention. Since we have so many Texas boys from the 358th and since our old home was down at Camp Barkley, we think it will be a good idea to join them next year.

As stated above, the 358th was very much in evidence at the reunion. **Gov. Leo Hoegh** of Iowa was one of the principal speakers at the banquet Saturday evening. **Gov. Hoegh** was a platoon leader in Company L, back in the days of our training at Camp Barkley. Your editor would like to extend his thanks to **Parnell Donohue**, **B. J. Clark**, **Francis Clarke**, **Lynn Moore** (The Judge), and **Jim Morris** for their help in making arrangements for the 358th. In his own way, each contributed his part, and I am very grateful, even for the laughs which were the best I have had in many a moon.

Listed below are the members of the 358th who attended the reunion and registered with us:

### Those Who Attended

**Stanley W. Mally**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; **Warren K. Lynn**, Topeka, Kan.; **B. J. Clark**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Jack Miller**, St. Joseph, Mo.; **Carl H. Krueger**, Leavenworth, Kan.; **John H. Homfeldt, Jr.**, St. Louis, Mo.; **Edwin A. Kline**, McCook, Neb.; **Glennon J. Smith**, River Aux Vases, Mo.

**Clay A. Adams**, Springfield, Mo.; **Forrest Kleinsmith**, Clinton, Iowa; **Archie D. Brown**, Burlison, Tex.; **Sam Heffner**, Badger, Iowa; **Clay Shrout**, Ralston, Neb.; **Harold E. Sander**, Severn, Kan.; **Art Saline**,

Lincoln, Neb.; **Jim Morris**, Wichita, Kan.; **Henry Loth**, Beatrice, Neb.

**Joe Mc Nerney**, Kansas City, Mo.; **C. J. Merrigan**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Harold Kessler**, Rochester, N. Y.; **Thomas U. Hughes**, Leavenworth, Kan.; **Charles G. Barndt**, Dallas, Tex.; **Francis J. Clarke**, Brooklyn, N. Y.; **Parnell J. Donohue**, Bonsted, S. Dak.; **Jim Buono**, Dearborn, Mich.

**Peter Kovich**, Kansas City, Kan.; **Lynn Moore**, Springfield, Ore.; **John Logston**, Hamilton, Mo.; **Vyrl LeSage**, Stockton, Kan.; **Albert Nadeau**, Yankton, S. Dak.; **Charles J. Becker**, Topeka, Kan.; **James Petree**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Orville F. Berger**, Barnes, Kan.; **Janesy C. Reed**, Hutchinson, Kan.

**George H. Brummell**, Cawker City, Kan.; **James R. White**, Buhler, Kan.; **Paul J. Boehm**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Hobart C. Smith**, Dallas, Tex.; **Rodney E. Collins**, LaPlata, Mo.; **Stanley Walker**, Novelty, Mo.; **Albert B. Powell**, Kansas City, Mo.; **Del H. Zackman**, Rogers, Minn.; **Gerald W. Griffith**, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Stanley W. Davidsen**, St. Paul, Minn.; **J. H. Rustemyer**, Leavenworth, Kan.; **Roy C. Lee**, Minneapolis, Minn.; **B. H. Schoonhoven**, Davenport, Iowa; **W. H. Bobs**, Randolph, Kan.; **Walter E. Hamilton**; **Malte Hanson**, Gowrie, Iowa; **Henry Loth**; **Othie E. Owsley**, Clinton, Mo.; **Bill Memenany**.

### WE WANT YOUR NEWS

Please use the NEWS BLANK enclosed with this issue to send in news of yourself and your buddies for our next issue . . . it takes NEWS to make PERAGIMUS. Don't forget that 1956 SUBSCRIPTION, too!

## SEPARATE UNITS

DALE SKAARER, Service Co., 2408 Elizabeth St., Billings, Mont. was sorry that he and his wife missed the convention at Kansas City, since they had had such a good time at the convention last year at St. Louis. However, this is Dale's busy season as a livestock buyer for Producers Livestock Marketing Association.

Dale had a siege of coronary thrombosis in June, the same heart disease that attacked President Eisenhower, but after a few months convalescence is back at work.

"Surely would like to see some of you fellows," writes Dale, saying that he has plenty of room, good fishing and hunting.

BEN HILL, Service Co., Route 2, Mathias, Texas, wasn't able to come to the convention this year, but hopes that some of the old gang will visit him. He is in farming and ranching and recently bought a second farm.

Ben writes, "Only 'BARNEY' FISCHER, Service Co. cook, and ROBERT K. RAMSEY, Service Co., have found where we live. We saw ANDY McDANIEL at the La Mesa, Texas, post office and CLEM ASHENHURST at McKamey, Tex. on a previous trip in West Texas.

FRANCIS E. SIMON, Anti-Tank Co., of Dist. 763, Box 549, Mil-

waukee 14, Wis. writes, "Sorry to have missed the convention at Kansas City. Had hoped to attend and see some of my Anti-Tank 358th buddies, but will say Hello to them by means of the PERAGIMUS. Sure enjoy reading it and hope you keep it coming."

A. J. McDANIEL of Service Co., now of P.O. Box 538, LaMesa, Tex. says that MACK MANLEY was in his R.S.O. crew in Service Co.-Separate Units. Mack works for the Hinde & Dauch Paper Co., Gastonia, N. C.

## FIRST BATTALION

"Just received my PERAGIMUS and sorry I am late with my two bucks. As always enjoy reading it from start to finish," writes JOHN LOGSTON, Hamilton, Mo.

Shortly before the convention he drove down to visit JAMES SMITH of 1st Battalion Hq. so that they could make their plans to attend the convention.

John is operating a bulldozer, doing custom farm work, pond digging, clearing timber and all kinds of farm jobs, something different every day which makes it interesting. James is farming near Cowgill, Mo. and is doing all right.

John sent us a picture of Lt. Alexandra A. Smith and would like to have his address. (Sorry, John, we don't have his address, but maybe one of our readers has it.)

M/Sgt. CHARLES E. SMITH RA 37138593, P.O. Box 158, Roswell, New Mexico, writes, "I'm now assigned as Army Advisor of the 200th Gp. for the National Guard. I might say, too, that I take a big interest in my job, because I found out through the old 90th Div. that the National Guard is a great thing. Also the men in the units are all fine fellows and good soldiers.

"I would like to hear from any of the old buddies from the 1st Battalion 358th, especially from HEGGERNESS, YOUNG, QUINTUS, BLAKELEY and PAGE. If any of the old 90th men are out this way, would appreciate them dropping in to say hello. I am located in the City Hall.

"I'm sorry to be late with my subscription, but have moved around so much my mail is just starting to catch up with me. Think you and the staff for the PERAGIMUS are to be highly commended for the great work you are doing on the paper. I really enjoy reading about all the old gang.

## SECOND BATTALION

"Here I am still in Texas and liking it, too, in spite of the fact that I was born and reared in good old Minnesota. I have lived in Texas ever since getting out of service—have been in Garland almost 8 years—" writes LESTER L. HEGNA, Co. F.



PICTURE OF 358th Bn. Personnel, taken in Germany in 1944 and sent to PERAGIMUS by H. Sternberg of New York City.



A table of 358th at the Friday Night Dinner. Left to Right: Boles, Morris, Danielson, Shrcud, Donohue, Powell, McNerney, Adams, Stotler, Clark.

"Built a nice little home at 120 Ave. G., Maryland Addition, Garland, Texas, and I have a good job as construction foreman. Have a beautiful daughter, Sonja, who will be 10 in January. My wife is fine, too.

"Saw EVELYN MONKELIEN's letter in PERAGIMUS was so glad as we had lost the address. Also want to hear ERNEST HOROWITZ' address mentioned some place (here's the place Les! 24 E. Diamond Lake Rd., Minneapolis 19, Minn.)—Some of you guys write to me—will you?"

EMIL L. FRAPPIER, 1404 S. 14th St., Escanaba, Mich. writes, "I was in Co. F, third platoon for over a year before the war ended. I am an over the road driver (heavy) for Clarement Transfer Co. I've been with them for over ten years. I like the work and I get to see a lot of the country. I drive a semi-trailer truck and I drive all over Upper Michigan and also Wisconsin."

Thanks to BILL WALLACE, 808 N. Galena, Dixon, Ill. for his check and news sheet. He writes, "Sorry news is so scarce, but the only item of 358 Infantry interest is a short phone conversation I had with EARL TAYLOR (344 F. A. Ln) while driving through Iowa last summer. Got within 20 miles of him, but had to keep moving.

"No change in my situation, still with Priebe & Sons, spend half my time on the road and it really keeps me busy."

Francis T. Halligan, 22411 Fairlawn Circle, Apt. 8, Fairview Park, Cleveland 16, Ohio.

## THIRD BATTALION

The Turf and Sport Digest for August, 1955 carries an interesting account of the career of Jockey Robert L. Baird, still very active in this field of sport. The article also carried a picture of Baird and his lovely family: wife Inez, two daughters and a son.

Speaking of his World War II activities, the article states:

"Baird trained at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas, and maneuvered in Louisiana and Arizona, then shipped from New York with Company K of the 358th Infantry. He stayed with this outfit through the war and took part in all its actions. After hitting Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day, his division was absorbed into General George Patton's Third Army and from then to the end the littlest soldier, now a jeep driver, saw enough fighting to last him. He was wounded three times, awarded the Purple Heart and two clusters.

"After the armistice, the 358th was based at Wauldmunchen in the Sudetenland, two miles from the Czech border, and Bobby was put in charge of some 90 horses confiscated from the Germans. A riding stable was operated for the benefit of his battalion. Naturally, with bull-dozers and manpower available and plenty of time, a racetrack was built. Various units of the Army entered their favorites against those of other organizations. The wagering was wild and woolly.

In the first two days of racing, pro Bob Baird, riding against a bunch of long-stirruped cowboys,

won so many heats that he was barred from further competition. But he had had enough to put the idea again in his mind and the fever in his blood.

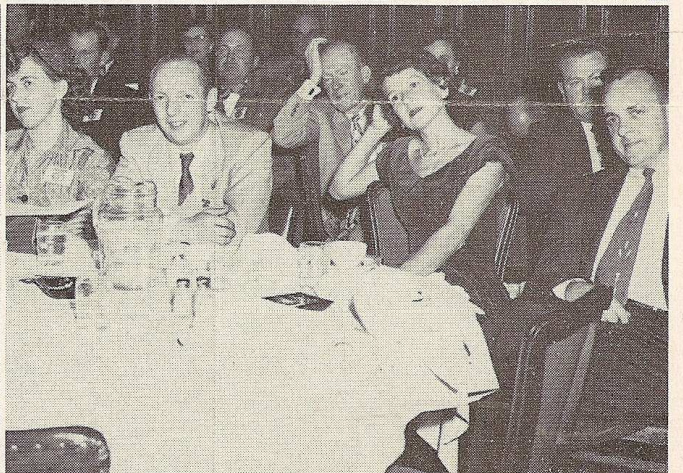
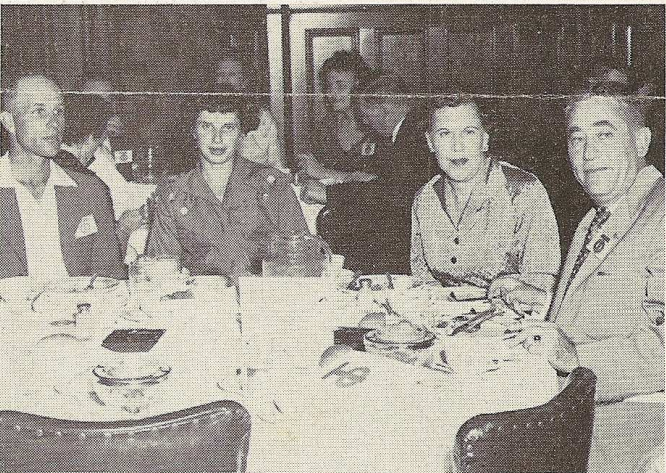
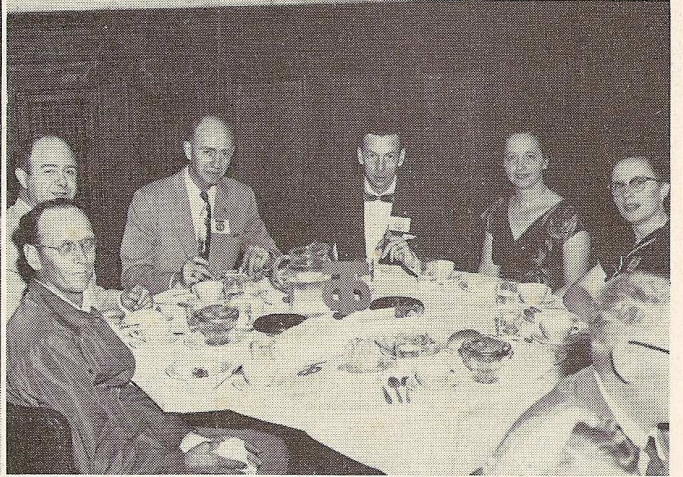
"Baird is now at Detroit but he says his wandering days are about over. He plans to ride in California to be near his family. The little girls are in school and he doesn't want their lives constantly disrupted. Inez insists on this. Still don't be surprised to open your racing program, wherever you may be, and see R. L. Baird named on several horses. He's a rider and he likes to ride. If he has to travel, so be it—he'll travel.

If you do see him on a horse whose form shows him to have a little bit of lick, you'd better take a closer look. There's not a boy around today who can get out of there faster or stay out there longer than Bobby Baird. You'll get a ride for your money. What more can you ask?"

EUGENE A. HUNSTIGER, 419 Crest Dr., Jefferson City, Mo. is sorry that he missed the convention, but he and his wife are awaiting another blessed event and found it impossible to even try to get to Kansas City. The Hunstigers just moved into their "dream" house at the above address.

EARL R. SHOSTROM, I Co. saw STAN DANIELSON of St. Paul, ex "I" Co. a short time before the convention and planned to see each other there. Earl is an attorney for Bankers Life Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

Russell Jacklin is now at 1222 Willeston, Waterloo, Iowa.



At Kansas City Reunion we have: top left General Herbert L. Earnest, former C. O. of the 90th Division; your Editor, center; and top right, Leo Hoegh, Governor of Iowa, and former member of Company L, 358th Infantry. In evidence at the tables at the Reunion Banquet are the four above tables of 358th Combat Team members. Bill Wallace, former C. O. of the 2nd Battalion, and Earl Taylor, former 344th Artillery Liaison Officer to the 2nd Battalion, are at the top left table. Col. Bob Schultz, former Executive Officer of the 358th is at the bottom right table.