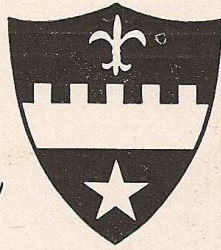


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KANSAS CITY PICKED FOR '55 CONVENTION

From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

Again this April, 1955 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!)

Former Executive Officer for the 358th, LT. COL. FRED H. LOOMIS, pens, "On 31 Oct. '54, I was retired with 100% physical disability. I believe that my present illness started while I was on duty in Greece in 1949.

"We have purchased a home at 897 Embascadero, Palo Alto, Calif., and find Palo Alto to be quite lovely. I have hopes that my

oldest boy will go to Stanford."

"Why not try to make the 358th C. T. reunion in Kansas City to coincide with the division reunion in November, 1955," suggests Major General (ret.) HERBERT L. EARNEST, Riverview Landing, White Stone, Pa. "This would really be a break for both the 358th and the Division."

(Ed. Note: This letter was one of the many that helped us reach the decision to hold the convention in 'Kaycee'.)

An invitation to combine our convention with the 90th Division's in November at Kansas City was recently received from Tim Linley, president of its National Association for this year. He writes,

"Milt Sears, of Cimarron, the Sec.-Treas. of the 90th Infantry Division Association, is a 358th man and through his enjoyment of each issue he can get hold of, I know what a good job you are doing. Keep up the good work!

"We had our first meeting of the executive committee of the National Association in Kansas City on Jan. 29th. We have appointed committee chairmen, are composing our first letter of general mailing regarding the November reunion in Kansas City, and have, generally speaking, 'Jumped off'.

"We have every reason to anticipate a bang up reunion in Kansas City, breaking all attendance records of recent years. Naturally, we hope your 358th organization will meet with us at that time."

(Ed. Note: This invitation was written before we decided to plan our convention in conjunction with that of the 90th.)

To Meet Nov. 11-13 With 90th Division

The results of our recent survey indicated a desire of the majority to hold the next 358th convention in Kansas City or in Minneapolis. The majority also indicated that they would desire a convention every two years.

From this survey it would then seem that we should hold our next convention in Minneapolis or in Kansas City, in another two years. However, this year we have a grand opportunity, for the 90th Division Association is holding its 37th Annual Convention in Kansas City on November 11, 12, and 13th. It would seem the wise thing to combine our two conventions this year and make them a **bang up** one.

It would still be possible to hold separate gatherings for our group, yet still avail ourselves of the opportunities of meeting with the Division group in the larger gatherings, where the program will certainly be better planned and on a larger scale than we could possibly promote.

Tom Linley, W. H. Barger and the boys of the Kansas City Chapter of the 90th Division Ass'n. have done a grand job in promoting this convention in Kansas City.

This is the first time in its history the association has met outside of Texas or Oklahoma. Let's help them to make it the biggest and best convention ever!

PERAGIMUS

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

Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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358th Men on the Move

We have received the following address changes for men of the 358th combat team since the last issue of the Peragimus:

J. B. Blackburn, Jr., 1509 Sandefer, Abilene, Tex.

Rowe Calciolari, 45 Mitchell Pl., White Plains, N. Y.

Ronald W. Campbell, 2128 Oak, Manhattan, Kans.

Frank Cantella, 17 O'Hara St., Greensburg, Pa.

Victor Clark, 3601 Routh, Dallas 19, Tex.

Edward J. Carroll, 4230 Pleasant, Minneapolis, Minn.

Fred J. Cox, 33 R. R. Ave., Port Jervis, N. Y.

Seth Davenport, 806 Maple, Svaldo, Tex.

William Dressler, 301 Iroquois Rd., Hillside, Ill.

Walter Fontaine, 1805 2nd Ave. North, Grand Forks, N. D.

Emil L. Frappier, 1404 So. 14th St., Escanaba, Mich.

Phillip A. Gebhard, 903 Carolyn, Elkhart, Ind.

Raymond Hierholzer, 1161 E. 9th St., Erie, Pa.

Jack D. Hollenbeck, 3304 Webster, Stockton, Calif.

Carmen Pariso, 273 S. Roycroft Blvd., Buffalo 21, N. Y.

Lee Kaniecki, 3029 So. Union, Chicago 16, Ill.

Dick F. Perley, 815 So. 13th, LaCrosse, Wis.

Leonard Krekelburg, 4320 Ewing Ave., So., Minneapolis 10, Minn.

Robert C. Radl, Box 247, Gibson, Minn.

Lt. William E. Morrison, Hqs. 45 AAA Gun Bu P.P.O. No. 46, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

Walter C. Rex, 431 East 153rd St., Bronx 56, N. Y.

Robert J. Nash, 518 Lowell Dr., Johnson City, N. Y., R. D. 2.

Jewell Oftedahl, Box 886, Bemidji, Minn.

Charles Parrish, Rt. 4, Box 137, Bryan, Tex.

Peragimus Boosters

We are happy to acknowledge many subscriptions for THE PERAGIMUS for this year which have been received since the last issue. If you haven't mailed in yours yet, why not send it in today? It's only \$2.00 a year (or more, if you wish).

Those already subscribing include; \$10—Jim Josendale, C. J. Menigain.

\$7.50—Midwest 90th Inf. Division Ass'n., Minneapolis, Minn.

\$5—George W. Waschow, W. F. Himmerich, Charles G. Girard, Jack Shandon, Herbert L. Earnest, F. E. Street, Pat Beville, Maj. Arnold F. Brown, Dr. G. R. Andre.

J. W. Balke, Jr., Wait W. Olson, Louis J. Goldie, James Somerville, Ezra D. Stocksdale, George H. Danels, Howard F. Proctor, Cliff Anderson, Thomas W. Caldecott.

\$4—John Schwartz, A. J. McDaniel, Milton Sears, Paul Rother.

\$3.50—C. Sam Heffner.

\$3—Albert B. Powell, Wilburn C. Deaton, Edward J. Gerbig, Paul J. Lutor, Irvin Klein, Marris S. Helm, Daniel K. Ahern, Anton Gratz, William E. Thumma, Marvyn C. Johnson, Louis P. Politano, Alvin H. Tomlinson.

2.50—Lewis E. Combs, Jr.

\$2—George Justice, James M. Monkelien, Adolph C. Kurtz, Louis Rogich, D. H. Brown, Edward M. Hardy, Vernon Jacques, Robert E. Muthig, Roger W. Moser, Edwin O. Miller, Morris Ramsey, Andrew J. Cooper, Louis C. Ross, Amon D. Hartwick, Virgil Brown, J. E. Sutfenfield, Glenn G. Nowell, Frank J. Bass, Sam L. Rodriguez, Jr., A. J. Podolinsky, Tom Linley, Bob Zenan, Jim Buono.

Herbert A. Hawes, Lucio G. Lupez, Ed Quintus, Marvin L. Greb, Frank Golden, Lorenzo Iruegas, Delbert Nerge, John R. Jackson, Francis E. Simon, Bernard J. Duffy, Kenneth E. Jensen, Oiva Oksanen, Donald W. Johnson.

Raymond Kennedy, Charlie P. Aylsworth, A. T. Dengler, Ray Harmon, R. Dean Helle, Alan F. Zabel, E. L. Dodge, John Gregorich, Melvin S. Zweigbaum, M/Sgt Mose Lewis, Morris Bellows, L. W. Schauder, Bill Shipe.

Dr. Joseph M. Ruda, Clarence E. Christianson, J. B. Blackburn, Jr., Clement Saatzer, Ike L. B. Mogford, Clarence Herrman, Glennon J. Smith, Lewis E. Cinotto, Eugene Hunstiget, Edwin A. Kline, Antonio F. Antalek, August L. Cassel.

First Battalion . . .

KENNETH E. JENSEN, writes, "I am married and live at 3710 Gold, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Have seen several of the old Company 'B' bunch since I have been here.

"Stopped at Pueblo, Colo., and had a nice visit with SGT. BLAKLEY. Saw KNOELL at Fremont, Neb. Hope to go to a reunion sometime and see some of the boys.

"I have been in Los Alamos three years. Before that I ran a theatre and taught school in South Dakota."

"In October my wife and I took a two-month vacation touring the West and South," writes EZRA STOCKDALE, 809 W. North St., St. Marys, Ohio.

"We stopped in Bogata, Tenn., to visit one of our buddies, TOM PRESGROVE, Tom has a farm and raises cotton, and it was good to see him again. We enjoyed our visit with him and his wife very much.

"In California, we tried to locate STANLEY RICE, but we could find no trace of him. Does anyone know his address? (Ed. Note: We'd like to know also—we have him listed as 'lost'.)"

MARVIN GREB 5544-45th Ave. S., Minneapolis 17, Minn., writes, "Was up at Fargo, N. D. to the Midwestern 90th Division reunion and had a good time. Not as many there as the other years, but still had over 100. Next year it will be in Minneapolis."

RAY HARMON writes, "I would like to get in contact with the boys from Co. 'A' of the 385th. I was attached to the 90th Division at Fort Dix, N. J., and then to England. Went into combat on D-Day, was wounded on June 12, and lost all contact. Would appreciate hearing from my old buddies.

"I have contacted one Harley Epre at Mount Vernon, Ill., in 1949. Certainly was wonderful to see him and his family.

"We live on a small farm near Bricelyn, Minn."

"If some of my buddies read this, write if it's possible, and come and see us."



“RED and VIC Givan of Co. B— this is the way we felt when they told us to ‘fall out’ with full field packs!

Henry A. Lettow, Co. D, mail orderly, 1544 Willmore St., Greensboro, N. C., is a rout supervisor for a local laundry. He is married and has a son 4 years old.

A former Company ‘C’ and Special Services officer, BOB TIF-FANY, writes that he and his wife recently attended an oil meeting in San Antonio, Texas, and visited with MIKE and Lil KNOUF. “Real fun swapping memories of a great outfit,” he pens,

“Drove to New Orleans later for a Presbyterian Men’s convention and stopped to visit with PHIL and Pat VICKEY in their new home in Arlington, Texas. He and PAUL SIMS are talking about setting up a business of their own in Dallas.”

Bob is a salesman for the Equitable Life Assurance Society and lives at 765 Davis Dr., Abilene, Texas. His mailing address in Abilene is Box 2294.

FRANK GOLDEN, a 1st Bn. Headquarters man, pens, “Everything out here in the East is pretty good. I received a Christmas card from Corporal Ray Eyer, who was mailman for 1st Bn.

Former LT. STANLEY CHORZYANOWSKI of 1st Bn. A & P Platoon, now resides at 118 Rockville, Conn. He used to receive THE PERAGIMUS, but after moving it stopped coming to him.

“As for the reunions, I suggest that most of them be held in the Mid-West where most of the fellows are located, but every so often one should be held in different parts of the country for

Sergeant of “A” Co. Dies in Korean Prison Camp

Capt. Rodney F. Cloutman, who was a first sergeant of “A” Co. of the 358th Combat Team, died in a Korean prison camp according to word received by PERAGIMUS from Howard Proctor, B Co., of 6 Grant Road, Westton, Mass.

Captain Cloutman was reported missing in action Nov. 26, 1950, and a prisoner of the Reds May 12, 1951.

Only recently Army authorities established that the World War II hero had died Feb. 15, 1951, three months before it was reported he was in a prison camp. He was 33 at the time of his death.

He had been credited with capture of 1850 Nazis during World War II, promoted from sergeant to second lieutenant in the field, captured in Germany Dec. 8, 1944 and liberated by the 14th Armored Division April 28, 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Marie of 1158 Main Street, Athol, Mass.

the benefit of those who can’t attend those in the Midwest.”

His home is at 41 N. Main St., West Hartford 7, Conn.

Former Battalion Commander of the 1st Bn., DANIEL K. AHERN writes,

“I was very sorry to hear of the death of General McLain. He did as much to save the Anzio Beachhead as any man there. I remember one night my battalion was catching hell from strong enemy attack groups and we called for artillery; no soap, it was rationed! So I got hold of the fire direction center and who was there but Gen. McLain. After I explained that I had large numbers of replacements who had not been with us three hours yet, and that they had as yet seen nothing but darkness and shadows and that I didn’t think I could hold them in the line until daylight if they didn’t get some assurance of supporting

troops, his guns walked a barrage across the front of that company and that was all they needed. That was early in Feb. and we stayed there until June. The allowance of artillery was three rounds per gun per day at that time.

“I was in Denver last May and called old WHITTINGHILL out of bed at two A. M. We had a good visit over the phone. I had to catch a plane to New Hampshire or I would have gone out to see him.

“WILEY BURLESON of our 358th Service company is a mechanic in town. His kids are in my school but aren’t up to the grades I teach yet.

“We had the biggest hunting season ever this year. I kept busy between the motel, school, and guiding for elk and deer. Three different mornings we went out after elk and I was lucky enough to fill their licenses and be back
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MAIL CALL FOR COMPANY B of the 358th down in Camp Barkley, Texas.

First Battalion . . .

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in town before school started.

"The RUSTEMEYERS are expected out this way next summer on their way to Yellowstone Park. If he knew how many men his training and discipline had saved, he would sit back and relax for the rest of his life. When I took over the first battalion of the 108th, 45th Div. my exec. asked where in the states I trained. I told him it wasn't where one trained that counted, but who one trained under. They remembered Col. Rustemeyer from Camp Barkley days.

"Every once in a while I hear from Col. HOMER JENSEN of the 359th. He lives in South Dakota. DONAHUE has friends come by every summer but he must be kept busy. Lots of those South Dak. people come to Wyoming to catch a few fine trout or to cool off in our mountains."

Ahern is now combining the diverse occupations of Junior High School Principal, Motel Owner, and Big Game Guide. He can be reached at the Mountain View Motel, Buffalo, Wyo.

"It is always good to read about the former members of the 358th in THE PERAGIMUS," writes JOHN R. JACKSON, 200 Francis, College Station, Texas.

"I saw CARL SPELCE last month in Marlin, Texas. He is with the FHA there. Come on down to Texas and visit me sometime."

A former C. O. of "D" Co., Jackson is now a Professor of Ag. Education at Texas A & M.

"I have great news about myself," writes CLEMENCE SAATZER, a former sergeant in Company 'C', "After 39 years a bachelor, a woman finally caught me.

"I was married July 3 to Helen Johnson, manager of a millinery store and also a teacher of night school at the Technical High School here in St. Cloud, Minn.

"In addition to acquiring a wife, My German Weimraner gave birth to 7 puppies. I never knew my life could be so busy.

"Heard from Sgt. CAPPA at Christmas time. He's also married and has one child. Getting along fine."

The Saatzer's are now living at 723 17th Ave., St. Cloud, Minn.



FROM REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS: Picture at left is Parnell Donohue, while at left is Oliver Wilbanks.

Separate Units . . .

Thanks to WALTER REX, who served with the anti-tank company while in the 358th, for advising THE PERAGIMUS of his correct mailing address, 431 E. 153rd St., Bronx 55, New York, N. Y.

CHARLIE P. AYLSWORTH 936 N. McKinley St., Casper, Wyo., writes, "I am still working at the Texas Refinery here. Went to Alaska on my vacation in 1954. Spent three weeks up there, had a wonderful vacation, and got in on some good fishing. It is quite a country. Visited with a buddy of mine who lives up there. Am still single." Charlie was in the Anti-tank Co.

OIVA OKSANEN, Agent Telegrapher for Northern Pacific Ry., Box 354 Cromwell, Minn., casts a ballot for Minneapolis for the next convention site.

MORRIS RANEY, Erie, Kansas, pens, "I have received several copies of THE PERAGIMUS for free and enjoyed them very much so I felt I should help pay to keep the good paper going.

"As for news about our outfit, I have none but would be glad to hear from any of the Hq. & Hq. Co. boys.

"My wife and I live on a farm along with our three children, one boy and two girls. We would welcome any of the old 358's that come our way."

Thanks to J. B. BLACKBURN, Jr. 1001 E. Bowie, Beeville, Texas, for sending in his information sheet. He is a gauger for the International Oil Corp., Dallas.

A. J. McDANIEL, Box 538, Lamesa, Texas, writes.

"Just a hurried note to inform you that I received the holiday issue of the Peragimus. Since I made the holidays in better shape than I expected I'm enclosing a subscription for someone who might forget to remit. J. B. BLACKBURN (1st Sgt., Service Co.) stopped by to see me the other day—on his way to a new job in Beeville, Texas—and he asked me to send you his address so he can receive Peragimus and hear from some of the old gang. His address is 1001 East Bowie in Beeville. He and his wife lost one child and have another (boy) since my last letter about them. By the way, I would particularly like to hear from ALAN ZABEL and LYNN INGRAM if anyone knows of their whereabouts. Received very good letters from MACK MANLEY and A. H. BRODEUR and the usual wonderful Christmas card from BILL FALVEY but have not found time to answer them."



THE TITLE FOR THIS PICTURE IS "PASS TO PARIS"—Contributed by Jack Schwartz

Former Lt. Col. Blair C. Stouffer, Regt. Ex. Officer who was wounded in Normandy, now lives at 2802 Cowper, Palo Alto, Calif., and is physical education director of the Revenswood Elementary School District. He sees Tom Caldecott "the highly esteemed State Chairman of the Republican party here." He advises that Pete Kopscock, is now the P. M. S. & T. of the army at Stanford University, and that he (Stouffer) had lunch with Pete recently. Kopscock commanded a TD Bn and worked with Patton and the 90th after I was shot out," he advises.

358th Combat Team Personnel—Second Battalion

MELVIN S. ZWEIGBAUM, a former 'F' Co. man, writes, "Received the December 1954 edition of THE PERAGIMUS and once again was pleased with the issue. You are to be highly commended for the excellent job that you have done getting out such a wonderful paper.

"I'm very much in favor of continuing the conventions in spite of the fact that I've never attended one, because you always get some sort of turnout which always make for a pleasant time. From a selfish standpoint, I'd like to see the next one held in New York which geographically is best suited for me."

Melvin is an Insurance salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and his home is 1033 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, N. J.

Along with his subscription, LUCIO G. LOPEZ, Box 271, Comfort, Texas, writes, "Would like to hear from my former 1st Sgt., John Bitzer. Believe me, he was 'the first' in Co. 'F', 358th.

DELBERT NERGE, 114 King William St., Dundee, Ill., who served with 'G' Company, writes, "Sure would like to see more names and addresses of former G Company men in THE PERAGIMUS. Would like to know where some of the fellows now live. It

would be great to hear from some of them."

Nerge is a bookkeeper and salesman with the Lakes Supply Co., Barrington, Ill.

Another 'G' Company man, WILLIAM E. THUMMA, writes, "Enclosed \$3 subscription for THE PERAGIMUS. Enjoy reading it very much.

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IDENTIFICATION PLEASE! Names of the above 358th men would be appreciated. We think from First Battalion.



OUR THANKS to Jack Schwartz for the above picture which shows a little of the "lighter side" of the 358th tour of duty in Europe.

Second Battalion . . .

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"I have been active in a TC Headquarters Reserve Unit in Lancaster the past two years as a military personnel officer. We're a P. O. E. Reserve Unit and have taken our 2 weeks summer training at Camp Kilmer, N. J., working along with the station personnel there, such as processing troops and taking them over to the New York P. O. E. for shipment to Europe.

"Of course it brought back memories of my experiences of shipping from there in 1944 as well as of other 90th division men.

"I was assigned to 'G' Co., 2nd Bn. in July 1944 and when I received THE PERAGIMUS, I quite naturally read the second battalion news first.

"In May of 1954 an electronic engineer friend and I opened a place of business in Mellersville. Business coming along fine and now we have four employees. Of course, this takes a lot of my time and I'm not sure I'll be able to attend my reserve meetings. Having eleven years in the reserves, I'm a little hesitant about giving it up.

"Hope to see second battalion men at some future convention!"

The Thumma home is at 38 S. Duke St., Millersville, Pa., and his Television and appliance company is at 215 N. George St. in that city.

VERNON JACQUES 1405 Chartres St., New Albany, Ind., writes, "I always enjoy reading THE PERAGIMUS, even though it was a short stay for me in 'F' Co., 358th. I was wounded on July 1, 1944 (long time ago) at Appleville, France (I think that was the name of the village).

"I'm now married and live in New Albany, Ind. In 1950 I bought a half-interest in a machine shop, doing very well. I'm hoping to be able to make some of the conventions."

MILT SEARS, whose present address is Box 317, Cimarron, Kansas, writes,

"I was handed a copy of the September 1954 issue of Peragimus by TIM LINLEY a few days ago, and was mailed a copy of the September 1952 issue by DON WHITAKER from Manchester



OUR THANKS TO MORRIS BELLOWS of 1744 S. Second St., Philadelphia, Pa., for sending us this informal shot of a group from Company "A".

Road, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. some weeks back. Boy! talk about reading an entire issue of any paper, that is two issues that got a real close look, not once or twice, but several times.

"I see names through-out both issues that strike notes of memory—Col. RUSTEMEYER, FORREST PAXTON (Co. H), BOB SCHULTZ, VICKERY, BALDWIN, T I F F A N Y, CHAS. BARNDT, COL. CHRIS CLARKE, and many others. Probably the best remembered were Vickery, Schultz and Paxton, all H. Company Officers. Oh yes, SPIVEY is in these issues. I have wondered about all of them, and many more and a little at a time, I have regained some knowledge of some 200 men. Would pass along a little info on a few that I can call to mind just now to add to where they are, and what they are doing. The first man I met at the National Association meeting some years back was W. H. FOGLE (Bob Schultz in particular will remember him). The last count I had on him was that he was in the Arkansas National Guard, during the Korean fracas. He and I saw GREENWOOD (long and tall) at Tulsa some 4 or 5 years ago. We nearly always see FIRST SGT. MILLER (JOHN) at the Re-

unions, but this year we missed him in Tulsa. visited GEO. COPPINGER, Winchester, Kansas, about a year ago. Gave quite an account of several occasions. Saw BOB TIFFANY at the Ft. Worth meeting, but not since. Hope he makes it again soon. Also saw CHAS. BARNDT at one of the reunions. See LESLIE HOWARD (F Co.) nearly every year.

"Would like to plug the 1955 Reunion while on this letter. It is scheduled to be in Kansas City November 11, 12, and 13. It will be the first National Association Reunion held out-side of Texas-Oklahoma in the 37 years of existence, and is designed to give War II boys a little better opportunity to attend and see some of the buddies of the past decade.

From a personal life standpoint, I am married (going on a dozen years) and have two boys—one 7 and one 4. Live in a Western Kansas Town of 1,250 on U. S. Highway 50-S. Accounting has been my source of existence for the last ten years. Using the "City Clerk's" Title at present, and find Government Accounting quite interesting. A standing offer to stop and visit us is given to every 358 member that trods the globe."

Third Battalion . . .

GLENNON J. SMITH, formerly of third platoon, 'I' Co., and now farming at River Aux Vases, Mo., writes, "I just received a copy of THE PERAGIMUS from a friend of mine & sure enjoyed every line of it.

"I sure wish I could have been to the reunion at St. Louis as it's only about 90 miles from my home.

"I own and operate a farm and enjoy it very much. I have three children, Tommy 5½, Dorothy 3½, and Billy 2.

"I have learned of several of my old buddies addresses through your paper. I have often wondered how I could get in contact with some of them, as the only ones I've ever met since we separated were NELSON ORR of Fallis, Okla., and GEORGE HOGAN of Macksville, Kansas. I sure enjoyed visiting with them and talking over Army days."

ORVILLE L. RAMSEY, "I" Co., postal clerk in the Bismarck, N. D. post office, writes: "Last Sept. I attended the Midwest 90th Reunion at Fargo. Those from "I" company were WALTER BOLES (no wife yet), CLARENCE BERGUM, WILLIAM BUSHEE, and JUEL TOLLERED. We all had a swell time—the old days were all talked over. The 1955 reunion will be held in Minneapolis. There were 200 at Fargo counting the wives. At Christmas I received a card and a swell letter from GLENNON J. SMITH (I Co.) squad leader in 3rd Platoon. His home is in River Aux Vases, Mo. One of these days I will write him a letter."

The Ramsey home is in Bismarck at 915 Avenue "B".

AMON HARTWICK, a market manager for the Kroger Co., 119 S. West Third Street, England, Arkansas, writes, "I hope some of you guys will remember me—I joined the 358th at Fort Dix and stayed with it until we reached Normandy. On June 12th a German 88 shell had my number on it and I lost contact with Co. 'M', First platoon, Second squad, of which I was squad leader. I would like to mention a few names of the many swell guys I knew while in Company 'M'.

"RAGLAND, Platoon Sgt., KUTOCH, Gunner, WATSON, assistant gunner, DAIN, BROOKS, WILSON, WARREN, MANNING, H. G. ANDERSON, and WINE-



COL. MERTON E. MUNSON is pictured above with a concrete gun emplacement at Fort Jeanne d'Arc showing why the fortifications in the Meta area presented such difficult obstacles. His letter Peragimus appears on Page 8.

BRANNER. I would be glad to hear from any of you fellows and if you ever come near England, Ark., come by and see me.

"HERBERT WINEBRENNER of Co. 'M' remembered my home address and wrote to me. He is the only one I have had any correspondence with since the war. In fact, I owe him a letter now. But don't let that keep any of you from writing to me. I'll answer it for sure, sooner or later."

EUGENE HUNSTIGER, 1002½ Jefferson St., Jefferson City, Mo., pens, "I never find much time to sit down and write how much I enjoy PERAGIMUS. Even though I wasn't with 'K' Company of the 358th very long, I read your news just to recall those days of long past and too recall a few names. I would like to hear from the members of 'K' Co. who were with the outfit from July through November, 1944.

"I am the father of 4 growing children (2 boys and 2 girls) and find my job as a Field Representative with the Social Security Administration really keeps me on the go—especially with the 1954 Amendments.

"At the same time, we're trying to build a home so we are really having 'fun'."

CLARENCE M. BERGUM, a former Co. 'I' man, writes, "Sure hope we meet in Minneapolis soon. Had a wonderful reunion at Fargo, N. D. Sept. 1954." His home is in Crookston, Minn.

"Received a letter recently from GLENNON J. SMITH, former Sgt. in 'I' Company," writes another former 'I' man, ALBERT B. 'BERNIE' POWELL, 6644 Bellefontaine Ave., Kansas City, Missouri. "He mentioned that he visited NELSON ORR, former cook with 'I' company, while on a trip to the west coast. SMITH is married, has three children, and is farming a 300-acre farm at River Aux Vases, Mo., about 90 miles south of St. Louis. He would like to have former buddies visit him, if ever in that part of the country.

"Received Christmas greetings from STALEY DANIELSON, PAUL HOLMQUIST, and CLARENCE BERGUM, all formerly with 'I'.

"Am still a Senior Auditor in the Finance Dept. of Trans World Airlines, Inc. Am planning an overseas trip in the not too distant future which will involve Company business and will take me to Dublin, Paris, Geneva, Frankfort, etc.

"If possible, I am going to make
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a side trip from Paris to Normandy and may be able to give a 'roving reporters' view of the old battle-grounds, etc., in pictures and comments, as they are today."

"Bernie's" choice for a convention is yearly, no place specified.

JIM JOSENDALE, Country Club Pl., St. Joseph, Mo., pens, "Since I last wrote you, we have added another boy to our family, John David, born 27 Sept. 1954. We have three wild boys now.

"Debbie's father died in October after a brief illness. I was elected president and General Manager of the Wire Rope Company of America, 27 Oct. '54, by the board of directors.

"About the only 358th men I see these days is JACK MILLER, currently head chief at the Hotel Rodidoux. Jack, of course, was mess sergeant of the officers mess when we were in Barkley."

Jim served in the 358th as a lieutenant in 'I' Co., and later Headquarters.

M. C. JOHNSON, Northern Tree Service, Inc., 4317 North Oakland Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wis.:

"Received the last issue of Peragimus, thanks, and appreciate your efforts to keep it going as I am sure everyone else in the 358th does.

"In regard to the reunions, let's get together as often as we can, don't let the element of time knock off the interest. I'm sure we can have a get-together every year, if not every two years.

"I'd like to suggest Milwaukee some year. I'm sure with Schlitz, Miller, Pabst, and Blatz breweries and their large banquet halls I can make arrangements for at least a one-day session.

"I'm enclosing a snapshot, taken on the Czech border when we met the Russians. If you notice, the insignia on the truck bumper is in Russian with picture of Stalin on the hood.

"Nothing much in the way of news. I'm still at the same old business address above. If any of the fellows get through this way, I'd appreciate a call—Edgewood 2-5107. We have plenty of room and we can always thrash out the war."

PAUL ROTHER, Okarche, Okla., pens, "My wife and I attended the 90th reunion at Tulsa and had a very wonderful time visiting the Dillons. Gen. McLain gave the address at the banquet and just a month later he died. We attended the funeral at Oklahoma City.

"I had a card from the mother of DEAN WARREN, 'M' Co. machine gun platoon, and she wrote that he died in 1952.

"Since WW II men have taken over the 90th division and are meeting in Kansas City in November, perhaps it would be wise to try and hold the two conventions at the same time. Kansas City is about as centrally located as any location so in my opinion it is ideal for a good attendance.

"SGT. INMAN is still in Germany, as is JOHN CASEY. Our home is always open to 358th and especially 'M' Co. men, so don't pass us by."

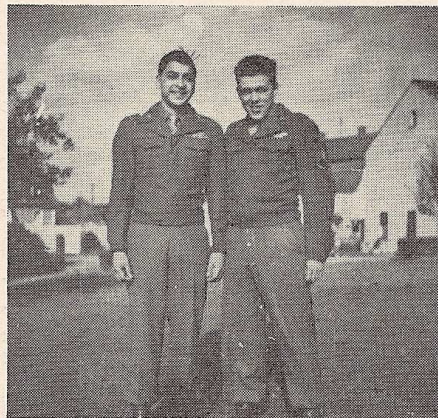
Paul is a farmer and contractor in Okarche.

From The Editor . . .

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S/SGT. SAM RODRIQUEZ and S/SGT. ARTHUR VOOS.

Col. Munson Writes . . .

Our thanks to Col. Merton E. Munson, Office of the Land Relations Officer, Bavaraia, APO, 108, New York, for the following interesting letter about familiar places re-visited, see picture on Page 7, this issue.

"My wife, two children (Mary Elizabeth, age 15 and Merton Jr., age 12) and I took a trip from here (Munich, Germany) to Paris and on the way stopped at some of the places where we fought in World War II.

"At Metz, France, Lt. Col. Robert E. Moore, formerly with the 915 F.A. Bn., 90th Division, made arrangements with the French authorities for us to visit Fort Jeanne d'Arc and other fortifications in the Metz area which we attempted to take in the Fall of 1944. I have always wanted to see what they looked like at close range and after seeing them I can see why they presented such difficult obstacles.

"We also visited Vionville, France, where the 358th Infantry C.P. and the 344th F.A. Bn. C.P. were both located during the siege of Metz. The little village is just the same as it was then even to the manure piled up in front of the houses. I also saw the building where we had the little celebration when Col. Clarke got his eagles. You may or may not remember one night when we were shelled and three large holes were knocked in the house where I slept, fortunately the house was built of stone and I was sleeping in another room than the one in which the shells entered. Anyway, my children were duly impressed as the damage, altho repaired, could still be seen.

"I have certainly enjoyed seeing many places in France and Germany where the 90th Division fought in 1944-45 and I am sure these pictures will bring back memories of one place where we were located in the Fall of 1944.

"I hope I will be able to attend one of the 358th get-togethers when I return to the States. I am still here as Liaison Officer between the German Government and the U. S. Forces and as far as I know will be here until the Summer of 1955 when I am due for rotation."

We wish to again thank Col. Munson for his newsy letter and regret that lack of space prevented us from printing more of his interesting photographs at this time.