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From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

Thanks to WILTON H. BARGAR of 116 W. Elizabeth, Independence, Mo., for sending us the names of the officers of the Kansas City Chapter. They are OLEN B. CURTIS, Lee's Summit, Mo., president; C. JACK JOHNSON, Hickman Mills, Mo., vice-president; and MAURICE KENNEDY, Kansas City, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

From GEN. HERBERT L. EARNEST, former Commanding General of the 90th Division, comes this letter of appreciation of the combined reunion of the 358th Combat Team with the 90th Division.

"This isn't meant as news—I just want you to know that it was a privilege to renew acquaintances with so many of the 90th Division. It was a real feather in the caps of the 358th to have such a large attendance. Your outfit, combined with a real desire to cooperate with the Division Association, was a big factor in the success of the Division reunion.

"Keep it up and the large attendance of the 358th may inspire the other units to a greater effort, although I must say that all units present were certainly enthusiastic. With kindest regards to all readers of PERAGIMUS and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

Gen. and Mrs. Earnest just returned from an enjoyable six weeks in Florida.

After seeing some familiar names in the Christmas issue, one of which was that of COL. JOE RUSTEMEYER, DONALD W. JOHNSON remembered a story about the two 2nd Lt.'s that were passing Col. Rustemeyer's home in Abilene, Tex. One Lt. said to the other, "I wonder why Col. Rustemeyer's front yard is so dry?" The other Lt. looked at the speaker and said, "muzzel blast, Lt., muzzel blast." Don adds that he was very sorry to have missed the convention in Kansas City, but might get to another one some day.

Plans Being Made For 1956 Conclave; Dallas Site Picked

Of interest to 358th Combat Team members are the preliminary plans for the 1956 Convention to be held November 9-10-11 at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas in conjunction with the Annual Reunion of the Ninetieth Division Association.

Because of the success of our 1955 Kansas City meeting and the good turn-out enjoyed, which we believe was influenced directly on the 358th meeting being held in conjunction with the 90th Division Get-Together, the same plan will be tried again in 1956.

According to a letter received by your editor from HOBBY H. McCALL, 90th Division Association President, it has been tentatively decided that the program will be as follows:

Friday Evening:—Stag Dinner (usually called Past President's

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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL—These above pictures taken at our 1955 Convention sure look like it, don't they. Well, there are some more good times just like these waiting for us in Dallas in 1956. Let's all BE THERE! Pictures sent in by Jim Buono of Company B.

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Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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NEW ADDRESSES

New addresses have been received by PERAGIMUS for the following men recently:

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Peter Mortensen, 605 Selby Ave., St. Paul 2, Minn.

Frank Scorpino, 131 Sargeant Ave., Clifton, N. J.

Orville L. Ramsey, 414 Ave. B, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Phillip S. Schlaifer, 9021 Brookside Ave., Niagara Falls, New York.

Charles P. Parrish, 4000 Culpepper Dr., Ridgecrest Station, Bryan, Tex.

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Howard Burch, Fayetteville, Ga.

Have YOU changed your address recently? If so please use the enclosed NEWS BLANK to advise Peragimus of your present location so mail will reach you promptly.

A son, Stevan, was born to GEORGE SKORICH and his wife of 3516 Grand Ave., Duluth, Minn., on January 2. Stevan is the Skorich's sixth child.

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The following men have made their contributions to help keep PERAGIMUS coming to you. Our thanks go to:

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THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE G.O.P. Committee, Tom Caldecott, San Francisco, Calif., sweating out a trip to the States at Rheims, France. Picture from J. W. Campbell, 1637 Illinois, Lawrence, Kans.



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN DURING DESERT MANEUVERS WITH Granite Mountain as a backdrop. Background: S/Sgt. Carroll; M/Sgt Skaar; M/Sgt Bitzer; Corp. Brown. Foreground: T/4 Case; Pfc Dodson; 1st/Sgt. J. B. Blackburn, 3417 20th St., Lubbock, Tex., who sent in the picture.

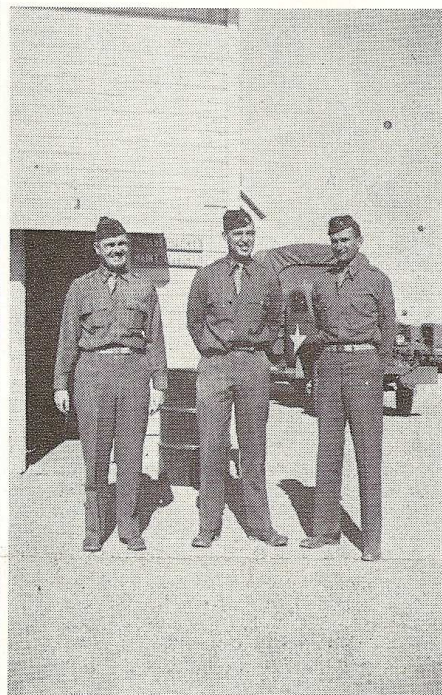
Separate Units . . .

"I am very glad to receive the PERAGIMUS. I can't wait to open and read it when I receive my mail. I look at the pictures and I can hardly recognize any of the boys, only Parnell Donohue, who will never change," writes CLAUDE O. RINGUETTE.

Claude, who now owns the best taxi cab company in Gardner, Mass., suggests that the boys from New York and the New England states have a get together in Boston once a year, because the regular reunion is too far away for most of the Easterners to attend. What do you think of it?

AIME H. BRODEUR, Service Co., 3 Harvard, St. Natick, Mass., says that he always gets a Christmas card from William (Chappie) Laux, but this year he didn't get one from buddy Bill Mlynarek. He hopes Bill reads this and considers himself rebuked.

ROBERT L. LAMBERT, Regiment Headquarters, 1070 W. 43rd, Houston 18, Texas, is office manager of the Wunda Petroleum Co. Bob writes, "I would have liked very much to have attended the double reunion, but just couldn't find the time away from the office. I hear quite often from PAUL ROTHER and RAY HUGHES and



at Christmas from quite a few. Am going to try one of these days to make personal contact.

"If any of you fellows are ever down Houston way the door is open and the welcome mat out.

"The family, Myrle, Bob Jr., and John join me in extending best wishes for the New Year."

"Sorry the wife and I couldn't get to Kansas City for the Convention this year, but due to a seige of coronary thrombosis I entered the hospital Labor Day



IN CAMP BARKELEY and in Europe . . . Photo at left shows Lt. Drogush, Lt. Turner, Lt. Jacks all of Service Co. at the Camp Barkeley Motor Pool. Above: Major Olson, Capt. Jacks . . . Picture courtesy of Dale Skaarer.

and as a result couldn't travel too far. I'm sure we will make it next year," explains MARVYN C. JOHNSON, Service Company, 4467 N. Morris Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.

We certainly hope that you are well again, Marvyn.

There's been another addition to the family of AUGUST A. ACKEL, former Special Service Officer. A third son, William, was born on November 27, 1955. August and family live at 5343 Shirley Ave., Tarzana, Calif.

He says that the BILL FLYNNs
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had their third child in February, 1956. It was a boy, too, but they already had a boy and a girl. The Flynns just moved in January and are now living just across the street from the Ackels at 5336 Shirley.

JOE McNERNEY, medical detachment, enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion and hopes that more make it next year. He lives at 5 E. 62nd Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

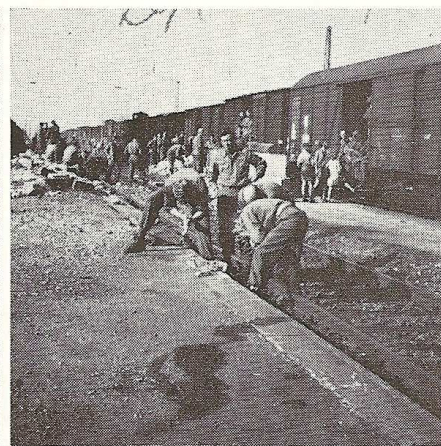
"It's been so long," writes ROY LARSON, 3rd Bn. Headquarters, 20 Fairway Dr., Yardley, Pa., "that I'd better introduce myself again. Before going overseas in 1942, I worked at Regimental Hqs. with Sgt. BITZER, remember him? Overseas I drove a jeep for FATHER ESSER and later for FATHER SIDOTI. I was with the 3rd Bn. of the 358th, although I belonged to Service Co. I can still remember what a rough time I had getting rations from Sgt. BLACKBURN of Service Co. while I was with the 3rd Bn.

"I enjoy receiving the PERAGIMUS very much and although I moved from Minnesota to Trenton, N. J. about five years ago, I still hear from you. Many were the times I came to Trenton while at Ft. Dix and if anyone had told me that some day I'd be living here, I would have thought them crazy!

"I hear from HOWARD HAN-



PRESENTING (Left) George Mynarek and William Laux of Service company, sent by A. H. Brodeur. (Right) this picture of a "break" enroute to that long-awaited ship for home. This other picture sent by D. R. Champlin of Vincent, Iowa.



SON, Service Co., 358th and POLITANO, HENRY FISHER, and others once in a while.

"Keep up the good work."

Roy is an accountant with Brauning News Co., Inc.

ERNESTO G. GARZA, A.T. Co., is still working for the Fisher Body Co. at Flint, Mich. He plans to visit his folks back in Texas come September.

Last May, W. R. SHIPE, formerly of 2nd Bn. and Regiment Hdqrs., joined Selbers Bros., Inc. of Shreveport, La., as personnel mgr. His new address is 3743 Eddy Place, Shreveport.

He writes, "Got a little feeling of the 358th not long ago during the Sagebrush exercises. The town

was flooded with Army. Looked for a familiar face but to no avail. Keep up the good work."

Another Service Co. man, JIM FRASER, c/o Famous Art Schools, Westport, Conn., writes, "Many thanks for sending the PERAGIMUS issues. I get much good from reading about the team."

Jim sent his greeting on a Christmas card which he designed himself.

First Battalion . . .

ROY E. SMITH, Co. A, writes, "Really enjoyed getting the Christmas issue of PERAGIMUS. Keep up the good work."

Roy has been at Fort Sill since February, 1952, and is now going to the 8th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colo. His address there will be 1806 Mid Road, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The division will 'gyroscope' to Germany sometime in the summer or early fall. Roys hopes that he will be able to re-visit some of the places the 90th Division fought in during World War II.

"Received the December issue of PERAGIMUS, and am very sorry I could not attend the reunion at Kansas City," writes CLARENCE VIESTENZ, 841-3rd Ave., N. W., Valley City, N. D. "I hope I can make one in the near future. I met HOBBY McCALL in Minneapolis, at the Mid-West reunion, and am sure he will make a very fine president.

"My family has grown since I moved to Valley City. I now have



HERE IS THE THIRD SQUAD of 3rd Platoon of Company C. We would like to have an identification sent to PERAGIMUS to publish for Thos. L. Hyatt, who supplied the picture.

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a son. That makes two girls and the boy.

"I operate a brace and limb shop in the Sheyenne Memorial Hospital here in Valley City. I have been in that work since I was discharged from the hospital and service.

"I'm also sending my subscription along. Thank you very much for the fine job you are doing by publishing PERAGIMUS. I read it from cover to cover and back again."

Received a Christmas card from DR. JAMES D. AUGHTRY, Loretta, and Sondra. J. D. is head of the research division, Dominican operations, West Indies. He and his family live at Central Barahona, Barahona, Dominican Republic.

Company A former CO, Lt. Col. CUD T. BAIRD will soon be heading homeward from Taipai, Formosa. He has no idea where he'll be assigned, but he would like to try to attend next year's reunion.

HAROLD C. KIOUS sends this greeting. "Certainly enjoyed seeing many of my old Co. B & Hd. Co., buddies at the recent Kansas City reunion. Should you or any of the old gang come through Topeka, please look me up, at the Kansas Power and Light Co., whose general offices are at 720 Taylor St."

JIM BUONO, 4887 Rosalie, Dearborn, Mich., sends this message, "It was nice seeing all of you at the 90th Convention. We certainly had a good time. I certainly was glad I could make it. It took some 'finagling' what with my new job at Awrey Bakeries, and still holding my gas station, but most of all, my little girl's hold around my neck was hard to break.

"We have received news from FRED ALDRIDGE and his family. They are still down in Puerto Rico, but expect to get home by May.

"My wife's interested in the PERAGIMUS, too, I think, because she was hostess at the service club at Camp Barkley while we were there. We were married at Camp Barkley."

Jim sent along Fred Aldridge's address too. It's Hq. USA RFANT-G-1, A.P.O. 851, Care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y.



A SMALL JAM SESSION WITH MOUTH ORGAN is enjoyed by the following Company "F" personnel: Pfc Rivera & Mouth Organ; Pvt. J. Lindsey, S/Sgt Hill, Pfc Morrison, Pfc Hanna.

358th Combat Team Personnel—Second Battalion

Capt. RALPH L. MYERS, JR., formerly of Co. F. sends us a long report on his activities. His address is Btry. A, 66th AAA Missile Bn., Ft. Hancock, N. J. He is Battery Commander.

"Much has happened to me since I last wrote from Ft. Bliss, Texas. My tour of duty as an instructor at the AAA & Gr. Center was terminated last year and I was assigned to the 66th AAA Msl. Bn. as the Battalion Missile Officer. I served in that capacity until last May when I was assigned to command A. Battery stationed at old Ft. Hancock on the New Jersey coast. We are serving in the New York area Anti-Aircraft Defense. I've been lucky enough to get quarters on post and have now brought my family here from California. I now have a small army of my own at home, four boys of whom two are in school and two at home.

"Certainly was disappointed at not getting to the 358th Convention in November at Kansas City. Being a Battery Commander has its drawbacks sometimes when you want some time away from the troops. Glad it was such a big success and so many lucky guys could make it.

"Things around New York haven't changed much and the weather here in the East in the winter time leaves much to be desired. Sometimes wish I was back in Texas.

Heard El Paso had a big snow storm lately!

"Most of the new NIKE missile units are now in their underground bases around the Area in New Jersey and New York. Expect to move from Hancock here in the near future to a spot just north of the Jersey border. Family all well and my squad is growing up fast. Passed my 36th milestone myself this month. Already 11 years since being in Europe with the 358th. How time flies."

Third Battalion . . .

From GLENNON J. SMITH, Co. I, River Aux Vases, Mo., who is now farming there comes this note. "We really enjoyed the reunion at Kansas City, the first one I ever attended, but sure hope I can arrange to attend hereafter.

"We have been rather busy finishing our new brick home and doing farm work. We now have plenty of room to put up anyone from the old outfit coming this way."

BYRON J. CLARK, S-3 3rd Bn., announced the opening of his new auto agency, Jim Clark Motors, in February. He is an authorized Dodge-Plymouth Dealer.

GEORGE J. ARENDS, Co. L,
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Petersburg, Nebr., writes, "I am always glad to receive PERAGIMUS. And if I could at the present time, I would send in more money to help it along.

"I am still totally disabled and it looks as if I will stay that way. I have a family of six boys. I wish I could be on the farm with them, but we get along here in town with them alright, so I guess I can't complain."

STAN DANIELSEN, Co. I, 1308 Galtier St., St. Paul 3, Minn., talked to EMIL BAHM and Emil's new address is 45 E. Geranium St., St. Paul, Minn. Stan is planning on going to Los Angeles the first of May and will try to look up some of the fellows.

ORVILLE L. RAMSEY, 414 Ave. B, East, Bismarck, N. Dak., writes, "Last summer my folks moved to California, so we sold our home and bought their place.

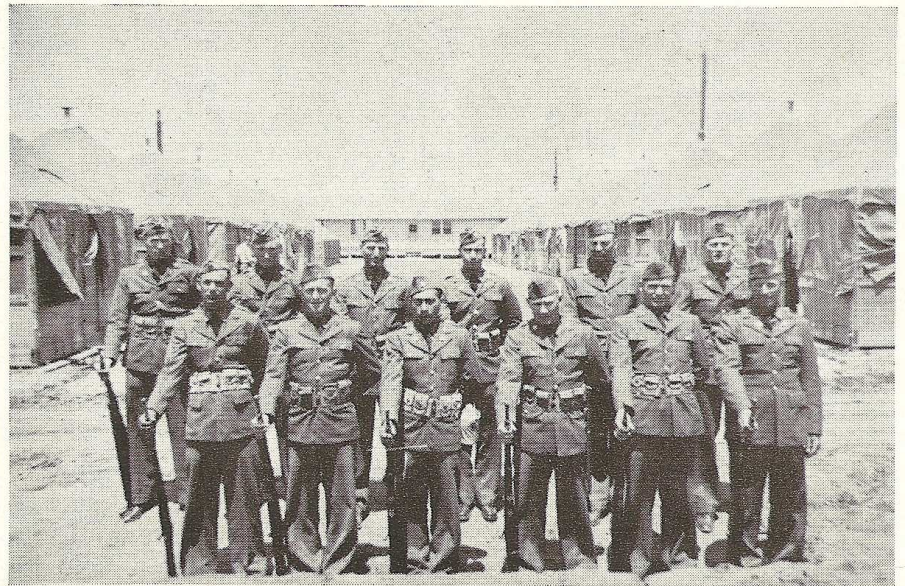
"I have been re-reading the last 2 issues of PERAGIMUS. You fellows must really have had a swell time at the last reunion, wish I could have been there. From the pictures, it ooks as if BOLES and DANIELSEN have put on a little weight. It was nice to read about the fellows I used to be with.

"Had a swell Christmas card and letter from GLENNON SMITH from River Aux Vases, Mo. Also a card from the CLARENCE BERGUM family of Crookston, Minn.

"This summer we are taking a 2 month vacation on the West Coast, so I expect to call on some of the boys on the way out and back."

"Sure was nice to attend the Convention at Kansas City and meet with all my buddies. I think the get together was quite a success," pens ALBERT B. POWELL, Co. I, Supply Sergeant.

Bernie, who's a senior auditor for Trans World Airlines, returned from an overseas business trip in February. He visited Paris, Rome, Geneva, and some intermediate points. He found Paris to be quite different than he had known it before. Bernie thinks that he enjoyed Geneva, Switzerland, the most. Rome was enjoyable from a historical standpoint. He really had a wonderful two weeks, but



WE'RE INDEBTED TO VIC GIVAN of 418 E. Walnut, Independence, Mo., for this photo of 358th Personnel taken at Camp Barkeley. Will someone please advise PERAGIMUS as to what company this squad was attached.

INFORMATION WANTED

The director of Veterans Service Agency, Standard Building, Fort Plain, N. Y. has written a letter to Walter Rex, 447 Claremont Parkway, Bronx 57, New York City, N. Y., which Rex has passed on to PERAGIMUS for any assistance that other 358th members might give. The letter reads in part:

"We are endeavoring to establish the facts for service-connection for the purpose of obtaining pension for Raymond G. Goodrich (359th Bn). He states that in September 1943 or 1944 he received a head injury due to concussion from an enemy artillery shell. If you have any knowledge of this incident happening to Mr. Goodrich, will you please furnish us with a notarized affidavit of the facts regarding the incident as you know them.

"This man is being treated at this time for a mental condition and does not remember exactly where this incident happened.

"This information will be greatly appreciated by myself and Mr. Goodrich. We would appreciate this at your earliest convenience."

Harry D. Van Volkenburg
Director

was pretty tired after flying about 10,000 miles. He promises to write more about his trip in the future.

Bernie lives at 6644 Bellefontaine Ave., Kansas City 30, Mo.

Dallas Site Picked For 1956 Conclave

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Dinner), with all men of the Association invited;

Saturday Morning:—Veteran's Day Parade (Armistice Day Parade);

Saturday Noon:—Dutch Lunch and Luncheon for Distinguished Guests;

Saturday Afternoon;—Business Session;

Saturday Evening:—Annual Banquet and Dance;

Sunday Morning:—Memorial Service—possibly in connection with a memorial breakfast;

Sunday Morning (following Memorial Service):—there will be simultaneously two round trip air tours to Abilene and San Antonio, respectively. The tour to Abilene would include inspection of Camp Barkley, etc., which will be of special interest to 358th Combat Team men.

J. F. "Foxhole" Smith has already set in motion plans for the participation of the Association in the Dallas Veteran's Day Parade. We have been successful in having the City change the parade date from the Monday following November 11 to Saturday preceding November 11. It is proposed to have a reviewing stand for those of the Association who wish to view the parade and places thereon for our distinguished guests, etc.