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Make Plans Now For Convention Nov. 11

Chris Clarke Promoted To Brig. General Rank

Congratulations are in order for Christian H. Clarke, former Colonel of the 358th, who has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and transferred from Washington, D. C., where he was Executive Officer of the National War College to Korea to be chief of I Corps, APO 358, San Francisco, Calif.

In his letter sending us this good news, Clarke adds: "Isn't it a coincidence that my APO number is good old 358. Enclosed is a photo made in Korea. The 'bulls eye' is for "Eye" Corps—I Corps meaning First Corps."

Gen. Clarke's letter continues: "Went by Benning for a few days enroute here (Korea). While getting shots for the Orient—at Post Hospital there—I met a Mrs. THOMAS H. McKIBBEN, whose address is 2805 Mimosa St., Columbus, Ga. She saw my T-O patch and asked if I had known her husband, a captain in the 358th Infantry, who was with our 2nd Bn and killed July 4, 1944. He had joined as one of the first group of replacements. She wants to get in touch with BILL SHIPE who may be able to give her more details regarding her husband's death. She told me she had received one or two very much appreciated letters from Shipe right after that, but had lost touch with him. She has a fine young boy and hopes he will follow his father's career into the army. I had a long talk and gave her every bit of information I could.

"At Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., for a day I happened to run into COL. BOB SCHULTZ on the street. He is an instructor at the Command and General Staff College there.

Wears The Star



B.-GEN. CHRISTIAN CLARKE
Former 358th Regt. Combat Team
Commander

He and his wife Smitty and four fine boys are happy there. Bob remembers Capt. McKibben I spoke of above.

"Also while I was at Benning a MAJOR LESTER E. O'RILEY now with the Weapons Dept., Infantry School, saw my T-O patch and came up and told me he commanded Co. A, Tank Battalion in World War II. Small World.

"JAMES V. THOMPSON has also recently been promoted to Brig. General and is also here in Korea.

"Korea is about the same except that the size of the force here is much reduced. It's either muddy or dusty—no in between. The first line Joes are dug in, are on their toes, have blackout and all the rest you fellows can readily remember from combat days. In the

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Name Continental Hotel As Conclave Headquarters

As mentioned in the April, 1955, issue of PERAGIMUS, the 1955 convention of the 358th Combat Team will be held in Kansas City, Mo., November 11 to 13, to coincide with the 37th Annual Convention of the 90th Division Association, and we have had letters from many 358th men indicating that they planned to attend.

We feel that holding our meeting jointly with the 90th Division will increase our 358th attendance many fold. Please remember that it is still going to be possible for us to hold separate gatherings for our group, yet avail ourselves of the opportunities of meeting with the Division group in the larger gatherings where the program will be better planned and on a larger scale than we could possibly promote.

According to C. C. Linley of Cimarron, Kans., 90th Division Association president, General James A. Van Fleet has consented to be the 1955 Convention Speaker and we all should feel most fortunate in having the opportunity to hear such an outstanding soldier.

Here are excerpts from a letter sent to 90th Division Association members by Executive Secretary Milton Sears:

"This year the reunion will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, November 11, 12, and 13th, 1955 with headquarters at the Continental Hotel. It is more than just a convention—it is, as the name implies, a REUNION of men who belonged to a great Infantry Division.

"Kansas City, in the heart of America, has been chosen as the reunion site on account of the

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Howard A. Stotler.....Editor

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These 358th Men Help Keep Peragimus Coming

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From The Editor . . .

Want any BACK ISSUES of Peragimus? They are available at 50c each, and may be obtained by writing the editor at Box 230, Champaign, Ill.

From The Peragimus Editor's Notebook

This issue of PERAGIMUS has been made possible thru the generosity of the subscribers, names of which are listed in column one. 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.

Your editor had a couple of fine visits this past spring with JIM MORRIS, former C. O. of 2nd Battalion and I Co., and his wife, Ann, in Wichita, Kans. We flew in to see them on our way back to California and spent two fine days, and then on our way back got weathered in for two more days. Enjoyed their fine hospitality and fine friends.

Jim is still vice-president of the Fourth National Bank, the biggest bank in Kansas, and also has an interest in a manufacturing plant. Jim and Ann are also the proud parents of a fine red-headed little baby girl, now about a year old. Yes, the big red-head is really doing all right.

Also spent a pleasant evening on a brief visit to Washington in May with BILL SPIVEY, former C. O. 3rd Bn., and his wife, Marilyn. Bill is still doing well with his James S. Spivey Company, which manufactures and distributes electronic equipment for aircraft.

During March spent a pleasant evening with TOM CALDECOTT, distinguished Assemblyman of California in San Francisco. Along this line we are indebted to EARL B. TAYLOR, Route 1, Silver City, Iowa, for sending a tear-sheet from the May 30th issue of TIME which mentions Caldecott's association with Gov. Knight of California as follows: "Once in a mood of despair, he (Gov. Knight) told Republican Assemblyman Tom Caldecott: 'I get up every morning, go out on the front porch, unfold the paper, look at the biggest headline and fold it up again. The only news a lieutenant governor of California could possibly be interested in would be that headline.'"

Taylor also writes: "Let's talk up this combined reunion of the 90th Association and 358th CT in Kansas City, November 11-13. (Sgt. Murphy, we are coming your way . . .)" We would like to second Taylor's remarks 100 per cent!

News items about three 358th members have reached us, but unfortunately we do not have their Company and thus cannot classify them in the proper battalions. We would appreciate having all those who send in news, and we hope it will continue to be many, be sure to include the 358th Company designation with other information as to address, etc.

JOSEPH A. BOSLEY of Concordia, Ky., died about 4 years after he came home, we are advised, in General Hospital in Louisville, of Polio. His wife preceeded him in death 13 months after marriage, leaving a baby boy, 3 years old.

MACK E. MANLEY, formerly of Kansas City, Kans., has been transferred by his firm, the Hinde and Dauch Paper company, to their Gastonia, North Carolina office. He is a price estimator.

GEORGE SKORICH at 3516 Grand Avenue, Duluth 7, Minn., has quite a family now, we are advised—two big boys, Craig and Brian, lively red-headed twin girls, Sandra and Sheila, and a big baby boy Scott. George is still at Interlake Iron Corporation.

358th Moving Day

We have been advised by the post office department that 358th Team members listed below have moved to new addresses thusly:

Garold D. Anderson, 363 Prospect, Marion, Ohio.

James W. Davis, 2219 Houston Place, Denton, Tex.

John A. DeLario, 24 Meadowcroft Road, Rochester 9, N. Y.

Robert Gales, 7909 Wellesley, Claremont, Calif.

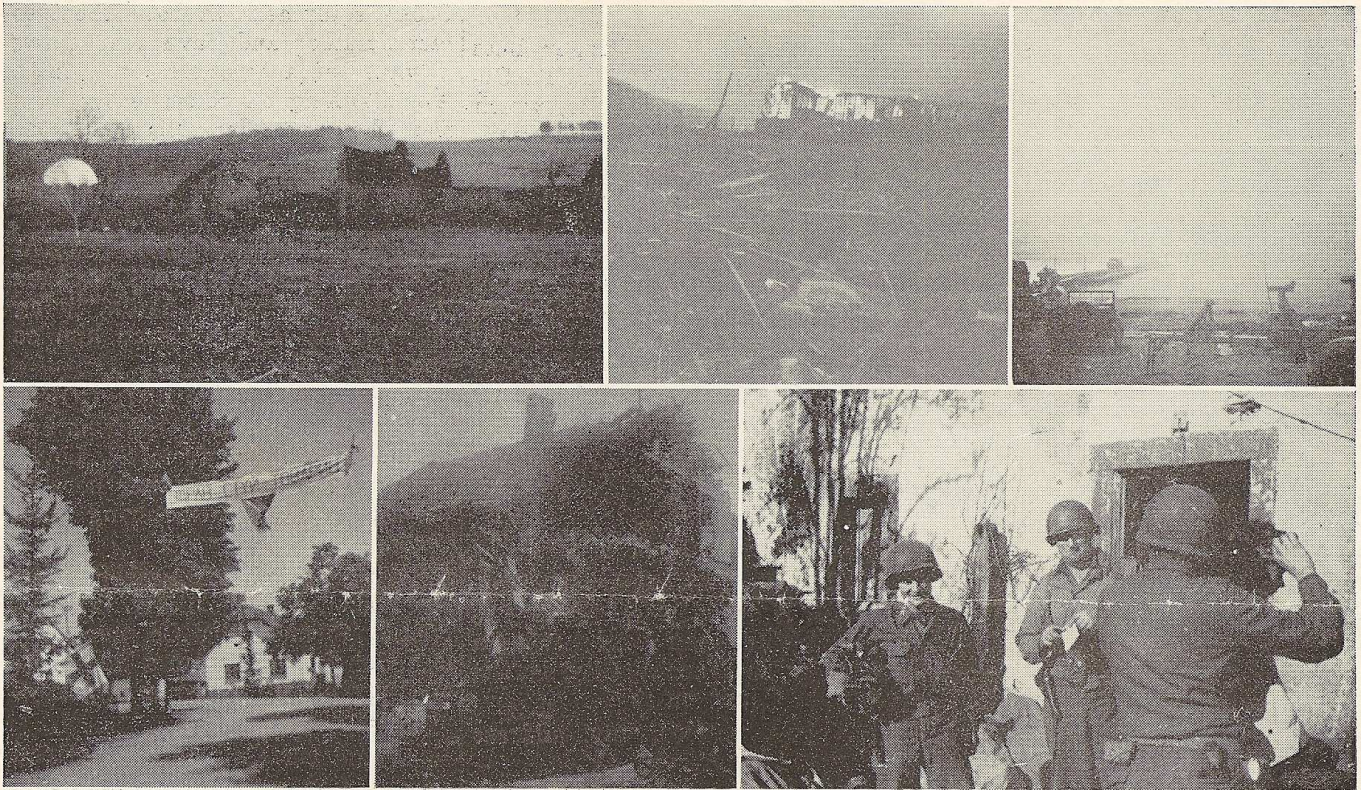
Donald W. Kinney, 744 Simpson, Z-4E, St. Paul, Minn.

Thomas A. Knott, 6871 Shadybrook Lane, Dallas 31, Tex.

Peter Mortensen, 497 Ohio, St. Paul 7, Minn.

Roy H. Oertli, 10156 Meadowfield, St. Louis 23, Mo.

Walter E. Rutledge Jr., 2417 Rancho Drive, Riverside, Calif.



OUR THANKS TO A. J. McDANIEL Service Co., for the above six pictures, which he describes thusly: I enclose a half dozen pictures that I believe will be of interest to all. A picture of supplies landing by parachute at Grosslangenfeld, three pictures of the Rhine crossing and the bombing immediately following, a picture of Louis Migaud (the French mascot of Service Co.) Koch, Manley and Chief Goodblanket (remember him) with sissors, and a picture of the little Czech town that we met the Rooskies in—Nekvasov. Those who entered it will remember the location of the aid station on the left of the picture. Address McDaniel at Box 538, Lamesa, Tex.

News of 358th Combat Team Personnel—Separate Units

We have received several communications from PARNELL J. DONOHOE, Bonesteel, South Dakota, since the last issue of PERAGIMUS, including:

(1) "Some one of the 'shoplifters' at the St. Louis conclave last May took my Paragimus directory. Please send me another one."

"I received a collect call from the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles from a 'Major Falvey' about 2 a. m. several weeks ago. It developed FALVEY and wife were there all right, but 'Young Mr. Flynn' had placed the call. I also talked (on my time) to ACKEL THE JACKAL and the OLD GREY FOX and FALVEY."

(2) "Was flattered to be pictured in PERAGIMUS with that ubiquitous fellow known as OLIVER WILBANKS. It just happened that I was in the convoy picture. Can you imagine being convoy commander of that bunch of 'shoplifters.'"

"Just to clear up any impression,

Paris was not my permanent station."

PAUL T. MOORE, Regt. Hqs., 903 East Cork, Winchester, Va., soil conservationalist with the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture:

"I hope to attend the convention in Kansas City this fall. Have two children (boys), five and three years old. Enjoy PERAGIMUS very much, and hope it will continue."

ORVILLE BERGER, Regt. Hq., Barnes, Kans.: "Last August we were in Champaign and tried to call you, but no answer. We were on our way to visit relatives in Hoopeston and then to Bass Lake in Indiana. The Nov. 11 to 13 date at Kansas City sure suits me and I plan to go."

(Editor's note: Sorry we missed you, Orville. Try again. And that applies to all coming thru Champaign-Urbana, Ill.)

ALFRED G. LASS, AT Co., 804

Railroad Avenue, Sheldon, Iowa: "I am still working for the Railway Express Agency. My office (or agency) is 16 miles from Sheldon (Rock Island Depot, Sibley, Iowa) and I drive it every day. Surely had the breaks last winter. Bad weather and roads were always on week-ends, and by Monday they were good again. Hope to get in some fishing this summer—have a Dalmation dog and he surely likes to ride—he isn't the least bit particular, either the car or the express truck, just so he can go too."

COL. MERTON E. MUNSON, Land Relations Officer (APO 108, New York), Bavaria: "I am happy to hear that the next 358th Convention will be in Kansas City on November 11th to 13th at the same time as the 90th Division. I am due to return to the States this August so plan to be present."

WALTER REX, AT Co., 447 Claremont Parkway, Box 57, New York, N. Y.: "I was sure glad to

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Separate Units . . .

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get the 10 back issues of PERAGIMUS. I sure enjoyed reading and digesting the news and pictures in them. I have been reading three a night for two nights now and still have four copies to go. You are doing a wonderful thing in taking all this, and I'm sure we all appreciate it."

On the lighter side comes this note from ED MANDA, wholesale florist of Pleasant Hill, Mo., who writes:

"Please send me: 'Tournament Ping Pong' by Major HOWARD A. STOTLER, and 'How to win at Ping Pong' by Major HOWARD A. STOTLER.

"Occasionally see LT. BILL MORTON, CIC, an attorney in St. Joseph, Mo., CLAYTON GERBRANT, Red Cross, an attorney in Omaha, Nebr. CO. JOHN B. JETTER is now retired—was G-3 with the 10th Corps in early Korean war."

A much-appreciated letter comes from LEO A. KREITINGER, 213 Thayer avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, doing engineering work for the North Dakota State Highway Dept. He writes:

"I am enclosing my check for \$5 to help defray the cost of printing PERAGIMUS and wish to express my gratitude to you for all you have done to keep PERAGIMUS coming my way.

"I was a member of the 3rd Platoon of Anti Tank Co. from April, 1942 until September, 1945. Since my discharge I have been employed as a Soils Engineer by the North Dakota Highway Department. I live in Bismarck and occasionally go out of town for a few days. I was married in February, 1953 but as yet we have no children.

"Several years ago I used to see some of the former AT boys occasionally but haven't seen any recently. Some of these men were MARKUS BOSCH, EUGENE BUTLER, ART KUBLER and ARNOLD STERNA. I would appreciate it if some of the fellows would look me up when they are in the Bismarck vicinity. I hope to attend a 358th reunion in the near future, perhaps in Minneapolis if a convention is held there before

too long.

(Editor's note: Kreitinger lists the following issues of PERAGIMUS which he has on file, which corresponds exactly to those available at the editor's office, in case any 358th members are interested in getting back copies: October, December, 1948; August, December, 1949; April, August, December, 1950; July and December, 1951; March, September, and December, 1952; March, September, and December, 1953; April, September, and December, 1954; and April, 1955.)

First Battalion . . .

EDWARD J. BLAKE, 7409 Walingford, Normandy 21, Mo.: "The news of the next convention in November in Kansas City is the best yet. Count on me.

"As you noticed, my address is changed as above.

"Keep up the good work, Howard. We all appreciate your fine efforts."

Blake is a pressman with the East St. Louis, Ill. Journal.

WARREN HOWERY, Arkansas Pass, Tex., Co. D Mortar Platoon: "Enjoyed reading another issue of PERAGIMUS. Sure hope we can keep them coming. (Ed. note: We can, Warren, if enough of the 358th men will continue to support PERAGIMUS with their subscriptions and news. Let's everyone keep this in mind.)

Howery continues: "The idea of having our 358th meeting in conjunction with the Division Convention in Kansas City is a very good one. I would like very much to be able to attend and will, if possible. I am acting postmaster in Arkansas Pass now and I am hoping for a permanent appointment. Would like very much to hear from anyone from 'D' Company. Glad to get JOHN R. JACKSON'S address in College Station. Will try to look him up some time soon."

We're glad to get this newsy letter from William D. (Bill) Galligan, 716 Duane street, Glen Ellyn, Ill., former Lt. of Company D:

"Still enjoying life here in Glen Ellyn despite television, which nearly put me out of business a few years ago. Installed Cinema

Scope equipment in both theatres last summer and have been doing a whale of a business since then. Am planning on re-carpeting both the Glen and Glen Ellyn and the Du Page in Lombard, the next town east, which I acquired several years ago.

"I hear that STEVE SYRACUSA (Co. D., 1st Bn.) is back in the Chicago area again, living in Palatine. Haven't seen him as yet.

"Got a call from SOL GOFFSTEIN (1st Bn. Com. O.) who has moved to Chicago from St. Louis. He has joined his brother here in the furniture manufacturing business.

"With the baseball season starting I expect to see PHIL O'DONNELL, former Dog Co. exec. He is a Cub fan and I am a Sox rooter, but we both agree on whiskeys and beers.

"Would certainly love to attend the reunion and will make it if possible to round up some of the other 90th men here.

"Illinois State Legion Convention being held in Springfield this year and former 9th man, BIG JIM BOLINGER (Div. Hqs.) who is general manager of the Leland Hotel in the state capital is being swamped with reservations. Plan on attending just to see the old boy, who became a father for the second time recently. Jim wound up running the 9th Division Officers Club in Weiden and did a bang-up job. Attended his wedding a few years ago and find he is doing the same kind of a job with the Leland."

CLARK NAMED GENERAL

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rear areas it is not so tough. There are snack bars, movies, etc. Also training is spelled with a Capital "T" and there is lots of it. The only U. S. Infantry Divisions here are the 7th and the 24th, which along with the UN and some ROK outfits, are in I Corps. My job is interesting and in a purely professional way it is good service, although from a personal viewpoint one would naturally much prefer to be in the U. S. with one's family.

"Give the 358th Combat Team my sincerest regards. I enjoyed seeing you in Washington last summer. I'm just starting what is supposed to be a 16-months tour."

Second Battalion . . .

"From George Company 358th —" writes DELBERT NERGE of 114 King William street, Dundee, Ill.:

"Sure would like to see more names and addresses of former G Company men in the PERAGIMUS. Would like to know where



NERGE FAMILY

some of the fellows now live. It would be good to hear from some of them.

"Enclosed is a picture of the members of my family—three rough and tough boys and a girl just like them. Patty is the little girl, Davey is the oldest boy, sitting in the chair and holding his youngest brother, Jerry. The other fella standing is Donnie. They sure can give their mother a rough time."

Nerge is with Lakes Supply company of Barrington, Ill.

ARTHUR VOOS, 52 Oaks Drive, Franklin Square, New York: Formerly an F Company man. 3rd Platoon. Joined the 90th at Fort Dix and was with them until September of '45. Am married now, have two girls, Christine and Carolyn, and work for the Long Island Lighting Company.

"Sure enjoy getting the paper and am enclosing several pictures of the fellows from F Company."

MELVIN S. ZWEIGRAUM, 133 Stuyvesant Ave., Irvington, N. J., is salesman with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.:

"Just a few lines to let you know



Taken June 25, 1945 at Vohenstrauß, Germany. Bottom: Arthur Paul, Robert Knight, Melvin Mareno, Lester Ryan. Middle Norbert Kirk, Willis Boykin, Arty Krahover, Roy McCarty, James Hayes. Top: Louis McLemore, Dempsey Miller, Alex Morincyk, James Exel, Arthur Voos.



F Company on April 9, 1945. Included in Lower row are Arthur Voos, Rivera, Lt. Meyers, Robert Knight. Top row: First man unidentified, Fred Kuster, James Keragis, Melvin Moreno, Harold Watson.

that since I last wrote, I have become the father of a son born on April 2. I thoroughly enjoy reading THE PERAGIMUS and, as a matter of fact, when I go to the mail box, I always look for it. As I have stated previously, I would be happy to see anyone who is around my immediate area."

LUCIO LOPEZ, Box 271, Com-fort, Tex.: "I am enclosing a check

to keep this excellent PERAGIMUS rolling. Really enjoy reading every line of it. Would still like to know about JULIAN PACHECO, Co. F, also KENNETH CLARK, same company. These men I knew in 1942-43. Took training together."

STANLEY C. (ANDY) ANDERSON, 312 W. Menefee, Lufkin, (Continued on page 6)

Midwest 90th Div. Assn. Plans 1955 Get-Together At Minneapolis Sept. 24

The Annual Reunion of the Midwest 90th (Tough 'Ombres) Div. Assn., will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Saturday, September 24, at the Normandy Hotel, 8th Street and 4th Avenue South.

Registration will start at 10:00 A. M. The business meeting and election of officers will start at 2:00 P. M.

The highlight of the reunion will be the banquet at 7:00 P. M. A wonderful dinner and entertainment awaits all those who attend. There will be a luncheon for the girls on Saturday, September 24, at 1:00 P. M. The Normandy Hotel has reserved a number of rooms for out of town guests.

This promises to be one of the best, so let's all of us, former 90th men take heed and plan on making this reunion. Every event will be held under one roof, so we can all be together every minute of this reunion and really enjoy it. Don't forget, now.

The Date, Saturday, September 24, 1955.

The Place: Hotel Normandy, Minneapolis, Minn. Let's all be there.

For further information, write Thomas J. Ameson, Sec.-Treas., c-o P. O. Box 962, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

The following is the new slate of officers for 1955-6, for the Midwest 90th Infantry Division Assn. elected at Fargo, North Dakota, Sept. 25, 1954.

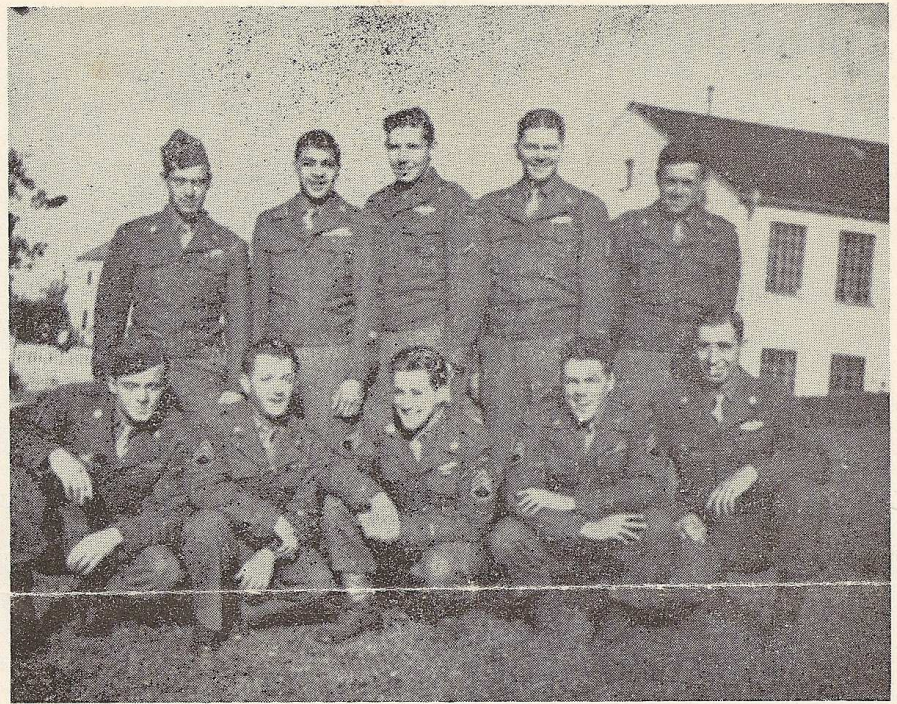
President, Joe Jung of Rochester, Minn.

1st Vice President, John Obenauer, Eureka, South Dakota.

2nd Vice President, John Stegora, Minneapolis, Minn.

Sec.-Treas. Thomas J. Ameson, Minneapolis, Minn.

EDGAR H. STOHLER, former Chaplain (Captain) of the 2nd Bn., 1300 N. Baxter street, Johnson City, Tenn.: "I am still at Johnson City, Tenn., as administrator of the Community Hospital. We like Tennessee and are rapidly becoming Southerners. We now have four boys and a girl, the latter born on Feb. 28, 1955 and named Ellen Jean. The age ranges from that to 18 years.



F Company. Included are Sam Rodriquez, Louis McLemore, Dempsey Miller, Arthur Voos.

Second Battalion . . . Third Battalion . . .

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Tex., "I am actively practicing law in Lufkin, Tex., in partnership with Martin Dies Jr., son of the congressman who was famous in Un-American activity investigation. See WINDROW PAYNE once a year or so. Saw PAT BEVILLE in Beaumont some time back. He is fine."

MELVIN SCHIRMER, Co. E, 6751 Bonnie, St. Louis, Mo.: "Nothing new around here. We are hoping to get to Kansas City next November. Going to Texas and points west during our vacation. Going to look up some of the fellows if we have the luck to find any." Schirmer is connected with Peggy Ann Pastries at 5211 Chippewa in St. Louis.

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interest and activity shown by members living there, and because of its central location. It will be convenient to a great number of 90th men of both World War I and II, who can reach that city without much travel. This will be the first reunion held outside of Texas and Oklahoma, in 37 years. We want you to be in Kansas City, and help us to make this 1955 reunion something for each of you to remember always."

DICK STANLEY, Co. I, 3014 MacArthur Drive, Ft. Wayne, Ind.: "I'm covering four states for the company I've been with since before going into the service—factory representative for the Champion Dish Washing Machine Co.

MANUEL RAZOR, 225 North 18th street, New Castle, Ind.: "I was a squad leader in I Co. in France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and ended up in Czechoslovakia—I am working in New Castle, Ind., in the Chrysler Corp. plant and would love to hear from any old buddies who remember me and I'll answer your letters."

ACHILL VYRL LE SAGE I Co., milk distributor at Stockton, Kans.: "Just got the PERAGIMUS stating the 358th was combining its reunion with the 90th Division Convention in Kansas City. This is great. I live 300 miles west of Kansas City on U. S. 24, but have managed to attend several of the Kansas City Chapter meetings. Am going to the spring meeting.

"Am looking forward to seeing some of my buddies in the fall in Kansas City. Anyone from the 90th what might be going thru on Highway 24, stop and look me up."