

An Infantryman's Lament

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The facts are sad, they grind and grate;
I'm really sorry to relate
That things are in this awful state;
The fight has just begun.

We hardened, grimey, homesick doughs
Have just begun to have our woes.
Can we remain the ETO's
Intrepid fair-haired sons?

We check our points with great concern,
With hopeful hearts that ever yearn
To take that final homeward turn.
Who'll be the lucky ones?

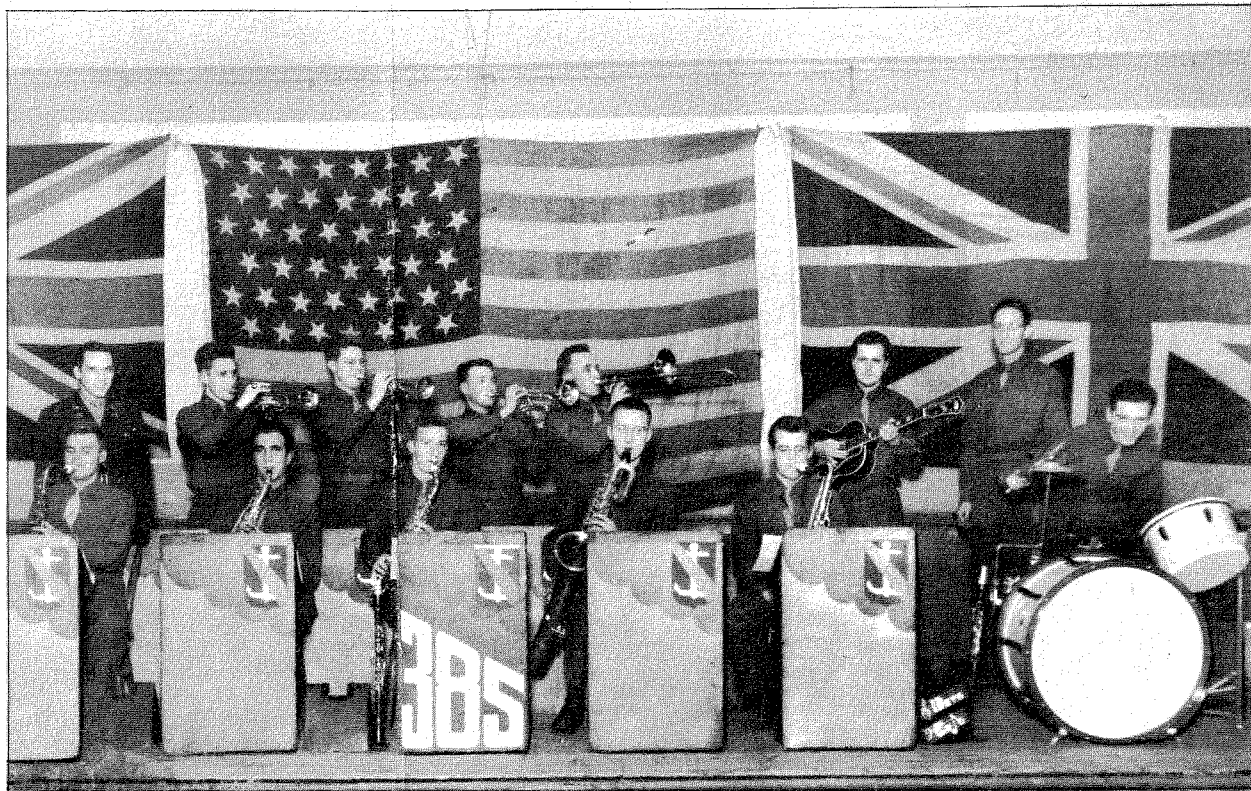
But why be foolish, don't forget,
There's still Japan to finish yet—
We know what we are going to get,
So don't put down your gun.

We'll soon be in the CBI
That's something no-one dare deny,
We'll give the good old college cry,
And get the damn thing won.

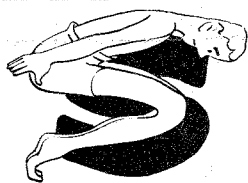
The question is: how will we go
When we do leave the ETO?
Back through the states?—or—oh, oh, oh,
I fear for what's been done.

I fear we'll take the other route
To find out what the East's about
And give the Japs a final clout
Before we homeward run

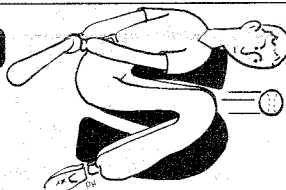
THE 385TH BAND . . .



. . . who carried with them through five months of harrowing combat the ability and desire to make music, and are now playing regular engagements in this section of the ETO. Real American Jive flows once more in the 385th. FRONT ROW (left to right): Dan Balogh, Ray Cavino, Dave Cole, Raymond Gill, Dick Pinney, "Red" Gazolla (leader of the band). BACK ROW: Lt Chestine Miller (SSO), Harry Hulkower, Ray Paige, Dick Bertram, Bob Holland, Walter Crites, and Herbert Hecht. Missing from this picture are two new members of the orchestra: Jerry Randin, who plays barytone sax, and Al Yodonis, who gives out with a solid trumpet. Randin played six years with Glen Gray and Yodonis taught trumpet and played in theatre orchestras.



SPORTS



LT COL GARLAND OPENS BALL PARK

2nd Bn-9 3rd Bn-2

Lt Col Garland pitched the first 3 balls over the plate Sunday, 27 May to Lt Col Sinnreich, catcher, to begin the initial game at new 385th Ball Park. Major Noble in the batter's box hit two fouls and a third fair ball as game between 2nd and 3rd Bns began.

385th Band played and PA systems made every chair a ringside seat. Base umpire was Lt Friedman and Mr. Varonak called balls and strikes.

2nd Bn battery was composed of Shoemaker, who struck out 11 men, and Christopher. Ferrel of 2nd Bn made the only extra base hit. Pitchers for 3rd Bn were Kiefer, Kubiak, and Patton. One outstanding feature of the game was Bernardo's perfect peg from deep center field to nail Shoemaker at 2nd base and cut short a rally. Final score was 9-2 in favor of 2nd Bn.

Sgt Al Wynn and his assistant, Pfc Don Trefney, who completed the 385th Recreation Park, have produced one of the finest baseball diamonds in the Division Area.

A. & R. OFFICERS HARD AT WORK

Athletic and Recreation Officers, appointed to assist Lt C. W. Miller, Special Service Officer, in those departments throughout the Regiment are hard at work planning entertainment and sports events. Lt Pergament is A and R Officer of the 1st Bn, while Lt Shubert and Lt Schlieder fill that capacity in the 2nd and 3rd Bns respectively.

First playoff games which were called due to rain last week begin this Sunday, 27 May, at the 385th Recreation Park.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

AT Co B Co
9 — 5
776 Ord Sv Co
13 — 6

BASKETBALL RESULTS

AT Co 76 Rcn
37 — 20

CORRECTION: VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

F Co E Co
21 — 5
21 — 8

SWIMMING MEET TO BE STAGED IN JOHANNAIS BAD

Plans for Battalion swimming meets to be held in the beautiful Johannais Bad, 385th pool, are in the making. Events will probably include 100 meter free style and 60 meter contests in the back stroke, crawl, side stroke, and free style. Tentative rules for competitive diving have also been laid down. Form and grace will be judged on the basis of 20 points. Each participant will have opportunity to make two trys in each of five types: Swan, Jack-Knife, One and One Half, Full Gainer, and one optional. The judges will take the best effort of each contestant into account in each class of dive. Thus a perfect score for the diving meet would be 100.

PW'S GOING HOME

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in factories and dig air-raid shelters from 12 to 14 hours per day with little or nothing to eat.

Breakfast consisted of about one half slice of bread. The only other meal, served at night, was a bowl of turnip soup.

Sick and wounded among the prisoners were evacuated a few days previous by a convoy of ambulances escorted by armored vehicles.

VANCE BROTHERS

Brothers Paul and Irvin Vance had not seen each other for 21 months. Paul had been a BAR man in Co. "E" of the 417th Inf. for three months when Irvin was shipped to the Division and joined the I and R Platoon of Hq, Co., 385th. Paul's CO, 1st Lt Lawrence, arranged with Capt. Robert Briner for a transfer. Paul is now in the Security Platoon of the 385th in the same company as his brother.

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