

COMPANY IN BATTLE

CO. G

DECEMBER

"G" Company, commanded by Capt Robert Ferrari, debarked from the "Sea Owl" at Southampton and entrained for Bournemouth, West UK... Co Hq billeted at the Chislehurst Hotel... Many clothing and equipment inspections, lots of fun, and as merry a Christmas as could be expected.

JANUARY

We visited London... The 385th received shipping orders... Will we hit Italy or are we to police Europe with some MP outfit?... Debarked at Le Havre, France, after a relatively smooth trip... By the end of the month the Company had moved through Varville, Bouderville, Longueville, Limesy, France; Morsely, Belgium; and Herborn, Luxembourg.

FEBRUARY

George Company crossed the Sauer River a quarter of a mile south of Minden and went into the attack... What a formation!... Those men never moved that way in the States... On the 21st captured four pillboxes of the vaunted Siegfried Line and took 25 prisoners... Relieved on February 25 and withdrew to Echter-nacherbruk.

MARCH

The outfit moved through Holstrum, captured Prumzurlay and 53 prisoners, moved on through Niedenais, Eisenach, Olk, Neuhaus, and Eblingen... Company attacked and captured Herforst on the sixth... All Hell broke loose.

RIGHTS and GRIPES

GRYPE - People reading papers and documents which lie on the desk of another. **GRYPE** - turning in of all enemy captured weapons -

RIGHT - the vastly improved food and mess halls throughout the Regiment. **GRYPE** - criticism of any nature when he who renders it has no better solution to the problem.

RIGHT - No censorship except by base censor.

VICTORY SON

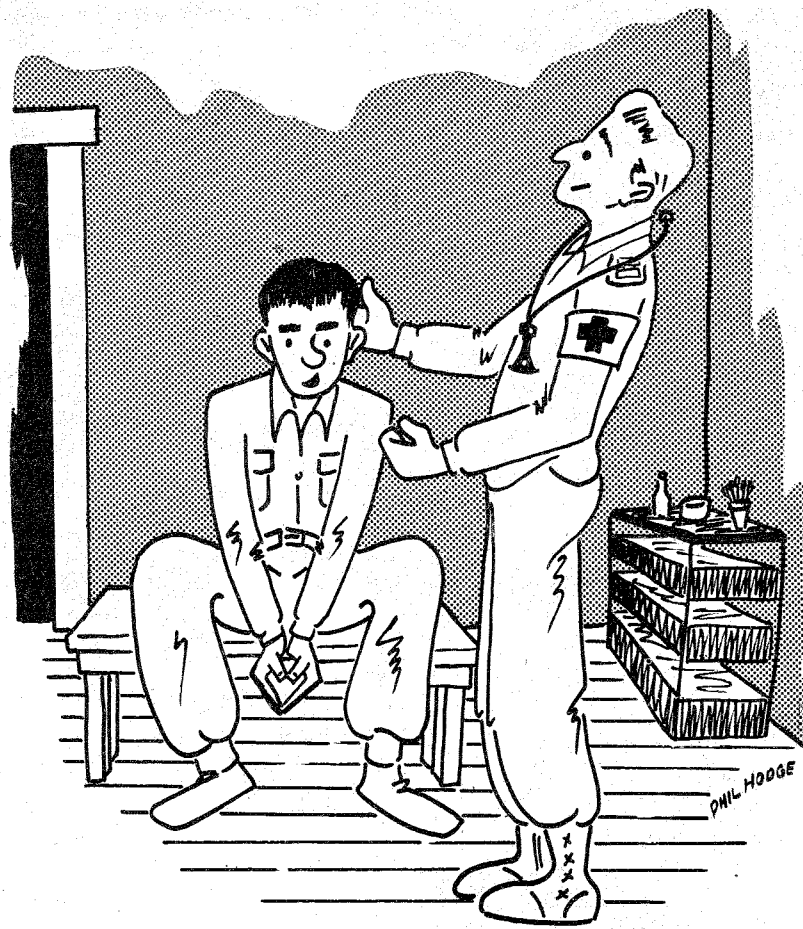
According to well-laid plans, Master Gerard E. Noble Jr., son of Major Noble, Regimental S-4, was born on V-E Day, 9 May 45.

Jerry artillery, mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire produced heavy casualties... Sgt William Stanley wiped out five of the enemy and a machine gun nest with his BAR... The new CO, Capt Thomas Windsor, was hit by shrapnel while administering first aid to a wounded man. After dressing his own wound, he continued to lead the attack...

During the next two weeks, rocketed through the towns of Binsfeld, Bruch, Landscheid, Huppelath, Neuerberg, Bengel, and Bamsendorf... George platoons crossed the Rhine River on the 28th and two days later smashed an attack through scattered resistance to capture Esch.

APRIL

This month encompassed the dash across Germany in which the 76th went in high gear... Our doughs rode the Sixth Armored tanks... Company "G" roared through Oberlauken, Weinmig, Furstenhagen, Fredricksbruch, Rommerade, Bad Sooden, Neiderhoue, Eschwege, Wanfried, Dachwig, Katersdohordorf, Kosmo, Altenberg, Gera, and Hohenstein, covering about 400 Km. in the last crushing defeat of the Wehrmacht...



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PARTIES TAKE SPOTLIGHT

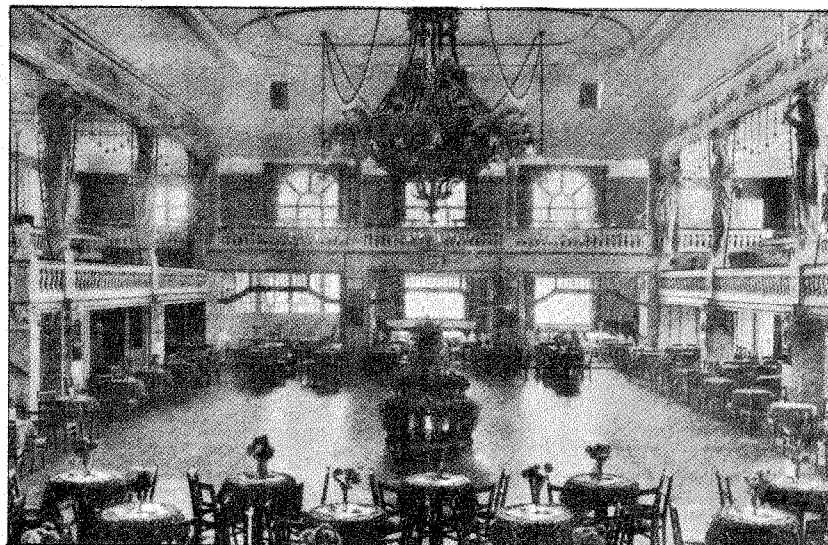
Soldier entertains soldier as special committees oil rusty parts of Regimental entertainment machine. Stress and strain, noise and excitement of combat are forgotten as 385th GI's find outlet in celebration. "Former Nazi Headquarters make fine ballrooms," said one committeeman, and reports from all over the Regiment indicate that former theatres, dance halls and beire stubes now resound to the tune of "Roll Out The Barrel" instead of Snicklegruber's impressive orations.

"The 385th Dance Band's schedule looks like the New York Central Timetable" says leader, S/Sgt "Red" Gazolla, "And more engagements are being arranged." Eight of the latest hit tunes have already become a working part of the Band's new library and more are on the way.

Lt Col Sinnreich was present at "E" Company party held last Tuesday. Lt Mark Armin, S/Sgt Al Saulsgives, and Sgt Herbert Slater arranged for entertainment as well as beer, sandwiches and lemonade.

At "F" Company party held Friday, Lt Schotliff scheduled the Regimental Band and provided plenty of community singing, beer and sandwiches.

Members of "H" Company played host to the Battalion Commander in their initial party held at the "New World Ballroom" Wednesday. Sgt Maygord sang a solo, and Pvt Monroe sang and tap-danced for Pvt DeAnitino, MC, while S/Sgt Farrell, Sgt Johey, and Cpl Jongward provided beer and a celebration dinner.



The New World Ball Room, scene of Co parties.

CLOSE QUARTERS

The Germans were nicely situated in their foxhole fifteen yards in front of the house waiting to repel an expected attack on a roadblock three hundred yards to their front. Elements of "K" Company under the leadership of 1st Lt George Oakey of Chicago, Ill., had smashed their way into town from a different direction and moved into the house.

At a range of fifteen yards, a stiff battle developed. The principle handicap for the Americans was a large tree covering the foxhole; this obstacle prevented direct small arms fire and accurate grenade tossing. The Jerries had ample support from machine gunners and rifle grenadiers near the road block who kept a steady stream of fire through the windows and a hail of grenades on the roof.

Despite the concentration of fire, Pfc Charles McGuirk of Washington, Pa., and Pfc Raymond Schaepper of Baltimore, Md., made it to the attic, where they tossed thirteen grenades at the two Jerries below. McGuirk finally solved the problem of defilade by sticking a captured Mauser pistol from the window and neatly drilling one of the Supermen.

The King Company doughs continued to hold the house, which by now had attracted the attention of every German within range and was becoming one of the hottest spots this side of Paris. From this position they repelled a counter-attack by an estimated thirty Germans, inflicting heavy casualties with a cost of two wounded.