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relax. We played the old

was unheated and it was

wintry outside. They weren't

relaxed, they were simply

numbed into a state of ap-

athy. The band music did

bring a little bit of North

America to the boys and this

was as close as we could get

to Canada by playing the

One O'clock Jump, Take the

A Train, Long Ago and Far

Away, etc. Besides when

the troops saw the band

they usually felt secure in

themselves since what would

a band be doing there if it

That night we had to play

a midnight service for a re-

giment in the Ravenna Op-

era House. It was even cold-

er that evening. Most of the

windows were broken and of

course heat was unheard of.

The cold bleak winds would

cut across the huge opera

stage and drive into our

like sharp knives, though

most of us prepared for such

occasions with inner com-

fort and consolation. Most

wasn't safe.

standards and modern pops with our 15 piece dance band and we were just as Eyes Examined happy to be kept busy at all Glasses Fitted times. There was no radio, Optical Repairs no food, nothing in the way of beverage except some lukewarm liquid supposedly tea simply because it was of a similar color. The building

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even more prepared. Our garb was normally barbaric. We had been ordered to wear what was fit to keep out cold except on special parades such as this. My unusual attire was a pair of issue hip length rubber boots turned down at the knee in pirate fashion, a home made (Italian tailor) leather jerkin built around an army greatcoat, a blue turtle neck sweater and a fur head piece on top of the heap. Needless to say I was considered quite

conservative. It was usual at Christmas time (as still is) for the troops to partake at all costs of the best Yuletide feast and this season was no exception. Some big building would be set up for the feast and the officers and N.C.O.'s would serve and do the dishes. We played for quite a few in and around the Christmas time and were so busy that we forgot our own little Christmas dinner which strangely enough fell on Christmas Day, so it was without any thought of anything except just another meal (with turkey?). We would take our issue mess tins, our tin cups and gather the fare all into the one pot then spread off to sit on some steps, or back into the cold room, where we would dine in the normal drab fashion. However, it was here that several of the 'properly dressed' bodies band boys got busy on their own (bless their busy little souls) and scrounged up

some old tables from some-

where, took them into one

them up and put the bed blankets over the top in place of table cloths. Some one even draped up blankets over the broken windows to keep the draught out and as if this were not enough, each member had his name written on a piece of paper as a place card to show where he

was to be seated. It was gay with happy chit chat. Merry Christmas! - all that sort of thing - everyone looking surprised as they came in and sat down - hey, not there! - here's your place - can't you read? Turkey in a mess tin, and hot, hot tea. Christmas in Ravenna, Italy, 1944 - my sixth one away from home - others the same

too . . . We were happy and joily. A strange kind of happiness brought about by the knowledge that for a moment there was 'Peace on Earth' though GOODWILL toward MEN was sold short. We were jolly because it took only small distractions to make you laugh. Perhaps we thought of home, the loved ones, the world we had left behind, perhaps we thought of nothing at all but the pleasure of the moment at

No one said Grace before meal but I know now that each and everyone of us with the knowledge of the devastation and deprivation surrounding us on that Christmas Day 1944 quietly thanked God for the food set before us and that we were being allowed to partake of His gifts.

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of the troops that night were of the longer rooms, set

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Read spent Christmas with Mrs. baskets. Lena Lee of Oakville. Mr. Richard Wilcox arrived Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Steckley derson Ave., celebrated her by plane on Thursday night and John spent the Christmas sixth birthday December 21. holiday with her parents, Mr | Doncaster's Golden Hawks

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and Mrs. Clyde Slaymaker of hockey team remained unde-

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