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Siberian wartime ordeal

It has been three years since the Czech thrash-death company ANTIGOD last expanded its discography with its second full-length “Wareligion”. And though since then, the outfit focused primarily on live shows, their so-far latest music video from last summer hinted that sooner or later we will see another studio piece. **Its time have come this year, its name is “W.R.A.T.H.” or “When Righteousness Aims To Hell”, and it will invade your ears specifically at the turn of this May and June, unleashed once again by MetalGate Records!**

Thematically, the upcoming third album can be considered as a **direct sequel to the second**, meaning the **First World War shall once again be at the center of things**, with the difference being that while “Wareligion” revolved mainly around the psychological impact of the hardly imaginable horrors of the Great War that stemmed largely from the deadly combination of new military technologies and still archaic ways of waging war, **“W.R.A.T.H.” aims on the scope of 13 tracks at one specific series of events on one specific battlefield in one specific timeframe.**

The stage is the Eastern front in the final year of the war, and the main protagonist are the Czechoslovak Legions, voluntary units that formed at the beginning of the war primarily in France, Russia and Italy to fight alongside the Entente Powers against Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire in hopes that the defeat of the Central Powers will result in the creation of an independent Czechoslovak state.

Unlike the Legions in the West, those in Russia saw their situation change dramatically after the October Revolution of 1917, for in March of the following year, Lenin’s regime signed a separate peace treaty with Germany, thus withdrawing Russia from the war. For the Legionaries that meant going from being allies to de facto enemies. Though the Bolsheviks initially hoped for absorbing the Legions into the nascent Red Army, the Legions generally opted for **evacuation, which happened mostly via the eastern route, i.e. via the Trans-Siberian railway to Vladivostok, and from there to the United States.** And in case this were a small enough ordeal, **the escalating tension between the Legions and the Bolsheviks erupted into an open hostility**, whereby de facto involving the Legionaries in the Russian civil war.

If then besides metal you also count yourself among fans of **military history**, the story of “W.R.A.T.H.”, filled with lethal fight for survival, uncertainty, desire to live and to see home again, **shall resonate with you all the more. The cruel Siberian winter strikes this summer. Get ready!**

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