

# Everybody Gets A Shot At Mess Room Work in Army

BY GEORGE MARTIN  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, August 30.—Some time or other while you are at camp, you're going to be drafted for a month's duty in the dining room orderly.

And woe be unto you if you miff your job. The Mess Sergeant, that monarch of the mess hall crowned with a white cap, will be good to you as long as you're good to your job. But if you flunk it, O Boy!

So, for your advance information here is a list of your duties:

Your boss is the Mess Sergeant. You are held responsible for the cleanliness of the dining room, pantry, the dishes and utensils.

If a plate, a spoon, a cup or whatever, is lost or broken, and you can't find it or name the man who is to blame for it, you're the goat. Upon being relieved at the end of your month's duty, all loss and breakage unaccounted for is charged out of your pay.

You've got to be at the mess hall not less than ten minutes before each meal. Then you cut the bread into thin slices and pile it neatly on plates, one of which is provided for each table.

During the service of the meal, you stay in the bread room and cut bread, handing it out to the waiters as they call for it. And if you're wise, you'll stay there and cut bread, nothing else.

Be mighty careful how you cut it along toward the end of the meal, too. If you cut more than the men can eat, and a lot is left over you'll hear from the Mess Sergeant in no uncertain terms.

After the meal has been served, check up on every man's utensils, then take all the food left on the serving trays back to the kitchen. Whatever bread is left over in slices, you pack closely in the bread box and serve first at the next meal.

And don't throw away the bread crumbs that accumulate in the bread room and the pantry. Turn them over to the cooks. They can use them.

Then you help boss the cook's police clear the tables in the dining

room. Next you brush the tables. Then you scrub them good with hot water and soap, rinse them in cold water, and dry them.

Then you clean the saltcellars, pepper boxes, vinegar cruets, mustard pots and sugar bowls and fill them for the next meal.

After breakfast you place the stools on the tables, legs up. Then you sweep and mop the dining room floor, using as little water as possible, for the sake of avoiding sloppiness, and carefully dry it.

After dinner and supper, in addition to the aforementioned things, you sweep the dining room carefully. As soon as the floor is swept or swept and scrubbed, you set the tables, put the stools in place and make the dining room as clean and neat looking as possible.

That's the job. If you do it right, you will be commended. If you do it wrong you will be made to do it right.

## MAY BUILD A NEW HOTEL

Baker, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special)—That a new and modern building may rise upon the site of the destroyed Medical Springs Hotel and Sanitarium was the announcement made today by Dunham Wright, owner of the burned building, and P. J. Powers, his son-in-law, who was managing the establishment.

The 30 patrons of the place were either brought to Baker or are being cared for by people of Medical Springs or ranchers in the vicinity. They saved only part of their personal belongings. The loss will be about \$10,000, about half covered by insurance.

Among the most valued relics saved was a Bible containing the autograph of Abraham Lincoln, who was a second cousin of Mr. Wright. Lincoln read the book at the home of "Grandpa" Hicks, brother of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's stepmother. When Mr. Wright left the Hicks home to come to Oregon "Grandpa" Hicks gave him the Bible.

## Joseph News Items

Joseph, Ore., Aug. 30.—(Special)—Oscar Carlson, of Portland, was in Joseph the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carmon will move soon to Enterprise where Mr. Carmon has a position in the Elgin Forwarding Company's warehouse.

When the "Birth of a Nation," the great Civil War movie, was shown here last Friday, a great house, both in the afternoon and in the evening, enjoyed the show, all present saying that it was the greatest picture they had ever seen. The management of the People's Theater should be commended for their efforts in getting such a high-class picture for the Joseph people.

A party of friends from La Grande spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Anna Leslie. Those in the party were Mrs. Arch Bacon and sister-in-law Runa, and R. G. Claycombe.

Thursday a party of young people from Joseph enjoyed a weiner roast at the camp of Professor Merrill and wife down on the river.

Miss Ruth Wilkins, who has been spending her vacation in Portland and at Rockaway Beach, returned home Monday to attend school.

Miss Evadne McCully will leave soon accompanied by her mother and brother, for Salem, where she will attend Willamette University.

Thursday a party in honor of Miss Louise O'Connell, of La Grande, was held at the home of Miss Marie Bowman. All present report a fine time. Those present were Misses Louise O'Connell, Irene Gaulke, Belva Roup, Esther Eben, Esther Cole, Grace Carpenter, Dorothea Sibley, Eva Patman, Mamie Sampson and Marie Bowman.

J. F. O'Bryant, Harry E. Hall of Baker City, and A. W. Howland, of Ontario, are in town on business this week.

On September 8 the Loyal Order of Moose lodge will be instituted in Joseph.

D. Baughman has sold his beautiful home to Peter Boudan and will move to California in the near future.

S. F. Sheets, who was stricken with paralysis several months since and who has been very feeble ever since, took a turn for the worse last week and is now very low. His relatives have been notified of his sickness.

Grover Swaggert returned home recently after a trip to his old home in Lexington, Or.

The flour mill which is the property of the Joseph Milling Company is being remodeled under the supervision of J. S. Rennie. Several new pieces of machinery are being installed, among them being a new bolter, sifter, cleaner and reels.

George Smith, of Enterprise, the contractor, who has been building the F. D. McCully residence, has obtained a contract to build the new garage and will move to Joseph from his home in Enterprise.

William Morelock motored over to La Grande the first of the week on business.

D. H. Howell and family, of Weiser, but formerly of Joseph, arrived Sunday to make a short visit with relatives and friends here.

Y. M. Costley and family, of Imaha are Joseph visitors this week.

Dr. Albert Mount performed operations for adenoids and tonsils upon the following children this week: Richard Roche, Georgie McPetridge, May Harris and Jean Heffling.

The Cabinet of the Epworth League, of the Joseph M. E. Church, gave a lawn social to the members of the league on the church lawn on the evening of Wednesday, August 29. Delightful refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

## SUFFRAGETTES MEET TODAY FOR CONFERENCE

Prominent Men and Women Interested In Cause Give Active Support

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 30.—(United Press)—New York State suffragettes met here today for a two days' session at which they will complete plans for a smashing campaign for suffrage in New York State at the next election, November 6.

In addition to the regular suffrage delegates many prominent men and women whose interest in the cause will lead them to give support to the suffrage campaign are attending.

James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to German and Mayor John Purroy Mitchell of New York City, are to address the convention tonight.

Governor Charles Whitman of New York, and Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York City, are to speak tomorrow night.

Drops Dead At Wheel.  
Eugene, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special)—The body of John Franklin Stuart, former county judge and county attorney of Lincoln county, arrived in Eugene Saturday night from McKenzie pass. Stuart dropped dead at the wheel of his car while driving up a steep pitch.

## France to Switch Trade to America

Government Authorizes Advertising To Interest Americans In Market of France

Paris, Aug. 10.—(By mail)—(United Press)—France is preparing in a concrete way to switch her pre-war German trade to America.

Under the authorization of the French government, the largest publicity and advertising corporation in Europe will try to interest American manufacturers in the great after-war market of France. One of the heads of this organization told the United Press that American producers will be asked to investigate French markets of every description.

"France is now looking forward," he declared. "Frenchmen realize that the country must have a big market immediately after the war where they can begin to stock up their more or less depleted stores. There will be no tendency to trade again with Germany. The French market, then to a large degree, will be the United States. American manufacturers, hitherto, have shown no great tendency to drum up trade in France. They took what came their way and let it go at that. Now we are going to try and interest them."

"France's forty million people, statistics show, have a purchasing power of sixty millions. That argument surely ought to appeal to the Americans."

A bureau to be established in New York will systematically distribute information and will not only give full reports on economic condition in France but organize the distribution of American goods.

## HINDENBURG PLAN IS NO LONGER A SECRET

Retreat From One Zone to Another Will Save Front From Being Pierced

BY HENRY WOOD  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
With the French Armies, July 9.—(By mail)—The much-vaunted "Hindenburg Plan" is no longer a closed secret.

The nature of this "plan" was long ago fully guessed and understood by the French military authorities, who preferred however, not to talk about it at that time.

In short, from attempting to hold the western front by defensive lines, Hindenburg will hereafter try to hold it by a system of successive defensive zones—zones that continue back to the Rhine and into Germany.

By retreating from one zone, when he can no longer hold it, to the next one prepared in the rear, Hindenburg hopes to save his front from ever being pierced, and at the same time convince the German public that his "strategic retreat" is another great victory.

Hindenburg's plan became operative as a matter of fact last March when he retreated to his first "zone of defense"—Lens, Cambrai, St. Quentin and LaFere—when he could no longer stand the pressure that had been created by the battle of the Somme.

Work on these successive retreat zones has now been under way for months and little effort is made now

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The supreme confidence which German and Swiss military critics have in "Hindenburg's plan" is such that in recent articles they boast of the fact that Hindenburg will be able to retreat for 50 kilometers without having his front pierced. Whether a fifty-kilometer retreat can be forced onto the German public as another "strategic victory" remains to be seen.

## Coming Events

- Aug. 31—Regatta at Astoria.
- Sept. 5—5 per cent of drafted men called to colors.
- Sept. 10—School opens.
- Sept. 19—40 per cent of drafted men called to colors.
- Sept. 30—Second 40 per cent of drafted men called to colors.

AMUSEMENTS.  
Arcade Theatre—Motion pictures.  
Sherry's Theatre—Motion pictures.

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J. L. Mars, real estate and rent agent buys and moves house. Prices talk.—Adv. 6-7-tf.

FOR SALE—Printing.  
FOR BUSINESS or society stationery, bill heads, statements, note heads, etc., call or send to The Observer, 1710 Sixth Street; phone Main 37 or Main 157. 8-22-tf

Money to Loan.  
On improved real property in Union county, no delays, current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv.

Exchange Books.  
We will exchange or give cash for your school books. Come in as soon as possible and get your troubles over. Newlin Book and Stationery Co. 8-28-3t

The effects of windburn and sunburn are easily overcome by using our Cold Creams. Levy-Vogel. 8-9-tf

Guaranteed Tooth Brushes—we sell each and every brush with a positive guarantee against shedding of bristles. Levy-Vogel Drug Store. 8-20-tf.

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OUR MILK OF MAGNESIA ANTISEPTIC DENTAL CREAM cleanses and aids in preserving and beautifying the teeth, sweetens the breath. Price 25c. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 8-9-tf

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We pay best prices for second hand furniture. DYAL'S FURNITURE CO., 404 Fir St., Phone Black 8351.—Adv. 12-4-tf.

Automobile Painting  
It will pay you to let me paint your automobile. Good work, reasonable prices.

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Used Books.  
We have an assortment of school books that have been used but in good condition. Bring in any you have and let us exchange on these or on new ones. Newlin Book and Stationery Co. 8-28-3t

Just arrived New Up-to-Date Styles in Linen Stationery at popular prices. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 8-20-tf.

Thirst Quenching Drinks served at our Fountain. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 8-20-tf.

The IXL Store, 1602 Jefferson Ave. is now ready for rent. All newly painted and papered. Inquire at 1600 1/2 Jefferson Ave. 8-24-6t

Hammermill Bond.  
Business men, see the Hammermill Bond advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post, Aug. 18, and then call for this fine bond paper for your printing. This fine paper is carried in stock by The Observer. Phone for samples or call at The Observer office. 8-24-tf

WANTS TO BUY FARM  
W. F. Brock, of Wallowa, wants a wheat or stock farm in this section. Describe fully by letter, giving prices, terms, etc. Addressing him as above.

## G. A. R. Thanks U. P.

The following letter has been received by J. H. Keeney, local O.-W. agent here:

"We are in receipt of a wire from our Chicago office advising that at the National Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session in Boston, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic in encampment assembled: Resolved that this encampment endorse the laudable and patriotic action of the Union Pacific R. R. Co., in the employment of the Old Guard, the Civil War Veterans, to guard their property from the Missouri River to the Pacific Coast. Signed,  
"WILLIAM McMURRAY, G. P. A."

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- Ladies' light gray kid vamp, with gray cloth top. Price..... \$8.50
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