

Cooking With Gas

By T/S Rolland C. Rogers
Of Cooks and Bakers School

"I tried to go over the hill the day I enlisted."

"After passing my army physical," declares M/Sgt. Earl C. Johnson, senior instructor of the Camp Adair Branch, Ninth Service Command School for Bakers and Cooks, "I decided that I didn't want to join the army and I started to slip down the hall and back to civilian life. I was quitting the Army!"

But the old recruiting sergeant quickly quashed that idea when his deep gentle (?) voice boomed out, "Whereya goin'? The Colonel is waitin' to see you!"

"I was afraid to go forward," mused Sergeant Johnson, "and I didn't want to go back. But what could I do—only go back and take the oath."

But the master sergeant wasn't licked. After being sworn in he carefully planned a future escape. He decided to be a meek recruit until he got to Fort McDowell, California. Then he would make his break for freedom.

Of course he didn't know that the Fort was under permanent siege by the waters of San Francisco Bay and that it was a long swim to the Oakland Pier and east-bound trains.

But Uncle Sam apparently knew what his nephew was thinking. At any rate he ordered the transport captain to sail direct to Honolulu from Panama.

Foiled twice, the Sergeant decided to stick it out for the enlistment period. But he resolved that his discharge from the Army would be permanent.

That was 15 years ago.

Master Sergeant Johnson now plans to stay with the Army until he is retired.

The Sergeant has always been concerned about Army chow. In his rookie days he trained as a cook for a coast artillery outfit. He liked cooking for the coast artillery so well that he refused to take additional training which would have qualified him to join the staff of the School for Bakers and Cooks.

In February 1931 he became a mess sergeant continuing in that position until he was transferred to the Ninth Service Command School for Bakers and Cooks in March 1941.

Sgt. Johnson served in several branch schools of the Ninth Service Command before he assumed the duties of senior instructor at the Camp Adair Branch last July.

But according to Sgt. Johnson, present day schools aren't like the old time schools. "When I took the cooks course" he laments, "every student had to do a month's KP as part of their four-month course."

Now students finish in two months and are prohibited from doing KP duty. This plan is easier on the students but harder on the future KPs. The newly-trained cooks can't sympathize with the "poor KPs" because they have never endured the trials of a KP as a good soldier.

The Sergeant has never forgotten that he was sworn into the Army because of the stern talk of a sergeant. For 15 years he has practiced that kind of speech until recruits who come to request privileges of the Sergeant forget they ever wanted anything by the time he has quoted 25 or more Army Regulations which prohibit the granting of their most unusual request.

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statement contact Pfc Norman P. Hughes, School Clerk.)
But in spite of his hard exterior, the senior instructor is a kindly sergeant who does everything he can to make the lot of those about him as pleasant as possible.

The Sergeant grew up in a small Ohio town, fell in love and married in Honolulu, became a proud "Papa" in California, took over a senior instructorship at Camp (Lake) Adair, Oregon, and hopes to spend his years past three score and 10 in Sunny Southern California telling his daughter's children (as yet unborn) what it used to be like in the "Old Army."

Christmas Dinner Is Arranged for MP's

Capt. Hale to Be Host At Yuletide Affair

By Pfc Wallace X. Rawles
Capt. and Mrs. Julius Hale of the Military Police will play host and hostess to officers and men, and their wives or sweethearts, at the annual gala Christmas Day Turkey dinner. The dining hall will be festive with holiday decorations and music will fill the air!

Private Eddie Sharritt of Hollywood, at present a guest of the Army (for the duration) will be the Master of Ceremonies. Pvt. Sharritt was making about \$400 a week in the big movie league with George Jessel, Milton Berle, Abbot and Costello, and Joe E. Brown when Uncle Sam enlisted his services. He's known in movies as Eddie Bruce.

Entertainment will include numbers by Cpl. Nicholas Sansonia, the million-dollar accordionist and pianist; by Andy Dahl, big time vaudeville and screen banjoist; by Robert Hutcheon, great teller of Scotch stories and singer of songs; and by a professional bag pipe player from Salem, Ore., whose name must remain secret until announced by Sharritt. Hostess Elizabeth Rogers helped Capt. Hale arrange the program.

"We intend for all our guests to have the time of their lives," said Capt. Hale. "Everyone works hard here in Camp Adair and the men deserve all they'll get and see and hear at the Military Police dinner."

Capt. Hale has supervised personally the arrangement of the following de luxe menu:

- Table D'Hote Cocktail
- Stuffed Celery
- Stuffed Olives
- Mixed Sweet Pickles
- Noodle Soup
- ROAST TOM TURKEY
- BAKED SPICED HAM
- Chestnut Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Giblet Gravy
- Candied Louisiana Yams
- Buttered Asparagus Tips
- Snowflake Potatoes
- Young June Peas
- Parker House Rolls
- Creamed Sweet Corn
- Waldorf Salad
- French Pastry
- Plum Duff Pudding and Hot Sauce
- Hot Mince Pie
- Pumpkin Pie
- Apple Pie
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Mixed Nuts
- Mixed Candies
- Apples and Oranges
- Old Fashioned Fruit Cake
- Chocolate Cake
- Banana Layer Cake
- Assorted Bread
- Butter
- Coffee
- Milk
- Cigars
- Cigarettes

Guests will include Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Carson; Field Artillery, Director of Personnel; Lieut. and Mrs. Walter R. Padrick, Infantry, CO of Military Police; Lieut. and Mrs. Hugh Tomfeldt, Post Guard CO; and those two handsome young bachelors from New Jersey, Lieuts. George Kressaty and John P. Loffredo, and Master Sergeant and Mrs. Gillis Narramore; Staff Sergeants Joseph H. Oenning, Joseph Holmes and E. R. Bender and their wives.

WHOSE MORALE?

Making the rounds at Fort Custer, Michigan, is the following note: "With the rationing of tires and sugar, and scarcity of many articles, civilians are having a tough time. To bolster civilian morale, soldiers should write home more often."

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CHRISTMAS WAR MESSAGE

These words tell their own volumes. They were cabled from General Douglas MacArthur to Howard Chandler Christy of the Laymens National committee. They are words for all to consider and digest and at no more fitting time, perhaps, than now:

"TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO A MAN DARED STAND FOR TRUTH, FOR FREEDOM OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, WAS CRUCIFIED AND DIED.

"YET THIS DEATH WAS NOT THE END BUT ONLY THE BEGINNING, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

"FOR TWENTY CENTURIES THE STORY OF THE MAN OF GALILEE HAS SERVED FOR ALL CHRISTIANS AS LESSON AND SYMBOL.

"SO THAT TODAY, WHEN WE STRESS THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR UNITED EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH THE SUPREMACY OF OUR CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES WE CAN, HUMBLY AND WITHOUT PRESUMPTION, DECLARE OUR FAITH AND CONFIDENCE WITH GOD'S HELP IN OUR OWN FINAL VICTORY."—MACARTHUR.

Post Red Cross Staff Increased by Eleven

Divisions Get 8 Field Workers; Lewis Directs

Several additions to staff of the Red Cross, signally increasing scope of the activities, have been announced by Verl Lewis, who succeeds James P. Layton, recently departed for overseas duty, as Field Director at this Post. Assigned to the Timber Wolf division are field workers Boyd Burnside, James O. Tucker, W. D. Beattie and Norborne Berkeley, Jr. Now engaged in field work with the 96th division are Nat S. Russell, Fred G. Alwaise, John G. Terry and Leon S. Davis—every last man of them, incidentally, veterans of the last war.

New to the busy Field House clerical staff are Marguerite Maltzberger, Maxine Denison and Audrie Duncan.

It was a "business as usual" change-over when Lewis succeeded to his new post, for former Field Director Layton and Field Director Lewis both came to Camp Adair July 13 to open the Field Office, Lewis as assistant. Layton, born in Pittsburg and a Pennsylvania U. graduate,

served in charge of the office at Fort Lewis for several months before coming to Camp Adair. He had a background of several years' Public Welfare work and work with the Red Cross.

Director Lewis was two months assistant Field Director at Fort Lewis. He was born in South Dakota, graduated from Huron College, doing graduate work in social service administration at the University of Minnesota and at Chicago. He is experienced in Public Welfare Administration in South Dakota and Oregon and headed the office in Albany before going to the Red Cross last spring.

Prior to the war, India raised the most cattle; China, the most hogs; Australia, the most sheep.

That General Order Haircut

"Don't cut it too short," Cpl. Carl Olson, of the Timber Wolf artillery, remarked to the barber. Then he spoke a few words to the unidentified man in the adjoining chair, and after that settled into that state of coma that goes with getting one's hair cut.

But the man in the next chair was a general, who made motions to the barber. Pvt. Olson's haircut turned out G.I.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

By Gail Cleland, Lt. Col., Chaplain

Vanished have the humble shepherds
From the old Judean hill;
But the angels still are singing,
"Peace on earth! To men, good will!"

Perished have the gentle Wise Men,
With their treasures from afar;
But however dark the midnight,
There is still a guiding Star.

Gone forever is the manger
Where the Holy Babe was born;
But the spirit of the Christ Child
Lives again on Christmas morn.

For the hand of God is on us,
When in Jesus' name we meet;
And the pathway to the Saviour
Winds along the city street.

May the joy of Christ be with you
On this happy Christmas day;
May the wondrous light of heaven
Ever guide you on your way.

Military Police Barracks Banter

by Pfc. Wallace X. Rawles

Keynote of Christmas spirit among Camp Adair Military Police was sounded by Lieut. George Kressaty, to wit: "I will have a happy Christmas if I know my folks at home are having a happy Christmas." By the way, Lieutenant, what did Annie Lou, the sweet peach away down yonder in Georgia, send you for Christmas?

Sgt. David Charles, Cpl. Armand Addonizio, Pfc Peter Lutz and your Editor are attending Major Earl F. Armstrong's (University of California, '23) class thrice weekly in Chemical Warfare. When we finish our 30 hours' instruction, which is very fine, we'll be able more richly to contribute to the nation's war effort, especially if someday in foreign fields we are fortunate enough to become "gas sentinels."

Mrs. Jack S. Vinson of Breerton, Wash., will pass the New Year's holiday with her man in Camp Adair. Welcome, fair lady!

The MP mail man is a most important morale sustainer these days. Don't meddle with him as he makes his rounds!

A wise man never strangles on his own tongue, says our own M/Sgt. Gillis Narramore, veteran of 27 years in the United States Army. Sgt. Narramore has just returned from an official trip to Virginia; saw his father in Knoxville, Tenn., for first time in a quarter century. Says eastern weather miserably; glad to be back in Oregon.

Popular Pfc Gus Nicholas is passing the Christmas holidays with a sister in Oakland, Calif.

Our grapevine carries rumblings



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of the Stork over the home of S/Sgt. John O'Keefe in Milwaukee, Wis., where the Post Guard non-com is passing the Christmas holidays.

S/Sgt. Lawrence Brown of the Post Guard company has finished his session with the dentist and awaits sailing orders to attend MP Officers' Candidate School at Fort Douglas, Utah. Sgt. Brown is one of Camp Adair's crack drill masters. So was the dentist!

Pvt. George Brooks escaped unhurt when his horse rolled into a ditch over near Cpl. Lionel Moses' place the other night.

Privates George J. Fischer, Edward Weitz and the Barracks Banter Editor have been promoted to Privates First Class.

Sgt. Warren Sunblade of Idaho Falls, Idaho, has gone to Officers' Candidates School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. Congratulations to this hard working and efficient young soldier!

Capt. Julius Hale attended an important conference of Provo Marshals of the Northwest Sector in Portland Friday.

NEW RED CROSS WORKER

Miss Esther Williams, who comes from Ft. Lewis, has become a member of the staff of Red Cross office, Station hospital, and will work with Miss Pauline E. Michael, assistant field director and Miss Lillian Bridgeman, in charge of recreation activities.

Lt. Jim McMillen, head of body-building program, Chicago Navy pier, trains three daily classes of 1000 men each in boxing.

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