

HOW TO BE A ROOKIE**CHEER UP THE LONESOME SOULS**

In as much as you have qualified as a rookie, you must put forth every effort to retain your rank.

Your conduct around the barracks will determine in a large degree your success.

Take it on yourself to entertain the boys and keep them in good spirits. Remember that they are away from home and get very lonesome and need someone to cheer them up.

Get up about four o'clock in the morning and start the victrola with a lively piece. Music is a great help to lighten the troubled heart and the boys will appreciate your efforts. No doubt they will express their gratitude by tossing a few favors in your direction. There are lots of little things that you can do at this early hour to show your kindness of wit. Before your comrades get up pick up a few stray socks and lay them on the faces of the sleepy boys. It is advised that you make haste in getting out of their reach as it is surprising how quickly they will arise from their stupor. Select about twelve of the stales socks and stand them upright in the middle of the floor for some early riser to stumble over.

At the noon hour when your comrades are trying to sleep, make a running jump and land in the middle of the bunk, then grab his mattress from under him. He will probably chase you out of the barracks, but this will be great sport and will afford amusement for all the boys in the room. If the surgeant comes in to settle the noise tell him you are only doing it to cheer the boys up a bit, and that you feel that you are succeeding.

Just before mess hide a few mess kits and then wait to hear the fellows talk about you when they come in and find their mess-kits gone. Perhaps they will express themselves very freely about the fine fellow who took them and from that you can tell what short of an impression you have made.

A night when taps have sounded and all within the barracks is quiet start singing at the top of your voice. Choose some popular song like "It's a Long Way to Tipperary." That will waken the boys and cheer them up with patriotic vigor. If they don't seem to appreciate that, start sewing on an old fiddle, which you have previously "borrowed," which you can make more noise. Before you get through you will probably have a great collection of hobnail shoes around your bunk, and will not have to draw on the Quarter Master for a long time.

After a few days the "Top Sergeant" will recognize your ability as an entertainer and move you to another barracks, to practice your art there. He also might be able to use you in the kitchen to cheer up the "K. P's."

Pvt. ARTHUR FAY,

Quartermaster Sergeant Bodeford is leaving here to go to the camp quartermasters' schools of cooks and bakers as an instructor. We wish him every success in his new position.

MY ERROR

Some time ago I went to the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria in Charlotte To have lunch.

I was alone.

At the table next to Mine, sitting with his Back toward me, was

An officer.

All the insignia of rank I could observe

Was a strip of braid on His sleeve.

Having finished his lunch He arose, went over to the Hat rack, took a hat off The rack and proceeded towards the Blonde in the cage to Pay his check.

The hat he took had a Bright yellow cord and To save him the Embarrassment of going out with A cavalry-man's hat I Decided to inform him of His mistake.

Leaving my Coffee to cool I approached Him and said

"Sir, you have taken a "Cavalry-man's hat by mistake"

He said:

"Haven't you been in the Army long enough to Know that Generals wear All gold hat cords? And that was my first Conversation with a General of the United States Army.

Sergeant Patrick J. Casgrove.

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