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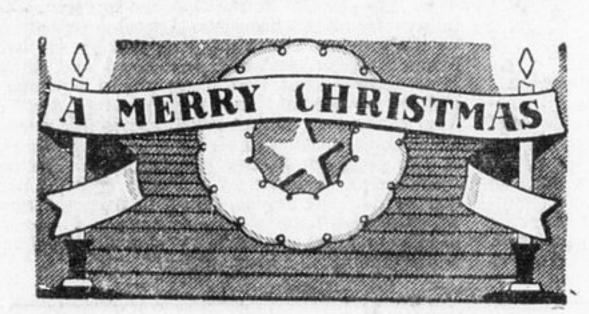


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### CHRISTMAS IN BARRACKS



Above, members of a Scottish regiment tuck into turkey and trimmins. Many a lonely serviceman far from home will be served a special Christmas dinner like this by his officers. Others will be offered the hospitality of both British and Canadian homes over the Christmas season. Any Canadian who wishes to do this should get in touch with the local organization in charge of hospitality

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

O LITTLE TOWN of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light: The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.

For Christ is born of Mary; And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven: No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us to-day. We hear the heavenly angels The great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel:

## **Favourite Hymn** of Christmastide

(From the War Cry) No. 936 in The Salvation Army Song Book.)

Christians at ake, salute the happy Wheron the Saviour of mankind was

Rise to adore the mystery of love, Which hosts of angels chanted from

With them the joyful tidings first began Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

This stirring Christmas hymn was penned by Dr. J. Byrom. The author, the son of a linen-draper, was born in Manchester on February 29, 1691 or 1692. He graduated at Trinity College Cambridge, of which college he was elected a Fellow. After studing medicine for a time at Montpelier, he returned to London, and earned his livelihood by teaching shorthand. He was a personal friend of John and Charles Wesley, who studied his system of stenography. He died on September 28, 1763, and is buried in Manchester

This song was written in 1745 and published in the Manchester Mercury, the following year. The original MS is preserved in the Chetham Library at Manchester. It is entitled, "Christmas Day For Dolly."

Little did John Byrom realize, as he playfully presented to his favourite daughter, Dolly, one Christmas morning, a neatly folded sheet of notepaper the hymn would become famous.

A year or two later, the manuscript coming into the hands of John Wainwright, organist of Manchester Old a Happy New Year to You." Parish Church, he set the words to the tune now so familiar . On the Christmas Eve following, Wainwright took his choristers over to Kersal Cell, the home of Byrcm, and they sang the hymn for the first time as they stood round the old doorway while the author, taken entirely by surprise, listened No matter whether the greeting is

entranced within. The personal appearance of John drawing, or a simple good wish offer-Byrom was remarkable. He was ex- ed in friendship as worked out by Sir tremely tall, carried a stick with a Henry and Horsley, or the glorious crook-top, and were a curious low- echo of the angels' enunciation, send polled, slouched hat, from under the that Christmas card to the boy in the long-peaked front brim of which his service-and to his loved ones keeping benignant face bent forward a cauti- faith at home. ously inquisitive kind of look, as if he were in the habit of prying.

#### Make Your Own Wreaths for This Christmas Time

This year, the home wreath maker can use a bit of ingenuity and concoct perhaps handsomer wreaths than ever. Wire is scarce, so unless last year's wire frame was saved, a substitute will be needed. Some people twist two or more small, tough switches from hazel, maple or dogwood. They use this,

holly or evergreen wreath. A wire coat hanger, bent to circular shape, is good for a wreath, and has the merit of being universally obtain-

bound with moss, as a base for the

The evergreens or holly to be used for making the wreath should be cut into short lengths, longer for a large wreath, shorter for one of smaller diameter, but about six inches the general

The short sections are gathered into little bunches and wired onto the wire foundation. Strong green cord can be used to fasten them on, too, wrapping it over and over around the frame

Small wire is better if obtainable. Another way of making a wreath is to wire each small bunch of the greens onto a tootpick, then stick these into the moss-covered framework. But for this method there must be a framework an inch or two broad instead of a single wire circle.

Holly, spruce, Douglas fir, cedar, and many of the ornamental nursery varieties of evergreens may be used to make the wreath.

## **Greeting Cards** First Used in the Victorian Era

The custom of sending greeting cards is perhaps the youngest member in the family of Christmas traditions, although the ideal was expressed by the Excelsis Deo of the angels.

Until authorities at the British museum recently discovered a drawing depicting four scenes of holiday celebration - early Victorian style dated 1842, J. C. Horsley was accredited with having created the first commercial Christmas card in 1843.

The 1842 creation was an elaborate affair. Drawn by W. M. Edgley, it includes scenes of a dinnerpartyfeaturing the plum pudding, a group of carol singers, a crowd watching a Punch and Judy show, a panel of sikhatted and cane-toting ice skaters, dancers doing a Roger de Coverlythe Victorian Conga-and evidence that the poor must not be forgotten.

It is impossible to say whether or not Mr. Horsley was aware of Edgley's masterpiece, but Horsley had a friend and thereby hangs the tale. Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends, was confronted by the task of sending them a cheery holiday greeting. The quill pens in use a century ago sputtered and were irritating, so Sir Henry spoke to Horsley about the matter. Horsley, a on which was written the verses, that member of the Royal Academy in London, was agreeably impressed and turned out an appropriate design inscribed simply "A Merry Christmas and

> Edgley and Horsley made beginnings. According to research authorities the custom was taken up in America about 30 years later during the 1870s; when Louis Prang, a Boston lithographer, printed a catalogue of

> the elaborate descendant of Edgley's

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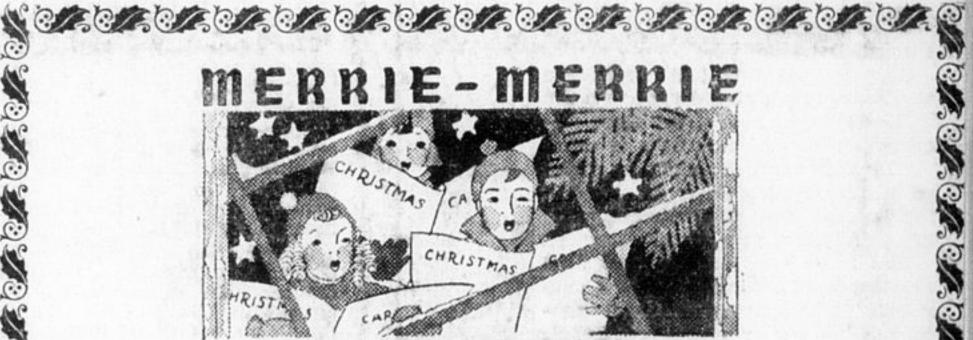


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