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Date Squares

2/3 cup sifted all purpose flour.1/2 teaspoon baking soda3 eggs well beaten1 1/3 tablespoon vinegarSift flour once, measure & add baken

3/4 cup sugar1 cup dates finely cut1 cup nutmeat coarsely cut

Sift flour once, measure & add baking soda & sift together 3 times. Add sugar slowly to eggs and beat until light and thick, add dates & nuts. Add vinegar. Blend well, add flour & stir until smooth. Turn into 2 greased shallow loaf pans 8x8x2 and bake in moderate oven for 25 minutes. Dust with icing sugar.

Chocolate Cake

1 cup sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup sour milk 1 egg yolk 1/2 cup boiling water

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup cocoa (scant)
1/2 cup oil (scant)
1 teaspoon soda
2/3 teaspoon vanilla
Mix together & bake in moderate oven.

Icing for above cake:-

1 cup powdered sugar 1 1/2 tablespoon cocoa 1 teaspoon vanilla

1 tablespoon butter 1/2 tablespoon cream or butter 1 tablespoon coffee

Scotch Broth

¹/₄ lb barley, ¹/₄ lb <u>dried</u> peas, ¹/₂ lb mutton, 2 or 3 leeks, 2 carrots, 1 turnip, 1 spring cabbage.

Soak barley overnight. Soak peas overnight. Place mutton in roomy saucepan & cover with cold water. Throw in tablespoonful salt, bring to boil. Let simmer at boil for 1 hour. During this hour take leeks, carrots, turnips & cabbage, all chopped up and mix together. Soup must boil for another hour. Grate one raw carrot, keep ready on plate. Chop some parsely put into soup. Then carrot mush and gently stir for 15 minutes.

When ready should be firm but not too thick to stir with ease.

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Steamed Date Cake

1 ½ cups flour
 1 ½ cups breadcrumbs
 1 pinch salt
 2 tablespoon oil

3 eggs 2 tbs spoon brown sugar 1 teasp. bicarb 30 – 40 dates soaked overnight cut each into 6 pieces

beat sugar & eggs till stiff. Mix flour, soda, breadcrumbs & dates, add oil to beaten eggs & beat a little more. Put wet ingredients into dry, if too dry use liquid from steeped dates. Put into greased tin cover with greased paper, loose but tied tightly around, put in into pan, boiling pan for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs, the longer cooked the better.

Mrs W Jamieson 15-7-43

Scotch Pancakes

½ teasp. salt
1½ teasp. cream of tartar
1 teasp. Bicarb. of soda
2 eggs
2 table sugar
Melt butter in cup. Dissolve soda in milk. Beat eggs & sugar till stiff. Mix salt & cream of tartar with flour. When eggs are stiff add butter & milk: then add liquid to

flour beating till smooth. Drop in spoonfuls on a greased pan & cook on both sides till pale brown.

22-8-43 Mrs W. Jamieson.

Peanut Meringues

3 whites of egg 1 cup peanut ¹/₂ cup sugar Beat whites very stiff & mix in sugar slowly. (add peanuts) Grease pans & drop gobs. Mrs R. Clay Weihsien, 1/IX/43

Doughnuts

1 cup sugar3eggs4 cups flour well sifted1 cup milk4 teasp. baking powder3 tabsp shortening1 teasp. vanilla1 pinch saltBeat eggs well & add to milk. Beat shortening, sugar & salt together. Sift flour &B.P.& add alternately with egg mixture to fat & sugar. Add vanilla.

Mrs Morris 13-9-43

Seven Minute Icing

1 unbeaten egg white
 7/8 cup granulated sugar
 3 tablesps cold water
 1/2 teasp vanilla
 1/4 teasp baking powder
 Method. Put first 3 ingredients in top of double boiler. Place over boiling water; beat
 7 mins or until thick. Take from fire; add flavouring. Beat until thick & nearly cold add

7 mins or until thick. Take from fire; add flavouring. Beat until thick & nearly cold add baking powder. Continue to beat till thick enough to spread on cake without running. Krish Cameron

Weihsien 26/9/43 (Marie Robinson's)

Mocha Icing.

3 cups confectioners sugar 5 tabs cold strong coffee

3 tabs butter

5 tabs cocoa

1 teas vanilla

<u>Method</u> cream butter, add sugar & cocoa, mixing well. Add coffee slowly beating well. Add flavouring. Beat till smooth & creamy.

> Miss Cameron. Weihsien 26/9/43 (Marie Robinson's)

Basic Cake Mixture

| Large | small |
|--------|--|
| 1/2 | 1/3 cup shortening (4 tabs – $1/4$ cup) (1 cup – $1/2$ pint) |
| 1- 1/4 | 1 cup sugar |
| 3 | 2 eggs |
| 1 1/2 | 1 teasp vanilla |
| 2 1/4 | 2 cups flour |
| 3 | 2 1/2 teasp baking powder |
| 1/4 | 1/4 teasp salt |
| 2/3 | 2/3 cup milk |
| | Miss Cameron |
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Miss Cameron Weihsien. 26/9/43 (Marie Robinson)

Fudge

1 lb sugar little water

1 tabspoon butter 1/2 tin condensed milk

Put all in a pan & melt, must boil for 20 mins stirring all the time, remove it from the fire, add teaspoon vanilla, beat it well, pour into buttered tin, mark into squares, eat when cold.

Weihsien 15/X/43

Weihsien Cake Loaf

6 oz sugar
1 cup chopped dates
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¹/₄ teaspoon cloves
1 teas salt
¹/₂ cup minced orange peel

21/1/44

Salt Waffle

1cup flour1 cup milk1 heaped teas. Baking powder½ melted shorteningpinch salt½Mix ingredients adding b/powder just before placing in waffle iron. Iron must be hot.

5.2.44

2 eggs 6 oz lard ¹/₂ cup chopped walnuts ¹/₄ teaspoon nutmeg 3 teaspoon baking powder 3 cups flour

Pastry

¹/₄ lb butter 10 tabspoon self-raising flour (or 1 teas. b/powder to 1 cup flour) 2 tabsp. Sugar 1 egg Beat egg & sugar. Rub butter into flour & mix together with egg & sugar. Little milk or water if necessary.

5.2.44

Quaker Fritters

¹/₂ lb quaker oats ¹/₄ lb marg ¹/₂ lb sugar teas. almond essence Melt marg in saucepan. Put in sugar. Mix. Put in oats & mix well. Turn mixture into shallow tin spread evenly. Bake 20 mins, turn upside down on greased paper. Mark with knife & cut when cold.

> Betsy Murray 24-3-44

Nut Oatmeal Macaroons

1 egg ¹/₂ cup sugar 2/3 cup rolled oats

Beat egg till very light. Add sugar slowly, beating constantly. Add flavouring oats, salt nuts & melted shortening. Drop from teasp. on greased baking sheet & bake in slow oven until brown – 10 mins. Makes about 18

Martha Washington Filling

¹/₄ cup cold cup ¹/₄ cup rhum. Brandy ¹/₂ candied cherries $\frac{1}{2}$ citron chopped 1 cup whipped cream

1/3 cup chopped walnuts

2 teas. melted shortening

Scald milk. Add sugar & flour to beaten egg yolks. Add to scalded milk & cook over hot water till eggs are done. Remove from heat. Add gelatine which has been dissolved in cold water. Chill. Add liqueur, beat with rotary beater & chill again. Fold in the fruit & cream into the mixture. Pile between layers of sponge cake & top with whipped cream.

11/2 cups milk 1 cup sugar 2 tabs flour 3 egg yolks 2 tabs gelatine

¹/₄ teas. vanilla

¹/₄ teas. salt



2 cups sugar ginger, Baking powder

Blitz Torte

teas. b/powder
 egg whites
 sugar
 cup almonds
 tabsp. Sugar
 teas. cinnamon

½ cup shortening
½ cup sugar
1/8 teasp salt
4 egg yolks
1 teasp. vanilla
3 tabsp. Milk
1 cup flour

Cream shortening. Beat in sugar & salt then egg yolks, vanilla, milk & flour (sifted with b/powder). Spread mixture in 2 round greased cake pans. Beat egg whites until light add ³/₄ cup sugar gradually & spread on the uncooked mixture. Sprinkle with almonds, sugar & cinnamon & bake in moderate oven about 30 mins - 350°f. Allow to cool & stick together with filling

1/3 cup sugar¼ teas. salt2 tabs butter1 teas. vanilla

Cream butter & sugar, cornstarch, salt & egg yolks. Beat well. Add butter & enough milk to make smooth paste. Add paste to remaining hot milk & cook over boiling water, stirring constantly till mixture thickens. Cool & add vanilla. If desired ½ cup chopped nuts may be added.

24-3-44

Ice Cream

Scald 1 quart of milk with 1 cup of sugar and a pinch of salt, pour on to 6 well beaten eggs; pour into wet saucepan, and stir till it thickens; when cold, flavour well and freeze.

Chocolate Ice Cream

Melt 2 tabs grated chocolate in quarter cup boiling water, mix well with vanilla ice cream and freeze and serve.

4 cups flour 1 cup oil

Blitz Torte Cream Filling 3 tabs cornstarch

2 egg whites 2 cups scalded milk

Vanilla Mousse

2 cups thick cream2 egg (whites)½ cup sugar1 teas. vanillaBeat egg whites till stiff with a pinch of salt. Fold in the cream & add sugar. Pour intofreezing tray. Freeze without stirring. Serve with fresh fruit.

Lemon or Orange or Pineapple Ice

Mix 4 cups syrup stock add 2 cups. 2 cups orange juice, the juice of 3 lemons, the slightly grated rind of 1 lemon. Freeze & serve. Pineapple: pare & grate 2 pineapples, add juice of 2 lemons.

Tomato Cocktail

Scoop centers of 26 ripe tomatoes. Turn the tomatoes upside down to drain. Remove seeds, from pulp, chop up. Add to it ½ cup small diced celery, dried apple & dried cucumber. Add 1 tab of Worcestershire Sauce.

Egg Flip

Whisk 1 egg. Place in tumbler. Add good $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of milk, with few drops vanilla & 1 level teaspoon sugar. 1 teaspoon brandy. Mix well through.

Xmas Cake

¹/₄ lb ground almonds
1 teasp. ground ginger
teasp. cinnamon
1 tablesp. treacle
¹/₄ oz baking powder
8 eggs
2 oz rice flour
salt

½ lb butter
½ lb flour
½ lb mixed peel
½ lb sultanas
¼ lb glacé cherries
6 ox currants
6 oz raisins
½ lb castor sugar

Mix well, bake 2 hrs in moderate oven.

2 lbs raisins 2 lbs currants 2 lbs sultanas 2 lbs brown sugar 1 lb flour ³/₄ lb lemon peel ¹/₂ lb ground almond 2 lemons 1 teasp allspice 1 teasp salt

Pudding

1 gill rum 2 gill milk ³/₄ lb orange peel ¹/₂ lb citron peel 2 lbs suet 1 lb breadcrumbs 1 lb grated carrots 12 eggs 4 saltspoons nutmeg 1 gill brandy

Mix dry ingredients well together. Make well in center, gently pour in well beaten eggs, milk, rum brandy mixing all the while.

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1 tablespoon shortening

4 tablespoon sweetening

2 teaspoons baking powder

Weihsien Biscuits à la Jean Milne

1 cup oats

Ordinary Camp pastry

1 cup flour 1 teaspoon soda or baking powder.

Mix as ordinary.

August 1944

Scone Mixture

1 heaping tablespoon salt 1 lb shortening

4 lbs flour 1 lb sugar 4 teaspoons raising agent.

Mix well with water. Handle as little as possible.

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1 cup flour ¹/₄ moistening, water or milk

Knead, roll out and cut out to shape required.

¹/₄ cup flour

1 cup grated cheese 2 teasp. flour 1 cup milk 1 flat teasp. made mustard salt, pepper 1 egg, if available 1 tablesp oil Heat oil, blend flour with oil, add milk, giving good stir & heat up salt, pepper, mustard, last of all cheese.

4-X1-44

Rock Cookies

1 cup oats 3 teasp sugar

Mrs McDonall

Tang Hsi Cookies

1/2 cup tang hsi or molasses 1 tablespoon sugar 1 egg

1 teaspoon baking powder Put hsi, oil, sugar & egg into bowl and beat well, then add flour until thick consistency, then drop into well oiled tin. These will spread out into flat disks.

10-X11-44 Mrs Wulfsoln

Camp Puff Pastry

8 oz shortening

Hilda Travis Smith

1 cup dates Mix together & bake in moderate oven.

Cheese Spread

2 cups flour ¹/₂ cup oil

1¹/₂ cup flour

¹/₂ cup oil

little salt

4 lbs flour and 1 lb butter or margarine and water.

3 oz butter(3 tablesp oil) 2 tablesp. syrup vanilla

Melt butter. Add sugar, sugar, syrup, milk, water vanilla.

Boil about 20 mins or till crisp when tried in water. Pour into greased tins & when nearly cold mark into squares.

19-X11-44 Marie Robinson

Eggless Fruit Cake

1 cup sugar 4 tablespoon fat (level) $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful cloves 1 teaspoonful soda 2 teaspoonful Baking Powder

Beat sugar & shortening, add milk with soda already in it, then spices, then flour, fruit & Baking Powder. Cook one hour in moderate oven.

2 cups flour ¹/₂ cup sugar 1 egg, or 1 tablesp. egg powder & 3 tablesp water

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3 cups ground maize 5 teasp. baking powder

Tang Hsi Toffee

1 cup sugar

1 cup tang hsi

Boil tang hsi with sugar, add oil when boiling. Test by dropping into cup cold water. 22-X11-44

1 cup sour milk $2\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour 2 teaspoonful cinnamon ¹/₂ teaspoonful nutmeg 1 teaspoonful salt 2 or more cups of fruit & nuts

2 teacup sugar

1 teacup water

1 tin condensed milk

2 tablesp. oil

Tang Tsi Oatmeal Crispies

3 measure oil

3 measure tangshi 6 measure oatmeal

Warm tangshi till soft, add oil then oatmeal. Do not boil. Take off fire and drop into well greased pan and put into oven. When mixture has bubbled for a few seconds, take off, cool and finally mark into squares.

From Marjorie Thomas

Ordinary Weihsien Cake

2 scant cups flour ¹/₂ cup sugar

2 teasp. baking powder (optional) 1/2 teasp. bicarb 1/2 ingredients i.e. chopped fruit chopped nuts chopped apricots

1 egg yolk ¹/₂ cup milk 1 cup boiling water

Cream Puff Pastry

¹/₂ cup oil 1 cup flour cup water
 eggs well beaten

Boil together with water, whilst boiling, mix in rapidly flour. When slightly cool mix in 3 eggs well eaten, then drop tablespoonsful onto well greased pan and bake until golden. Slice open and put in either cream or custard filling.

Mrs Zimmerman 15/1/45