

BATTLEFRONT PRIVATES

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OPENING CREDITS & CAFÉ

Pan to an army base, soldiers are marching, we see a sergeant leading them. Then we see an exterior of a house. Skip Brown is reading a newspaper having breakfast. He receives a phone call from Buddy Smith about having lunch together. At the café, the two men are eating a fine meal reading the newspaper and looking at the scenery. Skip looks up and sees his brother, the sergeant leading the company as they make their way through the town to the base. The villain Walter Davenport is also having lunch. He is annoyed by their behavior. Suddenly a postman delivers a telegram to each of the two men saying that they have both been drafted. A close up of the letter. Davenport overhears them chatting about having been drafted and slips something into their drinks to test to see if he can control them. Buddy starts doing the things he orders first. Davenport then learns where they will be stationed and starts to make his plans to take over the base.

RECRUITING STATION

The two men report to the recruiting station and try to be disqualified but Skip's brother is the sergeant so they try to show off in the weight room trying to impress him. A daffy general is

watching them from a distance and is impressed by their performance. He insists that they go to his base but the sergeant strongly disagrees and doesn't want them there. But the sergeant changes his mind after he sees them faking in the weight room. The two men are shocked when they find out that they meet all the requirements and are shipped off to the base.

SECRET LABORATORY

Cut to Walter Davenport. He is inside a secret laboratory experimenting on subjects.

BARRACKS

After arriving at the base the two men meet their new roommates, both are also screw balls but are great at playing card games and such.

FIRING RANGE & MARCHING

The two men are performing badly now that they are in the army, which is normal for them. Pan from person to person to reveal Skip holding his gun backwards and shoots the hat off the sergeants head. The sergeant yells at them and puts them on kitchen duty scrubbing the floors with a tooth brush. The next day they hear that the president will be visiting the base in the next few days. They then report for formation the following day but are playing marbles. The company then sets out on a day long march, the sergeant

yells again and orders them to just march. They march straight as the rest of the company turns right, the sergeant looks at the two but continues on with the rest of the company.

SECRET LAB & TORTURE

The two men are lost in the woods and decide to rest. They discover a secret entrance to a lab. They look inside and discover a strange formula and mind control device. They are then trapped by Davenport. He tells them his plan and then tortures the two men.

ESCAPE & MARCHING

Later they manage to escape and then continue to march. At some point there is a battle, where the two men survive because they are clumsy. They march through a river and over a mountain, then into a field back onto the road just as they pass the base sign the rest of the company turn around the corner to join them as they all return to the base. The general is impressed by the two men's achievements as he didn't see them leave or rejoin the company during the march.

WARNING & GUARD DUTY

The two men try to tell the sergeant about what they have discovered in the woods and about Davenports plans to take over the base but the sergeant won't listen to them. So he puts the two on guard duty as punishment for the marching incident. They stand at

the gate fighting off sleep all night when finally they do fall a sleep just moment before Davenport sneaks into the base through the gate they are guarding.

PRESIDENT VISITS

The following day the president comes to the base. Davenport sneaks into his office and uses the mind control devise on him. Later the two men are talking with their roommates about what they had found out. The roommates encourage the two to tell the general are better yet tell the president. While in their meeting with the general, the sergeant comes in to tell them that the president has ordered a meeting tonight where he will reveal his plans for the base. He mentions something about New Chapland. During the meeting the two men rush up to the president and accidentally bump him into water which releases the mind control on him.

KITCHEN DUTY & PIE BATTLE

The sergeant is furious and tells them they are to go to the kitchen for clean up duty. The general can't believe that he was wrong about the two men. As the two enter the kitchen they see Davenport putting a few drops of the formula into the cream pies. They surprise him by pulling out their guns, but he knocks one of the guns to the floor, picks it up and pulls the trigger, to his dismay it is empty. As a result the two men then throw pies at the villain. A battle starts inside as well as outside as the brain-

washed army tries to take over. Inter cut between the two. The two roommates are heroes outside as they get water on the victims. Inside the two continue throwing pies and shoot marshmallows at the villain. Finally Davenport throws a pie and hits the sergeant as he rushes into the kitchen. Then the two launch a giant pie onto the villain ending the pie battle.

AWARDS & DISCHARGE

The general awards the two men and their roommates medals then the sergeant has them return to kitchen duty scrubbing the floor. The camera slowly zooms out to reveal the villain is also scrubbing then Skip says "another fine mess we've gotten ourselves into Buddy". Davenport is dressed in the classic black and white striped prison outfit. After he is shipped off to prison the sergeant say good job to the two men. Then the general gives them their discharge papers. As they leave the base they notice a help wanted sign in town. Skip says "Buddy, I think we may have found ourselves a job."

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FADE TO CREDITS

Alternate titles

The Buckshot Privates

The wayward (Mis) Adventures of the Battlefront Privates