The Sam & Jesse Radio Show

Week 29, Episode 2: You Can’t Get Out of the French Foreign Legion

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| 00:00 | Jesse | You can’t get out of the French Foreign Legion. |
| 00:03 |  | [music] |
| 00:11 | Narrator | [over music] It’s time now for another day in the life of Sam and Jesse. Gum Springs, Arkansas. |
| 00:30 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 00:38 | Leon | [music overlap] Sam, di-did you see that birthday show they had on the television for old Bob Hope? |
| 00:42 | Sam | Yeah, I-I seen the last part of it. Why? |
| 00:44 | Leon | W-well, I didn’t know that he entertained all them soldier boys at Christmas time all them years. |
| 00:49 | Sam | Oh yeah. W- that’s what he’s famous for. |
| 00:52 | Leon | Well, I bet he sure cheered you up, didn’t he? Y-you know, w-when you was in the war. |
| 00:56 | Sam | No, no, Leon, I never seen him. |
| 00:58 | Leon | What you mean you never seen him? You was in the war wasn’t you? |
| 01:01 | Sam | Yeah, but I was in the wrong country. I-I was in Germany during the Korean war. |
| 01:06 | Leon | Well, is that close to Korea? |
| 01:07 | Sam | I don’t think so. I-I was at a post that didn’t get too much big-time entertainment. |
| 01:12 | Leon | Well, that just don’t seem fair. Y-You mean Bob Holtz only went to big camps? |
| 01:16 | Sam | No, no, I don’t think so, but I-I was in a special outfit. Now, there wasn’t but about forty of us stationed at our place. |
| 01:23 | Leon | Just forty? W-well, well what was your job? [Normie?] Was you in the Secret Service? |
| 01:29 | Sam | No, no, but my job was real important, though. I was in a mess kit repair outfit. |
| 01:34 | Leon | Well, boy, that-that does sound important, but-but ya’ didn’t get no entertainment, huh? |
| 01:38 | Sam | Oh, well, now, we got some. Now, USO’s got something for everybody. At Christmas in 1952, there was a little S- USO troop that come out there to our-our base, and, and they had an accordion player, a old guy, and he played “Lady of Spain” while his wife tap danced and they had, they had this magician that juggled cigar boxes. [overlap] |
| 01:58 | Leon | [overlap] Oh, now, that sounds good. [overlap] |
| 01:59 | Sam | [overlap] And he kept droppin’ them, but the Christmas, uh, the endin’ show, now, that’s what was good. They, they had this stuffed deer with its nose painted red, and, and they rolled it out there with an American flag tied ‘tween its horns, and, and the accordion player played “Silent Night” while his wife [sic] throwed fake snow. |
| 02:15 | Leon | Boy, that sounds excellent. |
| 02:17 | Sam | Yeah, they said it was. I-I didn’t get to see it myself. I was on KP. |
| 02:21 |  | [music] |
| 02:29 |  | [music fades out, then repeats] |
| 02:38 | Jesse | [music overlap] [door slams] Sam, have you got that drinkin’ machine filled up yet? |
| 02:41 | Sam | Not-not yet, Jesse. Now, I’ve been tellin’ Leon here- [overlap] |
| 02:43 | Leon | [overlap] [sic] He-he been tellin’ me about the Christmas show when he was in Germany. |
| 02:47 | Sam | I-I didn’t really see it, you know. I-I was on the- |
| 02:49 | Jesse | Christmas show?! We ain’t got a cold drink in the box, and you’re talkin’ about Christmas. [overlap] |
| 02:53 | Sam | [overlap] Okay, okay, now, J- I’m goin’, Jesse. I’m goin’ to do it. [overlap] |
| 02:55 | Jesse | [overlap] Leon, Leon, what Christmas show now was that? |
| 02:58 | Leon | Uh, one wh-when Sam was in the Army. Uh, I-I wish I could have been in the Army. I-I ain’t got no good stories like Sam has. Uh, I-I sure would liked to have been in the French Foreign Legion. Bet I’d have some good stories then. |
| 03:11 | Jesse | Leon, there ain’t no such thing as havin’ been in the French Foreign Legion. Y-you can’t never get out of it. |
| 03:17 | Leon | What do you mean? |
| 03:18 | Jesse | Why, it’s one of their regulations. You-you got to be at least five feet five inches tall to get in, and you’ve got to be six feet six inches tall to get out. [music overlap] |
| 03:26 |  | [music] |