

## Cheddar Pennies

Makes 20

4 Tbsp Butter

Pinch of Salt

1 cup Cheddar Cheese, grated

Pinch of Cayenne Pepper

1 cup Flour

With an electric mixer, cream butter until soft. With wooden spoon, stir in cheese, flour, salt, and cayenne. Gather to form a dough. Transfer to slightly floured surface, shape into cylinder about 1¼-inch in diameter. Wrap in wax paper and chill 2 hours. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease baking sheets. Cut dough into ¼-inch thick slices and place on sheet. Bake 15 minutes until golden. Cool on wire rack.

*When my Uncle John and Aunt Kate lived in their ground floor apartment in Manhattan's lower Fifth Avenue section, every summer when my mother (his little sister, Vira) had her vacation, she would take me and my brother, Jim, on a Greyhound bus from Salem, Mass. to New York City to visit our grandparents and uncles. We would always spend a couple of days with the Harmans and were shown the sights of the city.*

*It was through a scrapbook that my mom kept, that I learned of Uncle John's outstanding, heroic army career. Though an Annapolis man, he found himself fighting through World War I as a platoon leader of the famous First Division. And fight, he did. Among his numerous decorations – the coveted DSC (Distinguished Service Cross) which was won "for being a plain darn fool." That's John's version, at least. His citation explains it differently: "... for leading repeated charges against hidden gun emplacements at Soissons ... refusing relief though wounded by machine gun fire." My brother, Jim, inherited his many medals and proudly has them displayed along with John's revolver, in his home north of San Francisco.*

*We were elated when they (Uncle John and Aunt Kate) made the move to New Hampshire and we could take my mother up for day visits. I will always remember their kindness and generousities as they made a big impact on my life. In honor of my uncle, my son's middle name is Harman and also his son's.*

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On our store's bulletin board, there is a faded copy of a certificate honoring the memory of John Harman:

*"This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States."*

Signed by Jimmy Carter, President of the United States