Cherry Oatmeal Cookies

3 c. sifted plain flour 2 eggs, beaten

1 tsp soda 1 T maraschino cherry juice

1/2 tsp salt 1/2 c. chopped maraschino cherries

2 c. quick cooking rolled oats 1 tsp vanilla

1 c. butter, softened 1 c. chopped walnuts

1-1/2 c. sugar 36-42 cherries, cut in half

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift flour, soda and salt together. Combine with rolled oats and set aside. Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, cherry juice and vanilla; beat well. Stir in dry ingredients, cherries and nuts. Shape into balls using 1 rounded teaspoon for each. Place ½ cut cherry on top. Place on parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove to cooling rack. Makes 6-7 dozen cookies.

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