

The Sad Sock * * VOYAGE THROUGH QM LAUNDRY * * By Pfc. Dannheiser



Why Your Own Clothes Come Back



MRS. VIRGINIA QUINN shown operating machine which stamps laundry number on items of clothing. Looks like an adding machine, but isn't. — Signal Corps Photo.

Cut Clothing Loss; Turn in All Slips

Lt. Kearns Installs Lost Items System

Despite any "beefs" to the contrary, loss of clothing at the Post laundry is infinitesimally small and could be eliminated almost entirely if EM would bring their laundry slips to the Post laundry office within 48 hours of discovering a loss.

New System

Lt. Kearns, Post Laundry Officer, has instituted a system of reclaiming "lost" items which, as far as is known, does not exist on any other post. Here's how it works:

Into a series of compartments, numbered 1 to 250, are put any unidentified pieces of laundry. The compartment numbers correspond to laundry lot numbers. When the EM brings in his slip, it is checked to see in what lot his laundry had been handled. If he's short a pair of candy-striped shorts and his lot number was 17, an investigation of compartment 17 usually will reveal—a pair of candy-striped shorts.

(But the EM must call at the laundry within 48 hours, or no later than four or five days after discovering the loss as the compartments are cleared every week and the same lot numbers used again the next week.)

The best shaving brushes are made of badger hair.

Janitress?



MRS. SYBLE KOONZE, janitress, polishes piece of laundry machinery.—Signal Corps Photo.

Post Laundry Gals Catch Poison Oak From Dirty Fatigues

It is not necessary to go out on bivouac to get poison oak; they get it over at Post Laundry just from handling clothing that has been worn into the field. So don't gripe too much about your poison oak, soldier. Some little gal at the laundry maybe got it, too, just from touching your nasty old fatigues.

Pauline Sanders wraps bundle of finished laundry, ready to put in bins for pickup — Signal Corps Photo.



TALE OF CLEAN ENTERPRISE

Bag to Bundle Laundry Service Takes 24 Hours

A soldier's wash takes 24 hours from barracks bag to bundle, not including delivery, pick-up and waiting time.

First step in the process is "checking in," recording the organization, date and time. Next it is assigned to a bin and given a "lot" number. A limited number of bags are assigned to a "lot" for speedy and efficient handling. The items are then marked with each man's laundry number. Before going to the washing department the items are sorted for the type wash required, whites, fatigues, khaki, wools, etc. After washing, those articles requiring it are pressed, the others "tumbled," that is, dried through motion and blowing. Following this comes the folding and sorting, and last, the wrapping into bundles.

Washerwoman Woes:

Don'ts for Laundry

Camp Adair's "washerwoman," the Post Laundry, has a big job on her hands and EM, and officers, can help a lot in turning in their laundry correctly.

Be sure name and laundry number are entered on the slip. As many as 300 bundles with no name or number have accumulated at one time.

Don't double up—that is, don't put your laundry in the same bag

with another man's; you won't get it back, chances are.

Don't leave razor blades in your laundry bag—such carelessness resulted in many badly cut hands at the laundry.

Don't send blankets, comforts, pillow cases, sheets or mattress covers—your organization will care for their laundering.

Be sure all pockets of clothing are empty before sending.

'Tain't Through Channels, Billy

Texarkana, Ark. (CNS)—Telegraph messenger Billy Sellman wanted to buy a pair of shoes but a crowd at Watson's shoe store made it impossible. He returned to the telegraph office, filled out a telegram and dashed back to the store. "Telegram for Mr. Watson," he shouted. The crowd parted, let him pass. Inside he handed the telegram to the manager. It read: "Please, sire. I would like to buy a pair of shoes. (Signed) Billy Sellman."

Bundling!



Send Neckties To Laundry?—Officer Doesn't

Don't send your GI neckties to the laundry. Do 'em yourself—Lt. B. O. Kearns, Post Laundry Officer, does! Why not you?

Especially since ties with lining don't launder and press well. Here's Lt. Kearns' recipe for the whole tie deal:

Dip the tie in lukewarm water and GI soap suds. Place it flat upon some surface (perhaps the slanting side of the latrine wash tub) and brush it gently with a GI brush. Remove suds and rinse water by folding tie accordion fashion (lengthwise) and press between the palms of hands. Then stretch it full length, smooth out to original shape and dry. (Garnish with your mess sgt's' favorite salad oil and (oh, oh! How the devil did this get in there?—Ed. note.)

Mrs. R. S. Dillard operates machine which shapes pants legs and pockets in preparation for pressing. — Signal Corps Photo.

they jumped out the young lady sorter was nearly scared out of her —ahem, wits.

Speaking of young ladies, about 85 per cent of the girls who work at the laundry are wives of soldiers (95 per cent of the PX girls, you may remember, are soldiers' wives). When a Division pulls out it means almost half the girls leave to follow their hubbies.

Discount? Yeah, Man!

For the \$1.50 a month he pays the EM gets laundry service that would cost at least \$3 in civilian life and in many cases much more. The average bundle he sends in contains 17 pieces of which four are handkerchiefs.

March was the biggest month for volume, when nigh onto umpsteen thousand bundles were handled. Can't tell you just how many, but it took tons of soap and soda and starch. Brother, that's a lot of wash!

Besides the girls and some male civilian employees, EM of IV Corps also work in the laundry for the experience which will benefit them later in operating mobile laundry units. Mobile laundries are the opposite of a good crap shooter—they take the cleaners to you! On wheels.

Shaping Things

