

COLONEL HEADS BIGGEST REPAIR TASK IN WORLD

Washington (U.P.)—The operator of the biggest repair business in the world reached over his desk and gave a hearty handshake—exposing a long unended rip in his officer's blouse.

Although he's chief U. S. Army repairman, Lt. Col. J. M. Kenderdine did not have time to sit down at a quartermaster sewing machine and mend his shirt. He was too busy keeping his customers—7,700,000 GI's and officers—satisfied.

Watches Army Discards

Biggest problem Kenderdine has confronted so far is keeping the Army from throwing away usable stuff—like good GI shoes with a small hole inside of the upper. Recently, he rescued 50,000 pairs from the salvage heap. At 17 cents a pair, the cost of packing and shipping, they'll be shipped to Greece by the U. S. government.

The shipment of discarded GI shoes to Greece, negotiated through the Embassy in Washington, is only the beginning of the program to send clothing to the liberated countries of Europe. In the next few months, 300,000 pairs of shoes that do not meet any Army requirements will be sent to Europe.

To date, the Army has rebuilt 3,000,000 pairs of shoes, saving 70 cents on every pair and much critical leather. These "rebuilt" are issued first to new soldiers—the uppers already have been broken in and make marching easier for the recruit.

Underwear to Stoves

The biggest repair business in the world handles everything from cotton underwear to gas stoves. Kenderdine showed me a rusty field stove that the Army had saved from the scrap pile and would cost only \$5 to repair. He said the quartermaster corps had mobile units overseas that go up to the front with repair equipment. And in this country 450 regional repair shops are busy keeping GI Joe and his equipment in trim.

Before the soldier goes overseas, he weeds out all his gear, that isn't "combat serviceable" and turns it in at a regional repair shop. Torn shirts, broken cartridge belts, all are put back in shape again, packed and shipped to depot stock. Every piece of repaired Army equipment that goes back into stock will be used by the Army again.

Kenderdine said the Army almost was caught short in February, 1943, when they received a single order from North Africa for 1,000,000 shirts. It looked as if there wouldn't be enough shirts for both soldiers and civilians, and the War Production Board was getting ready to ration clothing. The Quartermaster Corps launched a clothing repair plan and averted rationing by saving millions of items of clothing that industry would have to produce for the Army.

Millions of Items Restored
The figures are staggering: 32,000,000 items of clothing, 14,000,000 pairs of shoes and 12,500,000 items of equipment and general supplies were returned to Army issue by the 450 regional repair shops during 1943.

About 90 per cent of the clothing and equipment turned in can be repaired for reissue. Reissued clothing isn't expected to stand up as well under rough treatment. Class "CS" (combat serviceable) guarantees 75 per cent wear, class B is issued only to troops in this country and class X is given gratis to GI's in addition to their authorized issue as work clothing.

Christmas Supply Of Trees Will Be Abundant Says OWI

Washington, Nov. 27.—(U.P.)—You can quit worrying now about the supply of Christmas trees this year. The Office of War Information says there probably will be enough for everybody.

It warned prospective buyers, however, not to "penalize themselves by over-zealous bidding against one another in order to snap up the first trees available." Last year, OWI recalled, this tendency to grab early trees, when initial deliveries to retailers were low, led to high prices and finally a glutted market.

The country normally uses between 10,000,000 and 15,000,000 trees each Christmas, OWI said.

WARNS AGAINST BIGAMY

London—(U.P.)—If anyone gets stuck for bigamy again in England, it won't be because he



TANK KNIGHTS IN ARMOR—Combat engineers were "sitting ducks" for Nazis when seated atop their bulldozers clearing the way for advance. With their newly issued bullet-proof body armor they will have more chance of an even break in the future.

couldn't read the warning on the marriage application form provided by the general registrar's office. From now on the application forms in all Eng-

land's marriage bureaus will contain a specific warning against the crime of bigamy, with high points printed in capital letters. The action taken to

slow down the increasing number of bigamous matches is a result of recent lively discussion of the problem in the house of

lords.

PHONE COMPANIES JOINING IN STUDY OF RURAL SERVICE

A joint committee of representatives of Bell and independent operating telephone companies throughout the United States has been formed to advance the nationwide postwar programs which the various telephone companies have been working on individually to extend and improve farm telephone service, it was revealed Wednesday through Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company channels.

Rural telephone service is more highly developed in this country under the American system of private enterprise than in any other country in the world. However, it is by no means as highly developed as men in the industry want to see it.

As soon as war demands are reduced, the committee proposes to resume and expand research effort and, along with it, the in-

tensive program for extending farm service which was being carried on before the outbreak of hostilities.

A major objective is to extend service at reasonable cost to families not now reached by existing lines. Work was started by the industry in 1938 to develop a practical system of transmitting telephone conversations over electric power lines. From 1940 on, experiments with this system for telephone service over rural power lines were carried forward in a co-operative effort of Bell Telephone laboratories and the rural electrification administration. Before work was interrupted by the war it was clear that a suitable system could be produced.

One practical effect of these developments is to make it physically possible to furnish telephone service wherever there are rural power lines and no telephone lines. The telephone companies plan, in co-operation with REA co-operatives and with power companies serving rural territory, to determine the full extent to which rural carrier telephone service can be used economically and effectively.

Telephone companies also are studying the possible application of microwave radio systems to rural telephone service.

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