

Rebuilt Army Shoes For Soldier-Training

ATLANTA, Ga. — A saving expected to run into the millions of dollars annually will be effected by the use of rebuilt Army shoes for the issue of rebuilt Army shoes to all soldiers training at posts and camps in the southeastern states, according to Col. Matthew H. Jones, Chief of the Quartermaster Branch Fourth Service Command.

At the Buford Shoe Reconstruction Factory, Buford, Ga., worn Army service shoes are completely rebuilt. It is explained, shipped by the thousands of pairs from Army installations, they go through numerous processes of reconstruction. They are sterilized, resoled, redyed and completely reconstructed from the soles to the shoestrings. When completed they are returned to depot Quartermaster stocks for issue at the reception centers or as replacements at the posts and camps where training is in progress. They differ little from new shoes, except for the cost, officer state.

In illustrating the amount saved the big difference in cost is given. A pair of new Army service shoes costs \$4.18, while the cost of rebuilding a pair of worn shoes at the Buford plant averages \$2.41 or a saving of \$1.77 per pair. Each soldier entering the Army is issued two pairs of service shoes, meaning \$4.36 worth of rebuilt shoes against a cost of \$8.36 for new shoes. It is estimated that each soldier in training will require two additional pairs of shoes as replacements during the period of a year, or a cost of \$9.54 for a soldier's footwear every 12 months in continental United States, using rebuilt shoes, as compared with \$16.72 for new shoes.

As an example of how the saving runs into big figures, the equipping of a camp of 50,000 men for a year is cited. Granting that each soldier would be issued four pairs of rebuilt shoes in a year, the saving per man would be \$5.68 or \$254,000 for the entire camp. Multiply that by the number of 50,000-men camps in the southeast — which total Hitler would like to know — and the figure hits the decidedly higher track etc.

The utilization of the rebuilt shoes, the attendant monetary savings, the conservation of one of the currently most critical items, leather, and the issue of "brand new" shoes to troops who are ordered overseas, officers declare. The issue of new shoes is made as the soldiers leave training camp for their staging area, or just before they board Army transports headed for some foreign country.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Colling prices for 13 fresh vegetables at "country shipping points" are being announced by the Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



State College Hints To Farm Women

By Ruth Current, N. C. State Col.

Accidents don't just happen. They are caused by carelessness or neglect. This is no time to stay away from your job because of a broken arm, a burn, or a wrenched back. Watch for accidents on the farm and in and around the farm home.

Pick up boards with nails. Don't leave the pitch fork on the barn floor. Pick up broken glass. Pick up a loose nail wire. Mend broken steps because loose boards are dangerous.

Provide plenty of shelving for the canned fruits and vegetables. Food is valuable and it should not be allowed to freeze or spoil.

Reduce trips from living room to kitchen. Save steps and energy by using a light tray in setting and clearing the table.

Reduce your weekly laundry bill by using place mats instead of table cloths. Use paper napkins instead of linen or cotton ones. Cut down that extra hard work for the duration.

Cook potatoes in their jackets. When you peel them, make the

peeling thin. Prized minerals lie close beneath the surface.

Peel Potatoes just before you cook them. If they are left to soak, valuable minerals and vitamins are lost.

Sweet potatoes should be stored in a dry place where they will not chill. Baked "sweats" are mighty good. Serve them often with the skins on.

FIGHT FOR UNITED NATIONS

Five hundred colored American soldiers helped fighting in the armies of the United Nations, according to General Benitez Valdes, special Cuban delegate to Mexico. The president of the Mexican Congress reported 10,000 Mexicans are fighting in the U. S.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS HELP ENGLISH HARVEST

Colored American soldiers helped with the corn harvest on the Duke of Buccleuch's estate in Northants, England. The farm foreman summed them up as "rattling good chaps" and liked their singing of the old tunes of the South while they worked.

WITH THE BOYS IN SERVICE

I haven't had much to write you the past two months and now that I've finally been given a brief respite it is a good time to let you hear from one of the boys from good old Kings Mountain. I have been on maneuvers here in Louisiana and life has been pretty rugged. We have built bridges and roads until I hope I never see either one again sometimes. We have been keeping troops and all kinds of equipment moving just like it was a real battle. Keeping supply lines open down here has made a lot of us think a lot about our job. Our brother-in-arms across the pond have had for the past few years. I would like to say that speaking for my buddies and the other combat troops like ourselves that we may be called the WPA of the Army but a battle would never be won without our planes. Couldn't fly if they didn't have airfields. Tanks and mechanized equipment couldn't move if they didn't have good roads and bridges to go over and we feel the same way when we feel that we are doing our bit to help to win the war and bring peace back to the world again. I know that some of my old friends and buddies that are already over can vouch for what I'm saying and that every word I say is true. If we can work and fight to free the world and gladly die so our loved ones can have a decent place to live. The least that the boys back home can do is to buy some bonds and stamps so we will have something to fight with and not have to say that we lost a battle because the people on the home front let us down. The boys in the Service also are reading about the big drive that has been started for the War Relief Fund. We in these Armed Forces back here at our Uncle Sam's ever started and we will not stop now. Many of us have wives and babies back home that are waiting and praying that we get home soon and by the grace of God and every one praying we will all be back some day. Some of us will never be back. I know but those that don't will not have died in vain if the leave us a better world in which to live. So lets all pray and buy bonds and help in any way we can to keep our beloved country and speed the day when we will all come home and all of our Christmas will be white again and not red like this one that is coming. Some of us will get home but most of us won't but you can be sure that our hearts will be there even if we are thousands of miles away. Mr. Lynch, I can't write all the boys I know that have left Kings Mountain and I'd like this opportunity to say, even though it is a little early that I and all the boys from the 15th Engrs. want all the boys from the Post Little Town in the State, that are in the Armed Forces here in the States and overseas. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we all hope they are where they want to be when another new Christmas rolls around. I'd better close for now so when a letter or anyone comes around with a little envelope with Christmas seals for sale don't stop at one package, buy until it hurts.

Yours,

Cpl. Charles F. Gladden, Co. B, 150th C. Sigs. Bn., APO 604A, Co. P. M., U. S. A. Shreveport, La.

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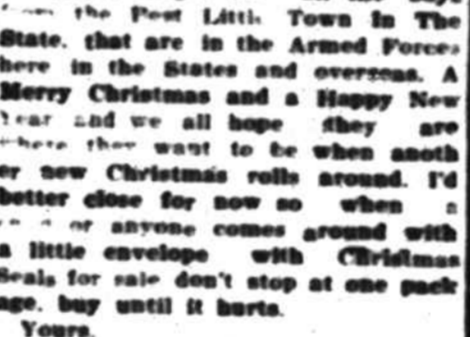
The U. S. department of commerce reports that molded plasticized polyvinyl chloride is claimed by the Nazis to be "much superior to any vegetable tanned leather."

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Water Camel

Thirst is one enemy of armies and navies that may be frustrated by a generous supply of water. Typhus, another dreaded plague is another enemy that must be subdued in Africa, in the jungle islands of the Pacific.

So the "Water Camel," more often called the "water camel," or just "camel," is used. The "Water Camel" is a khaki colored canvas bag having a capacity of about 20 gallons. It will require many War Bonds to provide enough "camels" for our fighting forces at home and abroad. Yours too! "Back the attack with War Bonds." U. S. Treasury Department



OAK VIEW NEWS

By Mrs. E. O. Gore

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore, was born with a weight of 7 1/2 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Bryan Elwood of Statesville, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunsinger and Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Hunsinger and family visited Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore Sunday.

J. D. Stewart of the U. S. Navy is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Stewart, of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Bryan Elwood of Statesville, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore Sunday.

Miss Virginia Wells and Mr. Carl Gore spent Sunday with Miss Doris Nell Childers.

Miss Lela Mae Speelman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Gore and family.

Mr. Bill Caldwell spent Sunday with Mr. Glenn Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunsinger and family of Gastonia, Mrs. Annie Lockridge and daughter, Jewel, of Kings Mountain, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wells Sunday afternoon.

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