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Americans used to have the reputation of being a wasteful people. Commanding a plenitude of all goods and commodities, we were inclined to be extravagant and spendthrift. But now the bitter necessity of war has changed our attitude. The scarcer things become, the more we learn to appreciate their value.

A comprehensive and meticulous saving and salvage program has been worked out by the Army and is functioning on all Army posts, inside and outside the country. At Camp Crowder, all conceivable measures are being taken in order to prevent the waste of vital materials.

According to Maj. J. A. Carroll, chief of the administrative branch of the Supply and Service Division, practically nothing is altogether worthless. Most of the articles we might have thrown away, in the days of wealth and negligence, can be repaired and may serve their purpose again—for the duration plus six months at least. Those things, however, which are actually of no use to us any more in their present shape can be sold as salvage, or given to government agencies as raw material for new essential productions.

The Supply and Service Division has issued a list of 55 items to be saved, in the interest of American war production and Camp Crowder finances. It's a colorful enumeration—including everything from ordinary garbage, which is sold to the near-by hog farms, to rubber hoses, light bulbs and potato sacks; from broken glass jars and tin cans to old newspapers and magazines. Razor blades and empty tooth paste tubes are precious, as is the grease from the pans and plates—so vitally needed in the manufacture of glycerin, which in turn goes into ammunition. Broken glass can be melted and then used again. The cartons in which materials are shipped are all saved, baled and sold; this includes even the small pasteboard cartons in which our cigarettes come in, as well as the boxes in which heavier things are transported. Old phonograph records, leather gun-slugs, even the worn-out stockings of the WACs, are salvaged. Everything is collected from each area of the camp and brought into a warehouse of the Supply and Service Division. There a crew of specially-trained men examine the trash, which then is packed and loaded onto railroad cars for shipment. In eight months the salvage sales have yielded \$68,892.99.

Even more considerable and significant may be the amount of money and material saved, thanks to the ingenious and systematic efforts of the Supply and Service Division. The Clothing and Equipment Repair Shop is a most interesting and efficient organization—run entirely by civilians.

Shoes are brought in for repair. Shoes with soles worn out or loose instep, shoes with all kinds of wounds, scars and deficiencies, are fixed up, if it is at all possible to do so. Shoes that are not economically repairable in the shoe shop on the post may be sent to factories that rebuild them. Only those which look completely hopeless are turned over to the Salvage Officer and sold as old leather.

Clothing is inspected by girls who are experts in repair work, and those clothes that are repairable are repaired and returned to the soldier. Otherwise, there is always the Salvage Officer.

A special mattress and pillow shop was set up where the mattresses that have become worn, torn or unserviceable for any reason are cleaned, repaired and then refilled and reissued, ready for service again. There is a feather pillow cleaning machine in which the feathers taken out of the casing are cleaned and saved; then the ticking of the pillow is washed and refilled with the feathers.

Aluminum canteens are reshaped in hydraulic machines—aluminum being, of course, a most critical material. Everything can be fixed in the repair shop: picks and shovels with broken handles; worn-out wire whips to whip cream and eggs for dessert; broken bake pans, saws and meat grinders. Damaged desks and tables, all the things made of wood, are doctored in a special wood shop. Another special clinic takes care of the typewriters—almost as indispensable in modern warfare as rifles and bayonets.

The "Waste Nothing" program is well planned and efficiently organized. But one thing is necessary, lest the whole scheme will fail: everybody's collaboration.

many before 1918?

2. When did the war between Japan and China begin?

3. Is Finland a monarchy?

4. Which American general holds the title of a "Field Marshal of the Philippine Army?"

5. Who is the chief of the Czechoslovakian Government in Exile?

6. Why are traitors and enemy-agents called "Fifth-Columnists?"

7. Who is the new Allied Commander in East Asia?

8. When did the war between Germany and Russia begin?

9. Who is the Ambassador of Soviet Russia to Washington?

10. Who is the man whom Hitler appointed recently Minister of the Interior and Chief of the Reich Administration?

The American Red Cross is now in the midst of preparing Christmas food packages for prisoners of war in European camps, it was disclosed this week.
