

(Security prohibits the giving of exact figures.) And, in addition, they've produced everything from stoves to a one-ton air hammer – strictly as a side line.

A recently completed job had the roundhouse boys turning out one thousands general's stars. The stars are larger than the usual insignia; they are now on jeeps and sedans belonging to generals throughout Korea.

The roundhouse area contains sixteen large buildings, everything from a sawmill to a boiler shop. The sawmill constructs lumber for rebuilding cars. The paint shop brightens up all trains and accessories, such as hospital beds. The tin shop recently turned out two ice boxes for hospital trains. The foundry shop had a special problem in straightening flatcars bent by tanks. This is done with a hand jack. The heavy locomotive repair shop works on four engines at a time. The forge and foundry shops turn out brake shoes, valves, faucets – everything needed to keep trains in operating trim. If quite a problem, for besides American and Korean trains, French, Belgian, Japanese and Russian rolling stock is in operation.

Since the outbreak of the war, trains in operation on the South Korean tracks have tripled, and a large number of new and renovated locomotives have been brought in, including many diesels.

Three warehouses hold the replacement parts. In them can be found everything from soup to nuts. For instance, 19,000-pound diesel trucks – in one box.

One shop the railroaders are particularly proud of is the hospital maintenance shop. Sergeant Butler and his men have been responsible for the maintenance of all hospital cars in Korea. First Lt. Harry W. Robinson, Arthurdale, W. Va., boiler shop superintendent, is enthusiastic over the work of this shop. "If it weren't for Butler's improvisations, his inventions and field expedients, and the tireless work of his men, they'd be carrying the wounded on 'A' frames by now."

"First" for the 765th include the renovation of the "peace train," the construction of the only Class 1 American style sleeper train in Korea (The Eusak Express); the addition of railroad wheels to trucks and buses for use as improvised hospital cars and switch engines; renovation of the Pusan ice factory, and last but not least – they built the rollers for the presses that print the Korea edition, Pacific Stars and Stripes.

The men of the 765th have developed a new idea concerning the origin of their moniker, "The Roundhouse Gang."

"We keep the Korean War moving," they say. "And the war just keeps going round and round – and where she stops nobody knows."