

Texans Give Aid to Conversion Of German Plant

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GERMANY.—Two sports-minded American officers have started re-converting one small portion of Germany's erstwhile war industry.

CAPT. JOHN PFITSCH of Tyler, Texas, and Lt. Cassius M. Lea of Fenton, Mich., are using a former German 88-mm. shell factory for production of baseball bats.

In the small town of Tungenhutte the two officers of the 35th Division were walking through the factory when they saw a number of woodworking machines and a sizable stockpile of hardwood. Their 448th Antiaircraft Warning Battalion needed baseball equipment, now that the shooting is over.

Soon a makeshift production line was working and the first bats began appearing—ones that would be hard to beat even back home. They were trade-marked Pfitsch Lea Tungenhutte Bat which admittedly is plenty of trade-mark for any bat.