

NEW LIFE FOR ANY OLD IRON

A new process, which, amongst other things, turns old shells into new may play a big part in helping Britain beat the metal shortage. An alkaline liquid removes rust without hurting the metal. Old thousand-pounder bombs for instance, become as good as new, and can be turned into something useful. Old machine tools can be brought back into use.

Cleaned by the process, last-war shells can be fitted with modern proximity fuses and become up-to-date Ack-ack ammunition. It's claimed anything can be treated, from old pen-knives to iron curtains. It all comes off in the wash.