

1,174 Low-Rent Homes Listed For Soldiers, Defense Forces

More than 1,174 low-rent homes for families of enlisted army and navy personnel and civilian national defense workers will be completed by the first of the year, under United States Housing authority aid, the authority reported today.

Already under construction are 3,601 such homes for defense workers, and allocations totaling \$7,225,000 have been made to the war and navy departments. In Charleston, a loan of \$1,416,000 to the housing authority of that city for the navy yard has been made.

This week, the house public buildings committee approved a \$150,000,000 defense housing program, in addition to the above allocations, providing for the installation of home units for army and navy personnel and defense workers.

Columbia has a chance of getting part of these funds for home units for army personnel stationed at Fort Jackson. A request through

the Columbia Housing authority has been sent to Washington, along with a letter from Brig. Gen. Philip B. Peyton, commander of the Eighth Division, asking for 200 homes to be constructed here.

As to civilian aid, more than 44,000 low-income families in 150 cities and towns, will be occupying USHA-aided low-rent public housing projects by December 31. All of these families will be paying rentals approximately the same, or even lower, than are demanded for substandard dwellings in their localities.

Approved and adopted monthly rentals for USHA-aided public housing average about \$17.94, including charge for utilities such as cold and hot water, heat, gas and electricity.

With about 35,000 such units scheduled to go under construction during the last four months of this year, there will be a total of about 135,000 either under construction or completed by December 31.