Leaves Much To Be Desired

By Captain Burt Sims (Written for The Associated Press) A MUSTANG BASE IN ENG-LAND—The word here is that some

of the new wartime problems back in the U.S. are a shortage of barbers, fuel and slow laundry service. My guys aren't complaining-they realize how tough it is at Anzio, in the southern Pacific, and over Ger-

many-but it might be illuminating to see their version of the same wartime problems, and how they cope with them.

Take barbers. The way hair-cutting takes place on this base, one scissors-and-clipper artist can handle about 16 heads per day.

Since there are only four or five of them available, the men of the three squadrons, plus the signal, ordnance, military police and other organizations, have a auxiliary

The aptly-named Carver, Harold I., a fighter pilot from Michigan City, Ind., took seissors in hand to give the problem a lift. He attended a barber college, once-and has lived to regret it. He's now as much in demand as steam heatonly he's obtainable. Lately he has logged almost as much time with the shears as he has in his plane. Another who has lived to regret Carver's alleged aptitude with the tonsorial weapons is Capt. Don Wright, from Evansville, Ind.

Whistles and derisive comment followed him into the mess hall recently. One hand rubbed rusfully over a scalp almost barren, fresh from Carver's "barber shop"

To cover his confusion Don accosted Capt, Walter J. Koraleski,

Jr., of Detroit. "Kork, why don't you get a haircut?" Korky shook his bushy head with calm finality. "Just one look at

you talks me out of it."

Then there's the laundry. For more than three weeks no laundry service has been available. Even the good old days, with a lapse of ten or twelve days, would be warmly welcomed.

Some of the far-seeing pessimists leaped into action at the first sign of a bottleneck and made deals with local natives wherein the American provides the rationed and precious soap-and dough-in large enough quantity to take care of the washwoman's family as well as his own laundry needs.

Others have to manage the hard way, and anyone entering a barracks carelessly is very liable to strangle himself in a line of wet-

wash. Then there is the guy who takes a shower draped in a shirt or two, long-handled underwear and socks. working his way with soap and water down to his skin.

Gas for Farm Workers

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'Wish I Was a Civilian,' —a straight-backed chair in the barracks. "Wright!" someone yelled. "Next time sit higher in the chair—it looks like he cut it with a knife and fork." To cover his confusion Der so

By Robert Vermillion United Press Staff

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY BE-FORE CISTERNA, Italy, May 24 Herald-Tribune. (Delayed)-There were eight of us Cisterna, when four German artillery shells pounded in at us, hurling rubble down from the walls and ceiling.

We scattered in all directions. I choking on the swirling white dust a trench outside. and waiting for the fifth shell.

Outside the house, blood-red poppies, which grew up through the made up my mind. They hit the bones of American rangers who house twice more, tumbling wood were ambushed here January 29, Other poppies were crushed to ing dust.

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It was then that Weisenburg American dead who fell when the started his monologue. Americans fought their way back to this battlefield today.

I thought I was alone in the house, and I was startled by the voice of Captain Leonard Weisenburg of North Hollywood, Calif., who, in the midst of the shelling, had launched into a monologue behind a pile of debris. Wish I Was a Civilian'

"I wish," he said, "I was a ci-

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vilian." When the shelling started, Weisenburg and Colonel Everett Duvai farms and in food processing may of Spokane, Wash., had been talking from the stone house by field telephone to American squads lying in the tall grass and captured German dugouts several hundred yards ahead of us, closer to Cis-

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terna. Leaders of patrols_were returning with reports for Duval. Others in the house included Homer Bigart of the New Yerk

The second shell hit the house in an old stone house looking into high on a corner, a jarring blow that sprayed debris. Somebody "I'm getting the hell out yelled: of here."

Homer Bigart dived through a hole in a wall. The others scatlay on the floor against a wall, tered through a door, heading for

I had an agonizing moment of indecision and then the Germans and stone down on me, filling the waved and bowed in the breeze little two-room house with chok-

I Forgot There's a War On

"I knew it," he said. "Standing around out there lighting cigarets, forgetting there's a war on.

"Every time you forget there's a war on, a German jumps you. Never knew it to fail. But you can't teach anybody anything. tired

"I wish I was a civilian." "But what the hell, you're a civîlian, and here you are." "I mean I wish I was a post-

war civilian. Post-war." I had twisted around in an awkward position and was staring at

Weisenberg. "What's the matter," he asked, 'you get hit?" I told him I wasn't hit, and we didn't talk anymore. Just waited

for the fifth shell. The dead silence was broken by the muffled ringing of a telephone. Captain Weisenburg dug around in a pile of debris and came up with the ringing phone which he an-

Line Still Working

"That was my outpost," he said. They saw the fire take after us and just wanted to know if the line was still working. Damned funny people."

Another telephone started ringing from under another heap of and has a rotary hoisting device motioned for me to answer it. A calm voice on the other end of the line began asking me highly technical questions.

"I don't know anything," I said, "I'm a war correspondent."
"What the hell are you doing there?" the voice asked. "Brother," I said, just before

anding the telephone to Captain Weisenburg, "I'm getting the hell

New Jeep Developed For Sand, Swamps

TOLEDO, O., May 25 (AP)-A sand and swamp jeep, which can carry eight men over soft beaches at 50 miles an hour, has been developed for coast guard shore patrol duty by Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., Ward M. Canaday, president, announced today. The new vehicle is much the same as the standard model except that it is 12 inches longer, has a lower gear ratio, is equipped with jumbo-balloon tires

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Of Tired Kidneys

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Dictator Threat Seen By Utahn

PITTSBURGH, May 25 (UP)-A warning that inflation has within it the seed of dictatorship was sounded here today by Orval W. Adams, executive vice president of the Utah State National bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, and former president of the American Bankers' association.

"The prayer of the would-be dictator must be: 'God give us a big national debt," Adams told the opening session of a two-day meeting of the Pennsylvania Bankers' association.

America's national debt, he asserted, "is approaching dangerously near to our total national wealth. By the war's end, it will probably equal, if not exceed, the total wealth of the nation, including wedding bedsheets and homes, rin⊈s.'

Adams said that only statesmanship of the highest type, coupled with courage, intelligence and selflessness, can save the American dollar from becoming a post-war

Dog Quarantine Will Be Strict

SALT LAKE CITY, May 25 (AP) Orders were issued to city and county officers today for strict enorcement of the Utah board of dress. health's dog quarantine in Salt Lake county.

The quarantine was imposed to curb an outbreak of rabies which started in the Bingham Canyon area about a week ago. A half dozen or more children reportedly have been treated for dog bite. Dogs must be locked up or kept on a leash during the quarantine.

Goes to Mexico

MEXICO CITY, May 25 (AP)-Nelson Rockefeller, coordinator of Inter-American affairs, will arrive in this city within a few days, said members of the U.S. Mexico commission for economic cooperation yesterday.

rubble and Captain Weisenberg which enables it to extricate itself or other vehicles from mud and sand, Canaday said.

Hints Heavy **Inland Fighting**

Big Gun Demand

A tremendous shift in army supply plans to heavy artillery and biggun ammunition was viewed in production quarters today as evidence that the army may be laying plans for possibly long and costly inland fighting after invasion beachheads are secured.

Official sources disclosed that new plant construction has been approved to meet the army's towering pre-iinvasion call for the big guns due to thunder over Europe.

The new ammunition programup an average 400 to 500 per cent over current schedules and representing a dollar increase of about \$750,000,000 for the next 18 months -calls for reopening some of the production facilities that have been closed or placed on a stand-by

Next month some of the closed TNT lines will be back in production to meet the new demands, and by midsummer powder, bagloading and shell-loading plants also will be reopened.

Officials who disclosed the new program voted also that it will place a new strain on the nylon industry to provide the bags for powder charges, and lay still heavier demands on the already burdened ammonia and alcohol facilities.

The guns on which new emphasis is being placed as a result of battle experience, particularly in Italy, include the 155 millimeter howitzer, the 8-inch gun, the 240 mm. weapon, and the 155 gun, or

The increased schedule for these weapons will call for larger quantities of steel for the barrels, and also for the heavy and complicated carriages and rigs. The rubber program also will be affected by the stepped-up demand for the huge pneumatic tires used on the

Nazis Use Broadcast To Aim Shells

WITH THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY BEFORE TERRACINA, May 25 (AP)—You learn in a hurry that you have to be very choosy about picking fox hole companions when the shells start dropping.

That lesson was brought home clearly by Lt. Col. George M. Davis, slim tank man from Milford, rexas, who moves fast, especially when Jerry's artillery opens up.

The last time I saw him was at the western edge of Formia last week when we both landed in the same hollow as shells dropped all around. In the first lull we separated, he taking off in one direction and I in another.

The next time we collided it was in front of Terracina and he told me he had been shelled several more times that same day.

"Everywhere I went along the road in my tank Jerry followed me with hot stuff," Col. Davis said. "I realized suddenly he had been tuning in my radio to my tank company and zeroed his artillery on me as if he had my home ad-

"I was through broadcasting for the day right then. Incidentally, those were five-inch naval shells he was throwing at us that day from Gaeta, not 88's as we thought."

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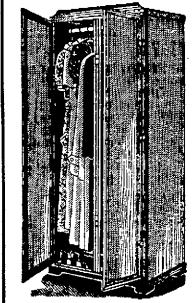
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