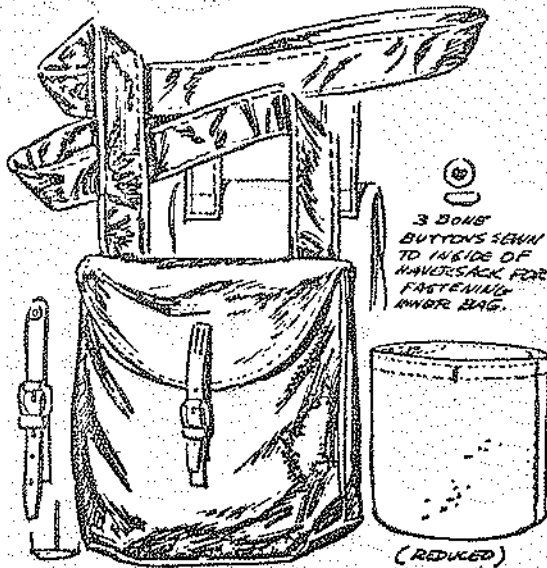


A Not So Easy & an Easy Way To Tar a Haversack

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completely covered by the Roofing Asbestos-Cement.

Allow this now to season and "completely" dry. Sunlight is best as the cracking process is involved here and ovens and floor heaters will not do a proper job.

After the sack is fully dried, repeat the process on the inner-sack (turn it inside out of course) and allow it to dry.

When dry, turn right side out. The following instructions are for the outside. The inside is complete and finished using Esquire-Boot polish or Kiwi Boot polish, black color, cover the entire haversack with the black polish, then brush "vigorously" until as high a shine as obtainable is acquired.

Then allow overnight drying of this polishing when this step is complete, you're ready to continue.

Next step is to buy a can of "Paste saddle soap". Apply this to the entire sack and again brush vigorously until an even "sheen" is achieved. Allow this to completely dry.

LAST STEP.....Buy a can of Brown Esquire or Kiwi boot polish, apply to entire sack and repeat the above vigorous brushing movements. This last step adds the "Brown" tinge orig-

inally tarred articles seems to have.

After this has dried, you're ready to wear the article. Use will help to replace any lost flexibility and will aid in authentic cracking. This process takes a few days to complete, but works on almost anything and is well worth the effect it gives you.

FOR THE LAZY AT HEART, who want a "Quickie" job, go down to your local paint store, which you hope has "A-1" brand paints. (Standard Brands Paint Co Brand) Ask for a can of black, "Vinyl Acrylic Exterior Stucco and Masonary paint" (a small can will go a long way).

Go home and paint your heart out. This does give a nice "tar" look (you lazy dummy) but will dry a little stiff and will soak thru fabric.

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To instill a little trust in the "Tarring Process" I will be discussing, let it be known, it comes from a well known source, "The Company of Military Historians", also it is the process used by the above source. This is as close as you can come to "reproducing" the tarred effect, as it was used during the Civil War. (unless you've got a boiling cauldron of real tar in your kitchen)

Since the most commonly tarred piece of equipment is the "Haversack" or Bread-bag, we will deal with this item as our example of "How To" in tarring.

The first thing to do is to make sure that the item to be tarred is clean and free of grease. Next, buy yourself a can of "Roofing Asbestos cement". Spread your haversack out, and completely but "thinly" cover the outside area of the sack. Make sure it is