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ability to think and govern his thinking. ^{accordingly} All this he would do for a piece of gum or a cigarette. Occasionally 15 or 20 G.I.s would collect around and offer their best in conversation to kid him along or even insult him but he was always able to come back with a perfect answer or action. Johnnie's profession was shining shoes and if during the operation of polishing a G.I.'s shoe he caught some hint that the soldier had not intended to pay (and he sensed such an intention long before I could) would suddenly stop and smear dirt over the section of the polished job he had already finished. Regardless of the size of franc presented for the job he was always able to make proper change. Throwing dice was one of his specialties with far more knowledge about the game than I ever had and I have been watching gambling games since 1941. He knew the vernacular perfectly. In fact the way he talked would have never disclosed the fact that he was Arab. However if one of his own tribe should come along he would discuss the problem in his own language. It was amusing to watch his facial expression while conversing in his own tongue; most amazing when he would all of sudden give a broad smile with a solid background of white ivory teeth gleaming like electric lights. He very seldom cried except when too unmercifully abused or when the fellows would come too close to cutting off the last top-like streamer of hair on his otherwise shaven head. His dress consisted of a pair of G.I. suntan pants which had been cut off just below the pockets so that his garment was practically all pockets. This type of pants suited him fine because he could carry more cigarette butts and miscellaneous articles & of course the size was 4 times larger than required. The upper jacket was an old sweater of some kind with so many patches as to camouflage the true garment. Both shoulders and large areas in front & back were supporting tape so as to cause Johnny to try several times before gaining the right spot for his arms. Nor do I believe that these articles had ever been washed. However he kept his person clean because of our insistence of his washing twice a day. He thoroughly enjoyed our American soap & running water.