



# OLD HICKORY ASSOCIATION WWI UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT LIST

We are committed to doing an accurate a portrayal of the typical infantryman of the 30th Division in the Great War. We are portraying our unit in the Fall of 1918 on the front line in the British sector, which allows our impression to vary slightly from man to man as field conditions allow based on documentation. We must have the proper impression or we are not doing justice to the brave men in the North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee National Guards who gave their all. It is our goal to honor the 30th Division by being, as much as possible, an Old Hickoryman.

**KEY:**

- (A) PRIMARY ITEM
- (B) ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE
- (C) ADDITIONAL ITEM

(Primary item (A) may be replaced by the secondary item (B) or, in some cases, by the additional item. Check first)

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## REQUIRED ITEMS

1) Helmet, with correct WWI liner as issued: NO INSIGNIA

- A. British Brodies Pattern 1917
- B. American M1917

2) Small Box Respirator (gas mask), useable and complete, with bag - repro's are recommended. At the very least, the empty bag (or have some necessaries in it) must be worn.

- A. British Issue
- B. American Issue

3) Coat, service, (aka: "tunic") wool, M1917 or 1918: no shoulder insignia, discharge, wound or overseas stripes or rank insignia unless authorized.

- A. American
- B. British Army Tunic with U.S. buttons (trench item only – not for official 30<sup>th</sup> Div Functions other than occasional displays)
- C. American M1910 Cotton uniform (not for trench use)

4) Breeches M1917 or trousers, straight leg M1918, wool

- A. American issue
- B. British issue
- C. American M1910 cotton breeches

5) Puttees, wool, pair

- A. American issue
- B. British issue
- C. Leggings, canvas M1910 or 1917 (for dress occasions, parades, pre-war impressions only – not for trench wear)

6) Shoes, field service

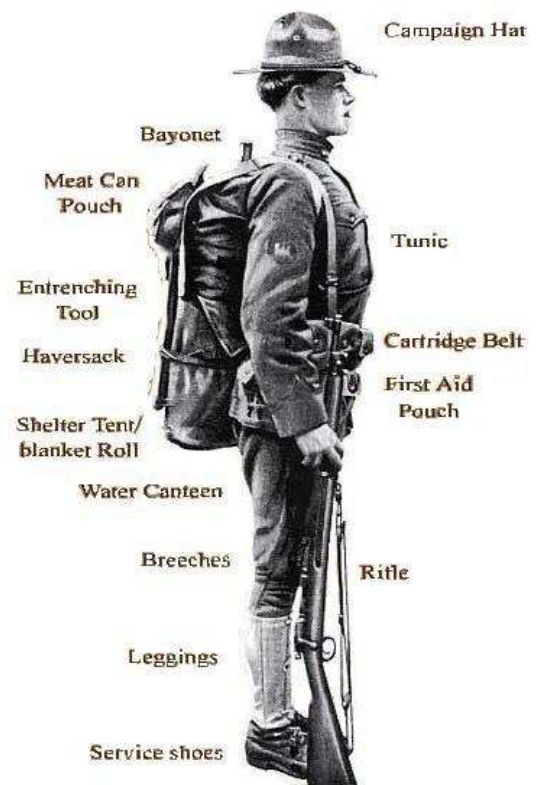
- A. American issue, russet, roughout
- B. British issue, black
- C. WWII Russet Service Shoes (the style with the plain toe, not the cap toe)

7) Shirt, wool

- A. American issue, wool, O.D.
- B. British issue, wool, gray (aka "grayback")

8) Overseas Cap, wool

- A. American issue
- B. British issue
- C. Campaign Hat with Blue Infantry Cord



9) Insignia, collar disk, pair

A. U.S.N.G & Infantry/120/K

B. U.S. & Infantry (crossed rifles)

C. Any combination of the above, including variants and other 30<sup>th</sup> Division unit numbers are acceptable. The US and Plain Infantry may be used for “generic doughboy” impressions and for use when falling in with other units. Also acceptable are: “H” disc for HQ and/or MP personnel. “T” disc for MP Personnel.



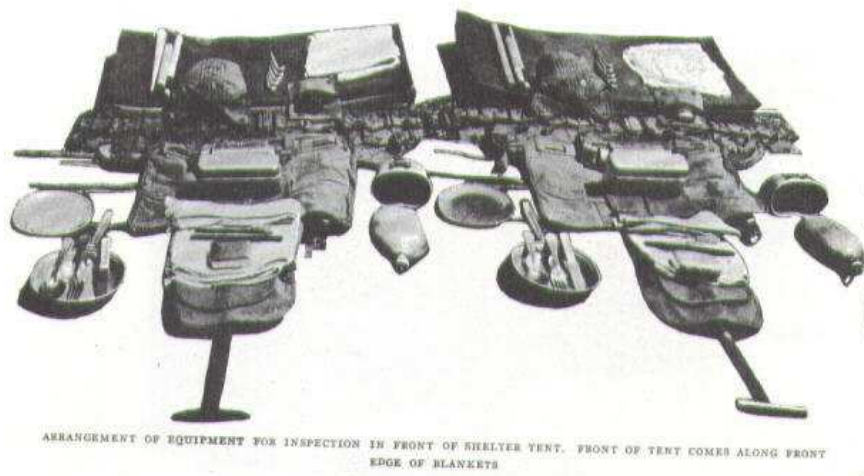
10) Haversack, M1910, with meatcan pouch

11) Meatcan (mess kit) M1910 or M1917 with knife, fork, and spoon M1910

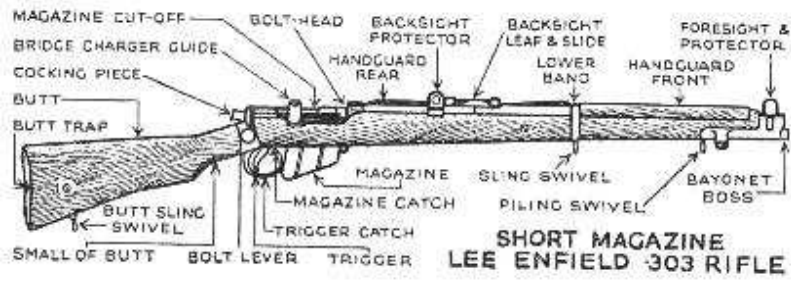
12) Canteen with cup and cover, M1910

13) Pouch, first aid packet, M1910

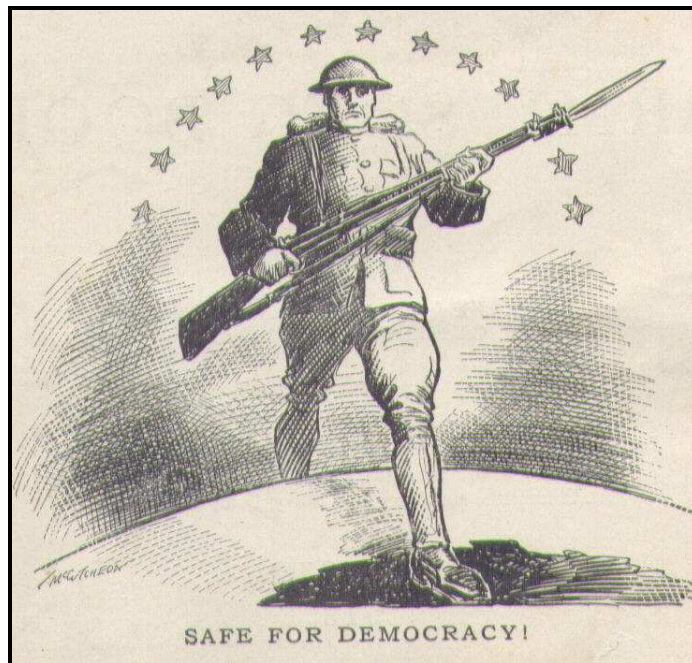
14) Belt, cartridge, dismounted, M1910



15) Rifle, SMLE Mk. III with The US M-1907 leather sling (or British web sling)



16) Bayonet, P1907 with scabbard and P08 frog or U.S. M1917 bayonet scabbard



## **SUGGESTED ITEMS**

- 1) Overcoat, wool, OD, M1912 (1917 or 1918 - any are acceptable) or Raincoat
- 2) Rain Poncho: The overcoat or raincoat can become cumbersome in the trenches. Many of us have found the Rain Poncho to be of much more use on rainy days as it protects the weapon better as well as the web gear – and it can be an additional bed covering on cooler evenings.
- 3) Jerkin
  - A. Leather
  - B. Wool
- 5) Sweater – with or without sleeves, OD
- 6) Other cold weather items of wool: gloves, balaclava helmet, scarf – many were made by the Red Cross or other civilian groups for issue to troops or sent from home.
- 7) Entrenching tool with carrier, M1910 or:
  - Pick/mattock with carrier, M1910 or:
  - Hand axe and carrier, M1910 or:
  - Bolo and scabbard (Only one of these items is necessary to complete the pack. The E-tool is the most commonly seen and easiest to acquire).
- 8) Wire cutters
  - A. American, M1910 with carrier
  - B. British/French/German issue

There are many other items of issue or private purchase that may be used or worn in the field. If in doubt check with [Jay Callaham](#) before buying

Because the 30<sup>th</sup> Division fought with and was supplied by the British, British uniforms (coats must have US buttons) can be worn along with US uniforms. We would like all members to buy as their first uniform the complete U.S. Uniform since that is more appropriate for “home” and pre-war impressions and ceremonies.

## **GROOMING STANDARDS**

Unit members are required to meet grooming standards based on US Army regulations for the period. Hair is to be worn short, i.e. off the collar in back and not over the ears. Mustaches must be trimmed so as not to extend over the upper lip and not past the corners of the lips. You must otherwise be clean shaven. This was a matter of life and death as it effected the proper fitting of the gas mask.



## VENDORS

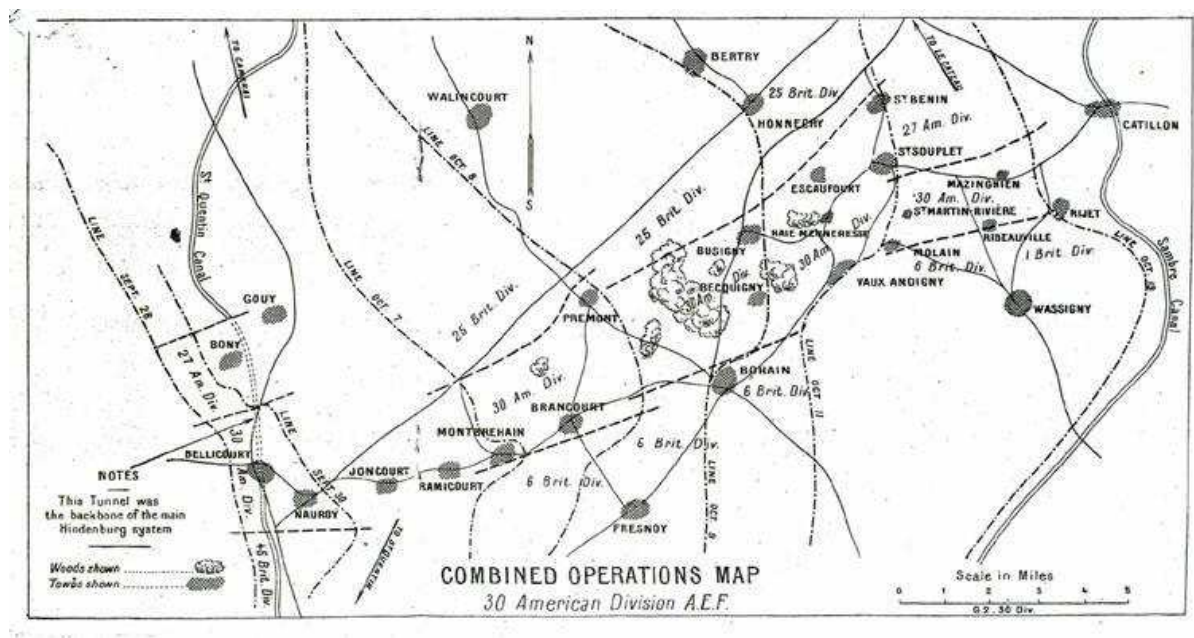
**Great War Militaria** - <http://www.greatwar.com/> (**THE** best quality reproduction uniforms – but also the most expensive. Still – a good value for the excellent quality.) Rick Keller, a longtime friend and reenacting comrade, is one of the owners and is great to work with.

**Schipperfabrik** – [www.schipperfabrik.com](http://www.schipperfabrik.com) Paul Schipper is a frequent participant at Newville with his restored French 75mm cannon! Another great guy. His uniforms are very good and a great value for the money. He is the best source for things like web belts, repro haversacks, etc.

**What Price Glory** – [www.whatpriceglory.com](http://www.whatpriceglory.com) These folks make very good repro shoes, web gear, repro canteens, e-tools, sweaters, etc.

**Mattimore Harness** – <http://www.civilwarboots.com/> Tom Mattimore is THE best provider of WWI era boots. 100% AMERICAN product from the leather to the thread, he makes well-researched, high quality boots at a very reasonable price. He's also a darn nice guy to work with.

**Rob Laplander** – Restored US and Brit “Brodie” style helmets  
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## SUGGESTED READING

### **THE INFANTRY SOLDIERS HANDBOOK** by Major William H. Waldron

Reprint of 1917 Soldiers Handbook. Available on order from most bookstores for \$12.00 or less.

**THE THIRTIETH DIVISION IN THE WORLD WAR** by Elmer Murphy and Robert Thomas. Mint copies of this book can be purchased for around \$40.00. Go to [www.advanceguardmilitaria.com](http://www.advanceguardmilitaria.com) for this book and original WWI items.

**MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR I North Carolina Doughboys on the Western Front** by Jackson Marshall III Available from most bookstores for around \$12.00.



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