

OLD HICKORY ASSOCIATION, 30th DIVISION WW1 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 portray 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 in the Great War. It is our goal to honor the 30th Division by being, as much as possible, Old Hickorymen.

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.)

REQUIRED ITEMS

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

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

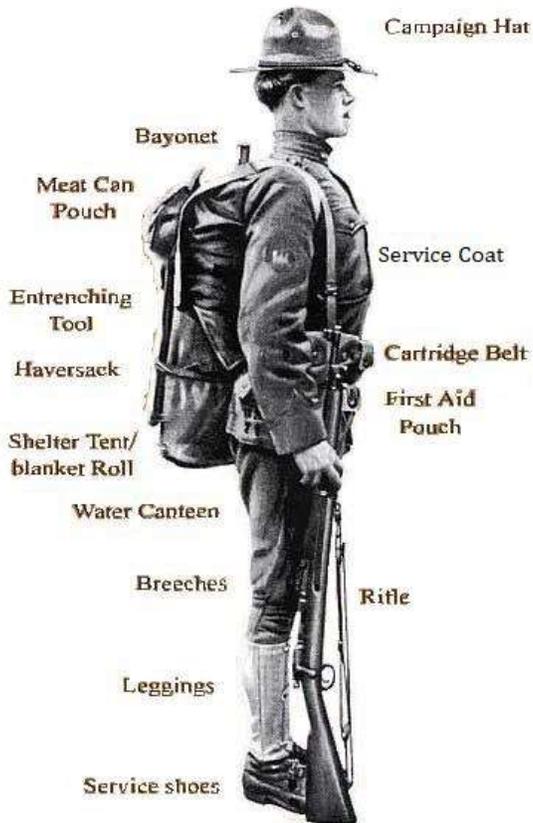
2) Small Box Respirator (gas mask), usable and complete, with bag - repro's are recommended. At the very least, the empty bag (or have some necessaries in it) must be worn.

- A. British Issue
- B. American Issue

3) Coat, service, (aka: Blouse*) 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 30th 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 (as above)
- C. American M1910 cotton breeches (as above)

*(NOTE: The term "Tunic" is for the Europeans. It is not a USA term!)

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 B-5
- C. WWII Russet Service Shoes (the style with the plain toe, not the cap toe – but will need leather soles, not the rubber soles)

7) 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 30th 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.

8) Haversack, M1910, with Meatcan pouch (Not used often, but useful for stuff)

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

10) Canteen with cup and cover, M1910

11) Pouch, first aid packet, M1910

12) Belt, cartridge, dismounted, M1910

13) Rifle, Rifle No. 1 Mark III, aka SMLE Mk. III with The US M-1907 leather sling (or British web sling)

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

15) Shirt, wool

- A. American issue, wool, O.D.

NOTE: We have yet to find an image of a 30th or 27th Div soldier wearing a

British “Greyback” shirt, so that one is not recommended.

16) Overseas Cap, wool

A. American issue

B. British issue

17) Campaign Hat with Blue Infantry Cord (or other appropriate color if portraying a different branch). We’re using these more frequently these days.

SUGGESTED ITEMS

1) Overcoat, wool, OD, M1912, and/or Raincoat – US Dismounted

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, or Natural. (Some of these were made by the Red Cross and can be found in various colors.)

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 30th 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, tapered appearance, and off the ears, moustaches, if any, 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. Excessive hair simply provided more places for Cooties to hide!

VENDORS

What Price Glory – www.whatpriceglory.com This is the closest thing to a “one-stop shop” for Great War uniforms and web gear, accessories, whatever you need. These folks make very good repro uniforms, shoes, web gear, repro canteens, e-tools, sweaters, bedding blankets, etc. You can get just about anything that you need, other than weapons, meat cans (mess kits), and campaign hats from this source. The proprietor, Jerry Lee, is excellent to work with.

Pacific Canvas & Leather Co. - <http://pacificcanvasandleather.com/> Holsters, Slings, other excellent leather goods.

Prairie Flower Leather Company - <https://www.pflco.com/> This is THE source for Repro helmet liners, straps, and other misc. leather goods. He also sells excellent restored helmets at reasonable prices as well as some of the best reproduction Campaign Hats now available. Owner is a really knowledgeable and downright nice guy.

Rob Laplander – The best repro collar discs, tent pins, and other items. He has a Facebook store under the name “A Traveling Man” or E-mail: rlaplander@wi.rr.com

Man the Line - <http://mantheline.com/> Repro accessories of various kinds.

So far, no one is reproducing meat cans (mess kits) or eating utensils. This is mainly because fully functional originals are so easy to come by via E-Bay and other online sources, and are so inexpensive that reproductions would be unable to compete. The “Friday morning Flea Market” at Neville is also a good source.



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 – 60.00. This one is also available for FREE online!!

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

WW1 Collectors Handbook, Vol 1 & 2; Hayes Otoupalik, Dennis Gordon, illus. Paul Schulz; ©1977, 1979 privately published (Note: These books have been reprinted)

Uniforms, Weapons, and Equipment of the AEF: Bret Werner, Schiffer Publishing, 2007 (Note: Bret is very active with Great War era reenacting at Newville.)

Borrowed Soldiers: Americans Under British Command, 1918

Over there with O'Ryan's Roughnecks; Reminiscences of a private 1st class who served in the 27th U.S. Division with the British Forces in Belgium and France

The Battle of Bellicourt Tunnel: Tommies, Diggers and Doughboys on the Hindenburg Line, 1918