

Army Ground Forces Association

FIRST EDITION

Regulations Governing Individual Clothing and Equipment

SERVICE UNIFORMS

- Khaki shirt and trousers with khaki overseas cap and tie. Dickies Brand work clothing is a very near match for this uniform. This uniform also serves as a fatigue or field uniform for some early-war impressions. Consult the First Sgt. For more details.
- Shirt, Wool, M1937 OD, light shade (mustard), enlisted pattern
- Trousers, wool serge, M1937 OD, Light shade (mustard), enlisted pattern. Be aware that the M1945 trousers are close in color but have a pocket flap for the rear pocket. This uniform also serves as a fatigue or field uniform for some impressions. Both wool shirt and trousers are worn together.
- Belt, trousers, light OD or khaki with open square frame buckle.
- Socks, light OD wool/cotton cushion sole.
- Undershirts & Undershorts, white or light OD. The current brown issue shirts shall not be worn unless they are totally covered up. Only white may be worn with the khaki or denim uniform.
- Ankle Boots, Russett Brown (Black boots or lug soled boots are NOT acceptable). The ankle boots are preferred as they can be worn for both early and late war events. We recommend purchasing authentic reproductions from WWII Impressions.
- Leggings, M1938 dismounted, light OD. These are required if the ankle boots are worn.
- Jacket, Field M1941 Original M1941 jackets are expensive and hard to find in good condition, we recommend purchasing an authentic reproduction.
- Cap, Garrison (a.k.a. Overseas cap), OD Wool and Khaki cotton, with red piping.
- Hat, Campaign (a.k.a. Smokey the Bear Hat), with red cord and acorns.
- Neck tie, khaki, black and OD
- Eyeglasses – if worn, round gold or silver metal frames are required.
- Wristwatches - GI or civilian, correct style of the period.

FATIGUE UNIFORMS

- Blue Denim - World War 2 Impressions makes a great reproduction of this uniform.
- 1st Pattern HBT (Herring Bone Twill) Uniform - Also recommended to be purchased from World War 2 Impressions

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

- M1938 Enlisted Four Pocket blouse. The M1944 blouse (a.k.a. Ike jacket) was not issued until very late in the war. All "Class A" uniforms shall be void of all valor medals, achievement awards, and discharge patches (CIB, bronze stars, good conduct, etc) unless authorized by the board of directors.
- Low Quarter Russet Service shoes, Russet color to be worn with the Class A uniform. A correct period Oxford type shoe may also be worn. Ankle boots may be worn if polished.
- M1939 / M1942 Wool overcoat. The M1939 will have brass buttons and the M1942 coat will have plastic buttons. It is preferred you purchase the M1939 overcoat.
- Sweater, OD, 5 button, "V" neck, crew neck, or vest. The modern issue sweater shall not be worn.
- Gloves. Leather palmed wool gloves or OD wool

INSIGNIA

Currently authorized insignia are as follows, and shall be worn on all jackets, shirts, and blouses at the locations indicated:

Fort Hancock, New Jersey

- 2nd Coast Artillery District / New York/Philadelphia Sector patch (When purchasing these patches, look for the white thread on the back. The more white thread the better.)
- Distinctive Unit Insignia – 265th CA, 7th CA or primarily the 245th CA Regiment. Enlisted wear on campaign hat, overseas cap, and Class A blouse collars. Officers wear on campaign hat, overseas cap (pre- May 1942 impressions), and shoulder loops (when uniform has them) for shirts and blouses.

Fort Mott, New Jersey

- 2nd Coast Artillery District / New York/Philadelphia Sector patch
- Distinctive Unit Insignia – 21st and 7th CA Regts. Enlisted wear on campaign hat, overseas cap, and Class A blouse collars. Officers wear on campaign hat, overseas cap (pre- May 1942 impressions), and shoulder loops (when uniform has them) for shirts and blouses.

Fort Pickens, Florida

- 4th Coast Artillery District patch
- Distinctive Unit Insignia – 13th CA Regiment. Wear locations same as outlined above.

PERSONAL / FIELD EQUIPMENT

- Helmet, M1917A1. Consult the First Sgt or an officer before you purchase this helmet, as it is easy to make a mistake and purchase a British or US WWI helmet. This helmet, or the M1917 helmet, is used almost exclusively at Ft. Mott.

- Helmet, M1 and liner, w/light OD web straps. Helmet must be dark OD in color and should have the seam in the front with either fixed or swivel bales. Though not required, a WWII period liner is preferred. These liners can be identified as follows – the webbing inside the liner will not be stitched together as this is post-war, the internal loops will be tied together with a cord. The chinstraps of the helmet must be SEWN and not clamped onto the metal loops of the shell. This is the primary helmet for Ft. Hancock events that are post 1942.
- Cartridge Belt, M1910 or M1923, light OD or khaki.
- Canteen, M1910 or M1942 with light OD or khaki cover and cup.
- Pouch, First Aid, M1910 (two button) or M1942 (single snap), light OD or khaki with Carlisle first aid packet
- Haversack, M1910 or M1928, with meat can carrier, light OD or khaki.
- Meat Can (Mess Kit), M1910 or M1926 with utensils.
- Entrenching tool, M1910 (T-handle shovel), with M1910 carrier.
- M1A1 service gas mask and bag. This is the early war kidney shaped bag.
- The M1936 suspenders and mussette bag shall be worn by officers and senior NCOs (1SG/MSG) at their discretion only, unless prior arrangements have been made. The cartridge belt may be either worn by itself or with the Haversack (preferred w/Haversack, M1910 or M1928), both methods are proven through period photographs and accounts. If a canteen and/or inert ammunition is carried, the haversack will be worn. The intent is to keep the belt at waist level and not to let it "sag". No "Sad Sack's" here!
- When purchasing equipment it is better to look for gear from the early part of the war, pre-1943. These items will be more khaki in color, which is correct for our impression. Dark OD green items were issued later in the war and should be avoided for our impressions at Ft. Mott and Fort Hancock. M1944 and M1945 field gear will not be worn.

WEAPONS

- M1905 16" Bayonet (including those manufactured in 1942/43 or reproductions)
- M1903 Rifle, with reproduction M1907 leather sling or web sling. The M1903 is preferred as a first purchase.
- M1 Garand Rifle, with reproduction M1907 leather sling or web sling
- M1911 and M1911A1 Pistols. Used by the officers and senior NCO (1SG & MSG) only.