

**September 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Division  
"Roll On The Maas" Trip**

**Uniform  
&  
Equipment  
Regulations**



**C/82<sup>nd</sup> Recon Battalion  
C/41<sup>st</sup> Armd Infantry Battalion  
48<sup>th</sup> Armd Medical Battalion**

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All participants in this event MUST comply with the following uniform regulations for the entire duration of the event.

All items described in these regulations are pre-1945 manufacture or accurate reproductions therefore. Modern-issue equivalents or "look-a-likes" are NOT acceptable.

Where any item is stated "in order of preference", the first item in the list is the one seen being worn/used in most cases in the original photographs, followed by the next items in descending quantities.

Rank is ONLY to be worn by those who have been authorised it for the trip.

All Magazine Pouches and Rifle Belts to contain correct magazines/clips for the weapon carried.

Deactivation certificates for deactivated weapons are to be carried by the owner at all times.

Finally, unless ordered otherwise, weapons are to be carried and steel helmets are to be worn AT ALL TIMES.

### **IMPORTANT**

Tags and bag(s) will be brought to label and confiscate for the period of the trip any items that have not been authorised to be worn/used for this event – a full uniform and equipment check will be done at Oostende before the trip starts. The group accepts no responsibility for losses or damage to any such confiscated items that shouldn't have been brought to the event to start with.

Refuse to take something off? You forfeit your place on the trip, with no refund...

Turn up in incorrect uniform and removing it leaves you unable to participate as you don't have the correct alternative? Tough – we'll see you when we get back to Oostende... and don't expect a refund as you've had enough time to get the right kit...

Sounds harsh? Too many trip photos have been spoilt by people being unable to follow simple uniform regulations. Not this time.

This may sound strict, but it will be applied fairly to ALL participants – if you're not sure about anything or need advice over where to buy acceptable kit, contact Glen Mallen via e-mail: [geordiemurph@hotmail.com](mailto:geordiemurph@hotmail.com)

## Mandatory Items For All Participants

- Mess Kit (ID-ed with owner's name/initials)
- Knife, Fork & Spoon (ID-ed with owner's name/initials)
- OD Towel
- Wash Kit in period bag
- EVERY Soldier to carry a modern useable military-type First Aid Dressing on their person
- Duffle or Barracks bag stencilled with owner's name and AS Number (ONLY 1 Duffle or Barracks bag per Soldier – NO Aviator's Kit Bags)
- Black plastic rubbish/refuse bag (or similar) to put kit inside (inside of Duffle/Barracks Bag) in case of torrential rain!
- TL122 A, B or C Flashlight (original or WPG repro)
- Sleeping Bag (mountain or wool with cover are preferred) – M-1935 Bedding Roll is optional for vehicle crews ONLY
- ONE WWII OD Shelter Half (double-ended type), Pole & 5 Pegs per Soldier (i.e. 2 GI's sharing one tent)



## **Armored Infantry**

### **Uniform**

- WWII M1 Helmet (fixed or swivel bale, front seam, no net or British-made medium-mesh net – preferably brown shade, not tan (and no scrim)). NO Goggles on helmets - don't do it!
- Jacket (in order of preference):
  - M41 Jacket with WWII 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd Patch
  - Winter Combat ("Tanker's") Jacket with WWII 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd Patch
- Trousers (in order of preference):
  - Mustard or 22oz Wool Trousers
  - HBT Trousers
- OD3 or OD7 EM Trouser Belt
- Ankle Boots (Roughouts or Service Shoes) and Leggings (Army type)
- Wool EM Shirt, preferably with WWII 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd Patch
- Wool Sweater (V-Neck, 5-button Highneck (original or good repro) or Red Cross Sleeveless)
- Wool Beanie or A-4 Mechanics/Watch Cap
- Enlisted Man's Raincoat (NO Ponchos)
- WWII style underwear:
  - OD wool socks
  - OD boxers
  - OD singlet - NO T-Shirts of any colour
  - OD or grey long-sleeved undershirt

### **Equipment**

#### **Rifleman & Assistant Squad Leader**

- M1 Rifle with leather or web sling.
- Rifle Belt (OD3 or Transitional) with or without M36 Suspenders
- Canteen, Cup & Cover (OD3)
- M43 Folding E-Tool & Cover (OD3, OD7 or Transitional) or M10 T-Handle Shovel & Cover
- M1 Bayonet, 10", with Scabbard
- M42 First Aid Pouch (OD3) or M10 First Aid Pouch (M42 preferred)
- M10 or M28 "Doughboy" Pack – NO M36 Musette Bags for Riflemen or Assistant Squad Leader
- Lightweight Gasmask Bag (OD3, OD7 or Transitional)
- Optional 30.06 Bandolier(s)
- Optional Fragmentation (with CORRECT WWII-type lever ONLY), Smoke or WP grenades
- GP Ammo bag with Rifle Grenade tubes (ONLY ONE per Squad for the Squad's Rifle Grenadier – as allocated by the Squad Leader).

### **BAR Gunner (1 per squad)**

- Browning Automatic Rifle
- As Rifleman above, but with BAR Belt, M36 Suspenders and M3 Knife in M8 or M8A1 Scabbard (and no bandoliers)

### **Bazooka Team (1 per Platoon) – 1 x Bazookaman & 2 x Assistants**

- **Bazookaman:**
  - M1 Rifle or M1 Carbine
  - and M1A1 Bazooka (approved Replica or Deactivated)
  - Equipment as Rifleman above, but if armed with M1 Carbine, then with Pistol Belt, M1 Carbine Pouch(es) and M3 Knife in M8 or M8A1 Scabbard (and no bandoliers of course)
- **Assistants:**
  - M1 Rifle
  - Equipment as Rifleman above, but with Bazooka Ammo Bag with tubes

### **Medic (1 per Platoon)**

- M1 Helmet to be marked with 4 x Red Crosses in White Circles (front, back, both sides)
- Medical Pouches and Medic's Harness, or Medical Pouches on Litter Straps
- Pistol Belt
- 1 or 2 Canteen Sets
- Individual M42 First Aid Pouch & Dressing
- M3 Knife in M8 or M8A1 Scabbard (NO M6 Scabbards)
- Lightweight Gasmask Bag (OD3, OD7 or Transitional)

### **Squad Leader**

- As Rifleman above, but can carry M1928/M1928A1/M1A1 Thompson SMG or M3 SMG in place of M1 Rifle
- If carrying SMG:
  - Pistol Belt instead of Rifle Belt
  - Spare Magazine Bag (or 5x20rnd Thompson Magazine Pouch (with 20rnd Mags only, not 30rnd)) – Spare Magazine Bag preferred.
  - M3 Knife in M8 or M8A1 Scabbard (NO M6 Scabbards)
- M3 Binoculars, Compass in Pouch and Map Case.
- M36 Suspenders (normal type) and M36 Musette Bag (untabbed type) instead of M28 "Doughboy" Pack

**NOTE: SMG's are only to be carried by Squad Leaders.**

**NOTE: If you're a Rifleman by don't have a M1 Rifle, please see if you can borrow one, but if not, then carrying an M1 Carbine with Pistol Belt & M1 Carbine Pouches will be allowed.**

## Vehicle Crews

### M8 Crew

- 50%/50% split between M1 Steel Helmet and Tankers Helmet (respectively)
  
- Jacket (in order of preference):
  - M41 Jacket with WWII cut-edge or embroidered on wool 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd Patch
  - Winter Combat ("Tanker's") Jacket with WWII cut-edge or embroidered on wool 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd Patch
  
- Trousers (in order of preference):
  - Mustard or 22oz Wool Trousers
  - HBT Trousers
  - Winter Combat Bib & Brace (over Wool Trousers)
  
- Goggles (in order of preference):
  - Polaroid 1021 (in the vast majority of cases)
  - Resistols/Skyways or equivalent, or M43 goggles (tinted lenses preferred)
  - **NOTE: all M8 Drivers MUST have goggles with useable tinted lenses (or tinted anti-gas goggles or WWII US Army sunglasses) in case of bright sunshine whilst driving. WWII US Army sunglasses are certainly NOT the preferred option however!**
  
- All other uniform items as per Armd Infantry above.
  
- Equipment:
  - Pistol Belt
  - **Drivers and M8 Commanders only:** .45 Auto Pistol in Belt Holster (NO Shoulder Holsters)
  - **Drivers and M8 Commanders only:** .45 Magazine Pouch
  - M42 First Aid Pouch
  - M1 Carbine Magazine Pouch
  - Canteen Set
  - M3 Knife in M8 or M8A1 Scabbard (NO M6 Scabbards)
  - M36 Musette Bag (with carry strap in side pocket), attached to M8
  - Lightweight Gasmask Bag, attached to or carried in M8
  - M1 Carbines to be carried on M8's for crews (or optional M1928/M1928A1/M1A1 Thompson/M3 SMG for M8 Commander).

### Halftrack Drivers & Jeep Crew

- Uniform as per Armd Infantry.
- Equipment as Armd Infantry, but with M36 Suspenders and M36 Musette Bags
- Drivers armed with M1 Carbines (Pistol Belt and Carbine Ammo Pouch(es) to be worn instead of Rifle Belt).
- Other Jeep Crew armed with either M1 Carbine or M1 Rifle (or optional M1A1 Thompson/M3 SMG for NCO's).

### Motorcyclists

- Uniform as per M8 Crew.
- Equipment as per M8 Crew, personal weapon choice of .45 Auto Pistol or M1 Carbine.
- Map Case is also to be carried.

**NOTE: HBT coveralls and caps can be taken by Vehicle Crews, but are to be worn for maintenance ONLY.**



## Banned Items

If an item is not mentioned in the regulations above, assume that it is not allowed. If you are seen with any item not listed in the above regulations, it will be confiscated for the remainder of the event.

Although the list below is not exhaustive, it is worth highlighting some items of banned equipment to reinforce the message:

- Camo HBT's
- OD, tan or white T-Shirts. Any T-Shirt in fact....
- Modern-issue Highneck Wool Sweaters
- B8/M-1944 Goggles
- 3x30rnd Thompson Magazine Pouches
- .45 Auto Shoulder Holsters
- M3A1 SMGs,
- M1 Carbines with bayonet lugs or adjustable sights
- M2 Carbines
- 30 round Carbine magazines
- Ponchos
- SOF-made M1A1 Bazookas
- Post war M1 helmets
- M1944, small or large-mesh helmet nets
- Unauthorised rank insignia
- Any non-2<sup>nd</sup> Armored patches
- Non-WWII type 2<sup>nd</sup> Armd patches
- Sunglasses (any WWII type or modern) – except for M8 drivers.
- Modern jewellery and watches
- M43 "Double Buckle" Combat Boots
- Jump or High-Leg Boots
- Late-type M36 Suspenders, either the Reinforced ones or the ones with the big D-Ring (often called "M43 Suspenders")
- M36 Musette Bags with the E-Tool Tab on the flap.
- Aviators kit Bags
- Modern Pup Tents or any other non-WWII Pup Tent tentage.
- ANY Captured German items – In order to prevent the usual re-enactorisms, and given the miniscule percentage that you actually see in photos, we'll have a blanket ban on German kit: NO Stick Grenades, NO MP40 Pouches, NO Mess Tins, NO Belts, NO Holsters and NO to any other item of German equipment...!
- Lastly..... NO WOMEN in GI Uniforms!!!