

# Normandy 2003

## Uniform & Equipment Regulations

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### **Foreword:**

These uniform regulations have been compiled for the purposes of the proposed trip to Normandy in July 2003 as body of infantry arranged in to one or two full (or reduced) strength platoons (the final order of battle will depend on actual trip attendance).

The required manpower for this trip will be obtained through the coming together of members of several very experienced, quality groups of living historians / re-enactors.

The regulations assume a good knowledge of British WW2 uniforms. They are harsh in what is and is not allowed.

The 'tick box' kit list format provides information and hints to make organising equipment for the trip as straightforward as possible. We apologise if any parts of the regulations seem patronising in any way. This is certainly not the intention. We just want to be helpful and to maintain a uniform appearance for the whole DLI unit whilst in Normandy. Be assured that your best efforts and usual high standards will pay off.

For the journey over the channel and back, we **may** travel in kit. In this case, we'd travel in uniform and GS caps with webbing worn, the small pack slung on the left hip, and the large pack worn on the back with the steel helmet attached using 20" extension straps. Kit bags would go on the civilian support vehicle with the weapons. Spike bayonets, jack knives, bandoliers of .303 and other pieces of kit which could potentially offend the public or ruffle the feathers of customs officers **MUST** be discreetly stored away in the universal pouches or small / large packs for the journey over and back on the ferry.

You should get everything you need in your webbing, small pack, large pack and a kit bag. Weapons must be kept in a valise or cover which is authentic (Sten, Bren and Rifle covers and so on).

At present, the intention is to stay in uniform for the whole trip. However, it would be sensible to pack a small amount of civilian kit (jeans/shorts/t-shirts) in a small sports bag in case civvies are necessary.

**All** bags, weapons, webbing and kit must be clearly labelled with your name and section number (you will be notified of your section numbers nearer the time) by either using stencilled lettering (for example on the kit bag), or using card tie-on labels. This will help us sort things easily when loading and unloading kit.

*Assume all pieces of kit are MANDATORY unless otherwise stipulated. Alternatives to MANDATORY are PREFERRED (PREF), OPTIONAL (OPT) or RECOMMENDED (REC).*

Kind regards,

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## General Kit



### Battledress Blouse

- *Either wartime pattern of battledress blouse (1937 or 1940) is acceptable;*
- *The patterns of BD blouses and BD trousers may be mixed between 1937 and 1940 pattern. This was common as items wore out at different rates;*
- *Originals should be in excellent condition (not threadbare or moth devoured);*
- *Only reproduction blouses from the approved suppliers may be worn. Approved reproduction suppliers are King & Country and What Price Glory for 1937 pattern. Pegasus Militaria and Motion Picture Props for 1940 pattern. No other reproduction BD is approved for wear;*
- *No US made War Aid, Canadian, Indian, Australian, or New Zealand made BD is to be worn;*
- *No 1949 pattern or converted 49 pattern BD is to be worn;*
- *No Dutch or Belgian BD is to be worn.*

The BD Blouse will be fitted with the unit insignia of:

- 1) *printed / woven white on red 'DURHAM L.I.' shoulder titles;*
- 2) *printed / woven divisional patches (50<sup>th</sup> Division 'TT' patches);*
- 3) *two scarlet red felt Arm of Service strips for each arm for the 151<sup>st</sup> (Intermediate) Brigade;*
- 4) *specially made rank chevrons, as used by the DLI, where appropriate for NCOs;*
- 5) *good conduct stripes (appropriate pattern in accordance with DLI chevron style), service stripes, wound stripe and so on;*
- 6) *trade qualifications (relevant to infantry battalions & position). For example, Bren Gunners may wear the LG or BG badge, 2-inch mortar crew may wear the mortar badge. PIAT crew may wear the AT badge and Signallers the crossed flags insignia etc.*

**NOTE 1:**

*The insignia listed at numbers 1 to 4 above will be supplied as part of the cost of the trip. The 50<sup>th</sup> Division patches and Arm of Service strips will be machine stitched onto a serge square before issue to attendees. This will make tacking them onto the BD blouse easier.*

**NOTE 2:**

*The addition of badges listed at numbers 5 and 6 above must be discussed and agreed with your section NCOs, who may have to contact their senior NCO to have permission granted prior to the trip. This ensures we don't turn up looking like the boy scouts with badges all over our arms. The trade badges for DLI were as standard issue, but had a dark green backing. This backing should match special backing for things like the cap badges and will be supplied accordingly. Section NCOs will contact the trip organisers for supplies of these for their section.*



### Battledress Trousers

- *Either wartime pattern of battledress trousers (1937 or 1940) is acceptable;*
- *The patterns of BD blouses and BD trousers may be mixed between 1937 and 1940 pattern. This was common as items wore out at different rates;*
- *Originals should be in excellent condition not threadbare or moth devoured;*
- *Only reproduction blouses from the approved suppliers may be worn. Approved reproduction suppliers are King & Country and What Price Glory for 1937 pattern. Pegasus Militaria and Motion Picture Props for 1940 pattern. No other reproduction BD is approved for wear;*
- *No 'Airborne' or 'Parachutists' trousers may be worn, either original or reproduction;*
- *No US made War Aid, Canadian, Indian, Australian, or New Zealand made BD is to be worn;*
- *No 1949 pattern or converted 49 pattern BD is to be worn;*
- *No Dutch or Belgian BD is to be worn;*
- *A First Field Dressing MUST be carried in the pocket on the right hip of the trousers.*

## General Kit

### GS Cap (non-commissioned ranks only)

*Either an original in excellent condition or a reproduction from Pegasus Militaria. Fitted with either the economy / austerity plastic DLI cap badge, or a well polished white metal (not blackened metal) DLI cap badge (Kings Crown). The cap badge **must** be mounted on a 2-inch square of dark green felt which will be supplied with insignia as part of the trip cost. The cap badge will NOT be supplied. Obtaining a cap badge, preferably an original, is the responsibility of the individual attending. Original white metal cap badges will cost around £6. Original plastic economy cap badges will cost around £30-£35. Re-strike metal cap badges are around £2-£4.*

### MKII Steel Helmet

*Fitted with correct scrim net (fine mesh) & plenty of scrim to break up the shape of the helmet. A DLI flash may be applied to the left side of helmet if you wish. This is a light green square (3" by 3") with a red diagonal which cuts from the bottom left corner to the top right. You may apply a hessian cover if you want, but the scrim net and scrim must still be applied over the top. A shell dressing may be carried under the scrim net.*

*No MKI, III or IV helmets are acceptable for the trip. Classic MKII 'Tommy' helmets only.*

### Collarless Wool Shirt

- You should be taking AT LEAST two wool shirts to ensure a clean change in the evenings etc.*
- Either use an original in excellent condition or one of the reproductions from Warhorse, RASC (Gary Coombes) or from Motion Picture Props. The Gary Coombes and MPP reproductions benefit from the replacement of the plastic buttons with white metal ones (a sort of greyish die cast type). These buttons are available from Sentimental Journey.*
- No other reproduction shirts are approved for wear.*
- No KD shirts, American wool shirts or later pattern collar attached shirts are to be worn.*
- Strictly no T-shirts under the BD or shirt!*
- If you must wear something beneath the shirt, or if you forego the shirt in favour of an authentic looking undergarment, the only things authorised are wartime pattern undershirts, white aertex PT vests, white aertex or cotton sleeveless vests or wartime pattern string vests. The What Price Glory reproduction string vest is approved for this purpose.*

### Wartime under vests / string vests / aertex vests etc (OPT)

*These may be taken and worn under the BD blouse as an alternative to wearing a collarless shirt and may present a solution to a lack of spare shirt(s).*

### Pullover (OPT)

*An original in excellent condition or ideally a reproduction (from Mrs Mallet) may be worn.*

### Scrim Scarf

*The standard camouflaged scrim scarf to be worn at the neck of the BD. It should not be plain green.*

### 37 Pattern Anklets / Gaiters

*Webbing anklets with either webbing or leather straps. Metalwork fittings must be brass, not steel or alloy ones. If they have leather strap fastenings, the leather straps should be dyed black with boot polish. Make sure your anklets are blanched KG3 (re-blanch before the trip to look tidy). Take a 'best' pair as well if you wish.*

### Leather Jerkin (OPT)

*A good condition leather jerkin either camouflaged or not may be worn and carried. No post war 'plastic' (PVC) jerkins to be worn.*

### Greatcoat (OPT)

*Please keep in mind how much space this will take up and think seriously as to how much you will use it in the height of summer in France. Use the 1940 pattern and if desired apply a single scarlet red Arm of Service strip and rank as appropriate.*

### Jack Knife

*Worn around waist on a lanyard or suspended from the trouser belt using the clip fastening.*

## General Kit



### Dress Belt

*Absolutely imperative for this trip. Make sure your dress belt is well blancoed and the brasses well polished. You will need to bring some brasso or duraglit with you to keep your brasses in tip top form. This will be covered later.*



### Identity Tags

*The round fibre disk and hexagonal lozenge, correctly strung and stamped with your details.*



### Authentic underwear (3 to 5 pairs)

*No Tom & Jerry or similar daft themes for your dung-hampers. If you don't want to wear original 'trolleys', then get some plain white cotton boxer shorts from somewhere like Marks & Spencer.*



### Braces and / or Brown Leather Belt

*The trousers may be supported by either braces or the correct pattern brown leather belt. Braces may be either original or reproductions (King & Country, What Price Glory or Motion Picture Props). No modern braces or post-war elasticated braces are to be worn.*



### Boots

*British black leather ammunition boots, correctly studded and in good serviceable condition. Use your WORK BOOTS (ie not your best dress boots). This may involve a trip to the cobbler to get your boots sorted. Remember we will be walking a bit and if your boots look worn out (missing studs, worn heels, cracked soles etc) visit the cobbler and invest in getting them fixed up. They MUST have leather laces. You should carry one or two pairs of spare leather laces with you as they always break at the worst possible time.*

*You DO NOT need a separate pair of BEST BOOTS. This will take up too much space. Just bring a boot polish kit with you to ensure your boots are in reasonable condition for walking out etc. What we think you will need is covered later in this document. However, just a tin of dubbin, a brush and cloth will do. Dubbin will attract the 'Normandy' dust for that authentic look very well.*

*Regulation boots at this stage of the war had 13 studs in the sole for economy measures to save on steel. It is, however, accepted that some people have hobnail boots with 15 (earlier war) or more studs in each. This is acceptable for the trip.*

*The toe plate at the front of boot was fitted with straight forward SLOT HEAD screws, not cross-head or posi-drive screws. Posi-drive screws are in no way authentic and spoil the look of the boot.*

*Also, another important measure for economy was a feature of the toe plate (and one still seen on modern ceremonial hob nail drill boots). The toe plate, though made with five holes for fixing screws, only has four screws fitted. This was again intended to save on steel. The missing screw, as you look down at your feet, is the second screw in from the outside of each foot.*

**NO RUBBER SOLED / DMS BOOTS OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS TRIP.**



### 37 Pattern Webbing

*Consisting of belt, cross straps, two 'universal' pouches, water bottle & carrier (envelope or cruciform style), spike / 'pig-sticker' bayonet in frog (worn on left hip), entrenching tool & cover (worn over the small of the back), small pack with left and right straps.*

*All webbing, including weapons slings, to be blancoed KG3 without exception! Re-blanco immediately before the trip to look tidy.*

*Note that all webbing must have brass fittings not steel, alloy or other economy materials. Cross straps must not be the Canadian padded variety. Universal pouches must be the MK2 or MK3 variety with brass press-stud fixings not webbing quick release tabs. No blue enamel water bottles are to be used.*

*Take your large pack with left and right straps and 20" extension straps as well. This will allow some packing of spare kit like shirts, socks, underwear and so on and allow you to carry your helmet on the pack properly when in transit.*

*Bandoliers will be slung across the chest (in the exception, they can be worn tied around the waist). Wartime pattern bandoliers must be used. These are readily available in original form (or reproduction from Pegasus Militaria). Wartime pattern bandoliers have their 'sling' strap made in matching cotton material, not webbing. 'Webbing' type slings are clearly evident on post-war NATO marked 7.62mm bandoliers.*

*No toggle ropes to be carried.*

*No Sten Gun Magazine Bandoliers to be carried.*

## General Kit

- Gas Cape (**PREF**)  
*Rolled up to match the width of the small pack and attached to the web belt below the small pack. Alternatives to this are attaching the rolled cape to the top of the small pack or the bottom of the small pack. Original capes or Pegasus Militaria reproductions can be used.*
- 43 Pattern Light Respirator in case with contents  
*Worn slung over the left hip **under** the webbing. DO NOT wear the respirator attached to the belt. It must contain a correct pattern respirator and filter and as much of the proper contents as possible (anti-gas ointment tins, cotton waste, anti-dimming kits, anti-gas goggles, anti gas brassards, anti-gas helmet cover etc).*
- Pioneer Tool  
*A GS shovel or pick axe is **mandatory** for **all** ranks except BREN No 1s, the PIAT No1 and 2-inch Mortar No1. If the support weapon No1s do want to carry them, however, it would not be incorrect to do so.*

## Contents of Pockets (BD Blouse)

*[We are all experienced living historians and should fill the pockets of our BD with authentic materials]*

- AB64 Paybook
- Invasion Currency, French Francs (**REC**)
- Soldiers Guide to France (**REC**)  
*Good quality repros of these are now available at around £5 from Sentimental Journey. An essential piece of reading for the ferry over there! Issued to all troops going to France.*  
*An overall 'invasion pack' is also available from Sentimental Journey for around £10-£12 with all sorts of useful things like the Guide to France, invasion currency and privilege envelopes. A must have for your pockets! Visit their website at [www.sentimentaljourney.co.uk](http://www.sentimentaljourney.co.uk) and browse the selections in their shop.*
- Imperial Currency British Coins (**REC**)  
*A handful of pocket change or a few British currency notes help to add to the overall image. Ensure coins are dated pre-1945.*
- NAAFI Tokens, Imperial currency or French Francs (**REC**)  
*Small Bakelite tokens, often hexagonal in shape*
- Privilege Envelopes / postcards (**REC**)
- Prophylactic Kit (**REC**)
- Other items (**REC**)  
*Such as Heinz tin openers, pencil / pen, note pad, pictures of loved ones in black & white / sepia, cigarettes, matches, handkerchief (cotton or silk, not paper) and so on...*

## Contents of Pockets (BD Trousers)

- First Field Dressing  
*Must, must be carried in the pocket at the top of the right hip. No fag packets or hand grenades, please.*
- Map pocket & back pocket (other items)  
*You don't have to put anything in here. Items stored in the map pocket invariably rub against the top of the knee and can cause discomfort. It's up to you. Use your imagination but be sensible.*

## Boot & Brass Care

*[Ensure you all carry a kit to enable you to maintain your boots (not bulled, just brush polished) and polish up your dress belt and anklet brasses. To save on space, pack this stuff in your e-tool cover or a small cotton bag like an old mess tin cover and pop in your large pack]*

### Boot polish

*Get an original polish tin (they are still obtainable if you look around) and fill with some new polish, or simply strip the paint finish off a modern tin. We won't be bulling our boots up in Normandy, but we'll ensure they are given a good clean and a brush-up before any ceremonial duties or walking-out.*

### Dubbin

*To ensure your boots are waterproof to a certain degree and to maintain the leather. Again, use an original tin (easy to find) or a modern tin which either looks authentic or, if not, strip the finish off with paint stripper. Dubbin is probably the most original way to maintain your boots without polish. This is also how you see the pictures of all those men in dusty boots in Normandy. The dust sticks to the dubbin.*

### Boot brush

### Duraglit / Brasso

*Put a small amount of metal polish (wadding, not liquid to avoid leaks) in a small tin like an empty boot polish tin.*

### Old cloth

### Spare pair(s) of leather laces

## Foot Care

*[The items listed here are not all authentic. They are one of our only real compromises in authenticity. They will help ensure healthy, blister-free and painless feet]*

### Grey Socks (3 to 5 pairs)

*Make sure these are decent walking socks with cushioned soles and make sure they are GREY. You can get Bridgedale socks, Millets, Therlo or other makes. Again, remember that original socks wear out quickly and need darning a lot. Be sensible. Bridgedale do a virtually identical replica of the socks for around £6-£8 a pair. The title of the exact Bridgedale copies is "Explorer Boot (Trekking)". You might pay more, but they'll last!*

### Zinc Oxide Tape (2 or 3 rolls) (REC)

*The tape is to wrap your feet (the balls of your feet and any areas - e.g. toes / heels - that may get rubbed by your boots).*

### Lining Socks, at least 2 pairs (REC)

*Modern and not exactly authentic, but they are intended for wear under your normal socks and will help protect you from blisters and so on during long marches. Go to Normandy prepared to use your feet! You can get lining socks from any good outdoor / camping / hiking store. Again, Bridgedale do these.*

### Foot Powder (REC)

*A lot of the lads used original stuff in Normandy and Bethune last year – it is authentic and works just as well as modern stuff. It is also cheap and easy to find. When it runs out, you can simply re-fill the tin.*

### Sorbothane Insoles (REC)

*You should also consider (we certainly recommend) using SORBOTHANE INSOLES or some form of cushioned insole in your ammo boots for this particular trip to help absorb and protect you from the impact felt through the leather soles, steel studs, steel horseshoe heels and toe plates when marching in full battle order. Remember that the lads 60 years ago were used to wearing these boots. They grew up with them and had trained for years before D-Day wearing them. We haven't. We're used to softer shoes with cushioning and so on. You can't do long marches and expect to get away with it. A lot of lads found this to their detriment on the Dunkirk march, the Commando March in Normandy in June 2002 and in Bethune in September 2002. Be sensible for this trip. Be prepared to walk.*

## Contents of Small Pack

*[I have listed the contents you should consider carrying in your small pack. Exactly what you take and what you can get in the pack is down to your own technique. Make your contents as authentic as possible]*

### Mess Tins

*Appropriate British patterns only. Preferably wartime dated.*

### Spare Water Bottle

*This is not an option. Everyone is responsible for ensuring they carry enough water. Ensure you are switched on and top up your water at every opportunity! You'll need it with the lovely combination of summer, BD and full kit.*

### Knife, Fork & Spoon set

*Wartime patterns only – either the early war separates or the late war clip-together set.*

### Wash Roll

*Normally, original contents should be carbolic soap in tin, toothbrush, toothpaste/tooth soap, razor & blades, shaving soap and brush, kit bag clasp & padlock, spare leather laces, knife, fork & spoon, foot powder, brown plastic comb and shaving mirror.*

*Note that for this trip, we can do away with the full, authentic contents and replace them with items (as near to authentic as possible) which you can actually use and save space in your kit. Get a plain white tooth brush (Asda 'value' range), some Euthymol Toothpaste (you can still get it in a metal tube from Boots), your authentic shaving mirror or a cheap authentic-looking copy, a shaving stick, brush & razor, a brown plastic comb, spare boot laces, your knife, fork & spoon set, foot powder, some soap in a tin and a white flannel towel. You can leave deodorant / shower gel and a spare towel or whatever other bits of wash kit you need with your large pack.*

### Tommy Cooker / Brew Kit

*Whichever pattern you like on this one so long as it is authentic. No modern hexi-stoves or gas cookers!*

### Tea Ration in tin (REC)

*You should all have enough to make a decent brew while we're on breaks from marching etc.*

### Emergency Chocolate Ration in tin (OPT)

### Authentically wrapped food

*Assume that the food you'd be carrying was taken from a compo ration box rather than a 24 hour ration box. Carry:*

- *ration chocolate bars (have enough for 2 or 3 bars a day) in repro wrappers;*
- *chewing gum (tablet type);*
- *boiled sweets (transparent coloured candy type in plain plastic wrappers available in large packs from somewhere like Sainsburys - transfer them out of the modern large foil bag and into a tin or such the like);*
- *a couple of tins of food like soup or fruit with repro wartime pattern labels;*
- *about half a dozen OXO stock cubes (good for re-hydration);*
- *smokers should consider using cigarettes WITHOUT filters for that authentic look (though you take your own responsibility for damaging your health in the first place!) Keep them in an authentic type tin or packet – no modern cigarette packets are acceptable;*
- *matches in an appropriate wartime box or an authentic period lighter.*

*If you haven't got authentic repro wrapping for your food (tin labels and chocolate wrappers etc), you should ask yourself why. We won't be living on compo, but if you do go into your small packs for food, we want it properly wrapped and of authentic appearance. No modern wrappers or packets of Walkers crisps or whatever. Remember! Keep it authentic! Complete the look!*

### Ground Sheet / Cape (tan)

*Either the standard Groundsheet or the Groundsheet / Cape variety. Either an original in excellent condition or a reproduction from Pegasus Militaria. No green varieties may be used (whether war dated or not).*

### Enamel Mug

*Either white or brown to be hung on the outside of the pack. Post war dates to be obliterated (paint over).*

## Contents of First Aid Kit

*[These contents aren't all exactly authentic, but you should all carry something for yourselves so you don't rely on others unfairly. To save on space, pack this stuff into something like a period tobacco tin and store in your e-tool cover or your small pack]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fabric type elastoplasts (various sizes)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | White lint dressing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Safety pins   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Anti-septic cream   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insect bite treatment / cream                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Insect repellent  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Small scissors  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Headache tablets (for hangovers etc)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Re-hydration powder in sachets (available from pharmacists) |

## Contents of Large Pack

*[What you want to carry in your large pack is up to you and what you can get in the pack is down to your own technique. Carry the things you are least likely to use through the day and things you are likely to leave at our billets / with our support vehicle for evenings etc.]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spare shirt(s)                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spare tins of food and ration chocolate bars        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spare socks, lining socks etc                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spare underwear                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Denims  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Boot care kit (polish, dubbin etc.)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pullover  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dress Belt  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Best Gaiters  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spare under vests / string vests / aertex vests etc |

## Sleeping Kit

*[What you want to use is up to you. Be sensible. We may not have warm billets so there is a need for camp beds (no horrible modern air filled mattresses or such the like are allowed). We don't have to take the living history side of things too far here, however. Whatever you carry though, ensure it is stowed away in something like an authentic kit bag. No carrier bags or modern holdalls to spoil the overall image!]*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeping Bag<br><i>Modern types acceptable in whatever form.</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Camp Bed<br><i>Wartime British pattern preferable – the canvas roll with 4 detachable wire supports.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kit Bag<br><i>Available in original or reproductions from Pegasus Militaria.</i>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 x Blankets   |

## Officer's Kit Notes



### Officer's Kharki Beret (normally private purchase)

*Either an original in excellent condition or a good quality reproduction. Ideally fitted with a well polished sterling silver (or a well polished white metal) DLI cap badge (Kings Crown). The cap badge **must** be mounted on a 2-inch square of dark green felt which will be supplied with insignia as part of the trip cost. The cap badge will NOT be supplied. Obtaining a cap badge, preferably an original, is the responsibility of the individual attending.*



### Officer's SD Cap (OPT)

*Either an original in excellent condition or a good quality reproduction. Ideally fitted with a well polished sterling silver (or a well polished white metal) DLI cap badge (Kings Crown). The cap badge **must** be mounted on a 2-inch square of dark green felt which will be supplied with insignia as part of the trip cost. The cap badge will NOT be supplied. Obtaining a cap badge, preferably an original, is the responsibility of the individual attending.*



### Officer's private purchase shoulder titles

*Embroidered gold on dark green 'DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY' titles (in full). Either an original pair in excellent condition or a good quality reproduction pair.*



### .38 Revolver (Either Webley or Enfield)

*No special variants to be carried (such as spurless Albions) or automatics such as Brownings or Colts. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry a cleaning rod and some cleaning patches and an oil bottle somewhere in your kit.*



### Sten MKII, Sten MKIII or No4 Rifle

*Any of these may be carried. No other variants acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate.*

*STEN: Carry a loading tool for the magazines and a cleaning kit (pull through, oil bottle and cleaning patches) in a tobacco tin or something similar. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling.*

*RIFLE: Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*



### Officer's Webbing

*Either 'standard' officer's kit or the typical Normandy officer variations on webbing which were used to avoid unwanted sniper attention. For example, standard webbing with added pistol holster and ammo pouch, prismatic compass etc. Standard holster only to be used. No tank crew or other variations acceptable.*



### Binoculars

*To be carried in either the binocular pouch or worn around the neck and tucked into the BD blouse.*



### Ammunition:

- *At least 12 rounds of inert .38 for the revolver (6 in the gun and the remainder in the pistol ammo pouch);*
- *STEN - 5 magazines with between 25 and 32 rounds of inert 9mm in each. Note that the magazines used must not have the post war modification of brass runners to reduce magazine capacity. Put one magazine on the gun and carry the remainder of the magazines in one universal pouch (or the officer's side pack) with the loading tool and cleaning kit;*
- *.303 No 4 - 10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle and one cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *If wearing standard universal pouches, two Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in one of the pouches. Note that if carrying a Sten and wearing standard pouches, there would be no room for Bren magazines. The pouches would be full of Sten magazines and grenades;*
- *Up to 4 inert or replica grenades (a mixture of 36, 69 and 77), can be carried in either a universal pouch or the officer's side pack. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s.*

## Platoon Sergeant's Kit Notes



### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*



### Ammunition:

- 10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;
- One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;
- 2 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in a universal pouch;
- Up to 4 inert or replica grenades (a mixture of 36, 69 and 77) can be carried in other universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s. NCOs would carry smoke to cover advances / withdrawals etc.

## Section Corporal's Kit Notes



### Sten MKII / Sten MKIII

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry a loading tool for the magazines and a cleaning kit (pull through, oil bottle and cleaning patches) in a tobacco tin or something similar. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling.*



### Ammunition:

- 5 Sten magazines with between 25 and 32 rounds of inert 9mm in each. Note that the magazines used must not have the post war modification of brass runners to reduce magazine capacity. Put one magazine in the gun and the remainder of the magazines in one universal pouch with the loading tool and cleaning kit;
- No Bren magazines;
- Up to 4 inert or replica grenades (a mixture of 36, 69 and 77) can be carried in other universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s. NCOs would carry smoke to cover advances / withdrawals etc.

## Section Lance Corporal's Kit Notes

*[Section 2i/c & Bren Group Commander]*



### Sten MKII / Sten MKIII

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry a loading tool for the magazines and a cleaning kit (pull through, oil bottle and cleaning patches) in a tobacco tin or something similar. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling.*



### Ammunition:

- 5 Sten magazines with between 25 and 32 rounds of inert 9mm in each. Note that the magazines used must not have the post war modification of brass runners to reduce magazine capacity. Put one magazine in the gun and the remainder of the magazines in one universal pouch with the loading tool and cleaning kit;
- 6 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in supplementary pouches;
- Up to 4 inert or replica grenades (a mixture of 36, 69 and 77) can be carried in other universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s. NCOs would carry smoke to cover advances / withdrawals etc.



Machete in scabbard



Binoculars (OPT)

## Bren Gunner's Kit Notes

*[DO NOT BRING a .38 revolver if you are a Bren Gunner. A sidearm would not be required if the Bren was well maintained. There is much evidence to suggest that the issue of side arms to Bren gunners was more of an Airborne / Commando trend than an infantry one]*

### Bren Gun

*Preferably a Mark I. No Mark III variants acceptable (with the shorter barrel). Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling.*

### Ammunition:

- *5 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in each. One on the gun and the remainder to be carried in the universal pouches;*
- *No grenades.*

### Spare Parts Wallet

*Ensure this is blancoed, with as many authentic contents as possible. Ensure to carry oil and cleaning patches.*

## Bren No 2's Kit Notes

### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*

### Ammunition:

- *10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;*
- *One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *4 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in each (two in each universal pouch);*
- *6 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in supplementary pouches;*
- *No grenades.*

### Bren Spare Barrel

*Preferably in a blancoed barrel bag with as many authentic parts in the bag as possible. An alternative is putting the barrel through the top of the small pack and carrying the other parts in the bag or elsewhere on your person.*

## Private's Kit Notes

*[These notes also apply to the batman / runner in Platoon HQ]*

### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*

### Ammunition:

- *10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;*
- *One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *2 Bren magazines with between 25 and 30 rounds of inert .303 in a universal pouch;*
- *Up to 2 grenades. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s.*

## Radio Operator's Kit Notes

### Sten MKII / Sten MKIII

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry a loading tool for the magazines and a cleaning kit (pull through, oil bottle and cleaning patches) in a tobacco tin or something similar. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling.*

### Ammunition:

- *5 Sten magazines with between 25 and 32 rounds of inert 9mm in each. Put one magazine in the gun and the remainder of the magazines in one universal pouch with the loading tool and cleaning kit;*
- *No Bren magazines;*
- *Up to 2 inert or replica grenades can be carried in other universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s.*

### 18 or 38 Radio Set

*Ensure that the radio used is in good condition and has as many authentic accessories as possible. If the 18 Set is worn, then the small pack should be slung on the left hip.*

## Two Inch Mortar Commander (L/Cpl)

*[Part of Platoon HQ]*

### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*

### Ammunition:

- *10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;*
- *One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *No Bren magazines;*
- *No grenades;*
- *Four 2" mortar bombs (two in each universal pouch, fins showing – for that spanky look!);*
- *Six 2" mortar bombs in supplementary pouches (3 in each pouch).*

## Two Inch Mortar No 1

*[Part of Platoon HQ]*

### 2" Mortar

*The long infantry variant (not the shorter airborne variant) with end cap and webbing strap. The mortar should be painted plain green or chocolate brown and have a white strip painted up the barrel. Deactivated with appropriate certificate.*

### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*

### Ammunition:

- *10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;*
- *One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *No Bren magazines;*
- *No grenades;*
- *Four 2" mortar bombs (two in each universal pouch, fins showing – for that spanky look!).*

### 2" Mortar cleaning kit / spare parts wallet

*Ensure this is blancoed with as many authentic parts as possible.*

## Two Inch Mortar No 2

*[Part of Platoon HQ]*

### No4 Rifle

*No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blancoed sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.*

### Ammunition:

- *10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle;*
- *One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;*
- *No Bren magazines;*
- *No grenades;*
- *Four 2" mortar bombs (two in each universal pouch, fins showing – for that spanky look!);*
- *Six 2" mortar bombs in supplementary pouches (3 in each pouch);*
- *If possible, a set of 2" mortar bomb carrying tubes with a full load of bombs.*

## PIAT No 1

[Attached / allocated from Company HQ]

### PIAT

With appropriate sling. The PIAT should be painted plain green or chocolate brown and have a white strip painted up the barrel. Remove the practice round tray. Deactivated with appropriate certificate.

### Sten MKII, Sten MKIII or No4 Rifle

Any of these may be carried. No other variants acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate.

**STEN:** Carry a loading tool for the magazines and a cleaning kit (pull through, oil bottle and cleaning patches) in a tobacco tin or something similar. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling.

**RIFLE:** Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.

### Ammunition:

- STEN - 5 magazines with between 25 and 32 rounds of inert 9mm in each. Note that the magazines used must not have the post war modification of brass runners to reduce magazine capacity. Put one magazine on the gun and carry the remainder of the magazines in one universal pouch with the loading tool and cleaning kit;
- .303 No 4 - 10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle and one cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;
- No Bren magazines;
- Up to 4 inert or replica grenades can be carried in a universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s. PIAT teams would carry smoke to cover advances / withdrawals etc.

## PIAT No 2

[Attached / allocated from Company HQ]

### No4 Rifle

No other weapon types acceptable. Deactivated with appropriate certificate. Carry an oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches in the butt trap (in case you are asked what is inside the butt trap). You can leave the butt trap stuff in there for show - as it takes some getting in and out so you may also wish to carry a cleaning kit (oil bottle, pull through and cleaning patches) elsewhere on your person like tucked in your e-tool carrier. Ensure to have a correct pattern, blanched sling. Also, ideally, you'd carry a spare magazine for the rifle in case the one on the weapon was damaged. Each rifle was issued with two magazines.

### Ammunition:

- 10 rounds of inert .303 loaded into the magazine on the rifle.
- One cotton bandolier with 50 rounds of inert .303 in charger clips;
- Up to 4 inert or replica grenades can be carried in other universal pouch. No Gammon Bombs or Hawkins Mines to be carried. Tend towards 36s or 77s rather than 69s. PIAT teams would carry smoke to cover advances / withdrawals etc;
- If possible, two PIAT bomb carrying tubes with a full load of bombs (repro or original). If this is not possible, use 3" mortar tubes with appropriate weighting. At least one inert bomb must be carried for the PIAT.