

7TH Michigan Military Clothing

Basic Uniform, Rifle and Accouterments, and Equipage requirements: (See Figure 1 at the end of this chapter for photographs of the major items listed below. These items may be purchased new or used.

PRIVATE

Uniform:

Forage cap (dark-blue)
Jefferson booties (i.e. brogans) or period-looking (black) shoes or boots
Suspenders (called braces)
Wool (dark-blue) four-button sack coat (lining optional)
Wool (sky-blue kersey) pants
Wool or cotton shirt (recommend 2 pair at least, military or civilian pattern)
Wool socks (recommend 2 pair at least)

Rifle and Accoutrements:

Blank cartridges for .58 caliber rifle (authentically rolled)
Leather (black) cap box
Leather (black) cartridge box sling with brass round "Eagle" plate
Leather (black) cartridge box with tins and brass oval "U.S." plate
Leather (black) waist belt with brass oval "U.S." buckle
Rifle percussion caps
Rifle with leather sling, bayonet, and bayonet scabbard
 Springfield three-banded percussion rifle .58 caliber (preferred)
 or
 Enfield three-banded percussion rifle .577 caliber

Equipage:

Black-tarred haversack
Canteen - U.S. issued (recommend plain-side or "bullseye" pattern, w/ brown or gray cover in
 wool or jean-cloth)
Eye-glass frames (period-looking) or contact lenses for those who wear glasses

Additional recommended items:

Black-painted soft knapsack
Casey's Infantry Tactics (School of the Soldier)
Period underwear
(drawers) Pocket watch

Rain poncho
Rubber gum blanket
Shelter-half tent
Silverware (period-looking)
Tin cup
Tin frying pan
Tin mucket with cover
Tin plate
Wool Army blanket (gray or dark blue)
Wool (sky-blue kersey) infantry great coat
Wool or cotton vest (military or civilian pattern)

CORPORAL

Required:
Same as private PLUS,
Corporal chevrons,
Copy of *Hardee's U.S. Infantry Tactics* (1861),

Optional:
Same as private PLUS,
1/2" Corporal stripes on pants,

SERGEANT

Required:
Same as private PLUS,
Sergeant chevrons
Copy of *Hardee's U.S. Infantry* (1861),
Copy of *Coupee Field Manual* (1861),

Optional:
Same as private PLUS,
1 1/2" Sergeant stripes on pants,
NCO sword and hanger,
NCO sash,
Pistol, holster and cartridge box,

CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT

Required:
Junior officer (single-breasted) dark-blue frock coat with Infantry "I" buttons,
Shoulder straps with light-blue field,
Dark-blue wool vest with infantry "I" buttons,
Dark-blue wool pants with light-blue piping, or sky blue wool pants with dark blue piping.
Period suspenders,

Gray wool socks,
Field officer's sash,
Kepi or bummer with embroidered bugle, or slouch hat, embroidered bugle and black and gold hat cord with gold acorns,
Jefferson or period boots,
Period cotton shirt,
1854 foot officer's sword with leather or metal scabbard,
Sword belt (full rig),
Gold sword knot,
U.S. canteen,
Black-tarred haversack,
Gauntlets (buff),
Copy of *Hardee's Rifle & Light Infantry Tactics* (1861).
Copy of *Coupee Field Manual* (1863),
Copy of 1861 or 1863 *U.S. Army Regulations*,
(Period frames or contact lenses for those who where glasses)

Optional:

Pistol, holster, cap box and cartridge box,
Trimmed Hardees hat,
White gloves,
Epaulets,
Dark-blue wool great coat,
Poncho,
Wool blanket,
Wall tent or 6' or 9' A-frame,
Tin cup, plate and silverware,
Period cookingwear,

Miscellaneous camp equipment.



1 – Waist belt, 2 – Cap box, 3 – Enfield bayonet, scabbard and frog, 4 – Enfield musket, 5 – Springfield bayonet, 6 – 1861 Springfield, 7 – Springfield bayonet and scabbard, 8 – US Belt buckle, 9 – Cartridge box and belt with breast plate.



1 – Wool blanket, 2 – Soft knapsack, 3 – Tarred haversack, 4 – Tin cup, 5 – Boiler, 6 – Tin can boiler, 7 – Canteen, 8 – Rubber poncho (folded in half), 9 – Woolen gloves, 10 – Tin plate, 11 – Utensils, 12 – Tooth brush, 13 – Tote bag for utensils.



1 – Slouch hat, 2 – brogans, 3 – braces, 4 – Sky-blue infantry trousers, 5 – Bummer, 6 – Handkerchief, 7 - Sack coat



1 – Cotton full button down shirt, 2 – Wool flannel shirt, 3 – Assorted sock styles, 4 – Cotton drawers (under wear), 5 – neck tie, 6 – Night cap