

## Uniform Guidelines – 77<sup>th</sup> O.V.I.

### NO CORPS BADGES

The 7<sup>th</sup> A.C. was created by General Order No. 14, Adj't Gen'l's Office, January 6, 1864, 10 weeks before the Camden Expedition. The corps badge for the 7<sup>th</sup> A.C. was adopted June 1, 1865.

The Uniform Guidelines for the 77<sup>th</sup> O.V.I. are taken from: <http://www.77thovi.com/home.html>, originally created by the SCAR battalion for this event. There is no need to reinvent the wheel.

**Headgear**.....Civilian (no straw hats or wheel caps), Hardee, forage cap. Plain. **[NO CORPS BADGES]**

**Coat** .....Sack coat or state jacket (Ohio).

**Trousers** .....US Sky blue trousers are the only acceptable trouser.

**Foot wear** .....US issue bootee; military or civilian boots are also acceptable but not recommended.

**Shirt** .....US issue shirt constructed of domet flannel, US contract shirt constructed of wool flannel, civilian shirts made either of cotton or wool.

**Drawers**.....US issue made of canton flannel or civilian.

**Socks** .....Wool or cotton. No modern socks.

**Haversack** .....Painted (tarred) US issue haversack with sewn or riveted strap.

**Knapsack** .....Double-bag U.S. pack, or bed roll.

**Canteen** .....US M1858 or bullseye. Cloth or leather strap. No blue covers, they should have tan or grey jean cloth or no cover at all.

**Cartridge box**.....1857 and 1864 pattern are both acceptable. All boxes MUST have tins.

**Cap pouch**.....1855 and 1862 are both acceptable with preference towards the 62 pattern.

**Bynt Scabbard** ....1859 two rivet or 1863 seven rivet is acceptable. All scabbards must have a tip on the end.

**Belt** .....US issue, sewn or brass keeper is acceptable.

**Rifle** .....Enfield is preferred, 61 & 63 Springfield is also accepted. \*\*\*NO Smoothbores\*\*\*

#### **THREE-BAND Rifle Muskets only.**

All rifles must have an appropriate bayonet that fits their weapon. It is recommended that your rifle is defarbed.

Pistols arms **may only** be carried by officers.

**Tents** .....Shelter halves are acceptable and there should be two people per full tent. **One shelter half per man.** Only company officers are authorized to have a tent to themselves.

**Blankets** .....Tan or grey US issue. No civilian blankets

**Ground Cloth**.....US issue, either rubber or painted cloth is acceptable. No oil cloth or floor cloth

The impression guidelines are based upon documentation and photographic evidence. They are basic enough to allow for maximum participation. With that there are a few things that you will need to keep in mind.

All items must be made of the appropriate pattern and material. All button holes must be hand sewn. Wear your gear appropriately; this means shorten your canteen and haversack straps so they ride higher on your body. They shouldn't be hanging so low that they bounce off of your legs and hips.

No modern anachronisms. This means no cigarettes or other modern tobacco. No modern glasses. Contacts are acceptable but please be discrete when taking them in and out. Modern medication and first aid supplies need to be kept in period containers. Again be discrete when using these items. No piercings, visible tattoos or cell phones. Above all, have the right attitude and a willingness to pull your fair share of the weight in your company or mess.

# Red River 3 – General Orders – 77<sup>th</sup> O.V.I.

## General Order No. 1

HQ. Little Rock, Arkansas December 11, 1863 [2014]

1. Everyone must bring a minimum of 200 **properly rolled and packaged** cartridges. **Each pack MUST contain 10 cartridges and 12 percussion caps.** Please omit the pack label. Follow the hyperlink for instructions on rolling and packing. [Cartridges www.4thuscok.org/notes.cartidge.html](http://www.4thuscok.org/notes.cartidge.html).
2. **NO SIX WING CAPS ARE TO BE USED.** Upon arrival everyone will turn in 16 packs of cartridges to be placed into ammo crates for further issuance. (You will get back the same amount that you turn in).
3. For re-issue, company officers will need to submit an ordnance request via the chain of command and must ensure that proper count of ammunition expended and issued is taken to ensure that everyone gets back the correct number of cartridges that they turned in.

By Order of Colonel T. Underwood

P. Ferringer Adj. 77th OVVI

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## General Order No. 2

HQ. Little Rock, Arkansas December 29, 1863 [2014]

1. Throughout the course of the expedition each company will take its turn on picket and guard duty. For this every soldier must have a thorough understanding of the duties of guards and pickets. We will be operating in enemy territory where firefights could ensue at any time. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that all know how to properly challenge anyone who approaches their post.
2. Orderly Sergeants, will need to maintain company rosters of the following; Picket duty, guard mount, and fatigue duties. All company officers will be responsible for ensuring that this duty is carried out.

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### Note:

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