

## Ammunition Notes

Each RR3 infantry man (ideally sergeants as well), should bring 200-240 rounds of ammunition. These should ideally be made up in arsenal packs of 10 rounds each, with a roll of 12 caps, as per original. One hundred packs would fit into a wooden ammunition box.

The **Uniform Guidelines** at [www.armyofthepacific.com](http://www.armyofthepacific.com), originally posted by Tyler Underwood in General Order No. 1 for the 77<sup>th</sup> Ohio, include a link to instructions for making **authentic-looking cartridges and arsenal packs**: <http://www.4thuscok.org/notes/cartridge.html> .

Ideally, all ammunition should meet the same guidelines, so ammo could be issued to any one from any box. **However time has been fairly short.** And even when instructions have been published with plenty of time, those who have spent a lot of time and effort rolling authentic-looking rounds seemed to end being issued those that are sub-par, without the roll of 12 caps, etc.

If you are concerned about getting your exact packs back when they are issued from the box, please put your initials on them (not period, but might save a lot of frustration). We will at least put like-wrapped ammo (i.e., ammo of a group of parads) in the same box.

**If you do not have your ammunition packed in packs of 10 (with 12 caps) – i.e., loose rounds!** – please put them in a brown paper bag or other period-looking container. These, as well as the arsenal packs, will be placed in the wooden ammunition boxes. Don't forget to bring more caps than rounds!

**Ammunition purchased from the event itself** will come in bundles of 40 with separate caps.

Roughly, I expect 3 “types” of ammunition: (1) arsenal **packs** of 10 (assumed to have 12 caps); [2] **loose** but in paper bags, etc. and; [3] event **bundles** of 40 (assumed to be of common shape).

Since uniformity is not guaranteed, **we will have a modified approach to the ammunition issue, which requires more detailed book-keeping** (again, not ideal, and not as “they” would have done it).

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### Ammunition Boxes .... Turn-in and Distribution (Current Plan)

The following will be the procedure for turning-in and distributing (issuing) ammunition:

- Each company will be provided with wooden ammunition boxes at a rate of about 4 or 5 enlisted men per box. Each box will be labeled in chalk with (1) the company letter, and (2) a number. E.g., C/2 is “Co. C, Box 2”
- On Sunday, June 6, each man will keep on their person 60 rounds of ammunition. They will turn in the rest of their ammunition to their company ordnance NCO, who will keep a strict record of each man's ammunition (I will try to make up a form). Sixty rounds is the typical “combat load” for infantry ... 40 in the box, 20 extra going in pockets/knapsack (one reason why arsenal packs were needed then and now).
- Boxes will be loaded by TYPE of ammunition. For example, all arsenal packs in a company will go into the same box(es); all event bundles into the same boxes; all loose rounds (in bags) into another box. E.g., H/1 might have all arsenal packs. OR, if there are enough boxes for a set of parads to have their own box, they can be mixed. Each enlisted man should remember which box his ammunition is in!

- **Distribution:** As necessary, Ordnance NCOs will distribute ammunition to the men in the company each night so that each man has 60 rounds of ammunition. Those will arsenal packs will draw should have 50-60 rounds on their person (so as not to break up packs during issue).
- Each man will draw from the box that his ammunition was placed in. The number taken will be recorded by the NCO. Those will event bundles and loose rounds should also have caps.
- Boxes may be consolidated as the event proceeds.

This is the “Current Plan” as all plans are subject to modification.