

EVENT CHECKLIST – RED RIVER 3 JUNE 7-13, 2015

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Pards,

For your convenience, I have developed a packing “checklist.” Originally formulated for the Army of the Pacific for Red River I in 1994, it has evolved over the years. You may not need all the items listed, some are only suggestions, and you may be able to pard-up with some items. Hopefully this will let you get organized before the *last minute*. It will help me at least.

Red River is a campaign event – *travel light*.

UNIFORM

- ___ Fatigue Blouse or State Jacket (Ohio)
- ___ Trousers – sky blue
- ___ Uniform Hat, untrimmed; or Civilian hat
- ___ Shirt
- ___ Drawers
- ___ Socks
- ___ Bootees, Issue (brogans)

WEAPON

- ___ Rifle/Musket
- ___ Bayonet
- ___ Cleaning Equipment / Tool

ACCOUTREMENTS, &C.

- ___ Belt: Cap Box/Bayonet/Scabbard
- ___ Cartridge Box & Strap
- ___ Canteen
- ___ Haversack

MESS GEAR

- ___ Plate
- ___ Cup/Mucket
- ___ Utensils
- ___ Pot[†] (or simply use mucket)
- ___ Frying pan[†] – canteen half
- ___ Rations for Sunday
- ___ Ration Bags (extra)
- ___ Salt
- ___ _____
- ___ _____

[†] try to pard up.

NOTE 1: Overcoats are not listed for this campaign.

NOTE 2: **NO CORPS BADGES.** The 7th A.C. was just formed Jan. 1864, and the badge was not officially adopted until June 1865.

“HOUSING”

- ___ Poncho or Rubber Blanket
- ___ Wool Blanket
- ___ Shelter Half
- ___ Extra twine
- ___ Knapsack (preferred over the)
 - ___ Extra Socks
 - ___ Extra Shirt(s)
 - ___ Extra Drawers
 - ___ Sleeping Cap
 - ___ _____

Packing *everything* inside the pack is generally best if it fits (there is no roll to pull back on you).

OTHER ITEMS

- ___ Crotch Powder (corn starch) – very important for those not used to walking a lot in trousers.
- ___ Housewife
- ___ Paper (for Nature’s Call)
- ___ Matches
- ___ Pocket Knife
- ___ Towel/Soap
- ___ Candles
- ___ Writing Kit
- ___ Pipe/tobacco
- ___ Moleskin (for blisters).
- ___ _____
- ___ _____

“EXTRA STUFF” (e.g., medicine)

- ___ _____
- ___ _____
- ___ _____

Capt. Henry Richards’ (93rd OVI, 3d Division, 4th A.C.) recommendations to his brother, entering 100-day service in May, 1864:

He should take nothing but what he can carry on a march,... . One blanket, one extra pair of socks, one extra shirt, haversack, canteen and rubber blanket, with half of a shelter tent is all he should take. The pants he wears will last him. A tin plate, knife and fork and spoon, tin-cup and very small tin bucket, with cover, that will hold about a quart, to make coffee in, a little sack for coffee, one for sugar and one for salt, just large enough to hold three days’ rations, and a small frying pan completes the outfit. He will find when he carries all these with gun, cartridge-box, with forty rounds ammunition, he will have a pretty good load. Nothing is better than Government shoes for the march, and they should be one size larger than he wears at home.

Omnia Mecum Mea Portos

“All that is mine I carry with me.” – Cicero
(as suggested by J.Smotherman, Red River II, 1999)