

# 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*.

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## 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<sup>†</sup> (or simply use mucket)
- \_\_\_ Frying pan<sup>†</sup> – canteen half
- \_\_\_ Rations for Sunday
- \_\_\_ Ration Bags (extra)
- \_\_\_ Salt
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
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<sup>†</sup> try to pard up.

**NOTE 1:** Overcoats are not listed for this campaign.

**NOTE 2:** **NO CORPS BADGES.** The 7<sup>th</sup> 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).
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## “EXTRA STUFF” (e.g., medicine)

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
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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.

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### *Omnia Mecum Mea Portos*

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