

EVENT CHECKLIST

37TH ILL. VET. VOL. INF'Y, FORT BLAKELY, APRIL 2019

Dom Dal Bello, 2018

Pards,

For your convenience, I have developed a packing "checklist." Originally formulated in 1994 for Red River I, it has evolved over the years and by event. You may not need all the items listed, some are just 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.

Please refer to Circular No. 3 Federal Guidelines (sometimes labeled No.4) for details on uniform and equipment requirements.

UNIFORM

- Coat (fatigue, sack)
- Trousers – sky blue ONLY
- Hat, Civilian or Uniform Hat;
(acceptable: forage cap)
- Shirt
- Drawers
- Socks
- Issue shoes, or civilian shoes or boots

WEAPON

- Rifle Musket (M1863/1864 Springfield);
Cos A & K of 37th were issued Colt
Revolving Rifles (see Federal
Guidelines).
- Bayonet (in scabbard)
- 10 arsenal packs (10 rounds, 12 caps)

ACCOUTREMENTS, &C., (late war)

- Belt, U.S. Buckle
- Bayonet Scabbard
- Cartridge Box with sling, U.S. box plate and
eagle breast plate
- Cap Box
- Canteen, gray/brown cover
- Haversack

MESS GEAR

- Plate
- Cup/Mucket
- Utensils
- Rations for Friday until late afternoon
- Ration Bags (extra)
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"HOUSING"

- Rubber Blanket
- Poncho
- Wool Blanket, issue
- Shelter
- Extra twine
- Knapsack
- Extra shoes (every man was to carry
with them and extra
- Extra Socks
- Extra Shirt(s)
- Extra Drawers
- Sleeping Cap
- Overcoat, Sky Blue
- _____

OTHER ITEMS

- Crotch Powder (corn starch) – very
important for those not used to trousers and
walking a lot.
- Housewife
- Paper (for Nature's Call)
- Matches
- Pocket Knife
- Towel/Soap
- Candle
- Pipe/tobacco Cigars
- Moleskin (for blisters).
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"EXTRA STUFF" (e.g., medicine)

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Capt. Henry Richards' (93rd OVI, 3d Div, 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.
