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MANUAL**



US Uniform, Equipment Standards



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I-2, Purpose and Scope

Welcome to Rolling Thunder, The Vietnam Experience Operators Manual. If you are reading this you are on your way to become one of the best Vietnam re-enactors in the UK. The reason why this Manual has been created is so that our members stand out from other re-enactors not because we have better kit or equipment but because we have "THE LOOK" right! This level of detail can not be brought from ebay or a militaria dealer, this only comes with years of research and experience and the desire to get it right and to go that little bit further in your research or collecting.

To be a Vietnam re-enactor is an expensive hobby, but you do not need loads of money or the rarest kit to stand out, what is more important is your accuracy! If someone takes a photo of you, could the photo be mistaken for a period photograph or is something a dead give away that shows that you are someone trying to look the part but failing to do so?

When the committee members started back in the 80's, we did not have the internet and there were very few books around, so this wasn't an easy task to get it right, but now everything is available via books or internet search engines, thousands of period photos are now accessible, so if you can not get your look right, frankly you are just not trying hard enough!

Make the Veterans proud by getting it right! And remember this is not a race; less is often more, in what ever you do or purchase, go for quality not quantity! Just try that little bit harder, to make us all proud to be a member of Rolling Thunder.



I-3, Health and Safety

All vehicles must have appropriate insurance while attending shows and displays. No vehicles should be moved in public areas without sufficient marshall's wearing reflective or high-vision clothing.

All vehicle passengers should remain seated unless manning vehicle mounted weapons; no passengers are to be transported on the out side of vehicles

All members of Rolling Thunder shall have attended a safety talk on weapons handling and their use within a public area, together with general safety considerations and requirements.

All members attending displays will be informed where first aid kits are kept and who is in charge.

All fuel, pyrotechnics and blank ammunition will be stored in appropriate containers and marked correctly.

Blank firing weapons are to be discharged only in designated areas or show arenas.

All bladed weapons are to remain sheathed at all times unless part of a controlled display.

No bayonets are to be fixed during re-enactments.

All generators are to conform to current EEC regulations and to earthed spiked.

The Society agrees to adhere to all rules and regulations laid down by show organisers.

Public safety is to be paramount at all times. Any public interaction with hands-on displays to be adequately supervised at all times by a member of the Society.



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I-4, Code of Practice

Rolling Thunder is made up of individuals who agree to comply with the rules laid down by a NON elected committee.

Rolling Thunder allow its members to have specific areas of interest within the Vietnam conflicts.

Members having the same interest may put forward a display coordinator for the good working of that display at the various shows.

Displays coordinators have no special status and must abide by the same rules as everyone else.

Any member including coordinators causing friction within Rolling Thunder could have there membership revoked without the membership fee being refunded and there renewal membership refused.

All vehicles are to be taxed and insured for the purpose to which they are to be used.

All markings and vehicle colour schemes are to be correct and in-keeping with the unit/period being portrayed; number plates/modern indicators should be removed or covered up during displays.

Minimum age requirement is 18 years old, and no uniform children are to be on site display during public hours, exception to be made if under parental supervision/care and with correct and plausible Vietnam War children impression & with the committee agreement.

All equipment uniforms and insignia are to be of the correct type for period displayed and worn as per regulations and appropriate to your age. Regulation hair cut are required when in uniform (OD bandanas are accepted for individuals with longer hair), stubble are accepted if you going for the "field look" but not beard. No weapons or full combat gear to be carried or worn unless on organised display or moving to and from an arena display.

No weapons are to be used or carried offensively. All weapons are to have current deactivated certificates or copies for weapons displayed.

Modern cooking/camping equipment lights etc. are to be kept out of sight from public during show opening hours.

This code of practice can be extended if required at any time and will be enforced to preserve the Society's good reputation and high standards.

CHAPTER II PERSONAL APPEARANCES

II-1, General Notes

PLEASE BE THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION!

Research who you are portraying and the unit, if you are depicting "base personnel" try to be clean shaven and keep your boots polished. This includes truck drivers, Nurses, REMF, etc, with jungle uniform pressed and in good shape.

On the other hand if you are depicting line infantry or units in the field, most of the time, the beloved jungle boots were of a greyish to a tan leather colour, all dried up and looking pretty rough, the same goes for your uniform, use an old one, don't wash it regularly and don't iron it, generally give the impression that you have been wearing it in the field for a long time. Slight beard stubble will enhance the look! Full grown beard over a week old is not acceptable for US troops!

II-2, Hair/Beards/Earrings

Regulation military haircut please, no beards and earrings must be removed for the duration of the show. Moustaches and goatee-beards were mainly worn in the 70's, so remember this may be ideal for the 70's look, but if you are portraying a mid 60's unit, your goatee will look out of place!

Tattoos were rare in Vietnam (except those of a Military nature which were mainly worn by Airborne, Special Forces, Seals, and Rangers) so keep your modern tattoos covered. ("Celtic" tattoos, good for Afghan or Iraq but not seen in Vietnam! They are guaranteed to spoil a good Vietnam photo!)

So please use the right look for the period you are depicting.

II-3 Glasses/Dog Tags

If you are wearing correction glasses, go for the civilian 50's, 60's, NHS, Grannie, "John Lennon" style. They can now be easily purchased from ebay or from specialist websites, genuine US Army issue ones are harder to get.



Vietnam US Army issue sun glasses,



Glasses Sun HGU-4/P
aviator sun glasses favoured by MP's



ROSSBOY 524 NHS/60'S style
RAY BAN Wayfarer 60's style
1976 US Army issue

60's sunglasses are easy to find as for the moment the retro look is in fashion, but remember the most encountered type in Vietnam was the black/ brown Wayfarer Ray Ban style! Sun glasses were discouraged for wear in the field. Of Course REMF, personnel on bases, truck drivers, PBR, Air and Armour crew did wear them.



Top Gun Aviator Ray-ban style sun glasses were seen in Vietnam from around late 67 and were mainly used by flying personnel.



Vietnam issue Sun, Wind & Dust goggles, the straps goes through the lenses and not through side mounts. This type is the only one acceptable.
For more details refer to www.rolling-thunder.org.uk

Dog Tags

The black rubber silencer was a very limited late issue in Vietnam and is not representative of the war, secure your tags with green tape or elastic band. Infantry units sometimes wore one on their boot lace and the other around there neck. For more details refer to: www.rolling-thunder.org.uk



Line one: Name
Line two: Initials
Line three: Military ID Number
(up to 1969, then Social Security Number, 8 digits) and blood group letter on right hand side
Line four: Unit/Branch of Army
Line five: Religion

II-4, Watches

An item easy to get right, e-bay is full of civilian's watches & some military ones, Seiko are easy to date and were used a lot by US troops in Vietnam.



from top to bottom
US Army issue, metal case dated 1968
US Army issue, plastic case dated 1966
Timex 90's copy



From left to right:
* 60's vintage watch
* Seiko 6105-8009 Diver watch, June 1970
* Seiko 5 Sportmatic, September 1967
* Seiko Bell-matic, August 1975

Please do not wear digital watches

CHAPTER III DESCRIPTION AND DATA

This is a basic study of the most used items of the Vietnam War.

III-1, Jungle Uniform, Jacket/Trousers

Three main type of jungle jackets were used during the Vietnam War, the main difference being as follows.

1st pattern, poplin material, with exposed buttons, jacket with shoulder straps, side tabs and neck gas flap, trousers with button fly, leg ties and button waist tabs
2nd pattern, jacket and trousers identical to above but with concealed buttons
3rd pattern, type A in poplin, concealed buttons, no shoulder straps, no side tabs, no gas flap, trousers button or zip fly, no leg ties and buckle waist tabs.
3rd pattern, type B identical but made of rip stop material, trousers zip fly, no leg ties and buckle waist tab. (Vietnam duty uniform from Oct 1967)

Good quality repros are acceptable but original are preferred. Try to have your jacket and shirt in the same fade/age condition.

ERDL camo can also been worn for specific theme displays, check with your group leader. Be very careful as to what shirt you wear and with what insignia, especially if you wear full colour insignia.

If you are part of a squad or a platoon, check with the others that you are all wearing the same time frame uniform.

Please fill up your pocket when representing field troops or going in the arena (news paper or spare socks are ideal).

UNDER GARMENTS:

Military underwear is not essential, although most members do wear them.

T-shirts should be Olive Drab. (See bellows)

Old white t-shirts are OK for early stuff (up to 1965) (don't forget you would have made a nice target with that white triangle under your neck!)



The correct US ARMY issue T-shirt has a round crew neck and is OD. The label reads undershirt man's cotton, crew neck on the 60's one, the late 70's are identical with a later DSA date.

III-2, Hats

Cap, field, hot weather, OG-106, worn early in the war but soon replaced by the bonnie hat especially in combat units. The OG-106 hat was still used late in the war by some troops from HQ, rear echelon troops and truckers.

Notes: Watch out for the post war cap with only four vent holes instead of six. (These are not acceptable, you must have the "NAM" 6 holes type)



Hat, jungle with insect net, (the much loved boonie hat), standard issue from summer 1967 onwards.

In the early 1980's, the Air Force contracted a number of Cotton Poplin Boonies, but they are easy to distinguish from the Vietnam Era boonies as they are labelled Hat,Sun instead of Hat, Jungle.

Post war with coarse nylon foliage band are not acceptable. Good repro are OK

III-3, Boots

Prior to early 1966, the most common boot in Vietnam was the black leather combat boot. The black leather combat boot remained in use throughout the war for flying personnel for safety reasons. Note post Vietnam ones have a relief cut in the lacing area at ankle height.



Three patterns of jungle boots were produced during the Vietnam War, with the 3rd pattern having two different sole, the Vibram early sole was used until 1967 when they introduced the Panama sole (see photos). Most of the 60's issue boots all have vertical seam running up the heel. The first jungle boot arrived in 1962/63 and the 2nd pattern in late 1964. They were spike resistant from 3rd pattern onwards.



The top boot is polished and as worn by Base assigned personnel.
The lower one is grey and dry as worn by field troops.



The one on left is a 1985 US Issue, the one on the right with the seam on the heel is dated 1968 and is the 3rd pattern with the Panama sole

US issue jungle boots for all members unless you are doing an early impression .
1980's US issue Jungle boots are OK. Reproduction jungle boots we have seen were made of the wrong canvas and are the wrong colour, so please avoid.

III-4, Insignia

Most troops in the field tended not to wear insignia on their uniforms. However if you do want to wear some, they must be the proper U.S. Army issue twill or 'local' Vietnamese-made subdued types. None of the plastic backed modern ones.

Colour insignia were only worn early in the war and the change over to subdued was achieved by late 1967. Worth noting is that the 101st, 82nd Airborne, and the 1st Inf Div carry on using a mixture of subdued and full colour shoulder patch after 1967. The subdued version was authorised for wear from June 1966.



Left to right, Full colour,
merrow type subdued,
Vietnam made subdued

Pin on rank insignia was authorised in the summer of 1967 and a mixture of pin on and subdued sleeve rank insignia will be seen until the end of the war. The early twill cut edge subdued US made and Vietnamese made SSI appeared from 1966 and the merrow edge type patches and ranks appeared in Vietnam circa 1969 in subdued version only. The full colour version merrow edge was not distributed in Vietnam and would have not been seen on Jungles. Stay away from those as they do not reflect the type of insignia worn during the war on combat uniform. They may have come though on Class A uniforms.



To help you out, a detailed photo of different types of manufacture SSI is shown.

Top is the merrow edge recognised by its thread tail. Right is the US factory twill type with a cut edge. Left is a Nam-made one, which is of similar construction to the twill but with various backings and was roughly made by tailors.

Name tapes is another item that re-enactors can get wrong. Their colour or position can be a give away of what year your impression is. You need to pay special attention to this is when part of a unit.



- . US army issue woven type
 - . white issue embroidered/black issue twill cut edge
 - . US Army issue embroidered tapes
 - . US Army issue nylon tapes
- The subdued name tape was authorised for wear from April 1965 and the subdued US army tape from June 1966. A transitional period lasted about two years when both were seen. Try to go for the Nam/Asian type.



This is the one to go for: the in country made ones, most representative of the Vietnam war.



US-made embroidered or printed name and US tapes are OK

US made nylon tapes, appeared in very small quantity from around 69 and are best avoided unless you are doing late war impression.

Tapes position: Prior to Feb 1968, tapes were worn either at an angle or parallel to the floor, Feb 68 to Sep 69 parallel to the ground and from Sept 69 at an angle following the pocket for better visibility.

INSIGNIA WEAR:

Remember we have not earned the right to wear these uniforms or insignia, so go steady as we don't want to offend Veterans.

III-5 Helmet

M1 helmet with correct liner and green canvas straps (no nylon, no Bundeswehr helmet/liner). This must be covered with the Mitchell cover (most seen), ideally with little to no graffiti so you can use it for an early or late impression. You should have the narrow green helmet band with only few items sensibly attached to it. (No cat eyes on the band)



wrong: woodland cover
wrong: nylon straps
wrong: paper type chin strap



Most items seen were, bug juice, C rat toilet paper or matches & cigarettes. Again if you do your research right you can add other items like brush and oil bottle for machine gunners!

Get the people in you unit to make sure you are all representing the same time frame! Be sensible with what you wear and like everything **LESS IS MORE!** If you go for hippies look, make sure you get real 60's stuff and that you do not end up loading yourself with current holiday makers necklaces!



Here are some items you can carry in your helmet band,
TOP: cigarette pack, toilet paper and matches (all out of 60's ration packs)

BOTTOM:, two different bottles of bug juice,
 The matches on the bottom right are from a modern MRE and are not acceptable.
 Basically don't over do it!

III-6, Equipment

M56 load bearing equipment. It comprises of canvas pistol belt, a set of suspenders (available in small, medium, large), two canvas ammo pouches, two genuine plastic 60/70 US water bottle with covers (no British French or German) and 1st aid pouch. The Nylon M67 equipment was only issued from mid 1968 and as and when it became available. Please note the M67 were never issued as a set. (The first M67 items to reach Vietnam was the belt in August, followed by first the aid pouch then by canteen covers and finally sleeping gear carriers.) M67 DAVIES belt started appearing in mid 1968 and was not standardised until late November 1970. The M56 is more typical of the Vietnam War and with it you will be able to represent an early or late period Grunt. It also would be good to have a few M67 items in your collection for your late war impression, but as mentioned earlier a full set of M67 gear was very rarely seen. Also required is an M16 bayonet. We would also advise people to obtain one or two of the 7 pocket ammo bandoleer (filled with mags or painted blocks of wood).

Bellow is one of the most common configurations, with a space left for your rucksack to rest in the centre rear. The "butt pack" is an optional item and not required as this was only used early in the war and generally disliked by the troops. (Again be careful using it, make sure you uniform match and that your are representing an early period



M56 pistol belt (exist with vertical or horizontal wave) with the plastic water bottle and early cover. The later type cover has nylon trim on the flaps (1967 on). Interesting to know for your early impression that the plastic canteen only became the most seen in Vietnam around the mid 's 60s, prior to this the original M56 metal canteen was commonly used.



M56 suspenders (two different types exist with different hardware), 1st Aid pouch (two different type exist), a snap link, also seen is the M7 bayonet for the M16.



M79 grenadier ammo bandoleers (two version of the Vietnam bandoleer are showed, tan & OD)



M56 ammo pouch with 1st Aid pouch attached to it. The 7 mags bandoleer, (note the strap must be made of cotton for Vietnam era, not nylon)



Work gloves dated 1990 but identical to the 60's one. These were often carried by troops in the field and often seen hanging from rucks or suspenders by a snap link.



The Lightweight rucksack is the one you should go for. Shown here is a lightweight ruck with rubberised poncho, cammo poncho liner and a machete tucked into it. Machetes were usually attached to rucksacks as they were cumbersome to carry.

A machete (60's type) and entrenching tool will add a nice touch to your equipment. Be careful, modern US Army machetes are different from the 60's ones and are unacceptable (check your date on the scabbard and machete). The modern Alice ruck with square frame is not acceptable.



M56 entrenching tool and cover with M7 bayonet in M8A1 scabbard attached to it.



Snap link. This is the correct type, this one is dated 70 on the reverse, (80's one are identical and OK).

Wear the right gear for the right mission. Don't stand on base guard duty with a machete, rucksack or butt pack! When you wear a ruck or ammo pouches, make sure they are full. Again do your research!

III-7, Armament

The following de-act, replica, blank firing or air soft are acceptable, M16A1, XM177/XM177A2, Colt 45, M1/M2, M14, M60, M79, M203. Again, it is very important you do your research, as different weapons were used at different times during the war. WWII weapons like the M3 grease gun and the M1 Thompson could be used.

Not only weapons but accessories like mags were introduced at different time. For instance the 30 round mags were not seen prior to 1967 and they would have been issued to Special Units like SF or LRRPS as they were required to break contact with the enemy. They stayed in very short supply until circa 1970/71 when they started to be issued in very small quantity to line Infantry unit. The first ones were also not that reliable. When issued to line infantry in the 70's, this was generally done as one per men, if not appropriated already by commanding officers or REMFs.

Treat all weapons or replicas with respect, never point a weapon at anyone, and always discharge it towards the ground.

Do not fool around with them in front of the public, if you take de-activated weapons, make sure you do have your certificate in a safe place and transport then discreetly to and from your home.



Top: M159 illumination flare,
Bottom: from left to right
M34 phosphorous, M26A1
fragmentation,
M-59 baseball
and M18 smoke grenades

45 auto pistol and holster.

This is where re-enactors often get it wrong. In Line Infantry, pistols were generally only worn by Officers, Grenadiers, Medics and M60 gunners, shoulder holster only by officers. Other personnel using shoulder holsters, were air and armoured personnel crew and special units like LRRPs, SOG, SEALS and strangely enough some "Line Haul" truck drivers on road convoys.



CHAPTER IV ARENA UNIFORMS

To keep standards high and continuity while in the arena it has been decided that U.S. Infantry will only be allowed to wear 1st CAV (subdued) or un-badged uniforms unless they are vehicle crew and in this case their uniform will have to relate to the vehicle markings. We will not make any exception unless agreed with the RT Uniform Officers. Uniforms do get damaged in the arena so we would advise everyone to have a least two sets, one for static display and one for the arena, make sure they are relatively matching in colour as they were usually issued in sets apart from during extended operation when a pile of laundered uniforms were dropped in and you just had to fight to get your size. From now on, for photo, filming and arena accuracy, we will be checking your look and people not getting it right will be asked to "square their shit away" or not participate. This is done to maintain the high standards of our society, so as to be able to field the most accurate Vietnam Re-enactors.

CHAPTER V FEMALE UNIFORM

Army personnel in Vietnam were primarily members of the Women's Army Corps WAC, Nurse Corps or Medical services branches. The female service uniform was the Army Green cord uniform fabricated of 34.3 ounce polyester and cotton cord Green striped army shade 160. The uniform consisted of Army green cord garrison cap or Army green cap, short sleeve coat, skirt, stockings and black pumps, often seen with it was the black service handbag. The coat was hip length single breasted had rounded open collar and four button front closure. The skirt had concealed slide fasteners on the left and a sewn on waist band with a single button, the hems were supposed to be just below the knees but this was often ignored with the hems being worn above the knee. Female rank insignia was worn on the sleeve for NCO and on the collar for officers. The unit shoulder patch could be worn either on the left shoulder or encased in a plastic hanger below the right collar. The Black plastic pin on name tag was worn above the right breast.

On the 7th of Feb 1969 USARV ordered female personnel to wear the woman's hot weather field uniform as their primary duty uniform. The hot weather field uniform was made of a cotton poplin shirt and slacks in OD-107 green. The shirt was single breasted with two breast patch pockets with button flaps, a patch pocket on the left sleeve, shoulder straps, 5 buttons front closure with a protective flap. The slacks had two front bellows pockets and two button side closure on each hips. The regulation hat was the standard Army Utility caps which were not liked and was often replaced by the Tropical hat, which was only tolerated by certain units. Shoes to worn were the black leather service boots, the black leather Oxford shoes and of course the Jungle boots when available. Insignias wear was as per regulation but it was also common to see unauthorised unit pocket patch secured to their right pocket flap.



Nurses from the 36th Evac, note the pocket patch.

Please note US ARMY female personnel did not wear male uniforms. Later on the Female uniforms were produced in Rip Stop with some slacks/trousers having side pockets instead of the frontal pockets; try to go for the type with the frontal pockets as they are more representative.



Photo taken in 1967



Photo taken in 1971

Chapter VI

Books & Publications:

Red Thunder, Tropic Lighting, the world of a combat Division in Vietnam, by Eric M. Bergerud, Penguin Books

Vietnam: US uniforms in colour photographs, Kevin Lyles, Windrow and Greene Publishing

US Uniforms of the Vietnam War, Shelby Stanton, Greenhill Books

US Infantry Vietnam, Kevin Lyles, Concord Publications Company

Uniforms of the Indo-China and Vietnam wars, Leroy Thompson, Blandford Press

The Vietnam Experience, David J Bowman, Bison Group

Grunt: A Pictorial Report on the US Infantry's Gear and Life During the Vietnam War- 1965-1975, Antonio Arques , Andrea Press



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CHAPTER VII REQUIREMENTS

VII-1. Minimum requirements

| ✓ ITEM REQUIRED | ☺ USEFUL TO HAVE | | |
|--|------------------|---------|----------|
| * ...M203/M79 Grenadier must have a colt 45 | | | |
| Description | Infantry | Drivers | Gun Crew |
| UNIFORM | | | |
| OG 107 jungle jacket /trousers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Jungle boots | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| OG boonie & Hot weather baseball cap | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| OD socks and OD T shirt | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| White T shirt (dirty) | | | ✓ |
| EQUIPMENT | | | |
| M1 steel helmet with correct cover/band | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| M56 Belt | ✓ | ☺ | |
| Two M56 ammo pouch | ✓ | ☺ | |
| Two water bottle with M56 cover | ✓ | ☺ | |
| First Aid M56 pouch | ✓ | ☺ | |
| Ruck sack (light weight/RVN) | ✓ | | |
| Ammo bandoleer full | ✓ | ☺ | |
| Entrenching tool | ✓ | | |
| M17 or XM28 gas mask/bag | ✓ | | |
| Snap link US Only | ☺ | | |
| M18 claymore bag | ✓ | | |
| M1952 work gloves | ☺ | | ☺ |
| M1942 Machete | ☺ | | |
| US Flak jacket | ☺ | ✓ | ✓ |
| WEAPONS | | | |
| M16 Blank firer/repro/airsoft | ✓ | ☺ | ☺ |
| M203/M79 Blank repro/airsoft | ✓ | | |
| Colt 45/black holster Blank, Officer, M60/M79gunner & Medic* | ✓ | ☺ | |
| M18,M26/M67 grenades | ✓ | ☺ | |

VII-2. TOE PER YEAR

Dates are not production but are approx date of use

| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Goatee, hippies stuff from | | | | | | | | | x | x | x |
| OG-107 Utilities type 1 | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | |
| OG-107 Utilities type 2 | | | x | x | x | x | | | | | |
| OG-107 Utilities type 3 | | | | | x | x | | | | | |
| 1st pattern Poplin Jungle uniform | | x | x | x | | | | | | | |
| 2nd pattern Poplin Jungle uniform | | | | x | x | | | | | | |
| 3rd pattern Poplin Jungle uniform | | | | | x | x | | | | | |
| 3rd pattern Rip Stop Jungle uniform | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| ERDL Poplin Jungle uniform | | | | | x | x | | | | | |
| ERDL RipStop Jungle uniform | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Name tape white | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | |
| Name tape subdued (04/65) | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| US ARMY black tape | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | |
| US ARMY subdued tape | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |

| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Full colour SSI & 101st, 82nd & 1st Inf, until the end | x | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | |
| Subdued SSI US made twill cut edge (most used) | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Subdued SSI subdued merrow late war/little use | | | | | | | | x | x | x | x |
| Pin on rank Insignia authorized 07/68, mandatory from 69, air crew retained cloth | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Cap, Field, Hot Weather, OG-106 | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Hat, Jungle | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Black leather combat boots (used by aircrew through the war) | x | x | x | x | | | | | | | |
| 1st pattern jungle boots Vibram | x | x | x | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd pattern jungle boots | | | x | x | x | | | | | | |
| 3rd pattern jungle boots vibram sole | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| 3rd pattern jungle boot panama sole | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| M56 equipment | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| M56 canteen cover nylon trim | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |

| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| M56 shortypouch | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| M67 equipment | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| M67 belt with DAVIS Fastener | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| 2qt Bladder with nylon cover | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| P62 Lightweight rucksack (welded frame) | x | x | x | x | x | | | | | | |
| P64 Lightweight rucksack (welded frame) | | | x | x | x | | | | | | |
| P65 Lightweight rucksack (riveted frame) | | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| P68 Lightweight rucksack (riveted frame) | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Tropical rucksack | | | | | | | x | x | x | x | x |
| ARVN/Ranger pack | | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |

CHAPTER VIII

Summary

Do your homework, so if questions are asked on your vehicle, unit, uniform, and/or weapon you can answer them. Our days, getting it right is so easy, you have loads of websites and loads of books, all the information is at your finger tip.

Remember, if you ain't getting right you ain't trying!

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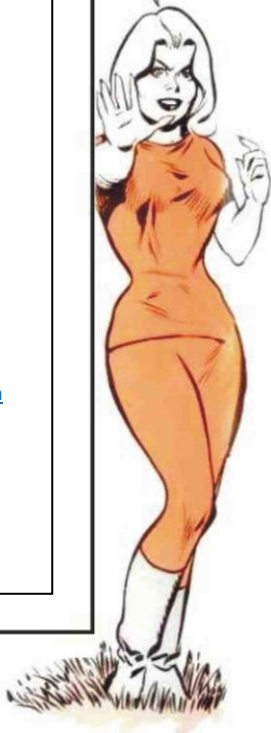
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