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**EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, AND TENT PITCHING**

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FM 21-15, October 1, 1940, is changed as follows:

- 12. METHOD OF CARRYING.—For normal methods see Table I.

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■ 15. METHOD OF CARRYING.—For normal method, see Table II.

TABLE II.—*Field equipment, enlisted men (other than clothing worn on person)*

Article	Dismounted	Mounted on horse (except artillery drivers)	Driver, horse (ar- tillery only)	Driver, vehicle	Men mounted in vehicle <sup>1</sup>
Bag, canvas, field, with carrying strap.	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder.			On right side, slung, by strap passing over left shoulder; or in/on vehicle.	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder; or in/on vehicle.
Bags, feed and grain.		On pommel under raincoat or over- coat.	On seat of saddle, off horse, or on limber.		
Belt, pistol, re- volver, cartridge, or magazine.	Worn <sup>2</sup>	Worn <sup>2</sup>	Worn <sup>2</sup>	Worn <sup>2</sup>	Worn <sup>2</sup>
Blanket, wool	In pack carrier. Carried on back or in cargo vehicle.	In cante or blanket roll.	In cante or blanket roll.	In pack carrier or in- blanket roll. Car- ried on back or in/on vehicle.	In cante or blanket roll.
Bucket, watering, canvas.		Attached to off (right) saddle bag, under canteen, with thong or coat strap.			

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE II.—Field equipment, enlisted men (other than clothing worn on person)—Continued

Article	Dismounted	Mounted on horse (except artillery drivers)	Driver, horse (ar- tillery only)	Driver, vehicle	Men mounted in vehicle
Canteen, cup and cover.	On belt, left rear....	Slung from off (right) cantle ring and attached to off saddle bag.	Slung from near (left) cantle ring, off horse, and at- tached to <b>near</b> saddle bag.	On belt, left rear, or in/on vehicle.	On belt, left rear or in/on vehicle.
Carrier, wire cut- ters.	On belt, left front....	On belt, left front....			On belt, left front.
Case, canvas, dis- patch.	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder.	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder, or modified so as to attach to left front of field belt.			On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder, or on/in vehicle.
Cap, field.....	Worn, or in haver- sack.			Worn, or in haver- sack.	Worn, or in haver- sack.
Compass, lensatic or prismatic.	On belt, right front....	On belt, right front....			On belt, right front.
Compass, watch	In pocket.....	In pocket.....		In pocket.....	In pocket.
Flashlight.....	In bag, canvas, field, or in haversack.	In near (left) saddle- bag.		In haversack, in saddlebag, or in vehicle.	In bag, canvas, field, or in haversack.
Glasses, field.....	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder.	On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder.			On right side, slung by strap passing over left shoulder.
Gloves, any type...	Worn, or in haver- sack.	Worn, or in near (left) saddlebag.	Worn, or in near (left) saddlebag.	Worn, or in haver- sack.	Worn, or in haver- sack.

<b>Goggles</b>				<b>Worn, or in shirt pocket.</b>	<b>Worn, or in shirt pocket.</b>
Handkerchief	In blanket roll	In near (left) saddlebag.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.	In blanket roll, or in saddlebag.	In blanket roll.
<b>Hat, service</b>		<b>Attached to near (left) saddlebag.</b>	<b>Attached to off (right) saddlebag, off horse.</b>		
Haversack	On back, attached to belt. <sup>2</sup>			On back, attached to belt. <sup>2</sup>	On back, attached to belt. <sup>2</sup>
Helmet, steel	Attached to rear of haversack.	Attached to near (left) saddlebag.	Attached to off (right) saddlebag, off horse.	Attached to bag, canvas, field, to left saddlebag, or to rear of haversack.	Attached to haversack or bag, canvas, field.
Holster, pistol	On belt, opposite right hip.	On belt, opposite right hip.	On belt, opposite right hip.	On belt, opposite right hip.	On belt, opposite right hip.
Horseshoes, with nails.		In off (right) saddlebag.	In off (right) saddlebag, off horse.		
<b>Housewife</b>	<b>In haversack</b>	<b>In near (left) saddlebag.</b>	<b>In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.</b>	<b>In haversack</b>	<b>In haversack.</b>
Intrenching tool, or machete or bolo.	Attached to rear of haversack.	On belt, left side			On belt, left side.
<b>Jacket, field</b>	<b>In haversack</b>	<b>Attached to pommel, over feedbag.</b>	<b>Strapped across seat of saddle, off horse.</b>	<b>In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.</b>	<b>In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.</b>
Kit, grooming, complete, and saddle soap and sponge.		In off (right) saddlebag.	In off (right) saddlebag, off horse.		

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TABLE II.—*Field equipment, enlisted men (other than clothing worn on person)*—Continued

Article	Dismounted	Mounted on horse (except artillery drivers)	Driver, horse (ar- tillery only)	Driver, vehicle	Men mounted in vehicle
Kit, mess, complete.	In haversack.....	In near (left) saddlebag.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.	In bag, canvas, field, in haversack, or in saddlebag.	In haversack, or in bag, canvas, field.
Laces, extra, any type.	In haversack.....	In near (left) saddlebag.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.	In bag, canvas, field, in haversack, or in left saddlebag.	In haversack, or in bag, canvas, field.
Lariat.....	-----	<b>In near saddlebag.</b>	-----	-----	-----
Mask, gas, horse.....	-----	Strapped to halter under throat latch.	Strapped to halter under throat latch.	-----	-----
Mask, gas, service.	Slung under left arm by strap passing over right shoulder.	Slung under left arm by strap passing over right shoulder.	Slung under left arm by strap passing over right shoulder.	Slung under left arm by strap passing over right shoulder.	Slung under left arm by strap passing over right shoulder.
Ointment, protective.	In haversack, or in bag, canvas, field.	In near (left) saddlebag.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in saddlebag.	In haversack, or in bag, canvas, field.
Overcoat.....	Attached to haversack.	Strapped to pommel over feed bag.	Strapped across seat of saddle, off horse.	Attached to haversack to bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.	Attached to haversack, to bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.
Pocket, magazine, web, double.	On belt, left front....	On belt, left front....	On belt, left front....	On belt, left front....	On belt, left front.
Pouch, first-aid, with packet.	On belt, right rear....	On belt, right rear....	On belt, right rear....	On belt, right rear....	On belt, right rear.

Raincoat.....	In haversack.....	Attached to pommel over feed bag.	Strapped across seat of saddle, off horse.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in/on vehicle.
Rations.....	In haversack.....	Distributed between the two saddlebags to balance load.	Distributed between the two saddlebags, off horse, to balance load.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in saddlebags.	In haversack or in bag, canvas, field.
Saddlebags, pair.....		On bars of saddle in rear of cante.	On bars of saddle, off horse, in rear of cante.	Motorcyclists, in rear of seat.	
Scabbard, bayonet.....	Attached to left side of haversack.				Attached to left side of haversack.
Scabbard, rifle.....		Attached to near (left) side of saddle, under skirt.		Attached to vehicle	
Set, antidim.....	In carrier, gas mask	In carrier, gas mask	In carrier, gas mask	In carrier, gas mask	In carrier, gas mask.
Set, toilet.....	In haversack.....	In near (left) saddlebag.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in saddlebag.	In haversack or in bag, canvas, field.
Socks, pair.....	In blanket roll.....	In near (left) saddlebag or in blanket roll.	In near (left) saddlebag, off horse, or in blanket roll.	In blanket roll or in saddlebag.	In blanket roll.
Surcingle.....		In off (right) saddlebag, or over saddle blanket.	Attached, one to each saddlebag, off horse.		
Suspenders.....	Attached to belt 2...	Attached to belt 2...	Attached to belt 2...	Attached to belt 2...	Attached to belt. 3
Tag, identification, with tape.	Around neck, under shirt.	Around neck, under shirt.	Around neck, under shirt.	Around neck, under shirt.	Around neck, under shirt.

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Article	Dismounted	Mounted on horse (except artillery drivers)	Driver, horse (ar- tillery only)	Driver, vehicle	Men mounted in vehicle <sup>1</sup>
Tent, shelter half, complete with pole, rope, and pins.	In pack carrier, cov- ering (pole, rope, and pins within) blanket roll, car- ried on back or in vehicle.	Covering (pole, rope, and pins within) blanket roll, on cante or in/on cargo ve- hicle.	Covering (pole, rope, and pins within) blanket roll, carried on seat of saddle, off horse, or on lim- ber.	Covering (pole, rope, and pins within) blanket roll, carried in/on vehicle.	Covering (pole, rope, and pins within) blanket roll, car- ried on back or in/on vehicle.
Towel	In haversack	In near (left) saddle- bag.	In near (left) saddle- bag, off horse.	In haversack, in bag, canvas, field, or in saddlebag.	In haversack or in bag, canvas, field.
Underclothing	In blanket roll	In near (left) saddle- bag, or in blanket roll.	In near (left) saddle- bag off horse, or in blanket roll.	In blanket roll, in bag, canvas, field, or in saddlebag.	In blanket roll.
Whistle (chain hooked to left shoulder loop buttonhole).	In left pocket, shirt or coat.	In left pocket, shirt or coat.	In left pocket, shirt or coat.	In left pocket, shirt or coat.	In left pocket, shirt or coat.

<sup>1</sup> Alternative methods for carrying equipment of men mounted in vehicles are prescribed for the reason that types of vehicles, nature and lengths of march, etc., vary so greatly that the description of only one method for one type of vehicle will not suffice.

<sup>2</sup> See paragraph 16.