

Federal Guidelines
24th Iowa Infantry
“The Temperance Regiment”

It is expected that all clothing and equipment be of correct materials and construction and that all modern markings be removed from military armaments.

***A helpful bit, taken from the diary of Lt. William T. Rigby, 24th Iowa:
March 3, 1864***

“Yesterday we turned over our tents only retaining one wedge tent to the company for the use of its officers. There are but two wall tents in the Regt. one for the Major & one for the Quartermaster & Adjutant. All our unnecessary baggage was packed in boxes & today started for New Orleans where it will be stored until called for. We start out much better provided for than when we left last fall the boys all have a wool blanket & most of them have a Rubber [ground cloth] with them. They all carry their knapsacks this time & have a change of clothes with them. We have not drawn shelter tents yet but will get them at Franklin when the men will be well equipped for a campaign.”

Headgear:

US Issue M1858 Hardee Hat (may be formed to the wearer's liking)

US Issue Forage cap

Jackets:

Fatigue Blouse (hand or machine sewn, lined or unlined)

Trousers:

Foot pattern

Shirts:

Contract type, machine sewn, solid colors

M1851 domet flannel issue (hand sewn)

**Private purchase flannel shirt (hand or machine sewn)
Civilian style (limited numbers, hand or machine sewn)**

Shoes:

**US issue Jefferson bootie, sewn or pegged soles
Private purchase, sewn or pegged soles**

Misc:

**Drawers, while not required, are highly recommended.
Socks should be of correct materials- wool or cotton
* Soldiers are highly encouraged to carry a minimum of one
extra change of socks as well as a spare shirt and drawers if
practicable.**

Cartridge Box:

**M1857 .58 cal Federal box
M861 .58 cal Federal box**

Cap Pouch:

**M1850 sewn, (with or without rivets on belt loops)
M1850 shield front variant, sewn (with or without rivets on
belt loops)**

Waist Belt:

**M1850 (with leather loop on end)
M1863 (with brass clip keeper on end)**

Scabbard:

**M1861, sewn, 2 rivet
M1863 7 rivet
M1857, sewn, no rivets
* All scabbards are to be of the "Gaylord" pattern**

Haversack:

M1851 issue

Canteen:

**M1858 Smoothside (covered)
M1858 Bulls-eye (covered)**

Knapsack:

Federal M1853/1855 double bag

*** A knapsack, while not required, is recommended over a blanket roll**

Blanket:

Federal issue

Groundcloth:

Federal issue rubber

Long-arms:

Top preference is the 1853 Enfield Rifle Musket.

“The regiment left Morganza on June 13th, proceeded to Carrollton, La., and went into camp near Greenville Station, on the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad. Leaving there on the 21st, it was subsequently stationed at Kennerville and Thibodeaux, La., until July 6th, upon which date it proceeded by rail to Algiers, where it received in exchange for the old Enfield rifles with which it had been supplied since taking the field-new Springfield rifles and accouterments.”

(From "Historical Sketch" of 24th Iowa V.I., published 1910 by order of the Iowa Assembly)

**Other acceptable long-arms, in order of preference are-
M1861 Rifle Musket, Special Pattern Springfield Rifle
Muskets, M1863 Rifle Muskets, M1855 Rifle Muskets**

Side-knives:

Knives of Sheffield or Green River pattern may be carried for camp use only. No D-guard knives.

Tentage:

Participants may choose to carry correct Federal issue shelter halves. The widely-noted field practice of “stretching” blankets is acceptable.