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**The Pattern 1937
Web Equipment**

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The following weights are added to total of (A), (B), (C) and (D) when going into action :—

(F) Utility pouches—		lb. oz.	
Pouches (1 front, 1 rear)	...	1 13	
Yoke	...	0 3	
		2 0	
Contents :—			Total with Pouches and Yoke
		lb. oz.	lb. oz.
Bren gun magazines (6)	...	14 2	16 2
or Anti-tank rifle magazines (4)	...	9 12	11 12
or Grenades *	...	—	—
or 2-in. mortar bombs (6)	...	12 9	14 9
or Waterbottles (2) with water	...	5 11	7 11
or S.A.A. (50 rds.)	...	3 2	5 2

(G) For Royal Armoured Corps and R.C. of S. Personnel Employed with those units

		lb. oz.	
Waistbelt	...	0 10	
Pistol case	...	0 12	
0·38-in. revolver	...	1 11½	
Cartridges (six in revolver and six in loops on case)	...	0 7	
		3 8½	
	lb. oz.		
Haversack and shoulder straps	1 12		} Carried in armoured vehicle.
Contents (as in B)	8 15½	10 11½	
		Small man	Large man
Pack and two supporting straps and contents as in (E)	...	9 12	11 1

* Grenades weighing 1½ lb. each will normally be carried in truck. When on man, number depends on circumstances.

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THE PATTERN 1937 WEB EQUIPMENT

CHAPTER I.—GENERAL

The Pattern 1937 Equipment has been designed to meet modern conditions of warfare. Mechanization, the introduction of the Bren Gun and the Anti-Tank Rifle, necessitate changes in the personal equipment of the soldier to aid mobility as well as to facilitate the carriage of ammunition, grenades, food and water, and other items necessary in the field.

The equipment is actually a development of the 1908 Pattern Web Equipment. It is considerably lighter in weight than the 1908, and has a basic principle which enables it to be adapted to suit all Arms. It is easy to assemble and adjust; and possesses the important feature that no articles are suspended below the waist line (except the bayonet and officer's haversack) to impede the wearer.

Although the 1908 Pattern Pack and Supporting Straps are included in and are attachable to the 1937 equipment for the purpose of changing stations, normally there is no pack in the 1937 equipment, as the kit accommodated in that article is carried in regimental transport. A large haversack is therefore carried on the back and contains rations, waterbottle and other necessities. The principle of carrying the haversack "rucksack fashion" allows this article to be easily discarded for access to its contents, without disturbing the remainder of the equipment. As is well known, the rucksack method is comfortable and self-balancing. The shoulder straps used for the carriage of the haversack are provided with hooks for attachment to the equipment in front, to prevent pressure at the armpits. These same shoulder straps are also used for carrying the 1908 Pack when desired—the haversack then being transferred to the left side of the equipment attached to the ends of the braces. The waterbottle in carrier is then taken out of the haversack and attached to the ends of the braces at the right side of the equipment.

CHAPTER II.—DESCRIPTION OF THE EQUIPMENT

The equipment is made throughout of strong and durable webbing, which is waterproofed and dyed in the yarn before being woven. The result of the waterproofing treatment is to render the fabric practically impervious to the weather, which might otherwise tend to make it hard or cause it to stretch and shrink.

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The webbing is thoroughly shrunk before being cut and made into articles of equipment, and where practicable and necessary, selvaged webbings woven to the correct width are employed to give added strength. Likewise certain parts are integrally woven; for example, the braces are woven with expanded parts to give a good bearing surface on the shoulders, the waistbelt has loops woven inside to receive the brass hooks for adjustment as well as the hooks on certain articles carried on the waistbelt, to keep them in position. Cartridge carriers, pockets, and pistol cases are also woven as separate units, thereby eliminating unnecessary sewing which, consequently, adds to the strength and durability of the finished articles.

All the buckles are stamped from sheet brass and are of the tongueless or self-locking variety, which allow of adjustment to any desired position.

The following are the component parts which can be assembled in a variety of combinations to suit all Arms:—

(a) Waistbelt	Set with Basic Pouches for Infantry.
(b) Braces (1 left, 1 right) ..	..
(c) Basic Pouches (2) ..	..
(d) Bayonet Frog	Plates 1, 2, 3 and 4.
(e) Waterbottle Carrier ..	..
(f) Haversack .. ..	..
(g) Shoulder Straps (Pair) ..	..
(a) Waistbelt	Set with Cartridge Carriers for all personnel armed with a rifle, except Infantry Battalions.
(b) Braces (1 left, 1 right) ..	..
(h) Cartridge Carriers (2), 40 rds. (Pair) ..	..
(d) Bayonet Frog .. ..	..
(e) Waterbottle Carrier	Plates 5 and 6.
(f) Haversack .. ..	..
(g) Shoulder Straps (Pair) ..	..
(a) Waistbelt	Set for Officers, certain W.Os. and N.C.Os.
(b) Braces (1 left, 1 right) ..	..
(i) Brace Attachments (2) ..	..
(j) Pistol Case .. ..	..
(k) Ammunition Pouch ..	..
(l) Binocular Case .. ..	..
(m) Compass Pocket ..	..
(e) Waterbottle Carrier ..	..
(f) Haversack	Plates 8 and 9.
(g) Shoulder Straps (Pair) ..	..
(n) Officers' Haversack ..	..

(D) Arms		lb. oz.
Rifle, with oil bottle, pull-through, and sling ... ..	...	9 0
Bren gun, and sling ... ..	...	22 0
(E) Pack and Articles Carried in the Pack		
	Large man lb. oz.	Small man lb. oz.
Pack with two supporting straps ...	1 11	1 11
Greatcoat	7 5	6 0
		lb. oz.
Cap, comforter		0 4
Holdall (3½ oz.) with laces (½ oz.), comb (½ oz.), tooth brush (½ oz.), razor and case (3 oz.), shaving brush (1½ oz.) ...		0 8½
Housewife, fitted		0 3½
Socks		0 5
Soap (3 oz.), towel (9 oz.)		0 12
Total	11 1	9 12

SUMMARY

	For Infantry	For men armed with rifle, except Infantry Battalions	For officers, certain W.Os. and N.C.Os.	For men armed with Pistol only.
	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.
(A) Articles of equipment	4 7½	3 13½	6 5½	4 0
(B) Articles carried in equipment	21 3½	12 15½	14 7½	11 1½
*(C) Clothing, etc., worn	11 11	11 11	11 11	11 11
†(D) Arms (rifle)	9 0	9 0	—	—
Total (battle order)	46 5½	37 7½	32 8½	26 12½
‡(E) Pack and contents	9 12	9 12	9 12	9 12
Total (when changing stations)	56 1½	47 3½	42 4½	36 8½

For clothing, etc., for large men ...	add	2 lb. 3½ oz.
* If steel helmet is worn ... ..	..	2 .. 3 ..
If tropical helmet is worn ... ..	..	0 .. 9 ..
If anti-gas cape is carried ... ..	..	2 .. 7 ..
† For Bren gun (instead of rifle) ... ..	..	13 .. 0 ..
‡ For greatcoat for large men ... ..	..	1 .. 5 ..

	For Infantry.	For men armed with rifle except Infantry Battalions.	For officers, certain W.Os., and N.C.Os.	For men armed with pistol only.
	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.
Bt. fwd.	12 4	4 0	—	—
<i>Haversack :—</i>				
Mess tin and cover ...	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4
Waterbottle ...	0 15½	0 15½	0 15½	0 15½
Water (in bottle) ...	1 14	1 14	1 14	1 14
Emergency ration ...	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6
Knife, fork and spoon ...	0 5½	0 5½	0 5½	0 5½
Cardigan ...	1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
Ground sheet ...	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
<i>Pistol case :—</i>				
0.38-in. revolver ...	—	—	1 11½	1 11½
<i>Ammn. pouch :—</i>				
Revolver ammunition (12 rds.) ...	—	—	0 7	0 7
<i>Binocular case :—</i>				
No. 2 prismatic binoculars ...	—	—	3 0	—
<i>Compass pocket :—</i>				
Compass ...	—	—	0 6	—
<i>Officers' haversack :—</i>				
Papers, message pads, etc. ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	21 3½	12 15½	14 7½	11 1½

(C) Clothing, etc., Worn

	Large man lb. oz.	Small man lb. oz.
Ankle boots ...	4 9	3 8
Battle dress (blouse and trousers) with field dressing ...	5 3½	4 5½
Woollen drawers ...	1 3	0 14
	lb. oz.	
Shirt ...	1 1	
Socks ...	0 5	
Field service cap ...	0 5	
Web anklets ...	0 8	
Clasp knife ...	0 5½	
Braces ...	0 4½	
Paybook ...	0 2	
Identity disc ...	0 0½	
Total ...	13 14½	11 11

- (a) Waist belt.
 (b) Braces (1 left, 1 right) . . .
 (i) Brace Attachments (2) . . . } Set for Personnel armed with pistol only.
 (j) Pistol Case.
 (k) Ammunition Pouch . . .
 (e) Waterbottle Carrier . . . } Plates 10 and 11.
 (f) Haversack
 (g) Shoulder Straps (Pair) . . .

- (o) Pack (1908 Pattern) . . .
 (p) Supporting Straps (2) (1908 Pattern) } Plates 16 and 21.

- (q) Utility Pouches (Front and Rear) . . .
 (r) Yoke for Utility Pouches } Plates 17, 18 and 19.

- (a) Waistbelt
 (s) Pistol Case with Cartridge Loops } For Royal Armoured Corps and R.C. of S. personnel employed with those Units.
 (f) Haversack
 (o) Pack (1908 Pattern) . . .
 (p) Supporting Straps (2) (1908 Pattern) } Plates 20 and 21.

(a) *Waistbelt.*—This is issued in three sizes, extra large, large and small, the overall length of the webbing being 56, 50 and 44 inches, respectively. The width is 2½ inches. It is fitted with a clasp buckle (hook and loop pattern), two brass runners or slides, and two end pieces with hook for adjustment at each end. Centrally at the back two buckles are fitted for attachment of the braces (b).

(b) *Braces.*—These are made in pairs, left and right, the left brace having a loop to receive the right brace. They are both integrally woven with a wide portion for the shoulders, and are issued in two sizes, normal (47-in.) and long (55-in.).

(c) *Basic Pouches.*—These are interchangeable, and are rectangular in shape to contain two Bren Gun magazines each, or a number of grenades, or S.A.A. A buckle is provided at the top of each pouch for attachment of the brace (b); this buckle has a loop at the top which serves for connecting the hook on the shoulder strap (g). Two double hooks are fitted to the back of each pouch for attachment to the waistbelt (a).

- (d) *Bayonet Frog*.—This is made of narrow webbing with a loop for suspending from the waistbelt (a), and has two horizontal loops for securing the scabbard. The scabbard is inserted and pushed through until the stud on the outside comes out between the two loops.
- (e) *Waterbottle Carrier*.—Consists of a framework of webbing with tabs at the top fitted with a snap fastener for securing the bottle, and a buckle each side for attachment to ends of the braces (b) (when desired).
- (f) *Haversack*.—This consists of a rectangular bag of dimensions approximately 11 inches by 9½ inches by 4 inches, and has a flap secured by two small straps and buckles. The interior is longitudinally divided by means of a partition, which is in turn connected to the front of the bag by a small partition, to form two front compartments of equal size. These compartments contain the waterbottle (in carrier) and rectangular mess tin. On the back of the haversack near the top two tabs are fitted for attachment to the shoulder straps (g) and on the base two small buckles are fitted for attachment of the diagonal portion of the shoulder straps. Weather flaps are provided which fold in underneath the flaps.
- (g) *Shoulder Straps*.—These are made in pairs, left and right. Each consists of wide webbing, tapered at the front end, to which is sewn a hook having a side loop carrying a narrow strap, set obliquely. A removable buckle is provided on the wide portion for connection to the tabs on the back of the haversack (f).
- (h) *Cartridge Carriers*.—These are interchangeable and each comprise two pockets woven integrally. The interior of each pocket is divided by a partition into two compartments, each holding one clip of five rounds. Flaps, with beaded edges, are secured by means of snap fasteners, the lower studs being used when the pockets contain only one clip or are empty. An extension piece of webbing is fitted centrally to the back of each to carry a buckle for connection of the braces (b). A brass link is provided below the buckle to enable the end of the brace to be passed through behind the carrier.

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APPENDIX.

TABLE OF WEIGHTS.

	For Infantry.	For men armed with rifle, except Infantry Battalions.	For officers, certain W.Os., and N.C.Os.	For men armed with pistol only.
(A) Articles of Equipment	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.
Waistbelt ...	0 10	0 10	0 10	0 10
Braces, left and right ...	0 5½	0 5½	0 5½	0 5½
Basic pouches (2) ...	1 6	—	—	—
Cartridge carriers (2) ...	—	0 12	—	—
Bayonet frog ...	0 1½	0 1½	—	—
Waterbottle carrier ...	0 3½	0 3½	0 3½	0 3½
Haversack ...	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4
Shoulder straps, pair ...	0 8	0 8	0 8	0 8
Brace attachments (2) ...	—	—	0 5	0 5
Pistol case ...	—	—	0 8	0 8
Ammunition pouch ...	—	—	0 3½	0 3½
Binocular case ...	—	—	1 0	—
Compass pocket ...	—	—	0 4½	—
Officers' haversack ...	—	—	1 1	—
Total ...	4 7½	3 13½	6 5½	4 0
(B) Articles carried.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.	lb. oz.
In:—				
Basic pouches:—				
Bren Gun magazines (filled) 4 ...	10 12	—	—	—
or Grenades* ...	—	—	—	—
or S.A.A. (50 rds.) 3 2 ...	—	—	—	—
Cartridge carriers:—				
S.A.A. (40 rds.) ...	—	2 8	—	—
Frog:—				
Bayonet and scabbard ...	1 8	1 8	—	—
Cd. fwd. ...	12 4	4 0	—	—

* Grenades weighing 1½ lb. each will normally be carried in truck. When on man, number depends on circumstances.

CHAPTER IV.—CARE AND PRESERVATION OF THE EQUIPMENT

When the equipment has once been properly fitted it will be kept assembled as far as possible. It will be found convenient if, when a correct fit has been obtained, a light mark is made to show where each adjustment should always come. This saves trouble in case the equipment has to be taken apart and re-assembled.

Should the equipment become in a dirty or greasy condition, it may be washed, using warm water, soap and a sponge. Then rinse with clean water, and when thoroughly dry apply the cleaner in the manner laid down in the instructions accompanying it. No cleaner may be applied to the equipment unless previously approved by the War Office. A scrubbing brush will not be used on the equipment on any account. Dust and mud (when dry) will be removed with an ordinary clothes brush. The metal work will not be polished, but allowed to get dull, so as to avoid catching the rays of the sun.

Two double hooks are fitted to the back of the carrier to connect it to the waistbelt (a).

- (i) *Brace Attachments*.—These are interchangeable and are used only for sets of equipment adapted for Officers, certain W.Os., N.C.Os. and personnel armed with pistol, or ranks not carrying arms. They consist of a "gate" slide for attachment to the waistbelt (a), with narrow webbing fitted at the top to carry a buckle for the brace (b) below which a link is provided to receive the free end of the brace.
- (j) *Pistol Case*.—This consists of a woven article finished to accommodate the 0.38-inch revolver. It is lined with smooth webbing and the flap is closed by a snap fastener. Two double hooks are provided on the back for attachment to the waistbelt (a) and a similar hook is fitted horizontally at the top for connecting to the ammunition pouch (k) when that article is to be carried above the pistol case.
- (k) *Ammunition Pouch*.—This is a woven article for 0.38-inch pistol ammunition. It is provided with a "box-like" lid secured by a snap fastener. Two double hooks are provided for attachment to the waistbelt (a) and on the back a narrow webbing loop at the top and a loop of thin webbing at the bottom, for use as may be desired, as described in the Assembly Instructions.
- (l) *Binocular Case*.—This is stiffened with vulcanised fibre and is provided with a "box-like" lid closed by a snap fastener. Two double-hooks are provided on the back for attachment to the waistbelt (a) and a similar hook is fitted horizontally at the top for connecting to the compass pocket (m).
- (m) *Compass Pocket*.—This is similar in all respects to the ammunition pouch (k), except that it is lined with felt to protect the compass.
- (n) *Officers' Haversack*.—This is a rectangular bag of dimensions (approximate) 12 inches by 9 inches by 2 inches, and has a flap secured by one small strap and buckle. The interior is longitudinally divided by a partition, and on the face (under the flap) two pockets are provided, closed by small snap fasteners, for pencils, protractor, dividers, etc. A small buckle is fitted each side for attachment to the ends of the braces (b) at the side of the equipment and a

loop is provided on the back to enable the haversack to be carried by hand, when desired.

- (o) *Pack* (1908 Pattern).—This consists of a rectangular sack, the dimensions being approximately 15 inches by 13 inches by 4½ inches. It is open at the top and is closed by a cover secured by two narrow straps and buckles. Weather flaps are provided which fold down under the cover. Two web loops are fitted to the bottom of the pack, through which the supporting straps (p) are passed. A short 2-inch tab is fixed to each of the upper corners on the side nearest to the wearer's back, also small buckles to which the upper ends of the supporting straps (p) are secured.
- (p) *Supporting Straps* (1908 Pattern).—These are interchangeable, and each consists of a strip of 1-inch webbing, fitted with a buckle at one end and an eyeletted tip the other end.
- (g) *Utility Pouches*.—These are rectangular in shape and each of a size to accommodate three Bren Gun magazines, or two Anti-tank Rifle magazines, or a number of grenades, or three 2-inch mortar bombs, or a water-bottle, or S.A.A. One pouch (of each pair) to be carried in front is provided with a narrow strap with buckle which is passed through a loop on the back of the other pouch, and serves as a retaining strap to be fastened round the waist. Each pouch is provided with "box" lid closed by a snap fastener and at the top of each pouch a buckle is fitted for attachment of the yoke (r) for carrying over one shoulder.
- (r) *Yoke*.—This is an integrally woven strap having a wide portion for the shoulder, and is reversible fore and aft.
- (s) *Pistol Case R.A.C.*—This is a woven article finished to accommodate a 0·38-inch revolver. It is lined with smooth material and has a narrow strap with snap fastener for securing the revolver. On the front of the case a tube is provided for the cleaning rod and 6 woven loops are fitted for 0·38-inch cartridges. A wide supporting strap is fixed to the back, having a narrower end to engage a buckle fitted to the supporting strap, to form a loop for suspension from the belt. A strap is detachably fitted, horizontally, for fastening round the right leg.

attached, when the waterbottle, in carrier, is left in the haversack).

The shoulder straps (detached from the haversack) are used for the carriage of the pack, as follows :—

With the pack filled, and the flap closed down tightly, pass the supporting straps through the loops on the base of the pack so that the buckles are close to the loops, cross them over the pack and secure to the buckles at the top of the back of the pack. Take the shoulder straps (normally leaving the movable buckles in the same position as when used with the haversack) and attach them to the tabs on the back of the pack by means of the movable buckles. Now attach the side straps to the buckles of the supporting straps at the base of the pack.

First put the equipment on, then sling the pack on to the shoulder and note whether the side straps are correctly adjusted; they must be fairly taut to support the weight carried, so that the pack does not hang below the waistbelt. See Plate 16.

Utility Pouches (g).—These are carried, filled, in regimental vehicles, and are slung over the personal equipment when going into action. The front and rear pouch will be ready connected together by means of the yoke (r), as shown in Plate 17. The long narrow strap on the back of the front pouch which passes through the loop on the back of the rear pouch, is secured round the waist to hold the pouches in the position shown in Plates 18 and 19. If necessary, the yoke will be adjusted to suit the physique of the wearer.

Set for Royal Armoured Corps and R. Signals personnel employed with those Units.

The pistol case (s) is suspended from the waistbelt on the right side and strapped round the leg as shown in Plate 20.

The haversack (f) is carried in armoured vehicles.

The pack (1908 Pattern) (o) with two supporting straps (p), attached as shown in Plate 21, for carrying "rucksack fashion" is used when changing stations, etc.

(6) The equipment is now ready to put on, and the haversack with shoulder straps, fitted as previously described, is put on separately and connected to the brace attachment buckles by means of the shoulder strap hooks.

The officers' haversack (*n*) for carriage of papers, message pads and other articles, is carried at the right side, attached to the ends of the braces which extend below the waistbelt.

Set for Personnel armed with Pistol only. Plates 10 and 11.

Fit the waistbelt (*a*), attach the brace attachments (*i*) to the front, and the rear ends of the braces (*b*) to the buckles on the back of the belt. Pass the front ends of the braces through the centre opening of the buckles at the top of the brace attachments, and secure. *See* Plate 7.

The pistol case (*j*) and ammunition pouch (*k*) are attached to the belt, each centrally over the brace attachment, by inserting the hooks on the back of these articles into the loops woven inside the belt, the pistol case being on the left side and the ammunition pouch on the right side. *See* Plate 10.

Adjustment of the braces will be made equally at all four points of attachment.

The haversack with shoulder straps is fitted as previously described, and put on separately and connected to the brace attachment buckles by the hooks on the shoulder straps. *See* Plate 11.

From the foregoing explanatory matter, it will be seen that the articles attached to the waistbelt in front may be varied as desired, *e.g.*, the pistol case with ammunition pouch above may be worn on the left side and a basic pouch on the right side (without brace attachment).

For changing stations the 1908 Pattern pack (*o*) and two supporting straps (*p*) are employed. It is then necessary to detach the shoulder straps from the haversack, and to carry the haversack at the left side by attaching the ends of the braces extending below the belt to the buckles on the sides of the haversack. The waterbottle in carrier is then taken out of the haversack and carried on the right side of the equipment, the two buckles on the carrier being secured to the ends of the braces (except when the officers' haversack is

CHAPTER III.—TO ASSEMBLE THE EQUIPMENT

As has been previously stated, the design of the equipment admits of a variety of combinations of the several articles to suit all Arms, and the following instructions will be carefully observed :—

Set for Infantry. Plates 1, 2, 3 and 4.

- (1) Fit the waistbelt (*a*) comfortably tight by adjusting each end equally. Adjustment is made by withdrawing the double hooks (at the ends of the belt) from the loops woven inside and re-inserting them into loops a corresponding distance from each end. Before re-inserting the hooks, the belt may be tried on, and adjusted as may be necessary. Once the belt is fitted it need seldom be altered. Plate 14 shows how the hooks are inserted by pinching up the webbing, and Plate 13 shows how to fasten the hook and loop buckle, by passing the hook part *through* the loop of the other part and not by catching the hook over the outer bar.
- (2) Slip the bayonet frog (*d*) over the left end of the belt and bring it to a position so that it will hang, when the belt is put on, upon the left hip.
- (3) Attach the basic pouches (*c*) on the outside of the belt by passing the double hooks over the upper and lower edges of the belt and inserting the hooks into the woven loops, so that they correspond each side, in a position to bring the buckles on top of the pouches in line with the centres of the shoulders.
- (4) Pass one end of the right brace (*b*) (without loop inside) through the loop inside the rear end of the left brace and attach the rear ends of each brace to the respective buckle on the back of the belt. Pass the front ends of the braces through the *centre* opening of the buckle on top of the basic pouches (*c*), taking care not to twist the braces in doing so. Try the equipment on and make any necessary adjustment of the braces at all four points of attachment to ensure that they extend below the lower edge of the belt equally, thus ensuring that the wide portions of the braces lie evenly on the shoulders. Finally, pass the free front ends of the braces down behind the pouches, between the back of the pouch and the web chape carrying the buckle, and pull down firmly. *See* Plate 1.

The foundation of the equipment is thus formed, and is now put on, ready for the attachment of the haversack, which is previously fitted to suit the wearer as follows :—

Attach the tabs on the back of the haversack (*f*) to the movable buckles on the left and right shoulder straps (*g*) so that when worn the top of the haversack is approximately in line with the shoulders. Care will be taken to see that the distance between the buckles and the hooks on the fore ends is exactly the same with both shoulder straps. Taking care not to twist the side supporting straps of the shoulder straps, attach them to the respective buckles on the base of the haversack. Now sling the haversack on to the back and by grasping the hooks on the shoulder straps lift the haversack into the desired position on the back. Still hold the shoulder straps firmly and *note the distance between the hooks and the buckles on top of the basic pouches* (to which the hooks are to be attached) with a view to adjusting the lengths of the shoulder straps and the side supporting straps to bring the hooks in line with the buckles. Take haversack off and carry out any necessary adjustment to the straps, bearing in mind that the side supporting straps support the load and must be adjusted fairly taut. Subsequent fitting of the haversack will not be required; it is merely slung on to the shoulders "rucksack fashion," the hooks engaging the top bar of the buckles on the basic pouches (*c*). See Plates 3 and 15.

If the foregoing instructions are carefully carried out, the equipment will be found comfortable and well balanced.

Set with Cartridge Carriers. Plates 5 and 6.

This is assembled and fitted in exactly the same manner, as described for the previous set, the cartridge carriers being substituted for the basic pouches. The front ends of the braces are passed through the brass link immediately below the buckles on the extension straps of the cartridge carriers.

Set for Officers and Certain W.Os. and N.C.Os. Plates 8 and 9.

(1) Fit the waistbelt (*a*), as before described.

(2) Attach the brace attachments (*i*) to the front of the belt by doubling the belt at the proposed point of security in line with the shoulders, and passing the loop thus formed through the "gate" slide of the brace attachment; then drop the prong between the webbing and pull the belt out flat. See Plate 12.

(3) Connect the compass pocket (*m*) to the binocular case (*l*) by inserting the horizontal double hook on the back of the case into the loop at the bottom (back) of the pocket. Attach the binocular case to the belt directly central over the brace attachment by inserting the hooks into the loops woven inside the belt. Now pass the top of the brace attachment underneath and through the narrow horizontal web loop on the back (top) of the compass pocket.

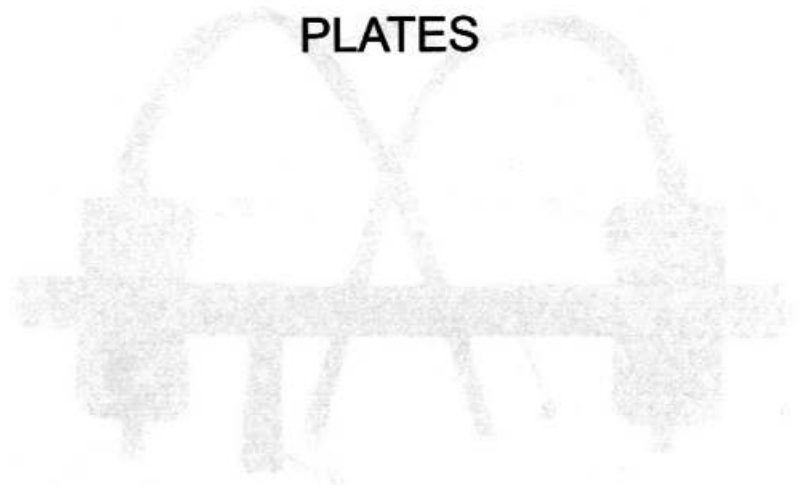
(4) Connect the ammunition pouch (*k*) to the pistol case (*j*) as previously described for the compass pocket and binocular case, attach the pistol case to the belt, pass the brace attachment under and through the narrow horizontal web loop on the back (top) of the ammunition pouch.

(5) Pass one end of the right brace (*b*) (without loop inside) through the loop inside the rear end of the left brace (*b*) and attach the rear end of each brace to the respective buckle on the back of the belt. Pass the front ends of the braces through the middle opening of the respective brace attachment buckle, then under the horns of the buckle, and for the time being leave the ends of the braces outside the pocket and pouch.

Put the equipment on and effect any necessary adjustment to the front and rear ends of the braces through the respective buckles, taking care that all four adjustments are made equally to bring the wide portions of the braces evenly on the shoulders. Now take the equipment off and secure the front ends of the braces in the following manner :—

Pass the end of each brace through the rectangular brass link of the brace attachment *above* the horizontal web loop on the back of the pocket (and pouch) pulling it through as far as it will come then pass it back again through the brass link *below* the web loop, and pull down between the back of the binocular case (and pistol case) as tight as possible, thereby firmly securing the pocket (and pouch) to the brace attachment. See Plates 12 and 8.

PLATES



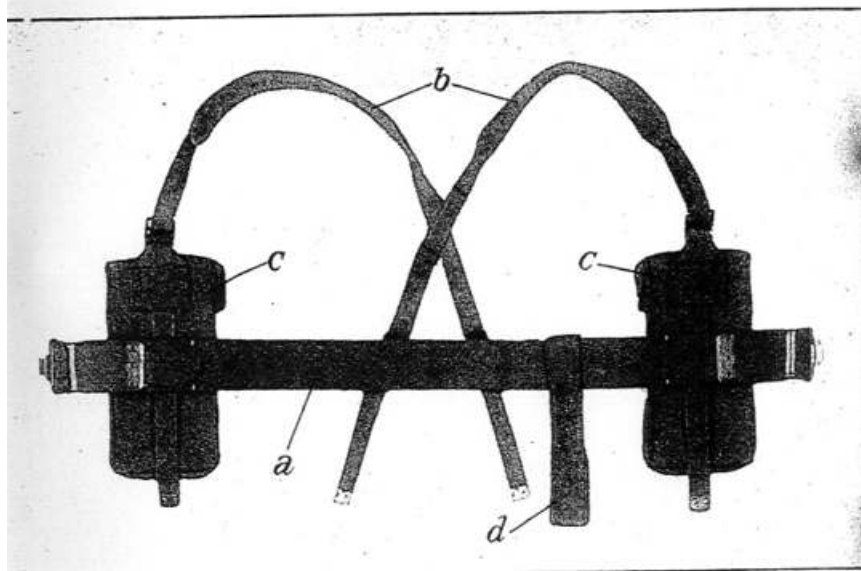


Fig. 1.

SET WITH BASIC POUCHES.

Each pouch to carry two Bren gun magazines, or a number of grenades, or S.A.A.



Fig. 21.

Pack (1908 pattern) with two supporting straps attached as shown above: for carrying "rucksack" fashion when changing stations, etc



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



Fig. 20.



Fig. 19.



Fig. 4.

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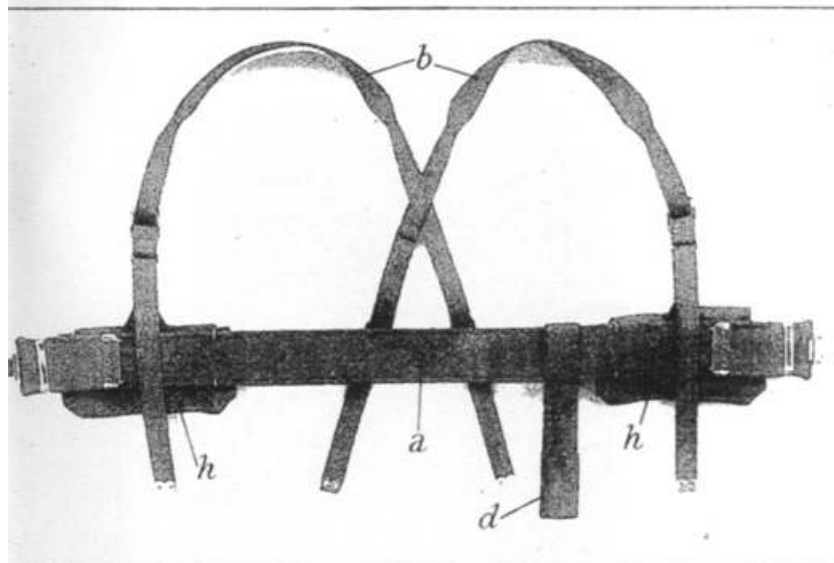


Fig. 5.

SET WITH CARTRIDGE CARRIERS.
40 rounds (per pair).



Fig. 18.



Fig. 17.

UTILITY POUCHES AND YOKE.

Front pouch with strap.

Rear pouch with loop.

Each pouch to carry three Bren gun magazines, or two anti-tank rifle magazines, or a number of grenades, or three 2-in. mortar bombs, or a waterbottle, or S.A.A.



Fig. 6.

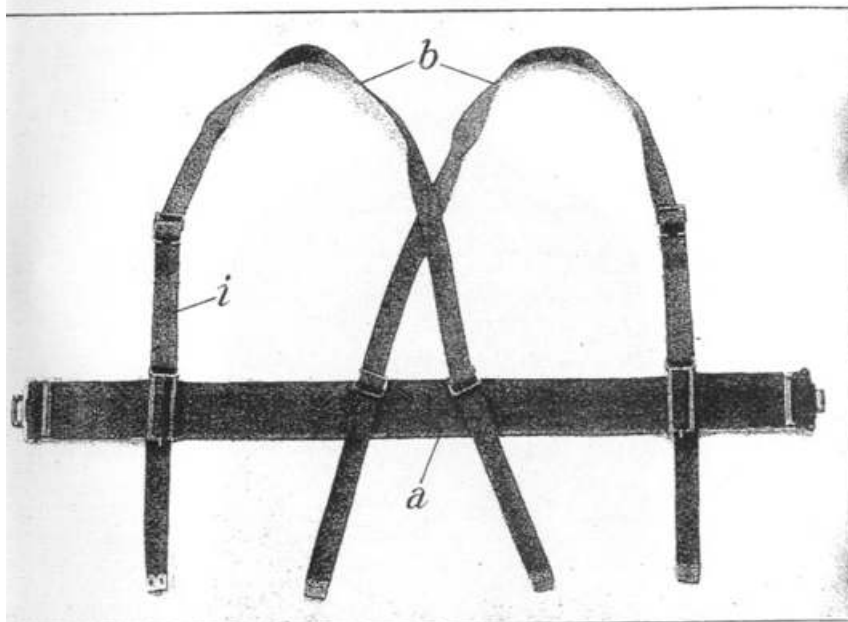


Fig. 7.

BASIC SET FOR OFFICERS, CERTAIN W.Os., N.C.Os. AND PERSONNEL
ARMED WITH PISTOL.

Belt, braces (left and right), Brace attachments (2).



Fig. 16.



Fig. 15.

HAVERSACK with detachable shoulder straps, which are also used for attachment to the pack and supporting straps (1908 Patt.) for carrying the pack (Fig. 16) when changing stations, etc.

The waterbottle in carrier and the haversack are then transferred to the sides as shown, attached to the ends of the braces.

THE HAVERSACK is common to all sets and accommodates mess tin (N.P.), waterbottle (in carrier), emergency ration, knife, fork and spoon, cardigan (when not worn), ground sheet (if desired).

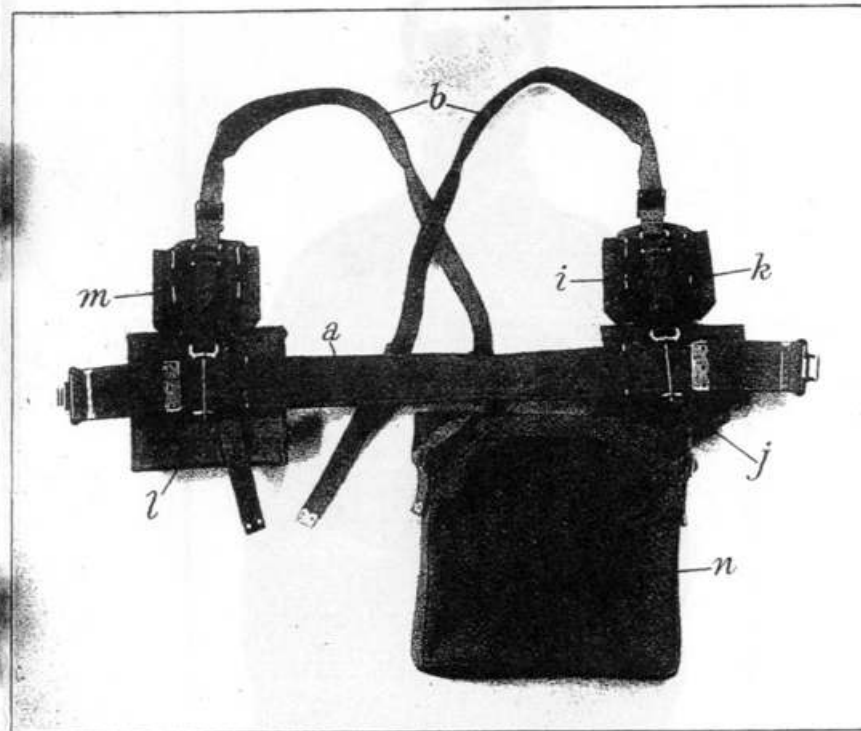


Fig. 8.

SET FOR OFFICERS, CERTAIN W.O.s. AND N.C.O.s.

With pistol case, ammunition pouch, binocular case, compass pocket and officers' haversack (worn at side and having also a hand-carrying loop).



Fig. 11.

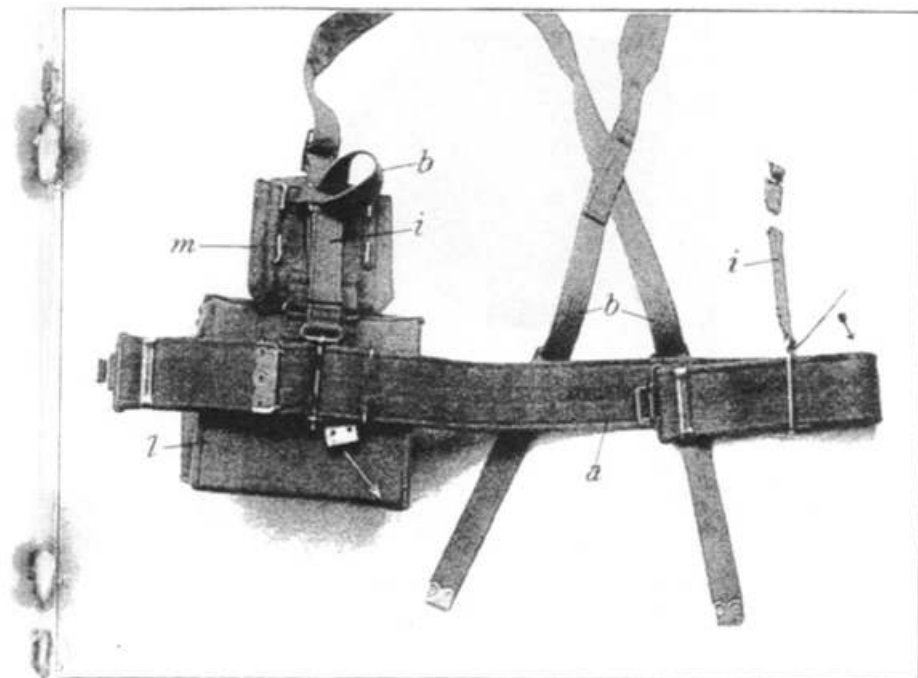


Fig. 12.

Method of connecting compass pocket (or ammunition pouch) to brace attachment for set as Fig. 8 and fixing of brace attachment to belt for sets as Figs. 8 and 10.

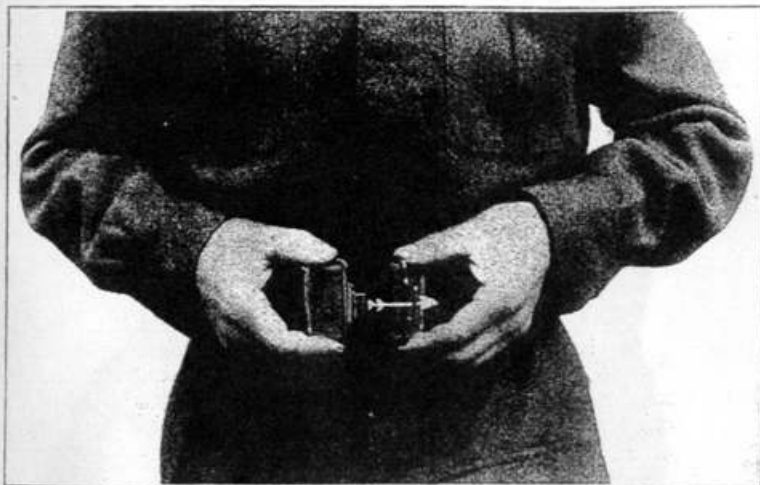


Fig. 13.

How to fasten hook-and-loop buckle.

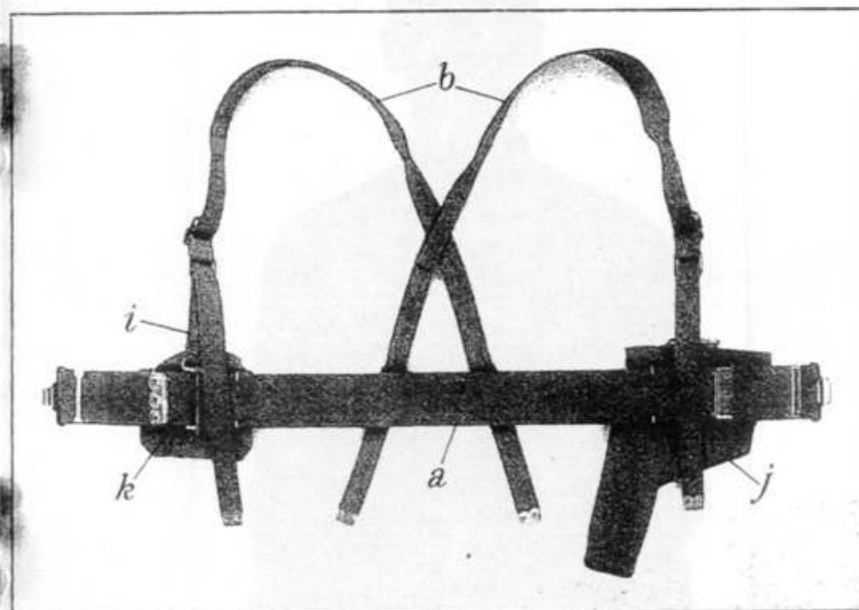


Fig. 10.

SET FOR PERSONNEL ARMED WITH PISTOL ONLY.



Fig. 9.



Fig. 14.

Method of inserting hooks into loops woven inside belt.