

INSPECTION PROCEDURES

At every event, be prepared for the following inspection at the **FIRST** formation of each day:

GENERAL APPEARANCE:

- A. Uniform & accoutrements clean and properly worn.
- B. All required equipment present and in good repair.
- C. Soldier clean-shaven (unless otherwise ordered); wig/hair properly dressed.

CLOSE INSPECTION:

- A. Hat clean, brushed, properly worn.
- B. Wig clean and properly dressed, properly worn.
- C. Uniform clean and properly worn:
 1. Shirt collar turned over stock approx. ½ ".
 2. Stock properly put on (buckle in back!)
 3. Visible repairs done well and neatly.
 4. All buttons present and buttoned.
 5. Lace properly stitched.
- D. Shoes and buckles polished.
- E. Cartridge Box;
 1. Belt whitened.
 2. Box blackened, outside flap polished.
 3. Plate polished.
 4. Pick & brush present and in good condition.
 5. Box FULL of ammunition! Cartridges both in the block and underneath.
Wiping rag.
- F. Haversack of proper type, clean, in good repair - and has stuff in it! An empty haversack looks ridiculous. Should contain rations & eating gear.
- G. Canteen of proper style, in good condition - no rust.
- H. Knapsack, if worn, of proper type, clean, properly worn, appropriate contents (flat knapsacks look even more ridiculous than flat haversacks!)
- I. Bayonet Carriage whitened, buckle polished, scabbard blackened & polished on outside. Tomahawk properly cased and worn according to company standard.
- J. Firelock & Bayonet;
 1. Clean, no powder residue.
 2. NO RUST!
 3. Lock properly fitted, good spring, functional half-cock.
 4. Hammerstall in place (brown).
 5. Flashguard present, tight, clean.
 6. Good flint, well fitted (wooden striker may be substituted for drill by order).
 7. Brass polished.
 8. Sling whitened, tight, buckle polished.

Inspections on the second and succeeding days should follow the same procedure with minor allowances for event usage. Everything - especially the firelock - should still be well maintained.

When you get home from an event, make certain that everything is thoroughly dried out before storage. This reduces the chance of mildew and rust.

Tents, kettles and other camp gear are optional items and are not addressed in detail in this manual. Ask any knowledgeable "old Guard" for advice on how to care for it. Keeping them clean, dry and properly stored is universally beneficial.

