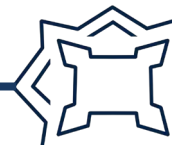


# 1774 British Regular Guidelines



## *"For the Good of the King's Service"*

A Captain's guard of roughly 29 soldiers from the 26th Regiment of Foot garrisoned Fort Ticonderoga in 1774. Though Captain William Delaplace commanded Fort Ticonderoga, only a few of the soldiers at Ticonderoga were from his company. Like most guards, these soldiers were not a single company, but drawn from the regiment as a whole, which guarded posts in Canada along with the 7th Royal Fuzileers. British regiments in the Province of Quebec required warm blanket coats and fur-trimmed caps, adopted from the Canadians for the long winter. Yet by May, British soldiers at Ticonderoga would have resembled their fellow British regulars anywhere along the east coast of North America. Without wartime interruptions in supply, British soldiers in Canada received their annual regimental clothing in November 1773. Recycled garments like second coats and fatigue caps preserved this new clothing in good condition.

Necessaries, like linen breeches, made service more comfortable during warmer weather, while also helping preserve their regimental clothing, without running soldiers into debt.



### **Shirts**

**Best:** Hand-stitched white linen shirt with ruffles, narrow band cuffs made for sleeve buttons (cuff links). Hand-stitched blue and white checked linen shirts.

**Acceptable:** Machine stitched checked or white linen shirts, narrow band cuffs with thread dorset buttons.

**Unacceptable:** Cotton calico or plaid shirts.



## Neckwear

**Best:** Black velvet neck stocks buckled at the back.

**Acceptable:** Cotton neckerchiefs or linen rollers worn off-duty.

**Discouraged:** Black horsehair or linen neck stocks.

**Unacceptable:** Leather neck stocks.

## Stockings

**Best:** White or grey wool yarn or worsted stockings constructed with back seams.

**Acceptable:** White stockings or socks of wool yarn, worsted, linen or cotton.

**Unacceptable:** Colored, or polyester stockings.

## Coats

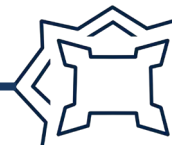
Weather permitting, British soldiers paraded in their full-length, laced regimental coats. British soldiers retained their previous year's coat as their personal property, in addition to their regimental coat. Regimental tailors generally altered the old coats into simple unlaced, short coats for fatigue and comfort off-duty. For the purposes of this event a second coat could be worn for fatigue, off-duty, or if no other coat is available.

**Best:** Hand-finished, well-fit, wool broadcloth British regimental coat of madder red wool conforming to the 1768 warrant, laced, and lined with white bay or serge lining.

**Acceptable:** Well-fit wool broadcloth British regimental coat of madder red wool conforming to the 1768 warrant, laced, and lined with white bay or serge lining with minor visible machine stitching. Short, unlaced second coats, with regimentally appropriate facings, worn for fatigue, or in lieu of a regimental coat.

**Unacceptable:** Anything else.





## Waistcoats

**Best:** Hand-finished, well-fit, white wool broadcloth regimental waistcoat, with welted pockets, lined in coarse natural linen. For Light Infantry, hand-finished, well-fit, madder red wool broadcloth regimental waistcoat, square-cut, laced or unlaced with welted pockets, lined in coarse natural linen.

**Acceptable:** Well-fit, linen ticking, drilling, or sheeting summer waistcoat, white wool broadcloth regimental waistcoat or red cloth light infantry waistcoat with minor visible machine stitching.

**Unacceptable:** Civilian or baggy waistcoats.

## Breeches

**Best:** Hand-finished, well-fit, white kersey or broadcloth regimental breeches, lined in coarse white linen, with buckled or buttoned knee bands.

**Acceptable:** Well-fit breeches of white wool broadcloth, kersey, or summer breeches of linen ticking, drilling, or sheeting with minor visible machine stitching.

**Unacceptable:** Trousers, overall trousers, baggy breeches.

## Hats

**Best:** Hand-finished, round blocked, black wool cocked hat, bound in white, with a black horsehair cockade, white wool cockade loop and button. For Light Infantry, hand-finished, round blocked, black wool cam hat, bound in white or leather light infantry caps.

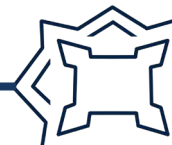
**Acceptable:** Black wool cocked hat, bound in white with a black cockade and white loop, minor visible machine stitching or oval blocked.

**Unacceptable:** Slouch hats, grey or brown wool felt hats, cut down felt caps, straw hats.

## Forage Caps

**Best:** Hand-finished, well-fit madder broadcloth cap turned up with with facing-colored broadcloth.





**Acceptable:** Madder broadcloth cap turned up with facing-colored broadcloth, with minor visible machine stitching.

**Discouraged:** Plain blue Scots bonnets.

**Unacceptable:** Anything else.

## Shoes

**Best:** Hand-finished, short or long quartered, round toe, shoes with black waxed calf uppers, fitted for buckles.

**Acceptable:** Machine-made black leather, shoes with buckles or ties.

**Unacceptable:** Modern Footwear, moccasins, shoe boots, half-boots, high-lows, Civil War bootees, or riding boots.

## Legwear

**Best:** Well-fit, hand-finished black painted linen half-gaiters.

**Discouraged:** Black wool leggings or tall gaiters.

**Unacceptable:** Anything else.



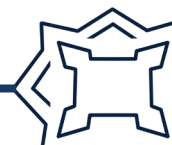
## Cartridge Pouches

**Best:** Hand-made 1760s style soft-bodied cartridge pouch with a white buff shoulder strap. For Light Infantry, 18-round Government Set cartridge box over the right shoulder, with 9-round Government Set around the waist, bullet bag and powder horn on black leather sling.

**Acceptable:** British 36 or 29-hole cartridge pouches, on a white buff leather shoulder strap. 18-hole Government Set cartridge box as additional cartridge box.

**Discouraged:** 18-hole belly box as primary cartridge box.

**Unacceptable:** Hunting pouches, soft cartridge pouches, new model American pouches.



## Arms

**Best:** Long land pattern British muskets, with a well-fit bayonet and a white buff leather sling. For Light Infantry, long or short land pattern British musket with black leather sling and well-fit bayonet.

**Acceptable:** Short land pattern British muskets, with a well-fit bayonet.

**Unacceptable:** All others.

## Side Arms

**Best:** Whitened buff waist belt with a belt plate or buckle, holding a black leather scabbard and bayonet. For Light Infantry, Government Set belts and frogs carrying a bayonet in a black leather scabbard and a sheathed British camp ax.

**Acceptable:** Shoulder converted waist belt with a belt plate or buckle, holding a black leather scabbard and bayonet.

**Unacceptable:** Black leather belts, shoulder belts, horse pistols, naval pistols, unsheathed bayonets, tomahawks, or belt axes.

## Knapsacks

**Best:** British goatskin knapsack with buff leather shoulder straps, closing with three buff leather straps and buckles.

**Acceptable:** British painted canvas knapsacks with minor visible machine stitching.

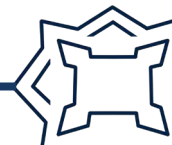
**Discouraged:** 1790s British painted canvas knapsacks, like the Isaac Royal House pack.

**Unacceptable:** Anything else.

## Canteens

**Best:** Half-moon shaped tined-iron canteen slung from a narrow hemp cord.





**Acceptable:** Kidney-shaped tinned-iron canteen or similar pattern.

**Unacceptable:** Anything Else.

### **Haversacks**

**Best:** Plain osnaburg linen haversack, closing with two or three small plain pewter or brass buttons, with the Government Stamp in the bottom corner.

**Acceptable:** Plain osnaburg linen haversack.

**Unacceptable:** Anything Else.

### **Blankets**

**Best:** White Hand-woven British Army Issue blanket with white or brown stripes and Government Stamp.



**Acceptable:** 3- Point Rose, Dutch, or Plain white blankets.

**Unacceptable:** Civil War grey blankets, Hudson Bay "Point" Blankets.