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THE

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SLADE-WALLACE EQUIPMENT.

The Equipment consists of :—

	Weight lbs. ozs.
1 Valise	1 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 pair of Braces	0 12 $\frac{3}{4}$
1 Waistbelt	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Pouches	1 3
1 Haversack	0 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Mess Tin, Cover, and Strap	1 11
1 Water Bottle and Carrier	1 0
2 Coat Straps	0 8
1 Frog for sidearm	0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 Great Coat	4 6
1 Cape	2 0
1 Rifle and Sling.. .. .	8 15
1 Bayonet and Scabbard	1 6
1 set Breast Loops for cartridges	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
	24 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Add when on Service—	
Field Kit	5 6
Rations	2 0
Water (in bottle)	1 8
Ammunition	7 0
Waterproof sheet	4 4
	44 13 $\frac{1}{4}$
Total	

The braces and pouches are marked R. and L.

The equipment can be put together off the person, and put on complete, but when fitting a soldier for the first time. proceed as follows :—

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FITTING THE EQUIPMENT.

Water Bottle, Haversack, Waistbelt, Pouches.—Put on water bottle, (if fitted with strap carrier) and haversack. Fit the waistbelt on, care being taken that it is fairly tight, slip the pouches and frogs on the belt and buckle it.

Braces.—Put the braces over the shoulders, straight edge outwards, (the D^s on shoulders should lie just behind the shoulder straps). Pass the front brace ends through the D^s on the waistbelt, (which should be between the loops of the pouches), and through the hindmost D^s on the pouches, unless a full supply of ammunition is carried, in which case pass the brace ends through both D^s, buckle the brace ends tight, and pass spare ends downwards through double buckle under braces. Cross the braces at the back, and pass the ends from the outside of the waistbelt through the two outer buckles, pull taut, and fasten.

Adjust the movable bent buckles on the braces, roller downwards, and fit them in the second hole above those by which the braces are fastened to the belt. The small leather runner should be where the braces cross.

The front brace straps can easily be adjusted to suit men of different heights.

When the waistbelt, pouches, and shoulder D^s are all in position, and there is a strain on the shoulders by the braces being taut, pass the back ends of the braces between belt and body, round the coat, which must be tightly rolled 15 inches long, (with tail end of coat downwards and against the belt), and buckle to the bent buckles, rolling the spare ends. The two small coat straps, if not carried in the pocket of the great coat, can be fastened round the coat under the brace straps. The waterproof sheet when carried, is rolled round the coat. The cape and Glengarry are carried under the flap of the valise.

Mess Tin.—(a.) Place mess tin on coat, flat side next to, and close to the back, pass strap end of mess tin strap upward through the loops on the round side and top of mess tin cover, then downwards through the leather runner on braces, and buckle tight from the outside to the centre buckle of the waistbelt, then pass the strap between belt and body, upwards round the coat, and buckle it just under the loop on the round side of mess tin cover, rolling the spare end.

To steady the valise in this order, pass the centre strap

through top loop of mess tin cover, and buckle to flap of valise. When the great coat is worn and nothing is carried by the braces behind, (which should be buckled round belt with ends rolled), the mess tin is carried under the valise as follows :—

(b.) Pass strap end of mess tin strap over valise, through runner on back of valise, round under bottom of mess tin, up through loop on round side of mess tin cover, through loop on flap of valise, and buckle on top of valise, rolling spare end.

If it is thought necessary to steady the valise in this order, the centre strap can be passed through the runner on the braces, or round the cross of the braces, then between bottom of valise and mess tin, and buckled to the flap of the valise.

When guards mount in great coats the mess tin should be carried as in "b."

When the valise and great coat are not carried, or when the great coat is worn without the valise, the mess tin is carried on the waistbelt as follows :—

(c.) Pass the mess tin strap, or one of the short coat straps, through the loop on the round side of the cover, and the loop on the top, downwards through the runner on the braces, through the centre buckle on the waistbelt from outside, then round the belt and mess tin, and buckle under the loop on the round side of mess tin, and roll spare end.

(d.) When the braces are not worn, the mess tin is carried on the belt behind, by the mess tin strap or one of the coat straps, as follows: Pass straps through loops on mess tin cover, through centre buckle on belt, fasten and roll the end.

N.B. If the mess tin cover is not worn, after passing strap through D on round side of mess tin, pass it through runner on braces, if worn, and through D on flat side of mess tin, before passing it through centre buckle on waistbelt.

Valise.—Pass valise straps through D^s on shoulders and buckle in front, passing spare ends upwards through double buckle.

N.B. The valise can be steadied, if thought necessary, by passing the centre strap either round cross of braces or through the runner.

Reserve Magazine Pouch.—If the reserve magazine pouch is worn, unbuckle left brace from pouch and waistbelt, and slip magazine pouch up the brace, just above the left pouch.

OBSERVATIONS ON FITTING AND WEARING.

It is much easier to put the equipment together complete off the person, than when it is on, and after the soldier is once fitted, it would never be necessary to put on each article separately as described above. Too much care cannot be taken to fit this equipment properly at first; and unless this is done it will not ride comfortably.

The great coat and mess tin ride without shifting whether ammunition is carried in the pouches or not, but as this equipment is essentially a service one, it will be found that when ammunition is carried, the weight is more evenly distributed and the equipment is better balanced.

The equipment rides very well on the march with the belt unhooked, or merely buckled to the tongue.

It will be noticed that the valise can be put on or taken off in a few seconds, without in any way interfering with the rest of the equipment.

When the great coat is worn, the blanket (if specially ordered), or waterproof sheet, or valise, can be carried in its place.

The haversack, coat folded, waterproof sheet or blanket, can be carried from the shoulder D^s, when the valise is not worn.

When the great coat is carried *en bandolier* on fatigue or working party, the ends are fastened by one of the coat straps, and the mess tin carried on the waistbelt behind.

If it is required to carry the great coat behind when the pouches are not worn, the front ends of the braces must be passed through the front D^s on the waistbelt and buckled.

If it is required to keep the flap of the pouch back when firing, pass the tab of the flap through the double buckle on the brace.

The valise or knapsack has seldom been carried on service, and this equipment has been expressly designed to allow of the valise being carried or not, without in any way interfering with the balance or adjustment of any of the other articles carried by the soldier.

The letter of the Company, and the regimental number of the owner, should be painted on the curve of the valise, and the title, or badge of the Regiment on the flap.

PARADES.

Marching Order.—Two pouches, haversack, water bottle, great coat, mess tin, and valise, (spade, and reserve magazine only when ordered).

Articles carried in Valise.

1 pair Socks	1 Box Blacking
1 Shirt	1 pair Mitts
1 Towel and Soap	Oil Bottle (until New Rifle is issued)
2 Brushes	1 Glengarry
Hold-all, complete	1 Cape.
Pocket Ledger	

Drill Order.—One pouch in centre of back, unless the mess tin or ammunition is carried, when the pouch will be worn on the right side.

Field-day Order.—The same as drill order, but with full dress head-dress (haversack, water bottle, and gaiters only when ordered).

Review Order.—Same as drill order, with tunic and full dress head-dress.

Service Marching Order.—Home M.O. with waterproof sheet, pocket knife and lanyard, flannel belt, field dressing, description card.

Articles carried in the Valise.

Emergency Ration (Description not yet settled)	Cap, Worsted Shirt, or Boots, or Trousers (as ordered)
Oil Bottle (until new Rifle is issued)	1 pair Socks
Towel and Soap	Shoes, Canvas
Brush, Clothes	Cape
Hold-all, complete	1 pair Drawers (Highland and Scottish Regiments, and drivers only).
Housewife, fitted	
Pocket Ledger	
1 pair Spare Boot Laces	

Light Service Order.—Service M.O. without valise.

Articles carried in Great Coat Pocket.

Emergency Ration (or may be carried in the Haversack).
 Worsted Cap
 Towel and Soap
 1 pair Socks
 Boot Laces.
 Pocket Ledger.

N.B.—The method of carrying the grease pot in Service M.O. and Light Service Order is under consideration.

TO PACK THE VALISE.

Place small book and boot laces at the bottom, oil bottle in pocket (until new rifle is issued). Fold shirt in three (the size of the inside of the valise), and place against back of valise; hold-all next to shirt, towel folded in three, with soap in it, between the hold-all and outer side of valise.

Place two brushes, backs outward, one at each end of valise, socks rolled at each end next to them.

Place emergency ration, and tin of dubbing or blacking, between towel and valise.

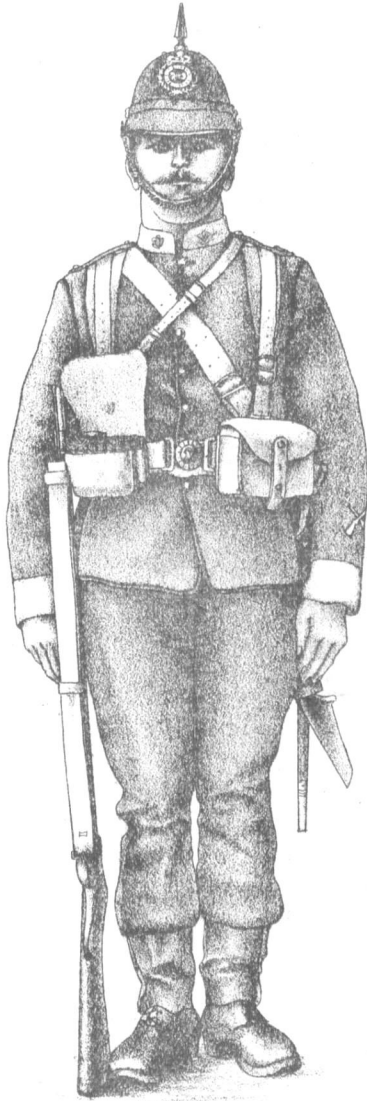
Place canvas shoes on the top (heel and toe).

Double cape in two, turn collar and tail-end in to a width of 12 inches, turn ends in, and fold in three to about size of valise flap.

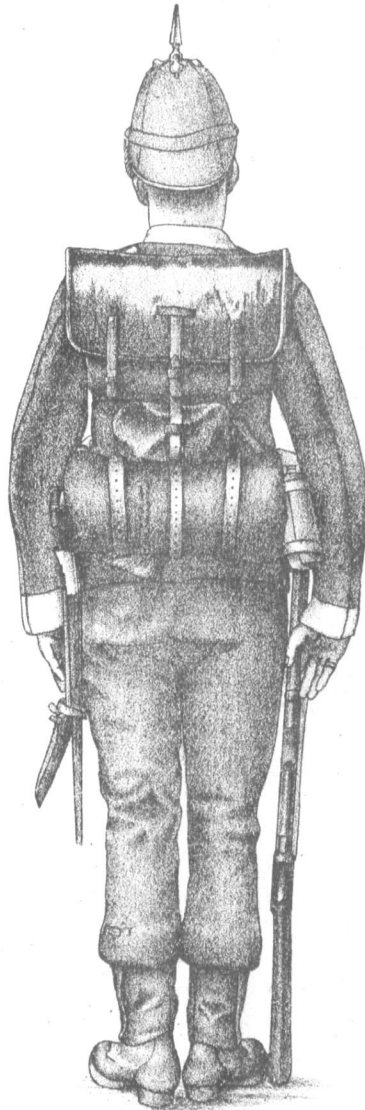
Glengarry cap when carried, will be placed between the folds.

Place cape, open side downwards, under flap of valise.

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1888 Equip^t.

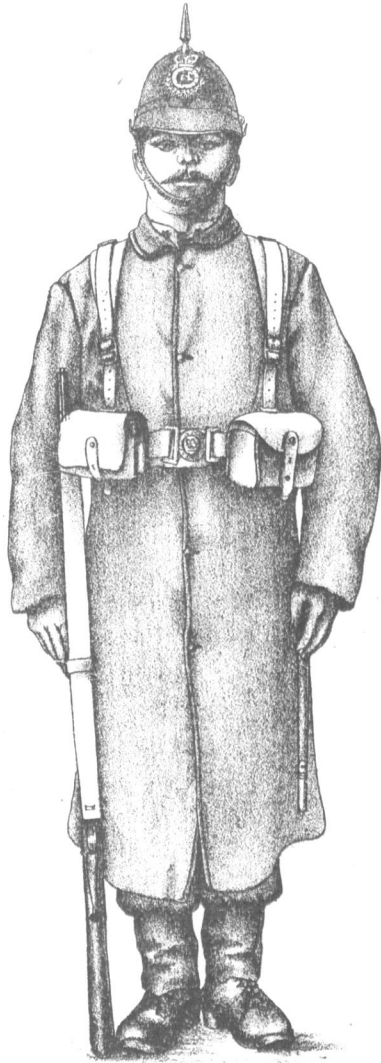


MARCHING ORDER. BACK VIEW.

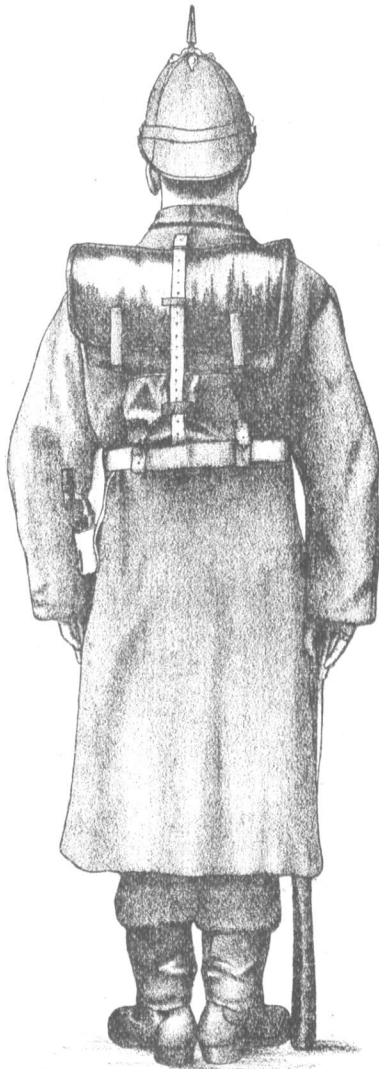
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LIGHT SERVICE ORDER, BACK VIEW. 1888 *Equip^t*.
WHEN HAVERSACK IS CARRIED ON THE SHOULDERS.



GUARD ORDER. COLD OR WET WEATHER. FRONT VIEW.
1888 Equip!



GUARD ORDER, COLD OR WET WEATHER. BACK VIEW.

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