

Uniform and Equipment Standards for the

3rd Pennsylvania Reserves

All gear is listed in order of preference. These men were well supplied at this point in the war and were generally uniform. All gear is to be made of correct period materials and construction. Please try to abide by these standards as much as possible.

Uniform:

Coat:

Preferred - M1858 Frock Coat. Records from the time of the battle, show the men mostly wearing Frock Coats. If you have one, wear this please.

Accepted - M1858 Sack Coat

Trousers:

Preferred - M1861 Sky Blue Trousers. We know that the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps were issued only sky blue trousers from both the State of Pennsylvania and the Federal Government in 1861/2

Not Accepted - M1861 Dark Blue Trousers or Civilian Trousers.

Hat:

Preferred - M1858 Forage Cap. The records show near universal wear of the Forage Cap. If you have one, wear this please. Other hats are only acceptable if you do not have a Forge Cap.

Acceptable- Kepi

Shirt:

Preferred - Issue Shirt

Accepted – Civilian Shirt

Under drawers:

Preferred – Issue or Civilian

Socks:

Preferred - Woolen Socks, issue or civilian make

Brogans:

Preferred - M1851 Jefferson Bootees (Brogans).

Accepted - Issue boots

Accepted – Civilian Boots

Gaiters (optional):

These are documented to the 3rd Reserves, as they were issued on 30 May. If you are going to wear these, the **MUST** be the Army of the Potomac style with lacing up the side. These are sold by Sekela and other sutlers, but they cannot be the type with straps on the side.



Equipment:

Rifle (with appropriate bayonet):

Preferred - M1855/1861 Springfield Rifled Musket. The 3rd Reserves were armed with these weapons in the spring of 1862 and carried them at the time of the battle.

Accepted - P1853 Enfield Rifled Musket. We understand not everyone has a '61 Springfield. We prefer everyone to carry a .577/.58 weapon if possible to make ammunition distribution easier.

Reluctantly Accepted – M1842 Springfield Musket/Rifled Musket

Not Accepted - M1863 Springfield Rifled Musket, Rifles (M1841/55 or P1855), .69 Caliber only as a last resort please)

Bayonet Scabbard:

Preferred - 2 Rivet bayonet scabbard

Cartridge Box :

Preferred - M1857/61 Cartridge Box with sling, box and eagle plates

Cap Box:

Preferred - M1855 "Shield Front" Cap Box

Accepted - M1862 Cap Box

Belt:

Preferred - M1856 Waist Belt with puppy paw buckle and leather keeper or keeper cut off

Haversack:

Preferred - Black tarred issue haversack

Canteen:

Preferred - M1858 "Smoothside" Canteen with leather strap

Accepted - M1862 "Bullseye" Canteen with leather strap

Knapsack:

Preferred - M1855 Federal Double Bag Knapsack

Blanket:

Preferred - Issue blanket

Accepted - Civilian blanket

Ground Cloth:

Preferred - Gum blanket

Accepted - Poncho

Reluctantly Accepted - Painted ground cloth

Shelter Half:

Preferred - Standard issue shelter half, one-half per man (one full tent per line officer). The Reserve Corps was issued these in May of 1862 while camped at Fredericksburg.