

- I. The following classes of officers in the Border Patrol shall wear, while on duty, the Border Patrol uniform as prescribed in these instructions:
- A. Chief Patrol Inspectors
  - B. Assistant Chief Patrol Inspectors
  - C. Airplane Pilots
  - D. Senior Patrol Inspectors
  - E. Patrol Inspectors
  - F. New Appointees. New appointees are required to obtain rough-duty uniforms upon entry on duty, and official uniforms at the completion of three months' service.
  - G. Central Office and Regional Supervisory Border Patrol officers. These officers shall, when deemed necessary for the more efficient accomplishment of their mission, wear the appropriate Border Patrol uniform while in the field.

II. Composition of Uniforms

- A. The official uniform: The minimum uniform shall consist of the following items:

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| 1. Stiff brim campaign hat, fur cap (northern border), or overseas cap (pilots and acting pilots). | 7. Trousers belt                       |
| 2. Trousers  | 8. Badge                               |
| 3. Shirt   | 9. Sam Browne belt                     |
| 4. Tie and tie clasp   | 10. Holster                            |
| 5. Shoes   | 11. Handcuff case & handcuffs          |
| 6. Socks   | 12. Ammunition carrier with ammunition |
|  | 13. Pistol or revolver                 |
|  | 14. Appropriate insignia               |

As weather conditions dictate, the following additional items may be worn:

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| 1. Blouse (Patrol Inspectors) | 5. Raincoat             |
| 2. Eisenhower Jacket (Pilots) | 6. Overshoes or rubbers |
| 3. Storm coat or topcoat      | 7. Gloves               |
| 4. Overcoat (See Par. VIII)   |                         |

- B. Rough duty uniform: The minimum rough duty uniform shall consist of the following items:

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| 1. Task force cap               | 8. Badge                              |
| 2. Trousers                     | 9. Rough duty pistol belt             |
| 3. Shirt                        | 10. Rough duty holster                |
| 4. Tie and tie clasp (See IIIE) | 11. Handcuff case and handcuffs       |
| 5. Trousers belt                | 12. Ammunition carrier and ammunition |
| 6. Shoes                        | 13. Pistol or revolver                |
| 7. Socks                        | 14. Appropriate insignia              |

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Distribution made as follows:

Central Office	50
Northeast Region	125
Northwest Region	175
Southeast Region	100
Southwest Region	1500

As weather conditions dictate, the following additional items may be worn:

1. Heavy wind breaker jacket
2. Light wind breaker jacket
3. Rain coat
4. Overshoes or rubbers
5. Gloves
6. Fur cap
7. Parka storm jacket (Northern Border only)

Each item shall conform to the specifications contained in these instructions.

### III. Deviations

- A. Airplane pilots will wear Eisenhower jackets and overseas caps as part of their official uniform.
- B. Airplane pilots, when engaged in piloting airplanes, shall not be required to wear the Sam Browne belt and related leather goods.
- C. Officers allergic to dye may wear white or gray socks upon approval of the Chief Patrol Inspector.
- D. At the discretion of the Chief Patrol Inspector, the fur cap will be worn on the northern border only. Its use shall be uniform throughout the sector.
- E. In extremely hot weather the Chief Patrol Inspector may authorize, on a sector-wide basis, the omission of the tie with the rough duty uniform. The collar will then be left unbuttoned.
- F. In extremely cold weather the Chief Patrol Inspector may authorize the wearing of oil-treated black shoes or insulated boots — trousers inside boot at wearer's option — where appropriate to the duties to be performed.
- G. As a safety measure the Chief Patrol Inspector may authorize the wearing of red jackets or other non-uniform clothing of distinctive color in hunting areas when he deems such action to be advisable.

### IV. Wearing of Uniforms

- A. Official Uniform. Border Patrol duties will be performed in the official uniform except as authorized pursuant to Paragraph III, or B, C, or D, below.
- B. Rough Duty Uniform.
  1. All Service officers temporarily assigned to Border Patrol duties will wear the rough duty uniform unless exempted therefrom by the Chief Patrol Inspector.

2. The Chief Patrol Inspector and Chief of the Border Patrol Training School, may permit officers to wear rough duty uniforms in the following types of assignments:
- (a) Sign cutting and trailing
  - (b) Line and river patrol
  - (c) Jeep patrol
  - (d) Woods, brush and desert details
  - (e) Farm and ranch inspections
  - (f) Task force operations in farm and ranch areas
  - (g) Freight train inspections
  - (h) Operation of Service boats
  - (i) Airplane piloting in connection with any of the above activities
  - (j) Training and competition in marksmanship
  - (k) Any "fatigue" duty for which, in the opinion of the Chief Patrol Inspector, it would be unreasonable to require the wearing of the official uniform
  - (l) Trainees attending the Border Patrol Training School will ordinarily perform duty in the rough duty uniform.

- C. Appropriate civilian clothing. The Chief Patrol Inspector may require officers assigned to duties where the uniform would tend to frustrate the effort, such as duties involving necessary contacts in foreign countries, to wear civilian clothing appropriate to the locale and type of duty to be performed.
- D. Official uniform without sidearms. Officers engaged in classroom instruction, headquarters duty, recruiting and similar duties should not ordinarily wear sidearms. Neither should arms be worn in court, in church, or at funerals; however, Sam Browne belts without holsters, handcuff cases or ammunition carriers will be worn. Chief Patrol Inspectors may require headquarters duty with sidearms.
- E. Rough duty uniform without sidearms. This applies to officers attending the Training School; and to officers performing special duty where the Chief Patrol Inspector decides no sidearms should be worn.

#### V. Symbols of Rank and Service

At all times when the official uniform is worn, the approved symbols of rank and of service shall be worn. Campaign ribbons, federal and service decorations and Distinguished Marksman badges are authorized for wear, under appropriate conditions, on the official uniform immediately above the left pocket of the blouse or jacket.

Only the badge, shoulder sleeve emblem (Patch) and insignia of rank (Shoulder ornaments) should be worn with the rough duty uniform.

#### VI. Insignia

Shoulder Ornaments: These are reserved to indicate the rank of Senior Patrol Inspector or above; gold for Chief Patrol Inspectors, the Assistant Chief, air operations, and Assistant Chief, air safety officer, or above; polished silver with blue letters for Assistant Chief Patrol Inspectors and oxidized silver with raised uncolored lettering for Senior Patrol Inspectors and GS-12 Pilots. Shoulder ornaments are to be worn 5/8" from bottom of shoulder strap on the outermost garment.

Shoulder Sleeve Emblem (Patch): To be sewn on the left sleeve of the blouse, Eisenhower jacket, shirt, rough duty jackets, overcoat, topcoat, or storm coat, top of the emblem to be 1/2" below the shoulder seam (on both official and rough duty uniforms).

Insignia Indicating Length of Service: A gold star approximately 1/2" in diameter for each completed five years of service will be worn on the left sleeve facing of the blouse or Eisenhower jacket. Stars will be worn 1/2" apart in line with point of sleeve facing and extending up the sleeve, the lower star to be centered 2" from the bottom edge of sleeve facing.

Overseas Cap Discs: These discs will be worn by all Border Patrol pilots and acting pilots on the left front side of the overseas cap.

Pilot Wings: Border Patrol pilot wings will be worn by Border Patrol rated pilots on the same garment as the badge and will be worn centered above the right-hand pocket of the shirt, or Eisenhower jacket, the bottom of the wings just clearing the top edge of the pocket. On the overcoat, topcoat or storm coat, they shall be worn in the same relative location.

Badge: The badge will be worn on the outer garment of the uniform. It should be worn on the badge tab which is located on the uniform as set out in specifications. If no badge tab is present, the badge should be worn in the same location. Chief Patrol Inspectors, Assistant Chief Air Operations, Assistant Chief Air Safety Officer and officers of higher rank will use the Chief Patrol Inspectors' badge. Airplane Pilots will wear the Patrol Inspectors' badge. GS-12 Pilots will wear Senior Patrol Inspectors' badges.

#### VII. Revolver or Pistol

An "issue" revolver, or a personally-owned revolver or pistol approved by the Chief Patrol Inspector, shall be worn at all times while a Border Patrol Officer is on duty, with the exceptions noted in Section IV, paragraphs D and E, above.

Only one sidearm will be worn at a time.

## VIII. General

Except as authorized in paragraph III B, the Sam Browne belt shall be worn at all times with the official uniform. The cross strap shall be worn over the left shoulder for right-handed officers, and over the right shoulder for left-handed officers. A handcuff case and ammunition carrier will be worn on the belt along with the pistol or revolver holster. Three black leather loops with gilt glove snaps shall be worn to hold the Sam Browne belt to the trousers belt when the jacket or blouse is not worn.

When the Blouse or Eisenhower Jacket is worn it will be worn buttoned under the Sam Browne belt and shall be of the same material as the trousers. The use of the Eisenhower Jacket by Patrol Inspectors will be allowed until November 1, 1958, after which date its use will be restricted to Pilots.

The rough duty pistol belt shall be worn in a horizontal position at the waist.

A plain gold chain tie clasp, without added adornment, will be worn to hold the tie in place.

Uniforms must be clean, presentable and neatly pressed. Frayed, faded, patched uniforms or uniforms showing excessive wear will not be worn.

Uniforms shall be worn as specified in these instructions and in no other manner. The wearing of a "mixed" uniform, i.e., a combination of uniforms and civilian clothes or of rough duty and official uniforms, will not be permitted.

✓ All officers of a detail shall be dressed alike.

Each officer is required to have in his possession a sufficient quantity of each uniform item to permit him to report for duty with a clean, presentable and complete uniform at all times.

The overcoat and storm coat are being abolished as a part of the official uniform and will be replaced by the combination topcoat and overcoat. The use of the overcoat and storm coat, however, will be allowed until July 1, 1958, after which date they will no longer be worn.

## IX. Inspections

Chief Patrol Inspectors shall inspect uniforms and uniform equipment of all officers in their Sector at frequent intervals. (Failure of any officer to comply with these uniform regulations will, after due admonition, be cause for disciplinary action).

Coat

Material: Color - Forestry Green to match American Woolen Shade #168.  
Weight and kind - tropical worsted 9 and 10 oz.; Gabardine 13 to 14-1/2 oz.; whipcord 16 - 19 oz.; elastique 16 and 19 oz.;  
Quality - all fabrics to be all-wool, except tropical worsted, which may be part dacron and part wool.

Style: In general - To be a single-breasted, peak lapel collar, to have side pleats in back with lastex strip placed between outer fabric and the lining, attached to the concealed end of each pleat, for the purpose of bringing pleats back into proper position after the wearer has raised or used his arms. Sack coat of above material.

To fit easy over the chest and shoulders and to be slightly fitted to conform to the figure so as to prevent wrinkling or rolling under the leather belt when worn. To be buttoned down the front with four 36 ligne buttons, equally spaced, the top button to be placed approximately 1-1/4" above the horizontal line joining the arm pits, the bottom button to be placed at the waistline so as to be covered by the leather belt when worn. The crossing of the lapels to be approximately 1-3/4" above the top button. To support the belt, two metal hooks, of the same material as the metal trimmings on the leather belt will be let into the side seams at the waistline.

Collar and Lapel: The collar to be approximately 15-1/2" for a 36-inch chest (relative measurements) and to be measured along the outside edge, with the ends cut back slightly, and not to be wider than 1-5/8" at the back seam nor wider than 2-7/8" at the junction with the lapel. The top line of the lapel to be horizontal and the peak to extend to the collar line prolonged. The opening notch between the collar and lapel not to be wider than 1/2" nor narrower than 1/4" and approximately 1-3/4" in depth.

Pockets: There will be four outside pockets, two upper and two lower, covered with flaps, buttoned with 24 ligne regulation buttons at the center and placed so that the upper lines are horizontal. The two upper pockets to be patch pockets, slightly rounded at the lower corners, with a box pleat 1-1/2" in width on the vertical center line. The flaps to be slightly rounded at the corners and reaching to a slight point at the center. The flap buttons to be on line with the top button of coat. The two lower pockets to be hung outside the lining with the opening in the body of the skirt, covered by flaps with the lower corners slightly rounded and the lower edge horizontal. The pockets to be attached to the body of the skirt only at the mouth. The top lines of the lower

pocket flaps to be placed slightly below the waistline. The pockets will be of suitable size according to the size of the coat, but in no case will they exceed the following dimensions:

1. Upper pockets - Depth, 6-1/2"; width at top, 5-3/4"; at bottom, 5-3/4";
2. Lower pockets - Depth, 10"; width at top 8-1/2"; at bottom 12".

Inner

Construction:

Inners and vitals shall consist of high quality Hymo felt and shoulder pads and finished with the best quality workmanship.

Sleeve

Facings:

Cuff on outside of sleeves only to extend from seam to seam; blue cloth 220 Warranton; edges to be let into the seams; bottom edge turned under on top of and even with the edge of the cuff and not rolled under; pointed to center, and 6" deep from point to bottom edge and 4" deep on seams.

Shoulder

Strap:

On each shoulder a strap of the same material as sleeve facings. Let in at the sleeve head seam and reaching to approximately 3/4" beneath the collar, buttoning at the collar edge with a small regulation coat button. Loops to be about 2-1/2" in width at lower end and 1-1/2" in width at collar edge and cross-stitched down to shoulder for a distance of about 2" from lower end.

Coat

Skirt:

The skirt of the coat to be full, with a slight flare, and to extend 1 to 2" below the crotch, according to the height of the wearer, with a slit in the back extending from the waistline to the bottom of the skirt following the back seam with an underlap of approximately 2-1/2". The front overlapping left edge of coat to be cut with a pronounced flare to the right, from the bottom button to the bottom of skirt so as to appear straight from the lapel opening to the bottom of the coat and to remain overlapped not less than 4" when in a standing position, without the use of hooks and eyes, the fullness necessary to accomplish this result being over the hips.

Buttons:

Gilt - U. S. Border Patrol.

Linings: Body and sleeves of coat to be lined with good quality Satin Rayon.

Stitchings: Pockets and edges to be stitched double  $3/8$ ". All seams plain.

Under Collar: Of cloth to match coat.

Badge Tab: Of cloth to match coat and to be placed between button and right edge of upper left pocket flap.

Eisenhower or Battle Jacket

Material: Same as coat.

Styles: In general - to be single-breasted, peak lapel, collar, having a side pleated back. To have lastex strip placed between outer fabric and the lining, attached to the concealed end of each pleat, for the purpose of bringing pleats back into proper position after the wearer has raised or used his arms.

Body: To be buttoned down front with four 24-ligne, regulation buttons equally spaced. The top button to be placed approximately  $1-1/4$ " above the horizontal line joining the armpits. The bottom of the jacket shall be finished with band  $2-3/8$ " wide to fit snugly with one 24-ligne bone button. This bottom button and buttonhole on the band must be concealed. The band to have a 3" outlet at center of back for waist adjustment. Bottom band shall have four belt loops approximately  $3/4$ " wide sewed in bottom of band and long enough to fasten with glove fastener, covered with same material as jacket, at the top over the Sam Browne belt. The crossing of the lapels to be approximately  $1-3/4$ " above the top button. The length of jacket shall be such as to permit the top of the bottom band to rest at the top of the wearer's hipbone.

Collar and Lapel: The collar to be approximately  $15-1/2$ " for a 36" chest (relative measurements) and to be measured along the outside edge, with ends cut back slightly, and not to be wider than  $1-5/8$ " at the back seam nor wider than  $2-7/8$ " at the junction with the lapel. The top line of the lapel to be horizontal and the peak to extend to the collar line prolonged. The opening notch between the collar and lapel not to be wider than  $1/2$ " nor narrower than  $1/4$ " and approximately  $1-3/4$ " in depth.

Pockets: There will be two outside breast pockets covered with flap buttoned with 24-ligne regulation buttons at the center and placed



so that the upper lines are horizontal. The pockets are to be patch pockets, slightly rounded at the lower corners, with a box pleat 1-1/2" in width on the vertical center line. The flaps to have three points. The top of flap to be on line with top button of jacket. The pockets will be of suitable size according to the size of the jacket but in no case will they exceed the following dimensions: Depth 6-1/2", Width 5-3/4".

Inner Construction: Inners and vitals shall consist of high quality Rymo felt and shoulder pads.

Sleeve Facings: Cuff on outside of sleeves only, to extend from seam to seam; blue cloth 220 Warrenton; edges to be let into the seams; bottom edge turned under on top of and even with the edge of the cuff and not rolled under; pointed to center, and 6" deep from point to bottom edge and 4" deep on seams.

Shoulder Strap: On each shoulder a strap of same material as sleeve facings, let in at the sleeve head seam and reaching to approximately 3/4" beneath the collar, buttoning at the collar edge with a 24-line regulation button. Loops to be about 2-1/2" in width at lower end and 1-1/2" in width at collar edge and cross-stitched down to shoulder for a distance of about 2" from lower end.

Buttons: Gilt - U. S. Border Patrol.

Lining: The body and sleeves of jacket to be lined in good quality Satin Rayon.

Stitching: Pockets and edges to be stitched double 3/8". All seams plain.

Undercollar: Of cloth to match jacket.

#### Trousers

Material: Same as for coat.

Style: Long trousers without cuffs; to have two side, two hip, and one watch pocket, the hip pockets to have flaps to button, the waistband to be fitted with no less than 7 belt loops. Trousers to have stripes on side seams, to be 1" wide of same material and color as the coat sleeve cuff.

Seams: All seams to be surged and overcast to prevent raveling. The inside seams of trousers and the seat seams to be double stitched. The seat seam to be not only double stitched, but to have a strip of elastic tape sewed in with the stitching to prevent ripping out.

Stiff Brim Campaign Hat

The hat shall be of the campaign type approximately the color and shade of the uniform, with medium crown indented to a sharp peak, with the ridges of the indentations brought to a sharp point, indented approximately two-fifths of the distance from the top, with flat stiff brim, without ventilation holes in crown, crown and rim proportioned to the size of the wearer, the rim to be 3 1/4 inches for officers of 5'10" or less and 3 1/2 inches for officers more than 5'10". To be equipped with an untooled plain black leather band 1" wide, fastened by means of a gilt metal buckle on the left side of the wearer.

Overseas Cap

Pilot's overseas cap will be identical in design, material, weight and color to the official officer's overseas cap of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Fur Cap

Material: Fur: mouton, black, best grade available.

Crown: Crown to be made of same material as visor and flap. Cap to be completely black Mouton.

Visor: Front piece to consist of one piece, approximately 7 1/4" at brim, according to size of cap, tapered to rounded edges at approximately 4 1/2" in height, to be stitched to crown of cap with cloth backing made of a 100% wool, 16 oz. black elastique, pre-shrunk and water repellent.

Flaps: Ear and neck flaps to be of same black Mouton approximately 3" in width at center back with rounded ear flaps approximately 4 1/2" in height at highest point, with same black 16 oz. elastique backing as visor. Ear flaps to have black rayon ties approximately 1/2" wide and 12" long, stitched to top edge of each flap.

Lining: Lining to be black fibre-temp fiber glass satin quilted.

Sweat Band: Simulated sweat band to be of black rayon 1 1/2" wide finished. To be backed with buckram.

Shirt

Materials: Color - Forestry Green to match uniform. 9 1/2 oz. all wool or part dacron and part wool, Tropical Worsted, or 10 or 12 oz. all wool Finished Serge, or Poplin, count 102 x 52, weight 3.10 to 3.15 yards per pound, two-ply warp and single filling, all combed and made of long staple American cotton.

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- Buttons: Forestry Green plastic buttons to match shirt, size 20.
- Thread: Three cord, size 60, vat dye, Forestry Green to match and to retain color of shirt.
- Shirt Construction: Coat-style shirt, seven button front, buttons equally spaced. Shirt length 33 1/2 inches (more or less) from collar seam to end of tail, to suit individual wearer. Shirts to be cut form fitting for neater appearance.
- Collar: Points 3 1/4 inches. Neck band to be of a sufficient height and design as to insure fit and good appearance. Collars of worsted and serge shirts to be stiffened by five parallel rows of stitching in collar stand to insure a smart appearance. Collar of poplin shirt to be fused. All shirts to have slotted collar with removable plastic stays to insure a neat appearance (to become effective on poplin shirts not later than December 31, 1956).
- Pockets: Two patch pockets 5 inches in width and 6 inches in length, shaped flaps with center point. Pencil division with opening in flap on right pocket. Reinforcement and eyelets for badge on left flap. Reinforcement to be 1/2 inch in width and exactly in center of right half of left flap. Badge eyelets 1 1/4 inches from center and top eyelet approximately 1/8 inch below stitching at top of flap, lower eyelet 1 1/2 inches below top eyelet. One button in center of flap.
- Shoulder Straps: Shoulder strap on each side to extend from shoulder seam to within 3/8 inch of collar, to be approximately two inches wide at shoulder and 1 1/2 inches at point next to collar with button, and cross-stitched down to shoulder for a distance of about two inches from lower end.
- Yoke: Scalloped yoke, single thickness, of same material as shirt pointed and shaped to match pocket flaps.
- Sleeves: Two-piece shaped sleeve with one inch width facing opening 7 1/2 inches, square cuffs, double elbow, patch from above elbow to cuff, length of patch 11 inches, 8 inches width at top and 5 inches at cuff, one button on sleeve facing and one on cuff.
- Stitching: Collar to be single stitched 3/16". Shoulder strap and shirt-tail to be single stitched. All other edges and seams to be double stitched 3/16".

#### Tie

A plain, dull finish, no pattern, black four-in-hand, cloth tie of good manufacture and appearance.

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Combination Topcoat and Overcoat

- Material: 13 oz. 100% All-Wool Gabardine Forestry Green to match American Wollen Shade #168. This material to be cravenetted.
- Style: Double breasted, 3 button front, with fourth button under collar for convertible collar. Length not less than 2 inches nor more than 5 inches below the knee. Vent in back to be finished with 2 small bone buttons and buttonholes.
- Pockets: To be finished with one plain inside pocket running horizontally on right side, and to have 2 outside pockets placed vertically and finished with welts and opening through lining so as to allow access to the trouser pockets.
- Sleeve Facings: Cuff on outside of sleeves only to extend from seam to seam. Blue Cloth #220 Warrenton - edges to be let into seams. Bottom edge turned under on top of and even with the edge of cuff, and not rolled under. Pointed to center and 6 inches deep from point to bottom edge, and 4 inches deep on seams.
- Sleeves: Sleeves are to be Plain Coat Style set in sleeves.
- Shoulder Straps: To be of same material as sleeve facings. To extend from shoulder seam to collar seam, and fasten with 22-ligne four-hole button and buttonhole under collar.
- Lining: Forestry Green. Zip-in all wool lining of at least 18 oz. material or zip-in lining of 100% alpaca pile and 100% tightly woven cotton back of 21 oz. weight equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch pile alpaca #1872 manufactured by F. F. Timme & Sons, 1 Park Ave., New York 16, New York. (Zipper construction required in all coats - lining at option of purchaser.)
- Stitching: All edges to be double stitched  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and all seams stitched  $\frac{3}{8}$ " welt.
- Badge Loop: A patch with 2 eyelets worked thereon is to be sewn on the left breast 2 inches above top button, and midway between said button and sleeve seam.
- Buttons: Gilt - U. S. Border Patrol.
- Back Style: Cut with center vent in back and to have a 2-piece loose belt fastened with 2 metal buttons.
- Canvas: Fronts to be of good grade canvas, Hymo and Felt, all closely padded - all Canvas and findings thoroughly cold-water shrunk. Convertible style collar stiffened with best quality Belgium Elastic. Under collar to be of same material as body of the coat.

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Pocketing: Inside pocketing to be of 250 Drill. Outside pocketing of velveteen.

Gunslit: An opening to be placed parallel to the opening of the right or left hand side pocket and center of opening to be 1 inch in back of edge of right or left lower pocket welt. Bottom of opening to start at the center of right or left hand lower side pocket and to extend approximately 7 inches. Opening to be closed with zipper and made so material is edge to edge to prevent zipper from showing through. Opening to be welted. A corresponding opening to be made through the removable lining to be piped with rayon. The order will specify on which side the gunslit is desired.

#### Shoes

To be black low quarter oxfords, plain toe, without cap and without any kind of fancy design or stitching.

#### Socks

To be black without clocks or colored pattern of any kind.

#### Gloves

Gloves shall be made of soft, black leather, 5-finger construction of plain design, reaching well up on the wrist, with or without snap at the wrist. Gloves shall not be fitted with any type of gauntlet. Gloves may be lined or unlined at wearer's option.

#### Rainwear

A Forestry Green lightweight raincoat of plastic over nylon, or similar material, of the type which can be folded and conveniently carried in the glove compartment of a car is authorized.

#### Overshoes or Rubbers

Overshoes shall be constructed of glossy black rubber encasing the regular dress shoe and ankles to a height of 10 to 12 inches. The overshoes shall be fastened only by means of a zipper fastener reaching from a point over the ball of the foot to the top of the overshoe with a small rubber flap which will cover the top of the zipper. The overshoes may be lined or unlined at the wearer's option.

In extremely cold areas, any similar type protective boot may be worn, provided the color is black; for example, the Army Developed Rubber Pac, which is constructed of 2 layers of rubber with a dead-air space between the layers.

Low quarter slip-on rubbers, black with plain uncapped toes, are authorized for wear with the official uniform shoe.

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BORDER PATROL - ROUGH DUTY UNIFORM

Parca Storm Jacket: Color - Forestry Green. To be made of heavy weight 9 ounce or heavier combed cotton sateen finish, tightly woven of strong mercerized double-ply yarns, wind resistant and water repellent, average length 34 to 40 inches. Button flap over zipper closure. 2 upper storm pockets, 2 lower flap pockets, elastic shirring across back at waist. Body and sleeves to be lined with alpaca or 16 ounce wool quilted under rayon. Sleeves to be fitted with knit inner wristlets. Parca hood of same material as coat, lined with first quality mocha or black mouton, with hood to be split and equipped with a zipper, snaps and draw string so it can be worn as a collar when not in use as parca. Similar in design and material to Item No. 956 manufactured by Ram Manufacturing Co., 1150 Broadway, New York 1, N. Y., or Item No. 41 D U 4977 sold by Sears, Roebuck and Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Heavy Windbreaker Jacket: Color - Forestry Green. To be made of 6-1/2 oz. or heavier, oxford cloth shell with alpaca lining or 8 oz. all-wool rayon lining, fur collar (Mouton), to be approximately 25-1/2 inches long, with zipper front, two slash pockets, heavy knit cotton bottom and wristlets, full cut. The jacket to be similar in design to Style No. 614 as manufactured by the Bronco Manufacturing Company, New York City, New York.

Light Windbreaker Jacket: Color - Forestry Green. Material - Type 1, sateen finish, army twill or equal. To be unlined, cloth collar, zipper front, two slash pockets, cuffs and waist band to be loose fitting. Similar to Lot 409 manufactured by the Poole Manufacturing Company, 1601 South Montgomery Street, Sherman, Texas.

Rough Duty Cap: Task Force type, color - Forestry Green, twist twill, washable sateen, Nord block.

Fur Cap: Same as official uniform.

Shirt: Material - same as official poplin uniform shirt or rough duty trousers. Similar to Lot 109 as manufactured by Poole Manufacturing Company, Sherman, Texas.

Tie and Tie Clasp: Same as official uniform.

Trousers: Color - Forestry Green. Type 1, sateen finish, material to be of army twill or equivalent, to be mercerized and sanforized; without cuffs or blue stripes on side seams, to be approximately 8.2 chino in weight. Trousers should have two side pockets, slash type, two hip pockets; pockets to be of boat sail drill cloth or equivalent. Similar to Lot 709 as manufactured by the Poole Manufacturing Co., Sherman, Texas.

Belt for Trousers: Same as official uniform.

Socks: Same as official uniform.

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Footwear: Any black shoe or boot, worn with the top under the trouser leg, capable of being neatly shined, with plain toe and without cap or fancy design or stitching, will be worn. Black cowboy boots may be worn when actively engaged in horseback patrol.

Gloves: Same as official uniform.

Raincoat: Same as official uniform.

Overshoes or rubbers: Same as official uniform.

Federal Specifications: V T 376 Thread, Cotton, and CC-T-191 Textiles; Test methods, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at a cost of five cents each, and Federal Specifications DDD-S-751 - Stitches; seams and stitching, may be obtained from the same source at a cost of twenty-five cents.

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BORDER PATROL - LEATHER GOODS

Sam Browne Belt: Black untooled Sam Browne belt 2-1/4" in width, with four parallel rows of stitching running the length of the belt, the two outer rows to be 1/4" from the edges of the belt and the two inner rows to be evenly spaced between the two outer rows, and conforming to the contour of the belt at the end; to be made of the best grade cowhide leather and to be fully lined with a good grade leather. The shoulder strap to be 1-1/4" in width, to be worn over the left shoulder for right-handed officers and over the right shoulder for left-handed officers. All hardware to be colonial gilt.

Belt Loops: To be of black untooled leather approximately 3/4" in width with two colonial gilt glove snap, of a length to snugly fit over the 2-1/4" Sam Browne belt and trousers belt.

Trousers Belt: To be of black untooled leather not less than 1" and not more than 1-3/4" in width with plain colonial gilt buckle.

Holster: Black belt holster, untooled, open top, made to be worn on the right hip for right-handed officers and left for left-handed officers.

To be equipped with a guard strap 5/8" in width, fastened at back of holster with a rivet, passing over revolver hammer behind hammer spur and fastening to outside of holster by a glove snap. Rivet should not pass through the outer surface of belt loop.

The belt loop of holster shall be not less than 3" in width at the narrowest place, of a single piece of leather made to fit the Sam Browne belt 2-1/4" in width, shall measure 6" from the top of the loop to the top of the holster-well, in front, and, at the option of the employee, shall be equipped with two heavy glove snaps on under side of belt loop to allow holster to be removed from Sam Browne belt without removing belt from body.

Holster to be made of highest grade cowhide taken from the back of the hide, bark tanned, of a weight of not less than 10 oz. and hand stitched, the thread to be of waxed flax of six cord twist. The belt loop and guard strap shall be of the same quality of leather as the holster proper.

For the Colt New Service revolver, the holster shall measure exactly 3-7/8" across the open mouth and shall be shaped to fit the revolver without binding and without undue looseness. The holster is to have an over-all length of 11-1/4". The holster-well at the front (barrel side) shall measure 6-1/8", inside and at the back (trigger side) 6-1/2", outside.

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Holster: (cont'd.)

For other pistols or revolvers, the holster shall be made to the same pattern to fit the individual gun.

To provide the holster with rigidity so as to assure a smooth draw, and to permit shaping to conform to the contour of the hip, there shall be sewn, between the lower part of the belt loop and the holster, between the layers of the leather, a sheet of 20 gauge steel.

To increase the holster's rigidity and prevent binding of the trigger guard, the cylinder and gun barrel, there shall be sewn into the back seam of the holster from top to bottom, a leather welt not less than, and approximately, 3/8" in width, and 1/4" in thickness.

To eliminate binding of the gunsight and to serve as partial support for the weight of the gun, the bottom of the holster shall be constructed of a flat piece of leather the shape of a closed horseshoe having the following dimensions: 1-7/8" in length by 1" in width at the widest place. This piece shall be hand stitched neatly to the bottom of the holster.

The holster shall hang on the Sam Browne belt with the gun barrel inclined to the rear at an angle of approximately 15 degrees.

The Jordan holster, which modifies the above pattern to provide improved access to butt and trigger, is approved as made by the Myres pattern.

Handcuff Case: To be of plain untooled black leather of the same quality as the holster, molded to fit the standard peerless handcuffs with the swivel of the handcuffs downward, with flap fully covering handcuffs, closed by one colonial gilt glove snap. The loop with which the handcuff case is fastened to the Sam Browne belt to be equipped with one glove snap so that it may easily be removed from the belt.

Ammunition Carrier: To be of plain untooled black leather, without cover, with loops for carrying six cartridges and fitted with one colonial gilt glove snaps at bottom.

Rough Duty Pistol Belt: To be of plain untooled black leather, without fancy stitching, 2" in width, without shoulder strap and shoulder strap buckles, fastened by a plain, colonial gilt buckle with no carving or insignia of any kind.

Rough Duty Holster: To be of plain untooled black leather to fit the 2" rough duty uniform belt. The top of the holster well to be at approximately

the bottom edge of the belt loop of the holster. Holster to be made of highest grade cowhide of a weight of not less than 10 oz., hand stitched with thread of waxed flax of six cord twist, and equipped with guard strap to fit over the hammer of the gun of the same quality of leather as the holster proper.

Pistol or Revolver: An issue revolver or a personally-owned pistol or revolver authorized by the Chief Patrol Inspector may be worn. For wear with the uniform, the gun shall be of blue steel, with a barrel of not less than 3-1/2", not less than .38 special caliber, and dark wooden grips. For wear with civilian clothing, a gun with 2" or longer barrel, of blue steel, dark wooden grips of not less than .38 special caliber, may be worn.

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