

## **Recommended N.C. Confederate Impressions by Date**

(Compiled for Company K, 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops)

### **May 1861 – March 1862:**

Unfortunately, no photographs of members of Company K have surfaced to date from this time period. Upon mustering into the 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops, Company K was detailed as artillery and ordered to Zeke's Island (below Fort Fisher) for garrison duty and was soon designated Co. B, 36<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops (2<sup>nd</sup> Artillery). As such, it is probable that the uniforms issued to Company K would not have been the same as those issued to the rest of the regiment. From ordnance records, it is known that the 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops were issued smoothbore weapons – probably M1822, M1840 or M1842 muskets during this time.

When interpreting this time period, be careful not to use “captured” Union items such as canteens, double-bag knapsacks, forage caps, M1861 Springfield rifles, etc. as these would not have been prevalent yet.

- North Carolina pattern kepi – gray
- Civilian pattern shirt
- Gray battle shirt OR North Carolina issue sack coat
- North Carolina pattern trousers – gray
- Brogans or bootees
- M1858 Cartridge Box with black leather sling and eagle breastplate (no box plate)
- Roller buckle belt OR pre-war U.S. leather belt with eagle militia buckle or flat brass buckle
- M1855 Bayonet Scabbard, black leather
- U.S. regulation cap pouch
- M1840 or M1842 musket with bayonet
- White linen or canvas haversack
- Wooden or CS drum canteen or pre-war US styles
- Hardpack style knapsack

### **March 1862 – March 1863:**

The North Carolina Depot pattern jacket was first introduced to the troops in the spring of 1862 and featured a jean-cloth short jacket with a six button front. In the first part of 1862, N.C. troops would have been fairly well equipped. However, by the late summer, early fall 1862 period, N.C. began to run out of materials to make uniforms and equipment. This would not be rectified until early 1863 when supplies from England and other parts of North Carolina came in. North Carolina troops during this period would have been sorely in need of uniforms and equipment and would have appeared more raggedy than at any other time in the war. Many North Carolina troops were issued Richmond Depot uniforms at this time.

There is some discrepancy in the records as to weapons in the 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops during this time. The adjutant of the 18<sup>th</sup> NCT stated that Enfield rifles were first issued to the men by late 1862. However, Stonewall Jackson was killed by buck and ball fired from smoothbore muskets from the 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops – therefore, it is likely that the adjutant simply made an error in remembering when the Enfield rifles were issued.

Also, during this time, members of the 18<sup>th</sup> N.C. Troops fought in the Peninsula campaign and would have had access to captured Federal items such as canteens, knapsacks, haversacks, shelter tents, etc.

- North Carolina pattern kepi
- Civilian pattern shirt or N.C. flannel issue
- North Carolina Depot jacket – gray– OR Richmond Depot Type II shell jacket
- North Carolina pattern trousers – gray
- Brogans or bootees
- M1858 Cartridge Box with black leather sling (no box plate)
- Roller buckle belt
- M1855 Bayonet Scabbard, black leather
- U.S. regulation cap pouch
- M1840 or M1842 musket with bayonet OR M1861 Springfield rifle (captured)
- White linen or canvas haversack OR U.S. pattern tarred haversack
- Wooden or CS drum canteen OR U.S. smoothside canteens
- Hardpack style knapsack OR U.S. M1853 double bag knapsack OR blanket roll

### **May 1863 – April 1865:**

North Carolina uniforms and equipment were extensively issued to its soldiers during this period. In the summer of 1863, the first N.C. Depot jackets made in English cadet gray cloth were issued to the troops and the first issues of English brogans were issued as well. Many captured U.S. equipment items would have been prevalent but not captured U.S. uniform parts (except for the U.S. overcoat).

- North Carolina pattern kepi – gray OR period appropriate slouch hat
- Civilian pattern shirt or N.C. flannel issue
- North Carolina Depot jacket – gray OR English cloth N.C. Depot jacket– OR Richmond Depot Type II shell jacket
- North Carolina pattern trousers – gray OR English cloth royal blue trousers
- Brogans or bootees
- M1858 Cartridge Box with figure 8 canvas sling
- Roller buckle belt
- M1855 Bayonet Scabbard, black leather
- U.S. regulation cap pouch
- M1853 Enfield rifle OR M1861 Springfield rifle (captured)
- White linen or canvas haversack OR U.S. pattern tarred haversack
- Wooden or CS drum canteen OR U.S. smoothside canteens
- CS single bag knapsacks OR Isaac & Campbell Knapsacks OR U.S. M1853 double bag knapsack OR blanket roll