

BREN HOLDALL AND WALLET CONTENTS
With thanks to Tom Ready

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Cleaning stores [in chest.]

Cleaning kit consists of:-
Cleaning rod, M.G., Mk, II.
Double pull-through and gauze.
4 gauzes.
Cylinder cleaning rod.
Cylinder cleaning wire brush.
Cylinder cleaning mop.
Combination tool.
Oil container.
Flannelette...

Spare parts wallet:- This will always be carried with the gun. The wallet contains oil can, combination tool, double pull-through and gauze, clearing plug, flannelette and spare parts tin.

No barrel bag / holdall at this time. [Ed]

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Cleaning kit consists of:-
Single pullthrough with gauze.
Double pullthrough and gauze.
Spare gauzes.
Cylinder cleaning rod.
Cylinder cleaning wire brush.
Cylinder cleaning mop.
Combination tool (By now would be MK2).
Oil container.
Flannelette.
Graphited grease.
Oil, low, cold, test.

Wallet

Oil can, combination tool, single pullthrough and gauze, tin box containing spare gauzes, clearing plug and small spares. The wallet will always be with the gun.

Holdall

Inside:- Spare barrel, cylinder cleaning rod.
Outside:- Top left - Spare breech block (if issued).
Top centre - Mop and wire brush. Double pullthrough.
Top right - Bottle of graphited grease.
Centre - Wallet complete.
Bottom - Tin of oil, low, cold, test.

INFANTRY TRAINING VOLUME 1.—INFANTRY PLATOON WEAPONS
PAMPHLET No. 6 The Light Machine Gun (All Arms) 1948 (this Pamphlet supersedes Small Arms Training, Volume I, Pamphlet No. 4, 1942) Reprinted with Amendments (Nos. 1 to 3) 1953 W.O. CODE No. 8398.

The hold-all and wallet
hold-all, contains the following:—
Inside—Second barrel and cylinder cleaning rod.
Outside—Top left—Mop, wire brush, fouling removing tool
and magazine cleaning brush.

Top centre—Single pull-through.
Top right—Oil bottle containing graphited grease.
Centre—The filled wallet.
Bottom—Oil can containing oil, low cold test.

The contents of the spare parts wallet are :—
Top left—Combination tool.
Centre—Oil can containing oil “A.”
Top right—Double pull-through and flannelette.
Bottom—Spare parts tin, containing clearing plug, two gauzes
(one may be on the double pull-through), extractor,
extractor stay and spring , firing pin spring and piston post
spring.

If the hold-all is not carried with the section then, according to the climate, the following changes must be made —

- (a) In tropical or dusty climates the oil bottle containing the graphited grease must be taken from the hold-all and placed in the spare parts tin.
- (b) In climates of extreme cold the oil can containing oil, low, cold test, must be carried in the wallet instead of oil “A,” which will be carried in the hold-all.

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INFANTRY TRAINING VOLUME 1.—INFANTRY PLATOON WEAPONS PAMPHLET No. 6 1948 (WO Code
No. 8398) and Pamphlet No. 6, Supplement No. 1, 1951 (WO Code No. 8683). WO CODE No. 8910

The hold-all and wallet
Hold-all, which contains the following:—
Inside—Second barrel, cylinder cleaning rod and chamber cleaning stick
Outside—
Top left—Mop, wire brush, tool for getting fouling out of the front of the cylinder, magazine cleaning brush.
Top centre—Single pull-through.
Top right—Oil bottle for graphited grease.
Centre—spare parts wallet.
Bottom—Oil can containing oil, low, cold test.

The wallet contains:—
Top left—Combination tool.
Centre—Oil can full of Oil A.
Top right—Double pull-through and flannelette.
Bottom—Spare parts tin.

Contents of spares tin from picture on page 9
Piston post spring
Cleaning plug
2 gauzes
firing pin spring
Extractor stay spring
Extractor stay
Extractor

If the section has not got its holdall with it:-

- (i) In hot or dusty climates the oil bottle of graphited grease goes in the spare parts tin instead of outside the holdall
- (ii) In very cold climates the two oil cans change places.

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The holdall and wallet- 7.62mm Converted Bren
Each 7.62mm gun has a holdall which contains:-
(i) Inside – Second barrel
(ii) Outside – Top left – Tool for getting fouling out of the front end of the cylinder
Top centre – Brush scouring for cleaning LMG cylinder

Top right – Container for graphite grease when not carried in wallet
Centre – Spare parts wallet, filled
Bottom – Oil can for low cold test oil.

The wallet contains:-
Top left – Combination tool
Centre – Oil can for oil A.
Top right – Flannelette – graphited grease if carried
Bottom – Spare parts tin
Inside flap – jointed cleaning rod (five sections)

Contents of spare parts tin:-
For LMG Extractor
Extractor stay
Extractor stay spring
Firing pin spring
Clearing plug
Brush cleaning, chamber and rifle cylinder
Brush cleaning, barrel

For SL Rifle Extractor
Extractor spring
Extractor plunger
Firing pin
Gas plug

If the section has not got its holdall with it:-

- (i) In hot or dusty climates the oil bottle of graphited grease goes in the spare parts tin instead of outside the holdall
- (ii) In very cold climates the two oil cans change places.

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The hold-all and wallet
Hold-all, which contains the following:—

Inside—Second barrel, cylinder cleaning rod and chamber cleaning stick
Outside—
Top left—Mop, wire brush, tool for getting fouling out of the front of the cylinder, magazine cleaning brush.
Top centre—Single pull-through.
Top right—Oil bottle for graphited grease.
Centre—spare parts wallet.
Bottom—Oil can for oil, low cold test.

The wallet contains:—
Top left—Combination tool.
Centre—Oil can full of rifle oil.
Top right—Double pull-through and flannelette.
Bottom—Spare parts tin.

Contents of spares tin from picture on page 9[Ed]
Piston post spring
Cleaning plug
2 gauzes
firing pin spring
Extractor stay spring
Extractor stay
Extractor

If the section has not got its holdall with it:-

- (i) In hot or dusty weather the oil bottle of graphited grease goes in the spare parts tin instead of outside the holdall
(ii) In very cold climates the two oil cans change places.

The holdall and wallet- 7.62mm Converted Bren

Each 7.62mm gun has a holdall which contains:-

(i) Inside - Second barrel and cylinder cleaning rod

(ii) Outside –

Top left – Tool for getting fouling out of the front end of the cylinder

Top centre – Brush for cleaning LMG cylinder

Top right – Container for graphite grease when not carried in wallet

Centre – Spare parts wallet, filled

Bottom – Oil can for low cold test oil.

The wallet contains:-

Top left – Combination tool

Centre – Oil can for Rifle oil.

Top right – Flannelette – graphited grease (if carried)

Bottom – Spare parts tin

Inside flap – jointed cleaning rod (five sections)

Contents of spare parts tin:-

For LMG

Extractor

Extractor stay

Extractor stay spring

Firing pin spring

Clearing plug

Brush cleaning, chamber and rifle cylinder

Brush cleaning, barrel

For SL Rifle

Extractor

Extractor spring

Extractor plunger

Firing pin

Gas plug

If the section has not got its holdall with it:-

(i) In hot or dusty climates the oil bottle of graphited grease goes in the spare parts tin

(ii) In very cold climates the two oil cans change places.

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Holdalls

Inside – Cleaning rod for cleaning the gas cylinder

Outside –

Top right – Gas cylinder cleaning tool used for removing fouling from the front end of the cylinder.

Top centre – Brushes for cleaning the bore, chamber and gas cylinder

Top left – Tube of graphite grease when not carried in the spare parts wallet and brushes for cleaning magazine and cylinder (mop shown in picture not mentioned in text)

Centre – spare parts wallet, filled.

Bottom – Oil can containing high temperature oil.

Spare parts wallet

Top left – Combination tool

Centre – Oil can containing rifle oil

Top right – Pull through, flannelette and tube of graphite grease (if carried)

Bottom – Spare parts tin

Inside flap – Cleaning rod in two sections for cleaning the barrel and chamber.

Spare parts tin. This contains the following items:

Extractor, extractor stay and extractor spring.

Firing pin spring

Clearing plug

In addition the following SLR spare parts may also be carried in the spare parts tin:

Extractor, extractor spring and extractor plunger

Firing pin

Gas plug

If the holdall is not being carried with the gun:

(1) In hot, dusty climatic conditions the tube of graphited grease should be transferred to the spare parts tin

(2) In hot climates the two oil cans change places.