

Uniform Descriptions - France, 1916-17

Horizon blue uniform Model 1915

Illustrations:

Private from the 60th Infantry Regiment, 1916-17

35th Infantry Regiment, 1918

Among the experiences of the French army from the fighting in 1914 was that the beautiful and brightly colored uniforms were quite impractical under the field conditions of a modern war.

As a first step, the infantry's red trousers are replaced by dark blue, while the dark blue cloak is replaced by a single-breasted, horizon blue cloak. During 1915, a horizon blue uniform was then introduced that was common to the entire army.

Headgear: Steel helmet

Model 1915, named *Adrian* after its inventor - August-Louis Adrian.

Uniform: A

uniform of the same cut as that used in 1914, but now in horizon blue.

Horizon blue wraps replace the previous leather leggings.

Equipment:

The color of leather clothing changes from black to brown, but stocks of black leather clothing are still used. Under field conditions, the thornysteret was removed and the soldier then carried his blanket, wrapped in the tent flag, over his left shoulder. The uniform also includes a horizon blue jacket, which is primarily used in garrison conditions, but which could also be used as a summer uniform. The field clothing is still - until 1940 - the cloak.

Armament :

Rifle 1886/93 (*Lebel*) or 1907/15 (*Berthier*).

At the front (*En 1ère Ligne*)

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SUR LE FRONT EN 1^{ère} LIGNE

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DANS LA TRANCHÉE



Grenade à bracelet



Lancement d'une Torpille aérienne



Crapouillot



Masque contre Gaz asphyxiants



Pétard monté sur raquette

Postcards bought at Fort Douaumont, Verdun show a number of situations with French soldiers wearing horizon blue uniforms. It must be said that the artist gets around well - from a parade, over an armored car, machine gun position, trench warfare, hand grenade launchers, trench mortars and a soldier with a gas mask.

The central drawing shows an older and a younger soldier - *les Poilus* - or the bearded ones, which is the direct translation.

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