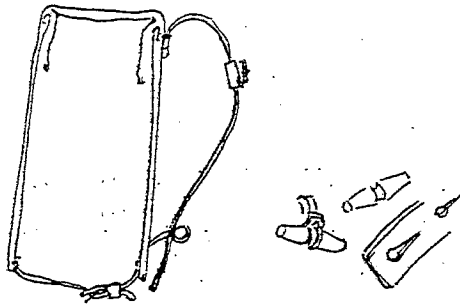


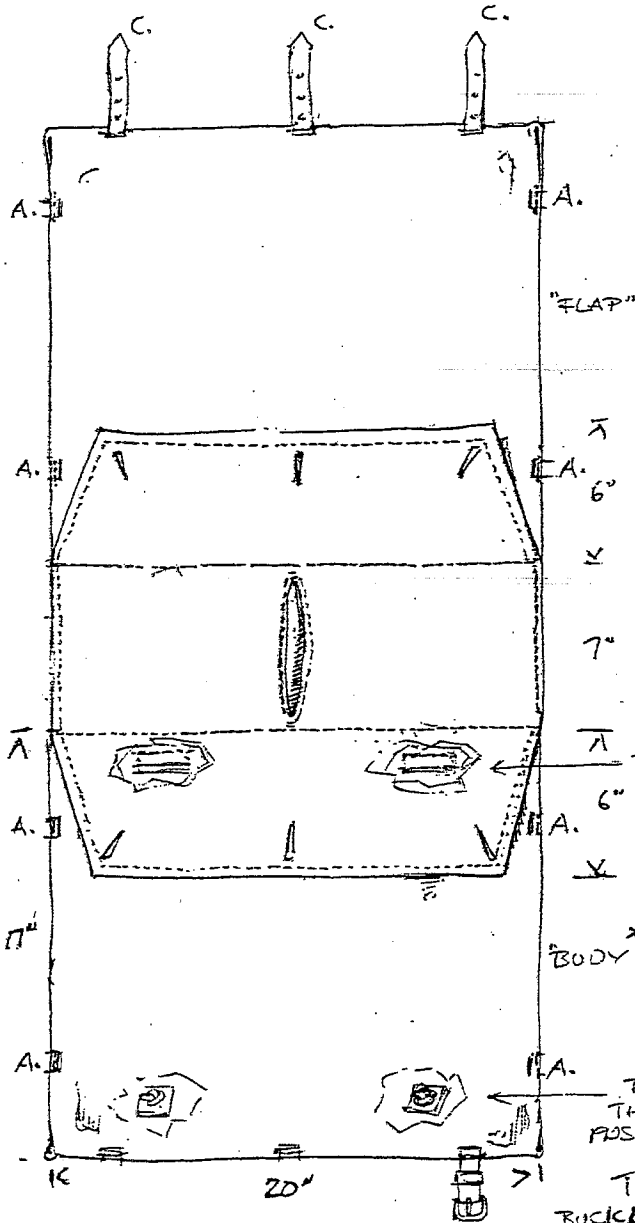
BRITISH KNAPSACK CA. 1779



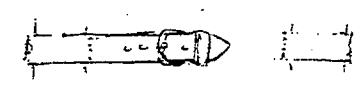
This canvas knapsack apparently came into use by Butler's Rangers around the end of 1778. Canvas for this purpose: "10 Pieces Russia Drilling for Knapsacks" was requested by Butler at this time. An existing knapsack of the period, just post-dating the War, bears the designation "TENTH/REGIMENT. N.B. MILITIA.", and a crown flanked by G III/R surmounting a sprig of thistle, in a cartouch on a red ochre ground.² The watercolours by Dages of 1792, show knapsacks similarly embellished.

However, it is not thought proper at this time to put forward such a scheme for the Corps.

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POSITION OF SHOULDER STRAPS ON OUTSIDE OF "BODY" 5" ON CENTRE, FROM OUTSIDE SEAM, 2" WIDE, LENGTH DETERMINED BY WEARER



ALL STRAPS OF 6-8 OC. BUFF.

TOGGLE ATTACHMENTS, THONGS KNOTTED INSIDE, PASSED THROUGH LEATHER "WASHERS"

- TIE STRAPS: 8, @ 20" x 3/5" (A)
- BUCKLE " : 3, @ 3" x 7/8" (B)
- " " : 3, @ 5" x 7/8" (C)

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* ESSENTIALLY, THIS PACK IS SYMMETRICAL, THE TERM "BACK" OR "BODY" INDICATES THE HALF CLOSEST THE WEARERS OWN BACK.

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