

Chapter 5 Desert Battle Dress Uniform

5-1. Authorization for wear

The desert battle dress uniform (DBDU) is authorized for year-round wear on duty by all personnel when issued as organizational clothing and prescribed by the commander.

5-2. Composition and classification

a. Material composition.

(1) Desert coat, trousers and hat. Fabric is 50/50 cotton and nylon twill with infrared protection characteristics and printed with a six or three color desert camouflage pattern.

(2) Desert coat, cold weather. Fabric is 50/50 cotton and nylon sateen, wind resistant and printed with a three or six color desert camouflage pattern.

b. Uniform composition.

(1) Coat, desert camouflage, daytime pattern. The coat is a 'bush type' design with breast and lower pockets.

(2) Coat, cold weather, desert. The coat is lined, hip length with a bi-swing back, convertible stand-up collar with concealed hood, slide fastener front closure with two breast and two lower pockets.

(3) Hat, desert camouflage. The hat has a stiff crown with a standard width quilted stitched brim, chin strap, and camouflage band.

(4) Parka, desert camouflage, night pattern. The parka has a hood, a button front closure, two slit type hand openings with flap, draw cords at neck, hood, waist, and hem line, and buttons on inside for attachment of liner.

(5) Trousers, desert camouflage, daytime pattern. The trousers contain four standard type pockets, two leg bellows type pockets, and reinforcement patches added at the knees and buttocks.

(6) Trousers, desert camouflage, night pattern. The trousers have a front opening, two-side slit type openings with flaps, and two hip patch pockets with flaps.

c. *Accessories.* The following accessories are normally worn with DBDU:

(1) Belt, web with open-faced black buckle (para 26-2a and b).

(2) Boots, combat, leather, black (para 26-4) or desert tan when issued IAW CT 50-900.

(3) Chaplain apparel (para 26-9).

(4) Gloves, black leather shell with inserts (para 26-14a).

(5) Headgear, beret, organizational (para 26-3).

(6) Military police accessories (para 26-18).

(7) Neckerchief, brown, LIN M95975, CTA 50-900.

(8) Socks, olive green/black cushion sole (para 26-25b).

(9) Undergarments (paras 26-29a and 26-29b).

(10) Undershirt, brown (para 26-29d).

(11) Organizational clothing and equipment. As prescribed by the commander per CTA 50-900.

d. *Classification.* The DBDU is an organizationally issued field, training, or combat uniform.

5-3. Occasions for wear

The DBDU may only be worn when prescribed by the commander. It is not for travel nor for wearing off military installations except in transit between the individual's quarters and duty station. See paragraph 2-5c for exceptions to this policy. The DBDU is a field, training, or combat uniform and is not intended to be worn as an all-purpose uniform when other uniforms are more appropriate.

5-4. Insignia and accouterments

The insignia and accouterments authorized for wear on the DBDU are—

a. Badges, combat and special skill subdued (pin-on only) (para 28-17b(3)).

b. Brassards (para 27-27).

c. Branch insignia (subdued pin-on only) (paras 27-10b and 27-12b).

d. Grade insignia (subdued pin-on only, paras 27-5, 27-6, and 27-7).

e. Headgear insignia (para 27-3).

f. Subdued shoulder sleeve insignia, current organization (para 27-16e(2)).

g. Name and U.S. Army distinguishing tapes (paras 27-22a and 27-22b).

h. Foreign badges, distinctive unit insignia, regimental distinctive insignia and sew-on badges or insignia of rank will not be worn on this organization uniform.

5-5. General guidelines

The DBDU is designed to be loose fitting and alterations are not authorized. The coat will be worn outside the trousers, and the trousers will be worn belted. Exceptions to this policy may be authorized by the commander under conditions deemed appropriate in the interest of health, comfort, and efficiency due to climatic conditions or to accommodate a soldier's religious practices per AR 600-20, para 5-6. The trousers will be worn bloused using the draw cords or blousing rubbers if the trousers are not tucked into the boots. Trousers will not be wrapped around the leg so tight as to present a pegged appearance. The DBDU may be pressed but not starched. The commander may require this uniform to be pressed for special occasions when appearance should be sharp such as parades, reviews, inspections, or other ceremonial occasions. When sleeves are rolled up, the camouflage pattern will remain exposed. The sleeves will be rolled neatly above the elbow but no more than 3 inches above the elbow. Soldiers may wear the black leather shell gloves with utility uniforms without cold weather outer garments provided sleeves are rolled down and are over the tops of the gloves. The DBDU hat is the authorized headgear for this uniform unless other organizational headgear is authorized. The hat will be worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead with the chin strap pulled up under the chin. The parka will be worn buttoned. The shirt collar will be worn inside the parka. The black leather shell gloves may be worn with this uniform when the parka is worn. Figures 5-1 through 5-3 show the desert battle dress uniform. The six color DBDU has been replaced by a three color pattern. The six color pattern will be authorized for wear until current stock is depleted and the uniforms becomes unserviceable.

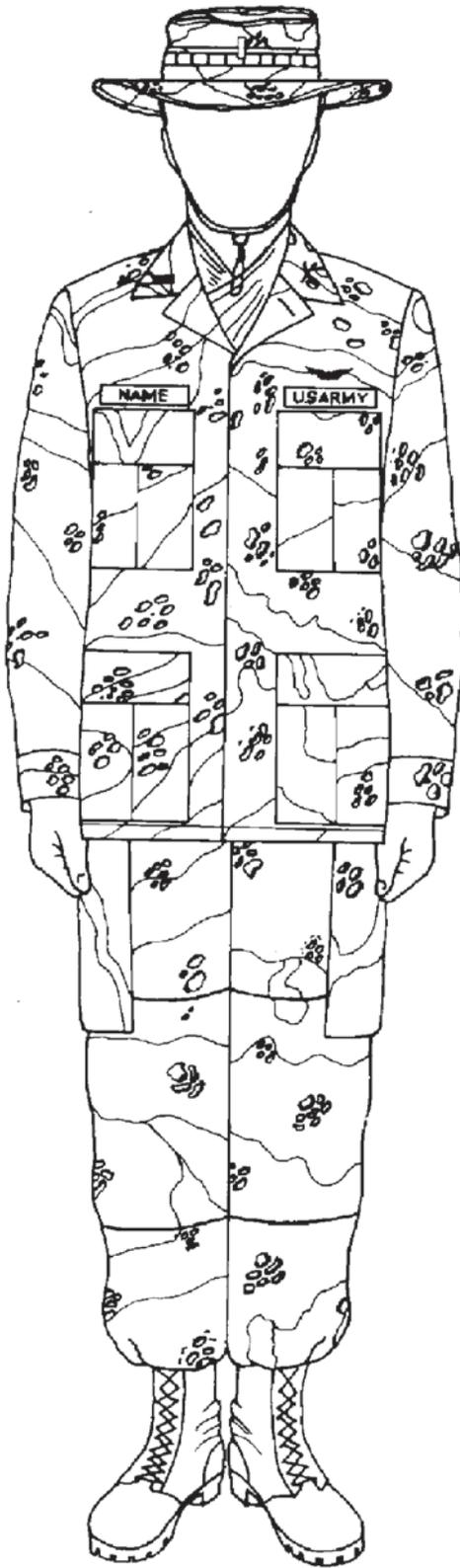


Figure 5-1. Desert battle dress uniform, daytime pattern, officer

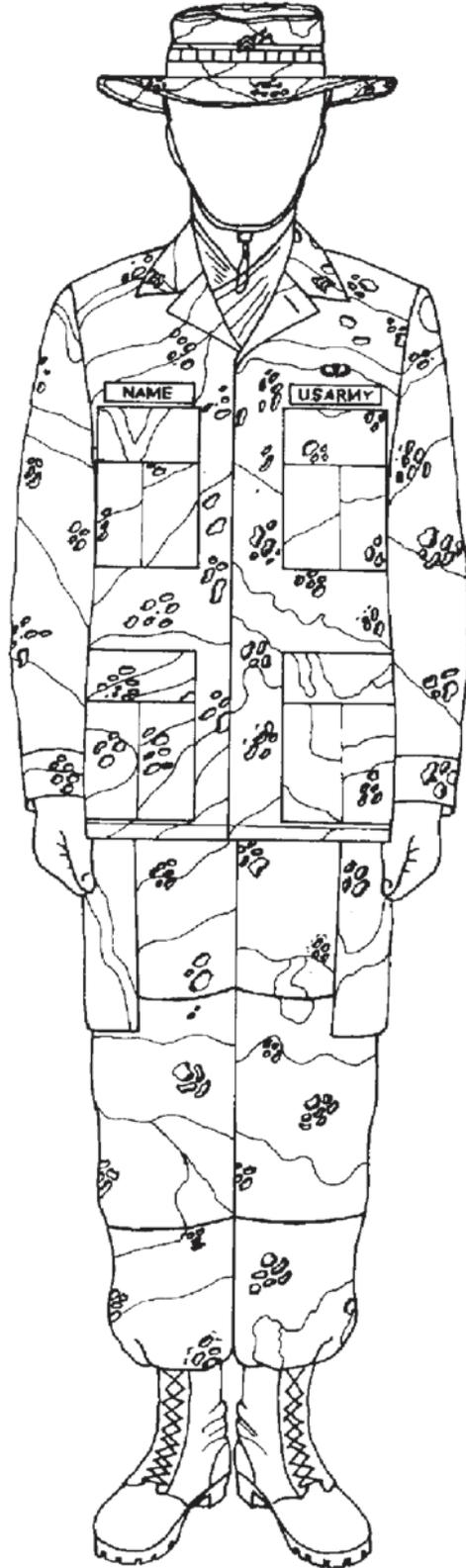


Figure 5-2. Desert battle dress uniform, daytime pattern, enlisted

Chapter 6 Cold Weather Uniform

6-1. Authorization for wear

The OG 108 cold weather uniform is authorized for year-round on-duty wear by all personnel when issued as organizational clothing and prescribed by the commander.

6-2. Composition and classification

a. *Material composition.* Fabric is wool serge, olive green shade 108.

b. *Uniform composition.*

(1) *Cap, cold weather, woodland camouflage pattern or OG 107 (pile cap).* The cap is a fully lined cold weather head covering, having a turndown forehead flap, three piece crown, a stretch gusset with an elastic strip at center back, and earflaps with nylon fastener hook and pile type overlap closure.

(2) *Shirt, wool serge, OG 108 (female).* The shirt has three pockets, two chest pockets with buttoned flaps, and an upper sleeve pocket with cuffed buttoned sleeves with a front button closure.

(3) *Shirt, wool serge, OG 108 (male).* The shirt has two buttoned chest pockets and cuffed buttoned sleeves with a front button closure.

(4) *Trousers, cold weather, OG 107.* Fabric is cotton and nylon, wind resistant. The trousers have hip pockets, side front cargo pockets, waist adjustment straps, slide fastener fly, and leg draw cords.

(5) *Trousers, wool serge, OG 108.* The trousers have four patch pockets (two pockets in front, two back pockets with flaps and a covered front zipper opening).

c. *Accessories.* The following accessories are normally worn with the cold weather uniform:

(1) Belt, web with open-faced black buckle (para 26-2a and b).

(2) Coat, Cold weather, woodland camouflage pattern (BDU field jacket) (para 3-2b(2)).

(3) Boot, combat, leather, black (para 26-4).

(4) Chaplains apparel (para 26-9).

(5) Gloves, black leather shell with inserts (para 26-14a).

(6) Headgear.

(a) Berets, organizational (para 26-3).

(b) Cap, BDU (para 3-2b(1)).

(7) Military police accessories (para 26-18).

(8) Scarf, olive green 208 (para 26-22b).

(9) Socks, olive green/black cushion sole (para 26-25b).

(10) Undergarments (paras 26-29a and 26-29b).

(11) Undershirt, brown (para 26-29d).

(12) Organizational clothing and equipment. As determined by the commander according to CTA 50-900.

d. *Classification.* The OG 108 uniform is an organizationally issued field uniform.

6-3. Occasions for wear

The OG 108 uniform may only be worn on duty when prescribed by the commander. The OG 108 uniform is not authorized for travel nor for wear off military installations except in transit between the individual's quarters and duty station. See paragraph 2-5c for exceptions to this policy. The OG 108 uniform is an organizationally issued field uniform and is not intended to be worn as an all purpose uniform where other uniforms are more appropriate. Components of this uniform may be worn with utility and other organizational uniforms as part of a cold weather ensemble when issued and prescribed by the commander.

6-4. Insignia and accouterments

The insignia and accouterments authorized for wear on the cold weather uniform are—

a. Badges, combat and special skill, subdued (pin-on only) (para 28-17b(3)).

b. Brassards (para 27-27).

c. Branch insignia, subdued pin-on only (paras 27-10b and 27-12b).

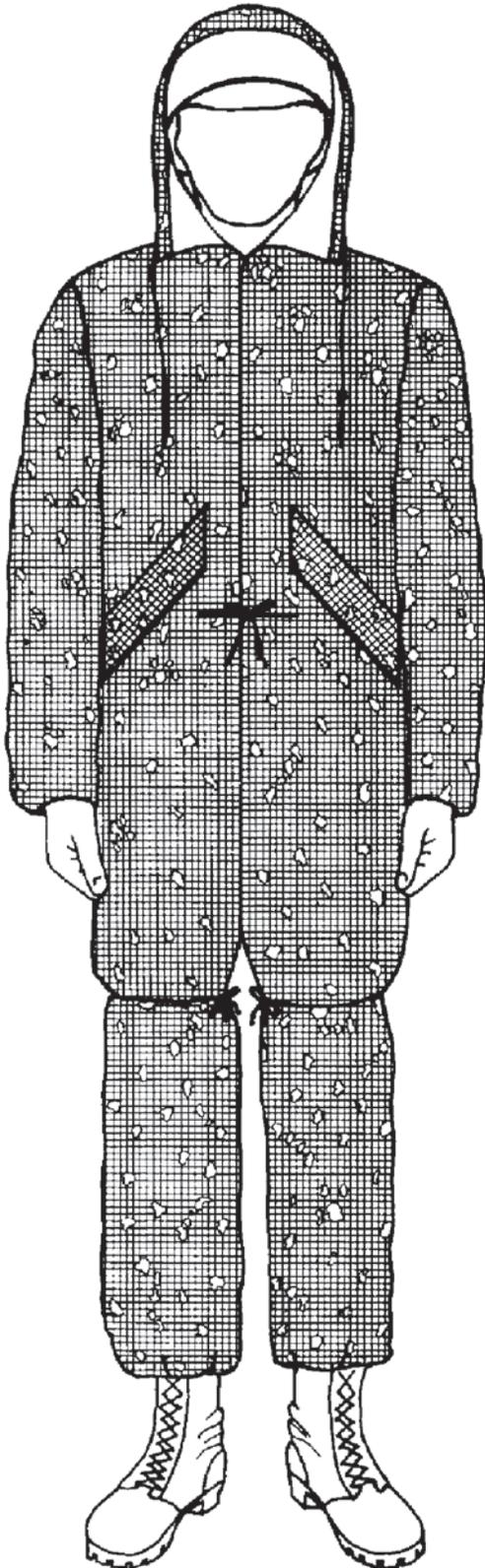


Figure 5-3. Desert battle dress uniform, nighttime pattern