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- " S " Carrier Oxford (late C.T. 20).
- " T " Wireless Equipment.
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**"44" PATTERN WEB EQUIPMENT**1. *Components and Weight.*

<i>Normal Items</i>	weight		<i>Additional Items</i>	weight	
	lbs.	ozs.		lbs.	ozs.
Waistbelt ... ..	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	Rucksack (less shoulder straps) ... ..	2	5
Bayonet, Frog ... ..	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	Machete sheath ... ..	0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Basic Pouch, Left ... ..	0	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	Brace attachments (2) ... ..	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Basic Pouch, Right ... ..	0	10 $\frac{3}{8}$	Pistol case ... ..	0	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Braces ... ..	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ammunition Pouch... ..	0	2
Waterbottle cover ... ..	0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	Binocular Case ... ..	0	10
Haversack ... ..	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Compass Pocket ... ..	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Shoulder Straps, pair ... ..	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	Officers Haversack ... ..	0	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	4	6 $\frac{1}{4}$			

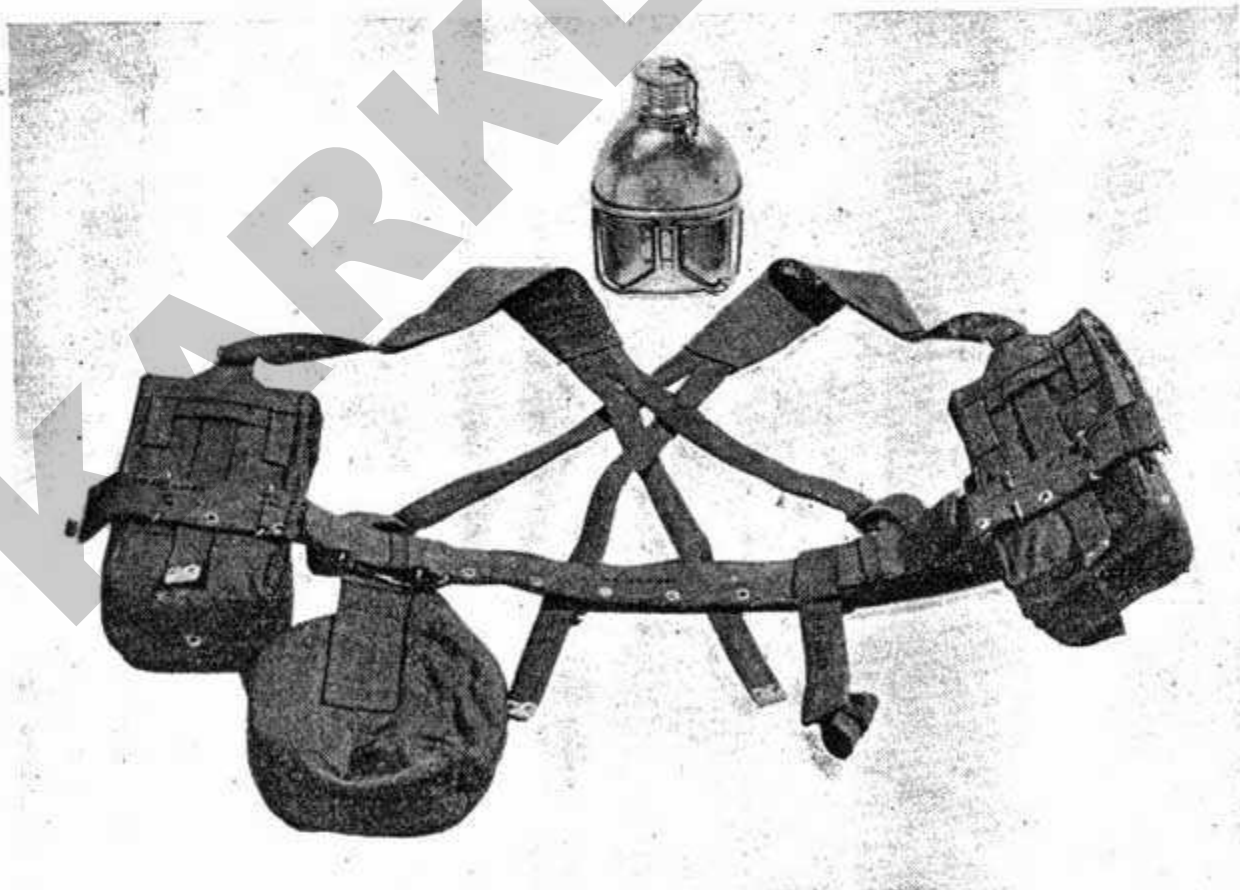
2. *Historical.*

This equipment was designed, during the war, specially for jungle warfare. Owing to the sudden termination of hostilities, it was never issued although large quantities had been manufactured.

3. *Advantages.*

The design of the equipment is basically the same as that of the "37" pattern equipment but it includes the following improvements:—

- The webbing is thinner, lighter, and more pliable, and the shoulder straps are wider.
- The water bottle is made of aluminium, and includes a drinking cup.
- The small pack has several compartments including one which is waterproofed. In addition, its capacity has been increased.



"44" PATTERN EQUIPMENT  
Showing water bottle and inside of Equipment

- (d) The large pack has been designed on the rucksack principle, it will hold more kit, and has a variety of compartments, one of which is waterproofed. Thus clean and dirty articles can be packed separately. The pack will hold all the field scale items of clothing and necessaries, including a spare pair of boots and a spare suit of battle dress. It is not normally intended to be carried by the man, but on unit transport.
- (e) Special provision has been made for the carriage of a blanket and/or extra digging equipment without the necessity of improvising a means of attachment.
- (f) The equipment, including the small pack, can be worn with the back centre portion of the belt completely removed, without the equipment "flopping about". Thus, constriction at the waist is avoided, and the equipment can be worn by men with minor waist injuries, and in those climatic conditions where it is important that the clothing should not be pressed tightly against the skin.

4. *Policy.*

It is intended to introduce the "44" pattern equipment on a maintenance basis as stocks of the "37" pattern are expended. It is anticipated that the change over will not commence until approximately 1949.



"44" PATTERN EQUIPMENT  
Left Side