

Infantry Equipment Board



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The Infantry Equipment Board convened at Rock Island Arsenal, on April 28, 1909. The purpose of this board was to decide on the number, kind, and weight of articles to be carried by the Infantry Soldier. The board examined samples of infantry and cavalry equipment in use by the US Army and fifteen foreign countries, as well as experimental models submitted to the Chief of Ordnance for consideration. The board made its final report to the Adjutant-General of the US Army on April 5, 1910. Two months later, in June 1910, manufacture of the newly designed equipment began at Rock Island Arsenal. The equipment examined by the Infantry Equipment Board was transferred to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum at the conclusion of the study.



Infantry Soldier with full equipment (proposed) was adopted as the Model 1910. These images are from a copy of the *Report of the Infantry Equipment Board* in the collection of the Rock Island Arsenal Museum.