

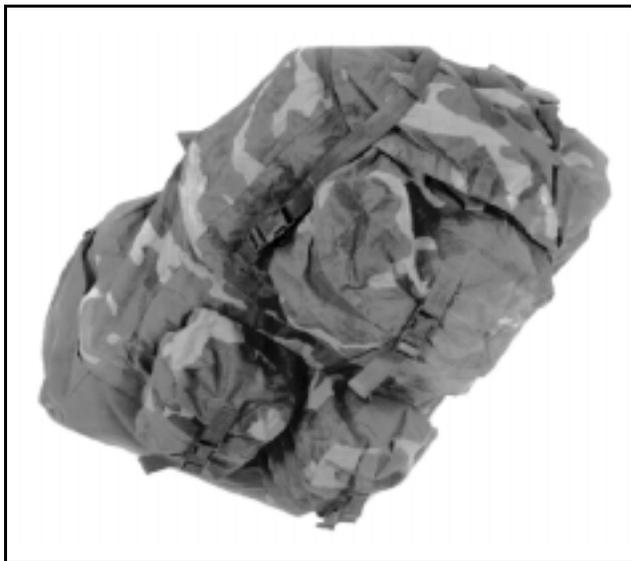
# A Better Way to Store Your “Stuff”

As you know, the standard Army duffel bag and the large ALICE rucksack are inadequate to store all the items needed by the combat vehicle crewman while in the field. The ALICE pack is too small; the duffel bag does not have built-in pockets; and items stored in the middle or bottom of the bag are not easily accessible. Because of these problems, the Soldier Support Branch of the Directorate of Combat Developments, at Fort Knox, came up with a superior alternative.

The mounted crewman compartmented equipment bag (MCCEB) was developed and soon will be fielded through your Central Issue Facility (CIF). The MCCEB is designed with three separate interior compartments and three large exterior pockets that allow easy access to gear, no matter where it is located in the bag.

The MCCEB is water resistant, constructed of cordura nylon in woodland camouflage pattern. The bag is meant to be carried to and from your vehicle by the padded shoulder straps or top handle.

The top section is covered by a flap, similar to the rucksack; the middle and bottom sections are accessed through a zippered opening. The three exterior pockets are closed with a fastener, similar to the rucksack. These pockets allow for convenient storage of smaller often-used items.



The days of dumping the entire contents of your duffel bag to get to an item located on the bottom are finally over. With the MCCEB, you will have easy access to your gear and be able to keep it organized throughout your entire stay in the field. After the initial fielding, the MCCEB will become a CTA 50-900 item with NSN 8465-01-393-5183 assigned.

We want to ask you for any new ideas you may have that would make your job easier, your field stay more comfortable, or increase your overall capabilities as a combat vehicle crewman. We here at the Soldier Support Branch will initiate the actions needed to make your idea a reality. Please give us a call or drop us a line. You can contact us by phone DSN 464-3662/4794 or commercial (502) 624-3662/4794. Our mailing address is:

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