



# 511<sup>th</sup> PIR



## Packing List for Elements Flying to Mindoro For the Jump on Tagaytay Ridge, Luzon

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*Note: On January 27, 1945, those elements of the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division who were not making the jump on Tagaytay Ridge (mainly everyone BUT the 511<sup>th</sup> PIR's 1st and 2nd Battalions) sailed in the 120-ship Navy Task Group 78.2 under Rear Adm. William M. Fechteler to land at Nasugbu south of Manila. The Angels boarded four APDs (fast destroyer escorts), 32 LCIs (Landing Craft Infantry), 8 LSMs (Landing Ship Medium) and 6 LSTs (Landing Ship Tank) for the five-day voyage.*

*The 511<sup>th</sup>'s 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalions packed according to this list then sailed for three days on LCIs to Mindoro where they enjoyed a calm walk down the LCI's ramps onto San Jose's beautiful beaches. After moving to the Elmore and Hill steel-mat airstrips near modern San Agustin, the paratroopers set up shop in a barren, treeless plain next to the Bugsanga (Bosuanga) River and eat 10-in-1s while waiting for the February 3, 1945 drop.*

*For more information on the history of the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne, please read, ["When Angels Fall: From Toccoa to Tokyo, the 511<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment in World War II"](#)*

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### 1. Individual Clothing and Equipment:

#### a: Uniforms

- 1: Voyage to Mindoro; khaki, steel helmets, boots.
- 2: Combat; HBT, steel helmets, boots

#### b. Equipment

1. Individual weapon, bayonet or trench knife
2. Jungle first aid kit
3. Not more than one machete per four man, nor less than 2 per plt.
4. Gas masks not carried on individuals.
5. Other items at discretion of Unit CO.

#### c. Packs and rolls

1. Combat (jungle) pack (on all individuals), socks, sweaters, foot powder, spoon, poncho and combat rations.
2. Squad bundle; HBT, boots, underclothes, socks, blanket, shelter half.
3. Mindoro Roll; jungle hammock and blankets.

d. Rations

1. 10 in 1 until take-off issued by S-4.
2. Combat rations - two "X" and two "D".

e. How carried

1. On individuals:
  - a. Combat pack
  - b. Mindoro roll as far as mindoro only.
2. Water borne by S-4 for overland supply; squad bundles.

f. Life Vests; One Mae West per ind., issued at Leyte. Leave in aircraft prior to jump.

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