This is a typical infantry soldier from World War II. An infantry soldier usually fights on foot with weapons like rifles, machine guns, mortars or grenades. An infantry soldier in combat must carry his food with him. What are some of the kinds of food he had to eat in his K ration? What was the average age of a US soldier in WWII?

This is a fancy dress uniform worn of the type worn by officers in the late 1800s. What is the name of the soldier this uniform belonged to? What was his rank?

Given to soldiers, like our 124th Cavalry who served in Burma during WWII, this book was meant to help soldiers understand people they had never seen before. Which of these three groups did the 124th Cavalry work with? Have you ever been to another country?

This pot was used to make coffee by soldiers from Texas during the Civil War. Where was it found? What metal did they use to make the repairs to the pot?
In this exhibit you will find a canteen which was carried by a Prisoner of War from the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery, known as the “Lost Battalion” from 1941 to 1945. He scratched in the names of the places where he was stationed or held as a prisoner. He also engraved his name on the canteen. Can you find his name?

This type of boxcar was used to help move soldiers from place to place during World War I. It would have been pulled by a train engine with many other boxcars. This sign is in French, what does it say in English? Have you ever ridden on a train?

This World War II soldier’s job is to help other soldiers who have been hurt or injured. Often this soldier would be up at the front lines and under enemy fire even though he was not there to fight. What was this type of soldier called? What are some of the things he carried?

Known as “The Gun that won the East” this 6 shot, 36 caliber pistol was one of the most common repeating handguns of its day. What is it’s name? What famous author said -The safest place to stand when someone fires this is directly in front of it?
Worn by a very famous German general, this hat was brought back as a souvenir by a World War II soldier. Who did the hat belong to? What kinds of souvenirs have you brought home from a trip?

Worn by an F16 fighter jet pilot during the war in Iraq, the pilot considered these gloves a good luck piece. He felt has long as he wore them every mission he would come home safely. How many missions did he make wearing these gloves?

Maps are very important tools for soldiers and have been used for thousands of years. As early as 181 BC the Chinese had maps showing the locations of their military garrisons.

This map shows the battle of San Jacinto, the battle where Texas won it’s independence from Mexico. How long did the battle last? Who was in command of the Texian army?

A green fire truck? Fire trucks begin to be painted red in the late 1800s, but the Army painted this one OD green during World War II. This fire truck was used at Camp Swift, in Bastrop. How much water could it pump per minute? What happened to it after the war?
Radios are used by soldiers to communicate over long distances. This radio was known as a “Walkie-Talkie” and it is much different from the ones we know today. How much does this Walkie Talkie weigh? How far would it broadcast?

Used as ammunition during the Civil War, this paper cartridge contained a lead ball, and black powder. It would be poured down the barrel of a musket so it could be fired. How did the soldier get the cartridge open? How did the soldier carry the cartridges?

This is one of three types of M15A1 “Mutt” jeeps, 1960-2000, in this display. These jeep all have the same or similar frames but were set up to be used for different purposes. What was this jeep used for? How much does it weigh?

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