

SCAVENGER HUNT

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Texas Cavalry troops trained and fought on horseback up until 1944. The 112th and 124th Cavalry were the two main Cavalry regiments of the Texas National Guard. What kind of special equipment do you think a Cavalry soldier might need?

This deck of cards could not only be used to play games; it also taught soldiers about the different ranks in the Army. Can you find the highest ranking card shown, the Lieutenant General?



Only 500 of this model M4A3 Sherman tank were made in World War II. This tank had a crew of 5 soldiers. It still runs and is used for reenactments here at Camp Mabry. How do you think the tank driver sees out of the tank?



The sign next to these jeeps is copy of one which the 36th Infantry Division had made when they were serving overseas during WWII. The sign says Austin is 5701 miles away; where do you think it was located in WWII?



These two cannons are replicas of those used by the Texian Army during the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. The cannons arrived 2 weeks before the battle without any cannon balls. Instead the Texas soldiers used musket balls, broken glass, nails and horseshoes to fire at the Mexican Army.



When soldiers are sent overseas they don't spend all their time in combat or in training. They usually have time to do other things like read a book or play a game. This is a traveling chess set which a 36th Division soldier took to Iraq. What games do you like to take with you when you go on a trip?



The triangle shaped sign is the symbol of the 49th Armored Division; it was the main Texas Army National Guard unit from 1973 to 2004. The yellow triangle stands for cavalry, the blue triangle for infantry and the red triangle for artillery. Can you find the star, which stands for Texas?



This cannon is a reproduction of a cannon said to have been captured at San Jacinto which was added to the armament of the Texas ship *Independence* in the summer of 1836. Nicknamed the "Golden Standard," the cannon was on the *Independence* when it was captured by the Mexican Navy and later sunk with the ship. How many cannon balls do you count?



This hand sewn flag was used by the 10th Texas Cavalry during the Civil War. Texas seceded from the United States in 1861. About 90,000 Texans fought for the Confederacy and about 2000 for the Union during the war. Notice the four red stars on the flag? They stand for the 4 Native American Nations- the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Cherokee -which sided with the Confederacy.



In the 1800's people sometimes had to make their own bullets especially if they lived on a place like the Texas frontier. This iron pot was used to melt lead in order to make bullets in a bullet mold like the one shown in this case. Lead is a type of metal which melts at 621 degrees. How many bullets do you think someone could make in a day?



This case has 6 different types of Civil War era muskets or rifles. There was a wide variety of weapons used by the Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. Can you find the Merrill Rifle? It had holes drilled in its barrel after the war, possibly so it could be used as a coat rack!



The mannequin on the left is wearing the uniform and equipment of a soldier from World War I. The mannequin on the right is wearing the uniform and equipment of a soldier from World War II. What differences do you see? What things look the same?





In World War I, some soldiers in the 142nd Infantry from the Choctaw tribe were trained as telephone operators. These soldiers would speak in their native language, which the enemy could not understand. This allowed for surprise attacks to be planned. Notice the “mobile phone” in the leather case. How does this compare to mobile phones today?

This combat soldier is eating his dinner. The K Ration box on the ground next to him contained his meal. It had some crackers, meat, lemonade powder, a chocolate bar and chewing gum. The can on his knee contained fudge. When soldiers were in combat this might be all they got to eat in a day. Imagine that you only had one meal per day what would you want to eat?



Soldiers like to bring souvenirs home from wars, just like you might like to bring souvenirs home when you visit someplace new. This hat belonged to a famous World War II German General, Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. The hat was brought back from the war by a 36th Division soldier who found it in Rommel’s house. What is your favorite souvenir from a trip?

This picture shows Texas National Guard Captain Audie Murphy instructing a soldier on how to use his weapon. In World War II, Audie Murphy received more medals than any other American soldier. He joined the Texas National Guard in 1950. The helmet liners in this case were sometimes worn by soldiers instead of their helmets. Try and find the helmet liner that matches the one Audie Murphy is wearing in the picture.



We hope you enjoyed the Texas Military Forces Museum Scavenger Hunt.