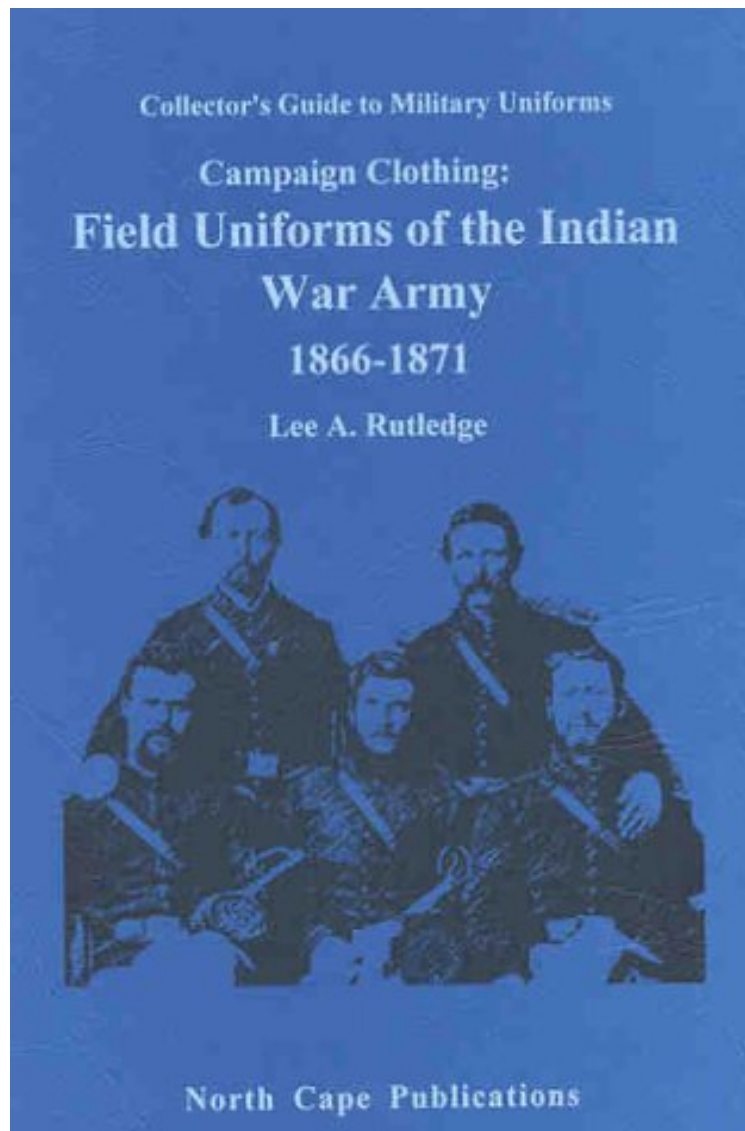


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Lee A. Rutledge : Campaign Clothing: Field Uniforms of the Indian War Army 1866-1871 (Collector's Guide to Military Uniforms) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Campaign Clothing: Field Uniforms of the Indian War Army 1866-1871 (Collector's Guide to Military Uniforms):

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good starting point. By Waldon Spencer This is a pretty good 'quickie' reference, but not for a serious student of the subject. There are way too many errors, albeit small ones. But they are too numerous to ignore--and too numerous to list here. Some indeed might be attributed to typographic flubs missed by a proofreader, but a lot are not. Thus only a three star rating. But still in all a good basic basic 'primer'. For the seriously obsessed I would recommend Doug McChristian's three volume series, but that is probably way too in depth for the casual reader--so this one and its second companion volume fills the bill!

2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Detailed review of Enlisted only - not Officers. By Judith Richards I was a little disappointed with the book. It's short but filled with descriptions of the enlisted men's uniforms during the period from 1866-1871. If you want a detailed analysis of the changes over the years, this is it. I was looking for information on officer's uniforms of the period as research for a historical novel. I was able to get a general idea of how the uniforms changed and why they changed. It's very detailed so if you're looking for that kind of information it's in the book. It even has diagrams and charts. This would be a great book for re-enactors of the period who need to get every detail right. However, if you're looking for information on officer's uniforms, especially field uniforms during the period, it is not covered in this book.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I needed info on general's field uniforms. By Kim T. Curtis I wanted the above info. It's OK for enlisted clothing. It will work for the re-enactor or collector for info.

Hollywood has given us the image of the American soldier in the Western Plains from the end of the Civil War in 1865 to the closing of the frontier at the turn of the century as a heroic figure clad in immaculately tailored blue trousers with a yellow stripe down the leg, a variety of lighter blue shirts, white hats and big yellow bandanas. Nothing could be further from the truth. In the years following the Civil War, rarely were more than half the 35,000 man Army stationed west of the Mississippi River at one time. And these few soldiers were scattered among a series of primitive forts and posts from Texas to California, from Montana to Arizona. They were ill-fed, ill-housed, ill-equipped and ill-clothed. Millions of uniforms had been manufactured for use by Union troops between 1861 and 1865, all designed for the conditions of terrain, weather and climate found on the Eastern seaboard of the United States. Troops sent to the Rocky mountain regions or the deserts of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada wore these same uniforms, and suffered from heat in the summer and cold in the winter. Only gradually, as the nation recovered from the war and the series of devastating economic recessions and depressions that occurred in the latter half of the century, did equipment, housing and uniforms improve. Lee A. Rutledge has done a masterful job in describing and illustrating the Army uniforms of the "Indian War" period. He compares what the regulations required to what the troops actually wore when in the field and not on garrison duty at some civilized Eastern post. He traces the evolution of the uniform from the Civil War to 1871, the point at which the Quartermaster Department began to realize that the previous uniform was unsuitable for use on the frontier. Rutledge shows how the infantry doughboy and cavalry trooper modified their "Eastern-style" uniforms with judicious changes and civilian clothing into something useful and useable.

From the Publisher Campaign Clothing: Field Uniforms of the Indian War Army, 1866- 1872 is the first in a series of books on U.S. military uniforms of the 19th and early 20th Century. These are not pretty picture books but detailed and scholarly examinations of the uniforms, their suitability for the times and the influences, both technological and social that led to their development.