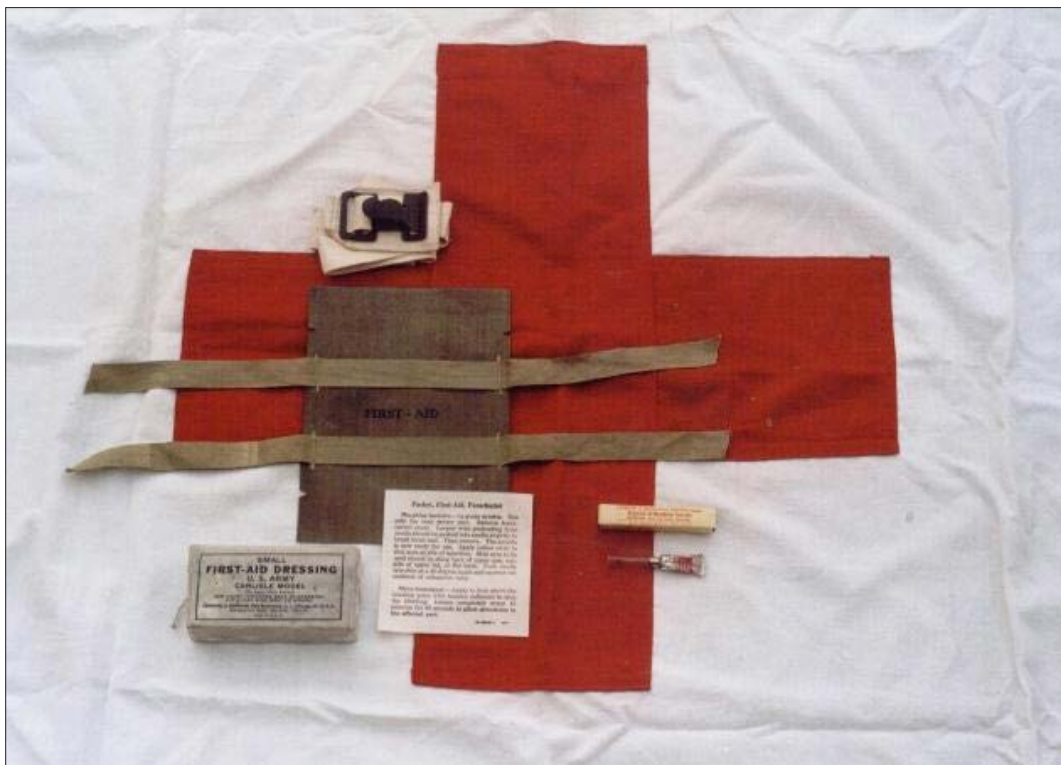


First Aid Kit

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Packet, First-Aid, Parachutist

Morphine tartrate.— $\frac{1}{2}$ -grain syrette. Use only for very severe pain. Remove transparent cover. Looped wire protruding from needle should be pushed into needle slightly to break inner seal. Then remove. The syrette is now ready for use. Apply iodine swab to skin area at site of injection. Skin area to be used should be along back of upper arm, outside of upper leg, or the back. Push needle into skin at a 45-degree angle and squeeze out contents of collapsible tube.

Strap tourniquet.—Apply to limb above the bleeding point with tension sufficient to stop the bleeding. Loosen completely every 15 minutes for 30 seconds to allow circulation in the affected part.

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First Aid Kits were used by paratroopers to address injuries suffered by themselves or others. The kits usually included bandages, morphine (pain medication), tourniquets (used to stop loss of blood), sulfadiazine (antibiotic), sulfanilamide (antibacterial treatment).