

Chapter 3

(Completely revised)

FIRST AID AND MEDICAL KITS

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General

1. First-aid outfits are designed for use in an emergency, e.g., after ditching; instructions for using each outfit are included in the container; either on a separate sheet or on the wrapping of the particular item. One or more of the outfits described in the following paragraphs will be included in the scale of equipment of all emergency and survival packs.

Kit, first aid, aircrew, personal

(*Ref. No. A.P.3130/9A-02409*)

2. This is an outfit for personal issue to each member of aircrew. It is normally carried in a pocket in the flying overall. The contents are packed in a waterproof fabric container, the edges of which are sealed leaving a 'tear-off' tag on one corner to enable easy access to the contents when necessary. The container is fitted with a breather valve. A list of contents and instructions for use is printed in English on the outside of the cover and in French on the inside.

Kit, first aid, aircraft dinghy, large

(*Ref. No. A.P.3130/9A-02440*)

3. This outfit is designed for the use of crews up to seven strong and is normally provided as part of the scale of survival equipment in the dinghy stowages of the larger types of aircraft. The contents are packed in a waterproof fabric container with a 'tear-off' tag at one corner. A breather valve is fitted to the container.

Kit, first aid, aircraft dinghy, small

(*Ref. No. A.P.3130/9A-02450*)

4. This is a small version of the outfit described in para. 3 and is designed for the use of crews up to three strong. It is normally provided as part of the scale of survival equipment in the dinghy stowages of two and three seater aircraft.

Kit, first aid, survival pack

(*Ref. No. A.P.3130/9A-02455*)

5. This outfit is included in the standard contents of the tropical survival kit described in Chap. 1 and personal survival packs covered by A.P.1182C, Vol. 1. The outfit consists of:—

<i>Item</i>	<i>No. off</i>
Cream, Di-Bromopropamide Isothionate, 5 gramme pack	3
Cream, sun screen and insect repellent, combined, 5 gramme tube	3
Injection morphine, $\frac{1}{4}$ grain, syringe ampoule in sealed metal container	1
Lozenge, Methadone Hydrochlorate, 5 mg.	3
Lozenge, aromatic chalk and opium	14
Solution tablet "Halazone" water sterilisation	5

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<i>Item</i>	<i>No. off</i>
Tablet, Chloroquin Sulphate B.P.C. 0.2 gramme	4
Tablet, Codein compound B.P.	8
Tablet, Cyclizine Hydrochloride 50 mg.	8
Tablet, Sodium Chloride, 20 grain	5
Tablet, Tetracycline 250 mg.	12
Dressing, Adhesive 'Airstrip' 2 in. × $\frac{7}{8}$ in.	6
Dressing, Tropical spread 2½ in. × $\frac{3}{4}$ in.	6
Dressing, Standard, No. 11 B.P.C.	2
Razor, safety blade, single edge	1
Stick Sycamore 2½ in.	1
Container, general use, aluminium (<i>to hold tablets</i>) 55mm. × 28mm. × 8mm.	4
Container, general use, aluminium (<i>to hold tablets</i>) 65mm. × 18mm. × 10mm.	4
Container, general use, aluminium (<i>to hold contents</i>) 4 in. × 4 in. × 1½ in.	1
Kits, first aid, survival, card housewife	1
Kits, first aid, survival, forceps, splinter	1
List of contents and Directions for use (<i>English and French</i>)	1

Servicing

6. First aid outfits are to be examined externally when the other items of equipment with which they are linked are due for servicing. The contents are also to be examined by the Medical Officer of the Unit at the periods prescribed in the servicing schedule, or more frequently if necessary. Normal defects caused through wear and tear may be encountered, e.g., holes and tears, and the sealing of each compartment may be broken.

◀ 7. The Service lives of kits are:—

<i>Ref. No.</i>	<i>Life</i>
9A-02409	3 years from the date of manufacture
9A-02440	In Home Units and Western Europe—
9A-02450	
9A-02455	3 years in other Overseas Units ▶

Any outfit which exceeds this period, or which will exceed it before the date of the next servicing, is to be examined by the medical officer who will decide whether its life will be extended or the outfit exchanged.

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