

Leo Mustonen was not wearing much warm weather clothing. No jacket. No gloves. According to JPAC he wore a *Shirt, Flannel, OD* [olive drab], *Coat Style*. This was Army issue for winter service and field dress

1. The *Shirt, Flannel, OD, Coat Style* was a fully opening shirt adopted in 1934, with seven buttons down the front and two large chest pockets closed by buttons. During World War II (adopted November 1941) this style was augmented with a convertible collar (i.e. could be buttoned up with a tie or could be worn open) and buttoned [poison] gas flaps in the cuffs and inside the front -- with these features the word *Special* is included in the nomenclature. The *Special* pattern also included buttons at the back of the collar to attach a gas hood.

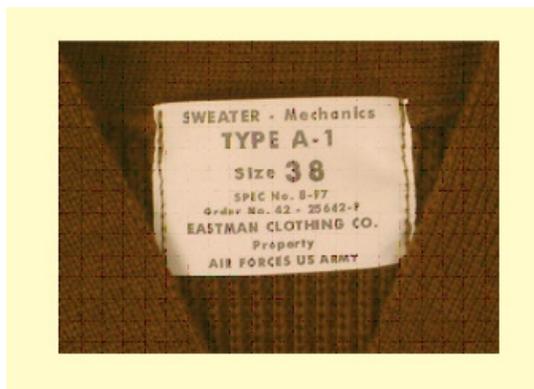
In the photo on the left, the flannel shirt is shown worn with the wool trousers. Note also the web belt with the enlisted man's buckle (open face).

Typical stock numbers would be similar to the label on the right:



2. Cadet Mustonen also had on a *Sweater, Mechanics Worsted, OD, Type A-1*. This was a pullover style V-neck sweater with a ribbed type knit.

The USAAF A-1 sweater was designated as a Mechanics sweater, but proved to be very popular with aircrew, due to its "pullover" design. [The C-2 zippered front cardigan was the official aircrew knit garment].



3. Mustonen also wore Trousers, wool, serge, OD, light shade Wool herringbone twill knit trousers. See illustration above and below.

In 1938 wool trousers for enlisted personnel were standardized in OD. These had conventional side and hip pockets [two each], a watch pocket, and a button fly. The nomenclature was "Trousers, Wool, Serge, OD, Light Shade." An 18 oz. wool was adopted as optimum for weight, warmth, and ease of production. In 1942 a gas flap was added behind the fly [the word Special is added to the nomenclature].

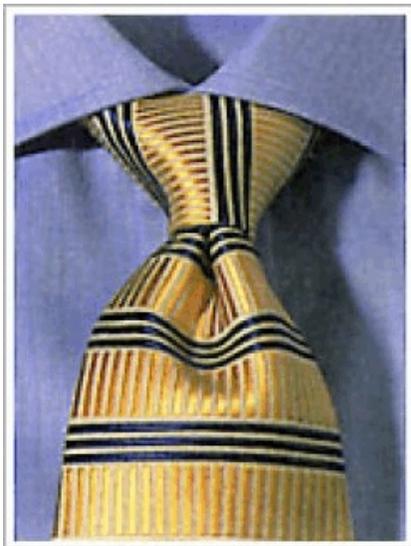
Olive drab wool field trousers developed in 1942-43 were similar in design to the wool serge trousers that were previously issued except for a higher rise and wider seat to address complaints from the field for more room and comfort, especially when worn over "long john" underwear. Adjustment tabs were provided at the waist and cuffs. Wool trousers were issued in 1944 in a darker shade of OD to match the Jacket, Field, Wool, OD [aka, "Ike Jacket"].



Like Mustonen, Cadet Munn was dressed lightly and not for a cold weather flight. Munn wore the following:

1. A necktie around his neck. Made of finely woven white to olive fabric with a fixed half-Windsor knot and a metal fastening snap on the collar.

The Half Windsor Knot is a medium sized, symmetrical knot for medium and wide shirt collar openings. It is a very popular necktie knot due to its accommodating size and pleasing look. The half-Windsor is the knot people usually wear.



2. Officer's service shirt, OD



3. Trousers, wool, serge, OD, light shade, same as Mustonen.

4. Web belt

5. Sweater, mechanics, worsted, OD, Type A, same as Mustonen.

6. Undergarment [undershirt], white, fine-weave.

7. Sock, OD, fine weave.

8. Chamois leather flying gloves, made of fine brown leather with a metal snap at the wrist. I think these might be a holdover from when he was in pilot training. In a letter home to his mother, Munn writes about having been issued pilot's gloves.