Mount Up! US Cavalry Equipment, 1910–1920

- Cavalrymen carried a small amount of essential equipment; weight was always a concern.
- Note how the equipment was harnessed on the horse.
- Cavalry horses had their training completed by their troopers. This did much to build a bond between rider and mount, greatly helping the trooper to carry out his orders.
- The expansive and sparsely populated West necessitated cavalry to maintain security.
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Smithers, W. D. (Wilfred Dudley), 1895-1981. Items needed for horse and man while on a march. Picture, Artwork, 1920; digital image, (http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth11939); crediting The Archives of the Big Bend, Alpine, Texas.
U.S. Cavalryman and Mounts

**Types of U.S. Cavalrymen, Their Mounts and Equipment Used During Border Trouble Days 1916-1921.**

*In charges and in pursuit of the enemy, the horses were gallant soldiers. Many gave up their lives. Troopers made pistol or saber charges. They fought dismounted. They could get into action quick and were ready.*

*Off side of a cavalry mount with full equipment.*

Two methods of holding reins.

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History Snapshots

Dismounted and mounted troopers

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Troop ‘J’ 14th US Cavalry 1911. This image was taken shortly after the US Army adopted the 1911 Colt .45 Automatic Pistol. The 1910s-1920s marked a period of transition from mounted to motorized cavalry.