

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION, 1804-1806

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Whether or not the members of the expedition wore military uniforms should be considered. For one thing, Clark seems to have given away his officer's coat the previous year. See the 30 Aug 1804 entry in:

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By Jun 1805, according to Appleman's Lewis and Clark (cited above), pp. 144-145, "all the men were wearing deer and elk skin shirts and breeches."