

# Campaign Furniture

An Introduction to 2 British Forms

# Goojerat Chair, French (duh)



# World War II Folding Desk



# Classic British Period: 1740-1914



# Ross & Co, Dublin, Victorian





# Disassembled



Not just for war





Campaign Chests & Roorkee Chairs



Both forms had wide influence





Marcel Breuer's Wassily Chair



Le Corbusier's "Basculant" chair of 1928



Wilhelm Bofinger's "Farmer's Chair" (1966)





Kaare Klint's "Safari Chair" (1933)

# Roorkee Chairs

- Appeared about 1898
- Popular in military until World War II
- A favorite among safari hunters
- Weight: Less than 10 lbs.
- Materials: Mahogany, canvas, leather
- Named for a British HQ in India
- A very low but comfortable chair
- Complaints: noise and lack of lumbar

# Stability





Loose, conical tenons. No glue.



# Upholstery pulls it tight





Seat covers can be snugged up with buckles or ties.



Arms can be attached in a wide variety of ways

# Turnings







Why such pointy feet? And the other end of the spectrum.

But best of all...



# Campaign Chests

By the book

# British Army General Order 131 (d)



The maximum size for a chest of drawers was 40" wide x 26" x 24"



And the camels approved.



Not just dressers split in half





Dovetails typically hidden

# Lots of flush hardware





Or not





# Removable turned feet





Not just for clothing...



For writing orders or letters.





Grooming.





Holding a late-night drink.



Or even storing itself...

# Campaign Chests

Can change your perception of the ideal drawer arrangement.











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But what I like the most



An international style.



And it has yet to go out of style.

