

The Things They Carried: "Stockings" and "Church" **(Chapters 10-11) Study Guides**

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Chapter 10 – "Stockings"

1. How is Henry Dobbins "like America itself?"
2. Where and why does Dobbins wear stockings?
3. How does the platoon react to Dobbins' superstitious behavior?

Chapter 11 – "Church"

1. What was Kiowa's reaction to setting up camp in a pagoda? Why? How does it differ with Dobbins' conception of faith/religion/spirituality?
2. Why does Dobbins want to be a minister? How is part of his reasoning ironic?
3. What is the meaning of the washing motion of the younger monk? Is it the same when Dobbins does it?