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ABSTRACT

LOW PROFILE SURVIVAL VEST

A survival vest having a broad central strip (10) forming the stem of a Y covering the back of the wearer, with left and right front strips (22) dividing from the stem of the Y at the back of the neck and running down along each of the front shoulder/armpit areas of the wearer. The tips of each fork of the Y expand to form large pockets (12) which cover the front of the chest, abdomen, and the sides of the wearer. The twin large pockets (12) are formed using a heavy-duty zipper (15), sewn around the periphery of each pocket area and are completely detachable. A webbing harness (11) reinforces the vest across the inside of the twin pockets (12) and along the forks of the Y shape of the vest, from the base of the pockets to the point at which they join to form the collar of the vest, and along the outer edges of the stem of the Y which forms the back of the vest. A number of hook and loop fasteners in the form of strips or patches are used to attach the survival pouches (19) within each pocket (15).

Figure 3