

ADJUTANT GENERAL  
ROYAL MARINES

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Dress - For Duration of War

The following modification in the dress of officers and other ranks for the duration of the war will be adopted as detailed in the following paragraphs:-

1. Full dress, undress and mess dress will not be worn on any occasion. Blue uniform or service dress will be worn on all occasions by all ranks except that officers on leave and all ranks at their stations may be permitted to wear plain clothes for the purpose of athletic exercises for which a special dress is necessary. Mess undress will be worn afloat as ordered.
2. The wearing of decorations and medals will cease. Medal ribands will, however, be worn on blue and service dress uniforms. Miniature medals will be worn in mess undress.
3. Officers and warrant officers, when wearing Sam Browne belt without sword will also wear it without a brace or frog.
4. The sword will not be worn by ranks serving ashore. Officers serving afloat will wear the sword with Sam Browne belt, brace and frog as and when required.
5. It is not the present intention to introduce the Army pattern cloth belt, as an alternative to the Sam Browne, in the Royal Marines.
6. The dress for Colonels will be as follows:-

	<u>Headdress</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
Substantive Colonels -	As laid down in "Dress Regulations"	Regimental pattern, with scarlet gorget patches
Temporary and Acting Colonels	-	Regimental pattern - - ditto - -

7. The carrying of regimental or other types of canes by other ranks will cease forthwith.
8. White Helmets will not be worn by ranks serving in Home Ships and Establishments.