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A box of Webley (cordite) ammunition (768 rounds) weighs 51 lbs.

For other weights, see "Notes on Naval Guns."

Equipment of Seamen for Service on Shore.

This must be left to the discretion of the officer in command, who must take into consideration the climate, the nature and probable duration of the service, and the weight which a man can carry; if the men land (for more than one day) in white, they should have a blue suit (and *vice versâ*); also spare socks and flannel; a towel, a candle and soap to each man. These should be stowed in the blanket and covered with a strip of painted canvas.

When seamen are landed for expeditionary service and khaki clothing is not available, a ready means has been found of dyeing seamen's white clothing khaki colour by using "Gambier Dye," which is in all respects suitable for this purpose.

Process of Dyeing Clothing Khaki Colour with Gambier Dye.

The Gambier should be dissolved in boiling water (1 lb. of Gambier Dye to 6 gallons of water) and the garments immersed and stirred therein until the liquid is cool. They should then be rinsed in clean water, fresh or salt.

About 45 lbs. of Gambier is required to dye 100 duck suits (jumpers and trousers).

A "Kit Bag" is now supplied. It is made of Willesden canvas, it can be carried across the shoulders or by the handle, and will hold the following articles:—

Blanket, 1
Flannel, 1
Socks, 2 pairs

Towel, 1
Serge Suit, 1
Soap

Stockings or socks should be woollen; and great care must be taken to see that boots fit. Preparatory to a long march the inside of both boots and socks should be greased.

Blankets can probably be carried by carriers, 10 blankets weigh $58\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

What each man must carry will depend on the transport available. If possible a man should only carry his accoutrements, haversack with one day's provisions, water-bottle and arms.

Each man should carry a "*first field dressing*," and should be instructed in the principles of first aid.

The following useful articles should not be overlooked:—

Matches	Weighing scales
Burning-glass	Candles
Corkscrew	Lantern
Tin-opener	Stationery
Tape measure	Rum measure
Signal Rockets	Signal lights
Sailmaker's gear	Drinking cups
Compass	Field glasses
Towels	Guncotton, &c.
Butcher's tools	War rockets
Chalk for tallying loads	Port fires
Soap	Oil and tow
Tobacco	Knives
Maps	Hammocks for wounded.
Spun-yarn and twine	

Matches can be conveniently stowed in $2\frac{1}{4}$ lb. guncotton tins. One or more tins might be taken by each section.

The following table of weights may be of use to officers in this matter:—

	lbs.	ozs.
Serge jumpers and trousers	1	12
Flannel	1	0
Stockings	0	12
Boots	2	12
Gaiters	1	0
Cap	0	8
Knife and laniard	0	8
Black silk handkerchief	0	4
Comforter	0	8
Shirt	1	0
Spoon	0	3
Hat	2	0
Drill cover for do. with curtain	0	4
Flannel cholera belt	0	6
Comb	0	1
Needles, thread, &c.	0	3
Towel	0	7
Rifle, Lee-Enfield, Mark II. (Magazine empty)	9	10
Accoutrements, pattern 1891, for do. (water bottle filled, but without blanket or ammunition)	8	12
Accoutrements, pattern 1901, for do. do.	9	14
Blanket	5	14
150 rounds .303 ammunition	8	15
10 " " " "	0	9
Sword bayonet	1	1
36 rounds of Webley ammunition	1	12
Webley revolver pistol	2	3
Kit bag	4	6