

Dressing the Part

The military uniforms of WW2 are an iconic part of the period. We're hoping to create a strong look for the game which sticks quite closely to accurate clothing. That said, we're conscious of cost and so some variation will be expected, as well as accurately reflecting the early years of the war, when uniforms were in short supply, frequently privately purchased and changing design reasonably regularly.

All characters are welcome to wear civilian clothes in any late 1930s or early 40s style at the Friday dance, should they prefer.

RAF

GENERAL INFORMATION

For those looking for a bit more guidance, [this](#) is a great guide to the uniform, although goes in to far more detail than we really need to!

HIRING

There are a few companies hiring out RAF uniforms, if this is easier for you than buying the bits separately. [Angels](#), [History Bunker](#), [Maddermarket theatre](#).

HAIR AND MAKE-UP

For those who are up for a trip to the barber's, men's hair in the 1940s was pretty much limited to one style - short back and sides and plenty of brylcreem! Moustaches were also common, in a thin, Errol Flynn style.



ESSENTIALS

RAF characters should wear one of the available uniforms, either service dress, or flight kit, or a combination of the two. The flight crews seem to have worn quite a variety of combinations of kit while on duty, as can be seen in the photos above. This gives you quite a bit of flexibility in putting together an appropriate look!

1. Service Dress

Shirt	A blue/grey colour button up shirt.	Link 1 , 2 , 3
Tie	Made from woven black wool or a non-shiny synthetic. Charity shops and eBay are good for these.	Link 1 , 2
Trousers	Blue wool barathea.	Link 1 , 2 , 3
Shoes	Plain black lace-up shoes with a minimal heel, shiny but not patent.	Link 1



2. *Flight suit*

This outfit is best worn over the service dress above but can be worn on its own if your budget is very tight.

Overalls	Khaki zip up overalls	Link 1
Flight boots	Pull on, knee length black leather boots	Link 1 , 2



OPTIONAL

These items are optional extras. There's no need to get these, but if you're looking for ways to add to your kit, this is where we'd recommend starting.

PT kit	Blue shorts, white aertex t-shirt, black plimsolls, white socks. PT (physical training), and sports will be entirely optional out-of-game, but if you want to participate you'll need something to wear. These don't have to be spot on at all! Anything vaguely correct will be fine.	Shorts example , Shirt example , plimsolls
Service Dress Hat	RAF officer kind. It looks like veteran pilots removed the wire and shaped the hats to look like those in link 3.	Link 1 , 2 , 3
Jumper	Cream roll neck kind.	Link 1
Service Dress Jacket	Reproduction or more modern RAF jacket is fine.	Link 1 , Modern RAF jacket , Jacket

		Trousers and Hat set
Helmet	Standard WW2 style but needs to be RAF grey. Some more information on helmets here	Link 1
Great coat	Full length, double breasted RAF wool coat - it's unlikely to be cold enough to need (or want) one of these, but if you have one by all means bring it! Easy to find on Ebay.	
RAF Ascot Tie		Link 1
Flight Jacket	Brown leather/shearling zip up jacket. Fortunately, there are loads of these on eBay for very low prices. You're after the brown ones!	Link 1
Flight helmet	Leather or cloth cap with space for a headset.	Link 1 , 2
Flight goggles	Shaped lenses.	Link 1 , 2
Mae West	Yellow life jacket.	Link 1
Pyjamas	Blue and white striped pyjamas - shirt and trousers style (anything that fits this description should be fine as you'll be wearing them in the dark mostly!)	Example



THE DANCE

All characters are welcome to wear civilian clothes in any late 1930s or early 40s style at the dance should they prefer that to their Service Dress, although wearing uniform to a dance was very common. For men, civilian dress mostly means a suit! 40s styles are very close to 90s style suits, so should be simple to find. Broad shoulders, narrow waists and double-breasted jackets were paired with wide legged trousers worn high on the natural waist