

From that time our seafaring nation adopted St. George as their patron saint, and wore the red cross on their surcoats or jacques, and it was from the raising of one of these upon a lance or staff at the bow-sprit or forepart of a ship (in order that the nationality of those on board might be known) that a flag bearing on it only a cross came to be known as a jacque or jack.

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(3). When Edward the First's Navy under the Cross of St. George won the Battle of Sluys, the lordship of the Narrow Seas (the North Sea and English Channel) was won.

(4). Under the same ensign, Cabot discovered America; Drake sailed the world; Frobisher sought the Northwest Passage; Raleigh founded Virginia, and the splendid Navy of Queen Elizabeth conquered the great Spanish Armada.

(5). These great sea victories were won by the English under their Patron Saint, St. George, before the sister nations of Scotland and Ireland joined. The Cross of St. George, therefore, is intact on the White Ensign, the Flag of the British Navy, and is preserved on the pendants of Admirals and other Naval Officers.