

## Life on a Battleship

The crew ate at mess tables placed between the guns and slept in hammocks slung above them. The real misery came from the fact that nothing was ever dry, clothing and bedding were almost always wet. Most of the crew suffered from rheumatism and chest complaints.



Punishment was harsh, as many of the men in the Navy were pressed men (men rounded up against their will). Flogging was common even for minor offences. This was administered in front of the whole Ship's company as a warning to all.

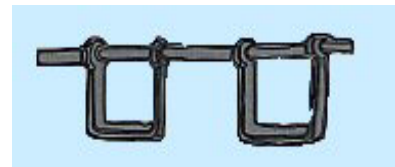
Below are the three methods used to enforce punishment on the battleships:



A rope end called 'the starter'



Cat-o-nine tails



Leg Irons

As the amount of food and drink carried onboard ship was limited, provisions had to be strictly rationed. On the next page is a table showing what you might expect to eat and drink each day.

How do you think you would like to live on this diet every day? Remember, that these men would also be doing a very strenuous job as well.



Daily rations per man:

**Allowance**

1 pound of bread  
1 gallon (8pints) of beer  
  
1 ounce of sugar  
1 pound of meat  
½ pound of vegetables  
fruit  
quarter ounce of tea

**Alternatives**

biscuits, rice, flour  
2 pints of wine or  
quarter pint of rum/brandy  
  
salt meat beef/pork  
dried peas/beans  
rice

