

A SAILOR'S



THE INTRODUCTION of a sailor's uniform in 1859 was a sign that the Navy was becoming a more professional force. Dress varied according to the job, the day of the week and the time of day. A blackboard on the ship details the uniform of the day.

Very dark blue jumpers and white trousers formed the most normal outfit, but white dress was worn for drills. Stokers wore white suits all the time. On Sundays, hats were always worn (except in wet weather!) – black in winter, white in summer.

Clothes were issued monthly from the Paymaster's Slops (Navy word for clothing) and the cost deducted from a Seaman's pay.

SAILORS WERE ISSUED WITH



BBLUE COLLAR bordered with white tape.

PPEA JACKET

BBLUE SERGE "FROCK" TOP with a jumper added later as an alternative).

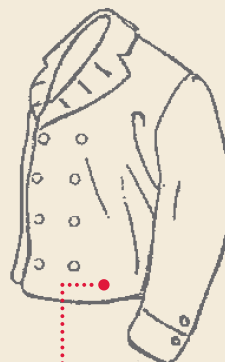
UNIFORM SHIRTS

BBOOTS were issued but worn as little as possible as their soles became flattened hard by the decks.

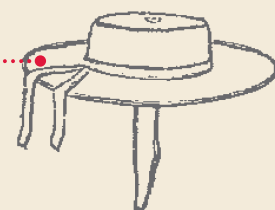
Sailors were often acutely uncomfortable in boots or shoes and were usually barefoot!



BBLUE CLOTH CAP



BBLUE CLOTH JACKET or "tunic" (like an Officer's mess jacket) with black buttons.



SENNET HAT



BBLUE CLOTH TROUSERS

DUCK OR WHITE DRILL FROCK and white duck trousers (alternatives to the serge/cloth).

BBLACK SILK HANDKERCHIEF

BADGES OF RANK for Petty Officers.