



Army Museum of Tasmania

Anglesea Barracks
HOBART

Information Sheet No 20

COOKING POTS

The Board of Ordnance cooking pots were supplied to the contracted convict transports and varied in size and shape depending on each ship and number of convicts and others on board.

The standard rations for soldiers were:

Per Man per day

Bread	.3 kg (300 grams)	OR	10 ½ ounces
Spirits	.95 litres	OR	1.67 pints
Chocolate	19 gms	OR	3 ½ ounces
Sugar	28.3gms	OR	1 ounce
Fresh Meat	.3 kg (300 grams)	OR	10 ½ ounces
Vegetables	.15 kg (150 grams)	OR	5 ¼ ounces
Tea	4.7 gms	OR	.17 ounces
Water	3.5 litres	OR	6.2 pints

If no Fresh Meat or vegetables were available the following represented a standard issue:

Salt beef	.22 kg (220 grams)	OR	7 ¾ ounces
Flour	.22 kg (220 grams)	OR	7 ¾ ounces
Or			
Salt Pork	.22 kg (220 grams)	OR	7 ¾ ounces
Peas	.19 litres	OR	1/3 pint

Conditions on board the transport ships were confined and stews were a regular feature of the daily menu. A bucket of salt water was a likely common additive to the stews.

The following additional rations were regularly issued on a weekly basis:

Oatmeal	.19 litres	OR	1/3 pint
Vinegar	.19 litres	OR	1/3 pint

Once in Hobart, the bunks and other equipment were removed and sold off or re-issued and the transport cleared to take home a commercial load. The cooking pots were then often utilised as water troughs for the horses or in a variety of other practical applications.

