

Tattoos

Many sailors had tattoos. The most popular were stars, the sun, moon, crosses, anchors and mermaids. They were thought of as good luck charms which would prevent the wearer from drowning and from evil spirits. These tattoos were done by the sailors themselves using a sharp point to break the skin and then rubbing soot or gunpowder into the wound.

Charles Brown - moon and stars on left hand

Daniel Cameron - anchor on left arm

William Faithweather - cross on right arm

Richard Grant - cross and mermaid on left arm

Joshua Norman - tattooed on forehead

Thomas Flynn - woman and a seaman parting 'Thomas, come home to Ann'.

You become very good at tattooing and the other sailors come to you to make a tattoo. Draw a design for the following sailors:

James Knowles

Thomas Allen

John Meal

(Is married with two children)(Is very superstitious and can't swim) (Is a great dare devil - brave in battle)