



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



SHIP'S BISCUIT

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1885

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Credit

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Description

It is very difficult to keep food fresh on a ship. Before cans and refrigerators were invented pirates and sailors had to eat food that was dry or very salty. This ship's biscuit is really hard and would last for years. The only way to eat it is to dunk it in water, or suck on it for hours and hours.

Just make sure you knock all the weevils out first!

Questions

1. What do you think the biscuit tastes like?
2. Why did somebody write on this biscuit?