

# Hardtack

## Object Card

A soldier's rations generally included 16 ounces of hardtack. It was made of flour, salt, and water and baked into a bricklike hardness. This barely edible cracker was so hard it earned the nickname "tooth dullers." The larvae of weevil beetles often infested the crackers. Soldiers tried to remove the weevils by soaking the hardtack in a boiling hot cup of coffee. The weevils floated to the top and could be scooped out.

