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## No. 8 Naval Mess Plate

REF: 6809

Height: 4 cm (1.6") Width: 25.5 cm (10") Depth: 25.5 cm (10")

**Sold**



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Most mess plates are considered to have been for naval use and many different factories were commissioned for their production. The majority found are blue and white transfer printed on earthenware and often they are marked with just the mess number to distinguish them, inside a decorative border. Army mess plates are usually more colourful, often painted with the regiment's insignia and were purchased, like the silver, by the officers.

The pattern decoration to the border of this and the other shown elsewhere on this website, shows two sailors with the instruments of war and a battleship in the background. Made by the Bovey Pottery Company Ltd of Devon and marked 'B.P.Co.Ltd.' and 'Made in England'. Late 19th century.

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