

## Berth Deck – Crew Hammocks

### Hammocks

Every *Constitution* sailor had 2 hammocks – one to sleep in when the other was cleaned; they were slung from the berth deck overhead by number (right).

Hammocks had a mattress, a blanket (or 2), and a pillow or bolster. An 1834 survey noted *Constitution's* hammock netting on the spar deck could hold:

Forecastle = 27 hammocks

Waist = 128 hammocks

Quarterdeck = 78 hammocks.

Total = 466 hammocks & mattresses lashed & stowed (example, lashed hammock, right) as battle protection in the spar deck hammock netting (below).



Detail, Berth Deck Plan, USS *United States*, Charles Ware, c, 1820; Photos, *Constitution* waist hammock netting ; Lashed hammock & mattress, NHC Detachment Boston, 2012.