Proposed Enlisted Uniforms 1950s

UNIFORMS THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT

1950s

The Navy Uniform Board considered changes and modifications to the enlisted Sailor's uniform during the 1950s. Some of the proposed modifications included adding slash pockets to trousers, zippers to replace the 13 buttons on blue trousers, and to remove the button cuffs and cuff marks from the dress blue jumper.

There were several new proposals including a new working khaki jumper uniform, an updated version of the dress white jumper uniform and a combination cap to designed replace the white hat. The enlisted blue cap, commonly referred to as a flat hat, was also redesigned in khaki and white versions.

Most of the new designs were wear-tested but not adopted. Zippers and slash pockets for blue trousers were incorporated into uniform regulations but were not popular within the Fleet. They were eventually phased-out and the traditional 13 button trousers were reinstated.

In 1958, the Navy Uniform Board considered reviving the dress white jumper uniform using the same basic design that was in use when the uniform was suspended in 1941. Wear tests were conducted in the fleet but the dress white jumper was not adopted.

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