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H. M. S. Diadem
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List of notes & Comments of our places
of call & travels from December 22nd 1903.
In H. M. S. King Alfred, Glory, Activity,
& Diadem.

Left Eastney Barracks at 8.15. on the
morning of December 22nd 1903 for H. M. S.
King Alfred arrived on board at 9.0 a.m.
just as they hoisted the commissioning
pennant, got 15 min off for watches
etc, on the 23rd gave forty eight hours
leave to starboard watch & first
part of port from 1.0. twenty third until
7 o'clock 25th, give leave to the port watch
& first part of starboard watch from
1.0. twenty fifth until 7.0. on the
twenty seventh, left Portsmouth harbour
for Spithead 31st. Done steam trials &
measured mile, when a steam pipe
broke, so we had to anchor for the
night for repairs. On the 1st of
January left Spithead for the China
station, & a nice day but very cold.

The Ports of call on H. M. S. King Alfred

Left	Date	Arrival	Date
Barracks	22/12/03	H. M. S. King Alfred	
Portsmouth	1/1/04	Gibraltar	4/1/04
Gibraltar	4/1/04	Malta	7/1/04
Malta	8/1/04	Port Said	12/1/04
Port. Said	12/1/04	Suez	13/1/04
Suez	16/1/04	Perim	20/1/04
Perim	20/1/04	Colombo	27/1/04
Colombo	3/2/04	Singapore	6/2/04
Singapore	8/2/04	Hong. Kong	14/2/04

Left H. M. S. ~~Glory~~ King Alfred to Commission H. M. S. Glory which we found in dockyard hands in Howloon with her ships company aboard H. M. S. Tamar. The guard left the King Alfred to take over the Glory on our first arrival, the remainder of our people going on board the Tamar until the Glory came out of dockyard hands. I was one of the guard, (Aft Deck sentry) we hoisted the commis-

signing Pennant at 8. a.m. on February 19th on board the Glorv in Houloon Dock

The Ports of call in H.M.S. Glorv & Alacrity

Left	Date	Arrivals	Date
Hong Kong	28/3/04	Mirs Bay	28/3/04
Mirs Bay	30/3/04	Hong Kong	30/3/04
Hong Kong	6/4/04	Mirs Bay	6/4/04
Mirs Bay	22/4/04	Hong Kong	22/4/04
Hong Kong	28/4/04	Mirs Bay	28/4/04
Mirs Bay	9/5/04	Hong Kong	11/5/04
Amoy	13/5/04	Wosung	16/5/04
A. Wosung	21/5/04	Shanghai	21/5/04
Shanghai	23/5/04	Wosung	23/5/04
G. Wosung	26/5/04	Nanking	27/5/04
A. Nanking	30/5/04	Kiuk-Kiang	31/5/04
Kiuk-Kiang	31/5/04	Hankow	1/6/04
Hankow	3/6/04	Wou-hou	3/6/04
Wou-hou	4/6/04	Nanking	5/6/04
G. Nanking	6/6/04	Wosung	6/6/04
A. Wosung	7/6/04	Shanghai	7/6/04
Shanghai	14/6/04	Wosung	14/6/04
G. Wosung	16/6/04	Wosung needles	17/6/04
Wosung needles	18/6/04	Ladder Islands	22/6/04

Left	Date	Arrivals	Date
Saddle Islands.	22/6/04	Wei-hai-wei.	27/6/04.
Wei-hai-wei.	7/7/04	Shang-tung.	7/7/04.
Shang-tung.	19/7/04	Yung-king Bay.	23/7/04.
Yung-king Bay.	30/7/04	Wei-hai-wei.	30/7/04.
Wei-hai-wei.	4/10/04	Hope Sound.	4/10/04.
Hope Sound.	5/10/04	Taku Forts.	5/10/04.
Taku Forts.	12/10/04	Wei-hai-wei.	12/10/04.
Wei-hai-wei.	16/10/04	Saddle Islands.	18/10/04.
Saddle Islands.	18/10/04	Hong-Kong.	21/10/04.
Hong-Kong.	28/10/04	Singapore.	2/11/04.
Singapore.	7/11/04	Penang.	9/11/04.
Penang.	14/11/04	Ding-ding Bay.	14/11/04.
Ding-ding Bay.	16/11/04	Port Swettenham.	17/11/04.
Port Swettenham.	17/11/04	Singapore.	18/11/04.
Singapore.	23/11/04	Hong-Kong.	28/11/04.
Hong-Kong.	5/12/04	Mirs Bay.	5/12/04.
Mirs Bay.	10/12/04	Hong-Kong.	10/12/04.
Hong-Kong.	14/2/05	Mirs Bay.	15/2/05.
Mirs Bay.	18/2/05	Hong-Kong.	19/2/05.
Hong-Kong.	28/2/05	Mirs Bay.	28/2/05.
Mirs Bay.	11/3/05	Hong-Kong.	11/3/05.
Hong-Kong.	24/4/05	Mirs Bay.	26/4/05.
Mirs Bay.	5/5/05	Hong-Kong.	5/5/05.

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Hong-Kong	7/5/05	Mirs Bay	8/5/05
Mirs Bay	18/5/05	Hong Kong	20/5/05
Hong-Kong	24/5/05	Mirs Bay	25/5/05
Mirs-Bay	30/5/05	Hong-Kong	30/5/05
Hong-Kong	9/6/05	Mirs Bay	14/5/05
Wei-hai-wei	23/6/05	Woo-Too Bay	24/6/05
Woo-Too-Bay	24/6/05	Wei-hai wei	24/6/05
Wei-hai-wei	10/7/05	Chifu	10/7/05
Chifu	12/7/05	Wei-hai wei	12/7/05

H. M. S. Diadem at Wei-hai wei on the 16th of July to take over the duties of flagship from H. M. S. Gloy, which is under orders to leave for England, transferred to H. M. S. Alacrity on the 18th as orderly to Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, all men who volunteered to remain on the station turned over to Diadem same day, we left at 8.15. a.m. some of the seaman came aboard the yacht & the marines from W-H. W. Island guard were relieved during the afternoon by marines from Diadem. Things were soon got

straight & all ready for anything again
H. M. S. Glory flew the Admiral's flag
until the 22nd, & just before she left, the
Admiral paid a farewell visit to the
officers, & then went aboard the
Alacrity, as he stepped aboard we hoisted
his flag, & the Glory dipped it, then
fired an Admiral's Salute of 17 guns, we
returned the salute with 7 guns. Soon
after H. M. S. Glory left for England
with many cheers from the fleet.

H. M. S. Alacrity

July 27th 1905

With Admiral on a cruise
round Korea, left Wei-hai-wei
for Chemulpho arrived 28th

Aug 2nd Left Chemulpho for Port Hamilton

4^{h.m.} dropped anchor just off
Tokusim Islands, Kukum group

" 3rd Weighed anchor & proceeded to
Port Hamilton 4.30. p. m. arrived at
Mokkpho. Korea.

" 4th 3.30. a. m. weighed anchor & got

arrived at the Wondos Islands dropped anchor at 7 p.m.

Aug 5th 4.30 a.m. Weighed anchor & got on the way once more for Port Hamilton arriving there at 12.30 P.M.

" 7th Left Port Hamilton for Masampho arriving there same day

" 8th Left Masampho for Silver Basin (Hiding place for Japanese Fleet) as we steamed towards the Japanese fleet they manned ship. We anchored 2 cables lengths astern of Admiral Kamimaru's flagship (Shikishima) Admiral Roel visited the flagship about eleven o'clock. 12.15. Admirals Togo & Kamimaru & staff lunched with Admiral Roel. During the afternoon it came on very rough & all boats had to be hoisted, in the evening Admiral Roel had an invitation to dine on board the Japanese flagship, but could not attend, as boats could not be lowered from either ships.

- Aug. 9th 6.15^{a.m.} weighed anchor & got on the way for Fusan, arriving in Fusan harbour about 10.30. a.m. same day. Here they had had full benefit of the storm, trees, cattle, etc being carried into the sea. In the afternoon we were visited by the Korean Governor. At 4.0. Admiral went ashore to pay return visits, returning at 7.15.
- " 10th Piped special leave to both watches from 1 till 7. p.m. There were several Japanese sailors from the fleet in Silver Basin
- " 11th Got on the way again at 5. a.m. for Jamuha Laton Bay
- " 12th Arrived Jamuha, Laton Bay & anchored for the night & got on the way next morning
- 13th Anchored in Long Beach (on the coast of Korea) & left same day for Wei hai-wei.
- 15th Anchored at Wei-hai-wei with our fleet

Between the 15th & 29th nothing extraordinary happened, we carried out usual daily routine, Leave being given from 4 till 7.

29th Transferred to H.M.S. Diadem & broke the Admiral's flag for the first time on board the new flagship.

30th Left Wei-hai-wei for a cruise in the neighbourhood of Wei-hai-wei with the fleet, lasting a week.

31st Arrived at Port Frederick, (Anderson Island) on the south west coast of Korea at 2. p.m. & left at 6. p.m.

Sept^r 1st Arrived at Yung-Ching Bay

2nd Left Yung-Ching Bay for Wei-hai-wei at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The next 18 days nothing extraordinary ^{happened}, occasionally at a trip just outside the harbour to do a bit of Morris tube firing or torpedo running.

20th Left Wei-hai-wei for Chefoo arriving same day.

22nd Left Chefoo for Chinamphe

23rd

arriving on the 23rd
Anchored at Chhinampho & gave
leave to Chief & 1st class Petty officers
The object of this cruise was to
visit the Japanese bases during
the war. Chhinampho in Ping-yang
inlet, is the place where troops
were landed by General Kuroki to
fight in the Yalu river. But
unfortunately for the Japanese the
place was ice-bound during the
first few days of the war, so
the ships could not get in, but
left the troops at Chhemulpho
about 150 miles south, so making
a march of an additional 100
miles to the Yalu. However
Chhinampho soon became free
from ice, & then Kuroki & the
1st army landed there & marched
north to the Yalu. The Japanese
did all they could to give us a
good time, providing steam boats
to take us ashore & erected

a triumphal arch, etc.

Sept 25th Left Chinampo for Dalny.

In the evening we anchored at another base, called by Togo in his reports "A certain place". This place is a very sheltered kind of bay surrounded by islands, & form an excellent shelter for Togo's ships during their spells from attacking Port Arthur.

Torpedo booms were put across all entrances to the harbour, & his smaller ships stationed at the mouths of main channels, immediately warning him of the approach of any vessel.

Leaving this place next morning we went to Dalny, arriving there at 11. a.m. 26th

26th The officers & men of the fleet were invited to a garden party given by the Japanese officers & men ashore, a very enjoyable entertainment indeed, and

Sept-26th

thoroughly appreciated by all. Transferred to Alacitý & proceeded to Port Arthur arriving same evening, being piloted in by a Japanese destroyer. From the upper deck of the Alacitý we were able to count 32 sunken vessels at the entrance of the harbour. As we got further in we saw the Battleships, two raised, & one still lying on the bottom, with a heavy list to starboard. Having anchored in the middle of the harbour, near to two wrecks. We had a good view of all the hills, forts, & town.

27th

The Admiral's staff & officers of the fleet, who had come round with us, landed quite early in the morning. Leave was given to ship's company on the 27th & 28th which gave me a good chance of seeing some of the wonders of

the late war. Lying alongside the dockyard wall was the Russian Battleship Retvisan, which had been raised about 4 days, prior to our arrival, & was still drawing 29 foot of water, having looked at her externally, we passed on and came to several 12ⁱⁿ M. L. guns, which had evidently been meant to replace the worn guns of the Russian Battleships, but had fallen into the Japanese hands, to be sent to Japan as the primary armament of the captured battleships.

We next came across the "Amur" lying on her side in dock, the caisson of the dock was under repairs, & consequently dock was full of water. Divers were however employed getting coal out of her, so that when the caisson was replaced, some of the work would be finished. Several large workshops were

next attraction, & having walked through them ~~seen~~ seeing the many holes made by shot & shell, we passed on & next came to a destroyer, the interesting part of this destroyer was her stern. This boat had evidently been badly damaged aft, & apparently untouched forward. The Japanese with their usual resource fitted a wooden stern into her steel bows, which presented to us, a decidedly short, but still a ~~the~~ seaworthy little destroyer, which undoubtedly will soon be going to Japan to be fitted with a stern reality.

Passing round the eastern side of the basin we came to the Pallada which had been raised several months, we went inboard & seeing various articles in the after cabin, which we took as mementos, & finding time rushing on, we made

tracks for Golden Hill, which we climbed & were lucky in passing the sentry who was guarding the entrance. From the top of this magnificent fortress we saw the whole of the outlying forts on the eastern side, as well as 203 metre hill, & also a fine view of the sunken ships at the entrance of Tiger's Tail. The Battleship *Bobirada* was being patched up by the salvage people preparatory to being raised. We saw the magnificent forts & decided to go & see the work of the sappers, & the tunnels which they built in the heroic attacks during the latter months of 1904. On one side of 203 metre Hill there was 13,000 Japanese buried, & on the other side, ^{the} Russians, number of which is unknown, although there were many more there than the Japanese. We also saw some of

the trenches. The Japanese trenches were far more serviceable than the Russians. The trenches of the Russians were strewn with beer & vodka bottles, thousands of them, it looked as if they had lived on nothing else but intoxicants, not only that, but outside their hospital there was a long wall built of nothing else but empty bottles.

Sept
29th

Left this ever memorable place Port Arthur, for Dalny at 6.30. a.m. arriving there same morning at 9.15. a.m. & turned over again to H. M. S. Diadem

30th Left Dalny for Wei-hai-wei arriving there same day

Oct 1st Usual Routine

" 2nd Left Wei-hai-wei. with the remainder of Fleet for Kobe.

3rd Usual Routine

4th & 5th Usual Sea Routine, with dog watch evolutions, fire stations & collision quarters.

- Oct 6th Arriving at Kobe about 7. P. M.
- 7th Officers & men of the British ^{fleet} invited to a garden party in Hancho Shrine grounds, where we had a grand days sport, plenty to eat & drink, & in the evening went for a walk through the town, visiting some of the old temples & buildings. Stopped ashore all night returning on board at 7 o'clock next morning
- 8th Usual routine, all night leave being given.
- 9th Garden Party given to officers & special men with badges (2 from each mess) by the Mayor & citizens of Kyoto. Kyoto is a place of great interest, being the oldest city in Japan & also capital until the ~~last~~ present ruling emperor, removed the Imperial Palace to Tokyo. It is noted for its scenery, old temples, shrines, & Palaces, schools & colleges. After 2 hours ride in the train we

arrived at this grand old city. On getting out of the train we were met by bands, thousands of men, women & school children, amid many cheers we were marched through ^{the} crowded streets. Each man had an interpreter, a student from the higher Commercial School, who took us to the Temple of Tanhusan-gendo, this is the temple of a 1,000 left-hand idols, also the Yasaka Temple, the Temple of Daibutsu. Its wondrous bell & its rope of human hair, which was 150 feet long, being the hair of women & girls from all parts of Japan, & we also visited several other temples, shrines, & other places of great interest, after which we had a grand dinner at the renowned Kyoto Hotel. After dinner ^{we} were entertained by all sorts of Japanese dancing, singing, wrestling, juggling, & every other kind of entertainment, after this

we rode in jimricksha's to the Imperial Gardens, where an unusual thing occurred. The old Imperial Gardens & Palace were thrown open to us, which was a sight of a life time never to be forgot. After leaving the Imperial Palace we rode all round the town & returned to Hyōtō Hotel where we were again entertained. Afterwards returning to railway station, as we entered the barricade each man was given a bottle of beer & 2 sandwiches in a box, as the train left the station, loud cheers could be heard from all sides, & all the way on our return to Tokyo. Stopped at Kobe all night returning on board next morning at 7. a. m.

10th Clean ship preparative to being thrown open to visitors. After dinner piped down & ship thrown open to visitors from 1. till 5. p. m. Thousands of people visited the

ship, at 5 o'clock everybody was at work preparing for sea. & in a hour's time was leaving Kobe behind steaming for Yokohama,

11th At sea. Usual routine, clearing up decks etc, & preparing for entering Yokohama. arriving there late in the afternoon, U.S.S. Wisconsin & 3 Japanese cruisers were lying in the harbour. After saluting the country with 21 guns, the Japanese flagship returned the salute by saluting Admiral Sir Gerard Noel with 11 guns

12th Entertained to Garden Party at Yokohama Park by Municipality of Yokohama & had a very enjoyable time, with plenty of Banyai beer. Hundreds of School Children lining both sides of the street, with a Union Jack flag in their hand & shouting themselves hoarse with Banyais.

13th Invitations were sent to the British Fleet from the Mayor & citizens of Tokyo to a garden party in Hibiya Park & one half to go on the 13th & the other half on the 14th. We went up on the 13th & on arriving at Tokyo Station after an hour's ride in the train, we were met by thousands of people. We formed fours outside the station & marched to Hibiya Park, with the strains of Japanese music. All along both sides of the street school children were waving Union Jacks & singing our National Anthem. In some places you could see about 12, or 18 young students from the commercial schools playing accordions, which seemed so striking to see such instruments as from England & we could not help laughing at them. At the entrance to the Park they had built a triumphal arch of

green; & on top ~~was~~ the word welcome
in yellow chrysanthemums. Inside
the park there was the smartest
band in the Japanese army,
welcoming us with some stirring
English tunes. After watching
several of the entertainments, we
were called to go to a part of
the ground, where the Mayor
of Tokyo & Admiral Sir Gerard Noel
were delivering a speech, this
over, after this we were taken
to a large marquee where there
was a lovely repast waiting for
us. Plenty to eat & drink in real
old English style, which made it
more enjoyable, as we are a few
thousand miles from home. The
Japanese sailors ^{who} were with us was
very anxious for us to finish
our dinner, as they were afraid
we should not be able to see
all the sights of their grand
city. But we were not long

before we were ~~out~~ finished & having a walk round again watching the Japanese wrestling, jiu-jitsu, sword fighting, juggling, ball-balancing etc. There ^{was} a kind of theatre in which geisha-girls, go through a series of dances & singing, which of course we could not understand, although it made us laugh. There was plenty of photographers in the Park, who was very busy taking different views. I had mine taken with a sailor's cap on & a nice geisha girl on each knee. We returned to Yokohama in the evening well pleased with our brave allies. The remaining half of the ship's company invited to Hibiya Park, & went through the same performance as we did on the 13th. The Mikado of Japan received ~~and~~ an audience & Presented to

14th

Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, the First
Class Order of the Rising Sun, &
to the Admirals staff & all Captains
of the British Fleet, the Third
Class Order of the Rising Sun.

15th

Preparing for coaling from S.S.
Mercedes

16th

Coaling started 2.15 p.m. taken in
1,000 finishing at 11.25 a.m.

17th

Cleaning ship after Coaling, one
ladgeman from each mess went to
garden party given by P.O. & men
of the Naval Depot & Training
School at Yokosuka, we left
the ship at 7 a.m. Leaving yoko-
hama station about 8 a.m. arriv-
ing at our destination, after
about 2 1/2 hours ride. All along
the lines the people must have
known that we were coming,
as at every crossing or station
we were met with crowds
shouting Banyai, & showing the
flags crossed, on our arrival

at Yokosuka station we were met by the men from the Naval Barracks & each of us got the crossed flags to stick in our coat or cap, & we were marched through the town with a band at our head playing English tunes. All the town had turned out to see us, & thundering shouts of Banyai greeted us from all sides, on our arrival at the Naval Barracks all the men had got a holiday & were turned out to meet us & give us a good cheer, we were marched straight to the table, & had a good feed, after which we were shown all round the place, & also the captured Russians, which had just come out of dock, Nicholas. I. was the one I visited, & it was a grand sight, all broken to pieces. After seeing this we were taken to the barrack square, where all kinds of entertainment was going on, & all kinds of drink, & several speeches were given,

about 4.30. p.m. we marched back to the station, amid cheers from all sides & got on our way for Diadem once more arriving in Yokohama at 7.30. p.m. Stopped ashore all night & the next morning returned to our ship. During the day M. Witte & Peace delegates arrived at Yokohama.

18th Hands employed cleaning & decorating ship for dinner party given by Admiral Noel to officers of Japanese fleet.

19th Japanese ships proceeded to sea & in the afternoon hands make & mend clothes.

20th Admiral Togo & his fleet arrived at 9. a.m. In the evening Admiral Togo, his staff of officers Admiral Noel & his staff of officers dined together at the Oriental Palace Hotel.

21st Admiral Togo visited Admiral Noel aboard H. M. S. Diadem. in the morning. In the afternoon

visits were returned by Admiral Noel on board the Japanese flagship ~~Tokio~~ Shikishima, our ship manned ship in honour of Togo & all his other Admirals, salutes were fired & returned.

22nd The officers & men of H. M. S. S. Shikishima invited the ship's company of H. M. S. Diadem to an "At Home" in the afternoon. The upper deck was gaily decorated for the occasion. After being shown all round the ship, we were then taken to partake of some sandwiches & plenty of beer & saki (Japanese wine) after this we went on the forecastle to have our photos taken. We were shown into Admiral Togo's cabin as he happened to be ashore. It was a picture of cleanliness, for it looked like a little palace. On leaving the ship every man was presented with a splendid card with a lovely verse upon it

taken from one of Byron's poems,
when read indicated to ^{the} Anglo-
Japanese ^{alliance} would never part.

23rd Imperial Japanese review 7 a.m. the
British Fleet H. M. S. Diadem, Lutley,
Hogue, Andromeda, Astra & 6 river
class destroyers, weighed anchor &
steamed through the Japanese Fleet.
then to our position in the lines
astern of the Shikishima At 10 a.m.
The Emperor of Japan steamed through
the lines in the Japanese
Battle ship Assama, as he passed
each ship in the lines a hearty
cheers were given. 12 o. a.m. 4 Royal
Lulu's of 21 guns were fired
from each ship, after which
the Assama anchored between
Diadem & Shikishima, & his
Imperial Majesty received the
Admirals & Captains of the
Combined Fleets on board the
Assama, the U. S. S. Wisconsin as
well as several merchant ships

took part in the review. At night
the combined fleets were illuminated
from 7 till 9. It was a grand
sight to see so many ships lighted
up at once, one to be remembered
then from 9 till 10 played search-
lights, on the same night I trans-
ferred to Alacrity, going inside
the break-water.

Oct 24th Left Yokohama for Yokosuka &
arrived there on 25th

" 25th Admiral his staff & officers in-
spected Dockyard, about 11 o'clock
six Japanese submarines from
the review at Yokohama arrived.
Several Japanese & captured ships
(Russian) laid outside. 2.30. weighed
anchor & left for the City of
Osaka with Astrae.

26th Arrived at Osaka, amid booming
of guns & cheering & tied up
alongside the pier, Astrae just
astern, as soon as the ship was
secure the Admiral & staff left.

by train for Kyoto, amid singing
& Bands playing & all the children
yelling *Ban-zai*. Ship left the
pier & tied up to a buoy in the
stream, *Astra* remaining alongside.
Ships open to visitors & crowds
came aboard.

27th At 11.0. a.m. one half of ship's
company went to Garden Party
given by the citizens of Osaka.
During the afternoon a speech
was given by the Mayor of
Osaka & Admiral Sir Gerard
Noel. On entering the park each
man was presented with an silver
alliance pin given by the Mayor
& citizens of Osaka, English &
Japanese flags crossed. The citizens
had been waiting since our
first arrival in Japanese waters,
for the opportunity to welcome us.
All the electric cars, & motor
boats were decorated with lamps
evergreens & chrysanthemums for

the occasion, & were free for our use. We were shown over the barracks & castle. The officers were entertained at the Headquarters of the barracks, while we were treated to tea & tobacco at the Castle. The well known dancing hall was thrown open to us, & dances which we saw pleased us very much. The teachers & students of the Higher Commercial School acted as our interpreters during the visit. A strange but unfortunate incident occurred while we were at Osaka. A funeral procession which was passing along Hon-machi were encountered by a party of blue-jackets, & the latter, not unnaturally, owing regard to the great contrast between the Japanese & English functions of this kind, failed to gather the true significance of what they saw. mistook the funeral cortege for a procession in their honour. They therefore greeted it with shouts of "Banzai", & one of the sailor's

leaving his rikisha, attempted to seize some of the flowers. In the evening the theatres, binematograph displays & other places of amusement were open to us. We visited the binematograph display, which had some interesting views of England & Japan, as well as the war. After spending a very enjoyable day in the City of Osaka we retired to rest very pleased with our day outing, returning to ship 7 a.m. next morning.

28th The remaining half of ship's company went to the garden party, the trip to the park was made in motor boats, amid cheers, singing, & Banquets, speeches were made the same as day before.

29th Garden Party given to one half of ship's company at Nara, ship thrown open to visitors. We visited a few of the many fine temples, also the great god "Nara" which the great city is named after.

We had an "At Home" in Harb. Park.
returning to our ship at night about 11.0 p.m.
30th Remaining half of Ship's Company went to
Nara Garden Party, Ship thrown
open to visitors

~~Nov~~ Oct 31st Weighed anchor, with Ad-
miral & staff on board, about 8. a.m.
& proceeded to Kobe arriving there at
11.15. Transferred Flag to H.M.S. Diadem
At 2.15 proceeded to Kure with Fleet
7.30. Dropped anchor at Ra-o-sahi.

Nov 1st 6.30. a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded
to Kure through the Inland Seas of
Japan arriving at Kure at 4. p.m.
Several Japanese ships were in har-
bour & the captured Russian Battle-
ship "Orel", which had been raised
by the Japanese & had its name
changed to "Iwami".

Nov 2nd Admiral, Staff, & officers of the
Fleet inspected the Dockyard &
Arsenal at Kure. In the afternoon
one half of ship's company were
invited to a garden party given by

the P. O. & men of Japanese Naval Barracks at Tsuru. A peer of the realm, (a millionaire) also also gave a party to about 30 of our men & he was very good to them, tons of Banyai beer. me & my 2 chums got so happy that we broke our leave 35 hours, coming off just as the ship was on the way.

3rd
8. a.m. Dressed, ship in honour of the Mikado's birthday. 2.0. p.m. the other half of ship's company attended garden party & millionaire's garden party, given by Municipality of Tsuru, me & my chums were having plenty of "Banyai" beer. At the millionaire's house we had anything we liked, beer, food, & cigarettes in galore. He had invited his tenants to come & see us, & if they understood English to have a chat with us. He had a gramophone which he specially bought for the occasion, having English

tunes as well as Japanese to amuse us with, as well as a piano which he played, while each man sang a song. Then one of the Japanese would sing a song, or give a recitation in their own lingo, which made us laugh until we nearly split our sides. Although we could not understand it but it was the motions & attitudes they put themselves in. There was one poor fellow there, who had lost his arm in the war, during one of the attacks on Port Arthur, & he told us all about these attacks, & the hardships he had endured. He had been to England, to fetch a man-o-war from Newcastle to his own country, & he was pleased about it too. At night the British Fleet Illuminated from 7 till 10.

9. a.m. Left Kure & proceeded to Miyajima, me & my chums climbed up the ship's side just as she was getting on the way, & managed

to be in time to man & cheer ship.
We arrived at Miyajama at 11.0 a.m.
Only officers were allowed ashore
here, in the afternoon they were
invited to an "At Home" by the
officers of the Naval College, re-
turning to the ship about 8 o'clock
in the evening.

5th
6.0 a.m. Left Miyajama, passing
Simonsaki at 5 p.m. dropped anchor
10 p.m. at Shikima. The Astrée &
destroyers left us at Simonsaki &
proceeded to Moji.

6th
9.0 a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded
to Sasebo arriving there at 2.0 p.m.
Astrée & 2 destroyers arriving about
2 hours later. Several Japanese
ships were laying in the harbour,
which returned our salute, there
was also 2 captured Russians,
& Admiral Togo's late flagship
(The Mikasa) which had caught
fire, blown up & then sunk. The
salvage company were hard at

work trying to raise her, which the Japanese mean to do at all costs. This is where Admiral Rozewinsky & officers were took after the battle of the "Sea of Japan" with Togo's Fleet, when the Baltic Squadron was broke up.

7th 12.30. p.m. 200 men from each ship, attended garden party given by T. O. & men of the Japanese Naval Barracks.

8th Left Sasebo bound for Nagasaki. H. M. S. Lutley had to remain behind, a wire hawser getting foul of her propeller. As we left we were saluted on all sides, we manned ship & cheered to heart's content. The Mikasa funnels & bridges were just above the water as we left. We arrived at 11.0. a.m. at Nagasaki, all the school children of the place were on both sides banging for all they were worth. 200 men from each ship attended a garden party given by the Municipality of Nagasaki. The Mayor delivered a long speech, also Admiral Kool who

was present with staff

5th This is an abstract from the
Nagasaki Press.

The great event of the day was the reception of the officers & men by the Municipality. The reclaimed land at Rakanoshima, near the railway station had been suitably prepared for the occasion, marquees had been erected, & a large evergreen arch did duty as an entrance.

The visitors from the warships numbered nearly a 1,000, including 70 officers; in addition, the male section of the English residents were invited & the majority were present. The naval guests landed at various points in the ~~harbour~~ & proceeded to the grounds in jinrikisha or on foot as they pleased. At the landing stage at Ohato, a very large evergreen arch had been erected with the word "Welcome" in large gold letters swinging on top. From Ohato to

to the ground the route was lined with school children & students, & as the navy men passed they were greeted with an enthusiastic storm of Banyai. The children each carried a flag, & fully entered into the spirit of the welcome; if but one seaman or marine passed, he was greeted as enthusiastically as a large number. The admirable way in which the ~~floor~~ police kept the route open deserves high commendation & reflects equal credit upon the vast number of spectators, who were most patient. The visitors were not slow to respond to the greetings showered upon them, & the ready manner in which Banyai tripped off their tongues showed that they have had plenty of practice during their month's tour of Japanese ports.

At the entrance to the Reception Ground. Mayor Yokoyama received the guests, & at 3.15. Admiral Sir Gerard

Roel & Lady & Miss Roel arrived, after a short interval, during which some Japanese gymnasts displayed remarkable agility. The Mayor, H. C. Governor Arakawa, Admiral Sir. Gerard Roel, the commanders of the British warships & H. B. M.'s Acting Consul, Mr Harold G. Parlett, ascended a platform, & the whole of the company gathered as near thereto as possible. The Mayor then read an address of welcome which was translated by his secretary Mr. Isoda, as follows:-
I am extremely grateful for the privilege, on behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki, of welcoming you & thanking you for this visit to our port. When we first heard of your arrival in Japan, we were very much pleased at the courtesy which prompted you to visit our country, also at the cordial relation existing between us. We were

very anxious to have the honour of an early visit from you & to our great joy we were visited by a destroyer flotilla which forms part of your squadron, & we felt much satisfaction. Having seen a part of the squadron, our desire to see ^{you} increased more & more; we felt as if we had heard beautiful music, without being able to see the players, whose performance we admired so much. Now you have honoured us with your presence & the citizens of Nagasaki are perfectly happy & almost overjoyed at having ships flying the white ensign in our port. g)

"The Two Island Empires, one the most powerful in the West, & the other having just emerged victorious from a great conflict are geographic ally wide separated from each other, but in heart & mind they are knit together as brothers."

"We feel that we owe a great

deal to our Western brothers for the rapid development & improvement of our country. Moreover the conclusion of the new treaty of the Alliance not only strengthens the intimate relations already existing between the two nations, but ensures the peace of the Far East. It was with great earnestness & sincere respect that, in the name of this municipality of Nagasaki, we took the pleasure of inviting you here to-day in order to express our esteem & goodwill towards you. We regret very much that our arrangements & preparations for your welcome are by no means equal to those made in the capital & other places, but earnestly hope that you will appreciate the goodwill & hospitality of the citizens of Nagasaki.

Nagasaki is situated in a remote

part of Japan, & I believe is the last port of call during your present visit to the country; after ~~leaving~~ leaving us it will be some time before you return again, so kindly take the opportunities now afforded to see as much as possible of our land.

Admiral Sir Gerard Koel, in reply, said that they were really having the second instalment of Nagasaki's reception, the first having been attended by the officers & men of the destroyer flotilla. He said they had seen Japan in time of peace, & they had also seen & heard something of her prowess in war. He first had the privilege of visiting Nagasaki forty years ago, since which time there has been many ~~change~~ changes, but time had not changed the beauty of the harbour & its many surroundings. Nagasaki is one of the leading cities of Japan & it was his wish that it

should prosper. On behalf of the officers & men, he thanked the citizens of Nagasaki for their cordial welcome they had received. The new alliance, he hoped, would promote the prosperity & friendship of England & Japan, in conclusion called for three cheers for His Majesty the Emperor of Japan. The Admiral led off the cheering, & the visitors heartily responded. Mr Isoda translated the Admiral's speech into Japanese, after which the Sasebo Naval Band played the British National Anthem. At the call of the Mayor, three Banzai were given for H. M. King Edward. Another band played the Japanese Naval Anthem. Cheers were then given for the Mayor & Banzai for the Admiral.

After the speeches & cheers was finished, the visitors were conducted to tastefully arranged

tables & filled with refreshments. The seamen & marines were well looked after & gave vent to their feelings in spontaneous bursts of cheering.

Mayor Yokoyama was carried shoulder high by bluejackets. The loyal toasts were honoured at every table followed by more personal ones. The Jasebo Naval Band played some delightful music throughout the afternoon & is probably the best Japanese band ever heard at Kagasaki.

During the afternoon entertainments were given by geisha girls & their performances were highly appreciated. Exhibitions of gekken (Japanese fencing) & jiu jitsu also attracted much attention. A party of seamen & marines entertained the Japanese with some wonderful species of round dancing. Altogether a most enjoyable time was spent, the naval men evidently being quite used to fraternizing with their allies, showing little

reserve. Each officer & man was presented with a souvenir sake cup which had been specially manufactured for the occasion.

In the evening the city was illuminated in honour of the British Squadron.

Nov 9th King Edward VII birthday. 8.0 a.m. the fleet dressed ship in celebration 12 noon. fired a Royal salute of 21 guns. Illuminated ship from 7 to 10. p.m.

10th 7. a.m. Started coaling from H.M. Collier Mercedes taken in 1440 tons, averaging 110. tons per hour, finishing at 10.30. p.m.

11th Forenoon spent in cleaning ship, 12.0. noon Admiral transferred flag to Alacrity, I had finished orderly, so stopped aboard Diadem 3.15. H.M.S. Astrea left Nagasaki. & proceeded to Wei-hai-wei as guardship, 3.20. p.m. Alacrity left for Shanghai, 5. p.m.

H. M. S. Andromeda, Diadem, Lutley.
left for Woosung. Hogue & destroyers
were left coaling in Nagasaki with
orders to proceed to Hong Kong when
finished. So this concluded a most
eventful cruise, never to be forgotten.
It was called by the officers &
men of the British Fleet, as the
Banyai Cruise.

12th Fleet at Sea. Usual Routine.

13th Anchored at 6.30 p.m. at the
mouth of the Yang-tse-Kiang river
awaiting turn of the tide, also to
get a pilot aboard to take us
over the bar. Proceeded again at
9.30 a.m. arriving at Woosung about
2.15 p.m. The foreign ships lying
at anchor, first class German
cruiser *Furst Bismark*, 1st class
Russian cruiser *Asold*, also two
Chinese cruisers *Hai-Wung* & *Hai-
Chai*, at Shanghai our ships were
Bonaventure, *Alacivty*, & *Cadmus*
The river gunboat *Robin* came.

down from banking & lay alongside taking fresh hands aboard. Here we were visited by Chinese officers also by Russians officers from Ashold. Between the 14th & 26th nothing unusual occurred, we were going to give 48 hours general leave during our stay, but the weather was so rough, that nobody cared to land

- 27th 8.30. a.m. Left Woosung for Miss Bay in company with 'H. M. S.' Andromeda, & Lutley, 6" night firing was carried out from 8. to 10. p.m. & at 12.0 p.m. Started a steam trial three fifths speed.
- 28th At Sea finished steam trial at 12. noon, averaging 17.5 knots, H. M. S. Andromeda & Lutley proceeded to Amoy.
- 29th At Sea. Usual Routine. Dog Watch evolutions.
- 30th Arrived at Miss Bay 3. p.m. J. B. D. Lee arrived from Hong Kong with mail, returning immediately

afterwards.

Dec 1st At Mirs Bay fired 8 rounds of 6" Lyddite & carried out 1" aiming practice.

2nd Left Mirs Bay at 1.30 p.m. arriving at Hong Kong at 4.0 p.m. At 5.30 p.m. transferred Admiral's flag from 'Alacrity' to 'Diadem'. Ships in harbour. Andromeda, Alacrity, Hogue, & Water-witch.

3rd Foreign ships in harbour H. I. M. S. Bogatiji (Russian) & U. S. S. Raleigh (American)

4th to 8th All hands employed drawing stores, ammunition, & provisions from Hong Kong dockyard.

9th Hong Kong H. I. M. S. Gromoboi (the flagship of Admiral Jessen) & the Rossia arrived, (Russian cruisers)

10th Usual Routine

11th Hong Kong. U. S. S. Wisconsin arrived from Manila.

12th Hong Kong. U. S. S. Raleigh left for Manila. English transport arrived, (Dunera) with troops

- to & relieve the garrison
- 13th + 14th Usual Routine.
- 15th Hong Kong. H. M. S. Alacritty entered dry dock.
- 16th Usual Routine. Hands employed cleaning ship.
- 17th Hong Kong. H. M. S. Furst Bismark (German Cruiser) arrived from Manila. 1.30 p.m. Transferred Admiral's flag to Alacritty, at 2. p.m. we entered dry dock.
- 18th + 19th Dry Dock. Hands Employed drawing dockyard stores.
- 20th Dry Dock. H. M. S. Andromeda left for Shanghai, on account of the Chinese rioting. Commodore Bonaventure, & other ships at Shanghai, & had plenty of trouble with them.
- 21st Left Dry dock & returned to our anchorage in the harbour, transferred Admiral's flag from Alacritty to Diadem.

22nd to 24th. Usual Routine. Hands employed
cleaning ship prior to Christmas.

25th Christmas day. Captain went
the rounds with his wife & several
other ladies & gentlemen, the
band walking in front playing
Roast Beef Old England. After
that we were piped down for
the day, a bottle of beer a man
being served out. Leave was
piped from 1.0.7. m. till 7. a.m.
next morning. In the evening we,
the marines made up a sing-
song party to make it a bit lively
then marched round the ship
with a band of tin kettles & duff-
sticks, or anything else we could
find. After this we pulled down
all decorations, & Xmas finished.

26th to 31st
Jan^{ry} 1906. Cleaning ship & doing odd jobs
New Year's day come & went
forgetten (naval New Year)
2nd Preparing for coaling ship.

- Jan 3rd Commenced coaling ship at 8.30 a.m.
 & finished at 6.30 p.m. allowing
 one hour for meals, taking in
 1,600 tons, average 177.7 per hour
- 4th Cleaned & washed down ship,
 scrubbed mess deck & flats,
 cleaned guns & paintwork.
 Hogue entered dry dock.
- 7th H. M. S. Hogue left the dock.
- 8th Hong Kong. H. M. S. Diadem &
 Lutley left to proceed to Manila.
 at 4 p.m. Hogue following 2 hours
 later, owing to her not being
 finished coaling in time to
 leave with the other ships.
- 9th At Sea. Fine weather, & very hot,
 getting hotter as we travelled
 south.
- 10th Anchored off Guam Island,
 Philippines.
- 11th At 6 a.m. Proceeded to Manila,
 arriving there at 11.0 a.m. with
 salutes from U. S. S. ships, which
 we returned. At 6.30 p.m. P.O. &

men were entertained by the P.O. & men of U. S. S. Rainbow to a smoking concert & supper, which was very good. The ships in harbour were U. S. S. Oregon, Wisconsin, Raleigh, Rainbow, & the gunboat Frolic.

12th At Manila. Admiral Sir Gerard Noel gave an "At Home" to the officers of the U. S. Fleet, on board the Diadem.

13th At Manila. U. S. S. Diadem's football team played the Manila football team (Americans) & beat them 6-0. At 2 p.m. the P.O. & men of our fleet were invited by the P.O. & men of the U. S. Fleet to an outing for the day. Electric cars were waiting to convey us round the town until 5 p.m. at which time dinner was served at the Opera House Manila. After that we had another car ride, returning to the Opera House at 8 p.m. where a Musical Entertainment was given.

by the P.O. & men of the U. S. Fleet lasting until 11.0 p.m. when the cars were again waiting for the men of the British Fleet to convey them to the landing place

- 14th 6.0 a.m. Left Manila en route for Labuan, British North Borneo. Passed H. M. S. Rambler at sea
- 15th At Sea. Admiral's inspection at 9.15. Admiral mustered ship's company by the open list, afterwards inspecting the ship. 4.0 p.m. Inspected ship's company at physical drill. At 7.0 p.m. anchored off Malahan Islands for the night
- 16th 6.0 a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded to Labuan, at 9.30 Major inspected Marine detachment in marching order for Admiral 4.0 p.m. dropped anchor at Tega Bay, Piperos Islands for the night

17th 6.30. a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded to Labuan arriving there at 10.30. a.m. In the afternoon leave was given for men to go fishing, sailing, or going ashore for sport, chasing monkeys, climbing coconut trees, etc.

18th 1.0. p.m. Left Labuan & proceeded to Saigon (Cochin China.)

19th At Sea. Usual Routine. Nice weather

20th Arrived at Cape St. Jacques at 8.30. a.m. (Saigon) Transferred Admiral's flag to Alacitj. Admiral & staff proceed up the river to Saigon in H. M. S. Alacitj. Foreign ships in port were the French cruisers "Guichen" & J. B. D. Sabre. H. M. Destroyers Coe & Grue were in harbour as despatch boats between Saigon & Cape St. Jacques.

21st Commenced coaling ship from H. M. Collier Mercedes at 7.0. a.m. taking in 500 tons finishing at 11.0. a.m. averaging 125 tons per hour.

Garden party at Saigon in the afternoon to 200 men of the British Fleet.

- 22nd Hands employed cleaning ship etc
- 23rd Garden party at Saigon, also a football match H. M. S. Diadem versus Saigon. Resulting in a win for Diadem by 3-0.
- 24th 2.0. p.m. ~~to~~ H. M. S. Hogue & Diadem left for Hong-Kong, H. M. S. Alacrity (with Admiral) Tuttlej, Erne & Lee left for Bangkok. (Siam)
- 25th At Sea
- 26th At Sea 9.30. a.m. (Evolutions)
General & Fire Quarters
- 27th Arrived in Hong-Kong at 2.30. a.m. Ships in Harbour, H. M. S. Andromeda, Hecla, Waterwitch & Austrian cruiser Panther, H. M. S. Hogue left us at the entrance of the harbour to proceed to Miris Bay to carry out quarterly firing.
- 28th Usual Harbour Routine.

30th 8.0. a.m. H. M. S. Andromeda started
coaling. 4.45 p.m. H. M. S. Hogue arrived
from Miss Bay. we received the news
of the death of the King of Denmark
all ships in harbour half-masted
their ensigns.

31st 9.45. p.m. H. M. S. Flora arrived
from Singapore. at 4.50. p.m. H. M. S.
Andromeda finished coaling.

Feb 1st Diadem commenced coaling at
9.0. a.m. finishing at 5. P.m. getting
in 1,379 tons averaging 195.5 tons per
hour. The Russian volunteer
cruiser (Trostrama) left here for
Vladavostock. H. M. S. Bonaventure
arrived from Shanghai at 3.30 am

2nd Hands employed cleaning ship.
French mail arrived by British
India steam ship "Lansang".

3rd H. M. S. Hogue commenced coaling
at 8.30. a.m. & finished at 5.20. pm
taking in 1,060 average 132.4 per hour

5th Hands paint ship, German steamer
with Russian prisoners aboard

6th arrived bound for St. Petersburg
2.15 p.m. H. M. S. Alacrity with
Admiral & Lutley arrived from
Bangkok. (Siam)

7th General cleaning up the ship &
drawing stores preparing for the
coming of H. R. H. Prince Arthur
of Connaught

8th Same Routine. Inspection by Captain

9th Hong Kong 10.0 a.m. P. & O. steam
ship "Dongola" arrived with H. R. H.
Prince Arthur of Connaught. H. G.
H. G. V. O. A. Royal Salute of 21 guns
was fired directly she anchored.
As the Prince proceeded ashore
every ship had a Royal guard up
on the Quarter deck, & as he
passed each ship the band
played the National Anthem.
Admiral Sir Gerard Noel. H. C. B.
H. G. M. G. met him in his barge.
He was received ashore by His
Excellency the Governor of Hong
Kong (Sir Matthew Nathan) & Major

General Villiers Hatton & staff. The guard of honour was furnished by the 129th (Duke of Connaught's own) Baluchis. After inspecting the guard rockets & feu-de-joies were fired, the bands playing the National Anthem. The following are the members of the Mission on the Staff to convey the Order of the Garter to the Mikado of Japan. Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Edward Seymour, General Sir J. Kelly-Thomny, Colonel A. Davidson, Esquery to H. M. the King, Capt^m W. Wynham Kings Royal Rifles, Esquery to H. R. H. Prince Arthur, Mr. Arthur Lampson Miles (of the Foreign office) secretary to the Mission & Lord Redesdale. 4. 0. p. m. A garden party was given at the Government House, by His Excellency the Governor to our Royal visitor. 8. 0 p. m. H. R. H. Prince Arthur was present at the officials dinner at Government House given by the Governor.

Feb 10th 1906 11.30. a.m. H. R. Highness came on board the "Diadem" to inspect his apartments leaving again at 12. being very pleased with them 12.45. H. M. S. Alacrity with H. R. H. & friends & Admiral Sir Gerard Noel on board proceeded up the river to Canton returning again at 5. p.m. 1.30. H. M. S. Diadem had 4 hours steam trial returning to harbour at 5.30. p.m.

11th 7.45. H. M. S. Rambler arrived from Labuan. 1.0. p.m. H. R. H. lunched with the officers of the 129th Baluchis. (Duke of Connaught's own) at Trouloom. In the afternoon the party visited the peak. 7.30. p.m. H. R. H. dined with Admiral Sir Gerard Noel.

12th H. R. H. & party rode through the streets of Hong Kong to have a look at the triumphal arches & other decorations in his honour.

13th 8.15. a.m. U. S. S. Oregon arrived from Manila. 10.30. p. m. H. R. H. & set

Suité came aboard, All the officers with their swords on & a Royal salute guard received him as he stepped on the quarter-deck. The guard giving a Royal Salute, at the same time the Royal Standard was hoisted at the main, the band playing the National Anthem. & all the Fleet including the Austrian cruisers "Panther" & the U. S. battleship "Oregon" fired a Royal Salute of 21 guns. 10.55. got on the way for Yokohama all the Fleet playing their searchlights on us until we were out of sight of Hong-Kong. All Hong-Kong was illuminated. I was told off as H. R. H. orderly with another one of our men.

14th At Sea. Usual Routine. very fair weather H. R. H. Prince Arthur was shooting 12 fr practice target aiming rifle. About 4.0 p.m. we entered the Formosa Straits

15th At Sea. Usual Routine. Seamen at small arm drill. During the forenoon

the Prince watched them at drill. About 11.0. a.m. H. R. H. & party inspected the ship with the captain, being very pleased with the cleanliness of it. Marines at 6" gun drill on Quarter-deck

16th Usual Routine. Went to General Quarters in the forenoon & in the evening Fire Quarters.

17th Usual Routine. (Saturdays) Scrubbed decks & cleaned for Sunday. Weather very rough indeed.

18th Still very rough until we got close to the land about 9.0. a.m. got in communication with a wireless station ashore, & received a signal from the Japanese Fleet sent there by telegraph about 9.15. a.m. After a lot of working got in wireless communication with the Japanese Fleet 105 miles away.

Entrance to Yokohama 85 miles. About 9.30. a.m. H. R. H. sent a message to the Admiral, & received

one back to say that the Fleet would meet & escort us into harbour.

Feb 19th See us well on the way for Yokohama. on nearing Yokohama, the sacred mountain of Japan (Fujiyama) was very visible being almost covered with snow. We arrived in the entrance about 6.0. a.m. without having seen the Japanese Fleet, but shortly after we had entered the harbour. about 7.0. a.m. the Japanese Fleet was seen returning. The fleet consisting of H. I. N. S. ^o Yagumo, (flagship of Vice Admiral Hataoka) cruisers. Adzumo, Iwate, & Chihaya, Torpedo boat destroyers, Tsubuki, Arara, Yayoi, & Ariake. We were flying the Royal Standard at the main, the Harbour Master's launch came out to meet us & as we entered the battleship "Asahi" & cruiser "Otawa" which were laying at anchor as guard of Honour meanwhile fired a Royal Salute, which we returned, all the ships in harbour were dressed in honour of H. R. H.'s visit. As we

steamed slowly into the breakwater we could see all the houses & hotels dressed with flags & crowds of people lining the Bund. The Royal Guard was on the Quarter-deck ready to salute H. N. H. 8.30. a.m. Several British & Japanese steam boats arrived & the Reception committee came on board H. M. S. Diadem in full dress to receive H. N. H. The Reception Committee consisting of the following Japanese personages:- Field-Marshal Baron Turoki, Admiral Togo, Rear Admiral Ijima, General Tukaishima, Colonel Utsunomiya, Captain Saharabe, Mr Nagasaki, Grand Master of ceremonies of the Imperial Household & Messrs Asaina & Watanabe, all from Tokyo. There was also Sir Claude Macdonald. Lt. Col. M. G. St. B. (British Ambassador) Colonel Hume, Military Attaché, Captain Jackson Naval Attaché Mr J. G. Hall, British Consul, &

Mr Hobart Hampden, Vice Consul, all in uniform, at a quarter to ten H. R. H. left H. M. S. Diadem with Committee & party, as he left the ship the Royal Standard was lowered & all the Japanese Fleet & H. M. S. Diadem fired a Royal Salute. On shore everything was in readiness for H. R. H. as he landed, the Pier & street was lined with Japanese bluejackets, & the Band of the Naval Barracks Yokohama played the British Anthem. As H. R. H. stepped ashore in the uniform of the 7th Hussars with the Royal suite. Lord Kedessdale C. B. K. C. V. O. Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour G. C. B. O. M. Colonel Arthur Davidson, C. V. O. C. B. Equerry to the King Mr Lampton of the Foreign Office. he was met by the Crown Prince of Japan, several Japanese officials & the Mayor of Yokohama, amid Banyias from all sides, he & all his staff rode off in carriages the two Princes General Kuroki, & Sir Claude Macdonald riding in.

in the Imperial Carriage to the detached Palace in Yokohama where the Crown Prince introduces H. R. H. to all the Japanese officials, as they left the Palace for the station he was escorted by two squadrons of cavalry. When they arrived at the station there was two lines of Japanese Naval officers, waiting to receive him. Prince Arisugawa held a dinner party in honour of H. R. H.'s visit. At Tokio the receptions were the same. H. R. H. & the Crown Prince had an audience with the Mikado.

In the speeches given at Yokohama the Mayor said it was a great pleasure to have a Royal visitor of Great Britain, as it was 16 years since they had been honoured with such a visit. The address ~~was~~ presented by the residents was enclosed in a very handsome silver box 17 1/2 inches in length

3 1/2 inches wide & 2 3/4 inches deep. The design was chrysanthemum & cherry blossom (Japanese sacred flowers) & on the lid was the following inscription "Presented to H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught by the British Residents of Yokohama, 20th February 1906". Prince Arthur in reply said "Gentlemen I thank you very sincerely for the very kind address of welcome you have presented to me. Ships in harbour were H. M. S. "Adzuma, Yaguma, Iwate, Chikaya, Otawa, cruisers, & the battleship Ascha, Tabuki, Arara, Yayoi, & Ariake destroyers."

Feb 20th At Yokohama. Snowing all day long & very cold, 10.30. Officers of H. M. S. Diadem, & officers of the Japanese Fleet left for Tokyo to attend Memorial Service in Memoriam of the explosion & sinking of the Mikasa, (Togo's flagship), 1st class battle ship. which was blown up while laying at anchor in Tasebo harbour. 11.0 a.m. Our Commander

visited the Japanese Admiral on board H. M. S. "Yagumo", at 12. noon Vice Admiral Tachibana paid the return visit on board the "Diadem" leaving again at 12.30. as he left the ship a salute was fired. In the afternoon two of the Japanese ships left the harbour with the destroyers. Invitation to the ship's company to an "At Home" on board the Japanese ships on 21st & 22nd. Tokyo. H. R. H. proceeded to the Imperial Palace at 10.30 & presented the Order of the Garter to the Emperor of Japan, returning to Masumigasaki Palace, at 11.15. H. M. the Emperor paid the return visit to Prince Arthur leaving the Imperial Palace at 12.30. p.m. In the afternoon H. R. H. visited the Princes of the Royal Blood at 6.30 p.m. he again proceeded to the Imperial Palace & attended the Royal Banquet given in honour of his visit. The Bugaku (Dance)

dance) was a feature of the entertainment provided for the Prince

Feb. 21st 7. a.m. in the morning, the Japs commenced coaling very slowly, weather very cold & still snowing. In the afternoon the Mechanics, seamen & band visited the Japanese ships & had an "At Home" on the "Iwate", "Yagumo", & "Aoyumo". Tokyo H. N. H. was very busy held a reception at Masumagashi Palace. Lunched at Horakuyen with the Minister of war. Visited Arsenal & gardens. Dined at the Iwata Palace with the Crowned Prince, & attended a Ball given by the British Ambassador at the Embassy. The men who had visited the Japanese ships returned about 6. p.m. All very pleased with the reception they got. Plenty of beer, sake, (Japanese wine) & food had been flying round. During the evening it rained & snowed pretty freely & Japanese still getting in coal packing up about 7.0 p.m. Stoves were rigged up & lighted

on account of the severe cold
Feb 22nd In the early part of the morning
it was still about the same rain &
sleet coming down & very cold, but
for the remainder of the day it
was very nice weather. 7.30. a.m
the Japs carried on cooling very
slow. In the forenoon the Marines
were told off for the different
Japanese ships, the "Kwate" Yagumo
& Adyumo. Two messes to each
ship & the band divided up, then
the stokers & some of the seamen
were divided into three lots. I
was among the "Kwate" lot & we
had some grand sport, there
was tons of beer & food, wrestling,
bayonet fighting, & everything else
you could think of in a ship &
everybody was very pleased & full
up before leaving the ships, &
the Japanese enjoyed themselves
grand, some of the seamen were
dressed up as Japanese girls.

which was very good, & played their part well. The other ships were just the same & had their photos taken on the forecastle of their ships, but when we got on board our own ship, they were fighting & blood flying in galore. The Japs knocked off coaling about 7.0 p.m. ship in a very dirty state & not finished coaling. Lt. R. H. visited Yokosuka dockyards to-day at 9.30. At 12 noon Lunched & entertained by Admiral Hamimura, commander of the naval station of Yokosuka. After paying a visit to the docks, ships, etc. Lt. R. H. returned to Tokyo, where he was entertained by Mr. Kato Minister of Foreign Affairs at his official Residence

Feb 23rd Yokohama. weather very cold snowing & raining in A sleat at 7 a.m General leave was given to the Port Watch until 7 a.m on the 25th which did not tempt many on account of the

Dollars being scarce & the bad weather, at 7:30 a.m Japs commenced getting in the coal again & lower deck leave being piped for the Port watch & in the afternoon piped down all hands & our Officers gave the Officers of the Japanese ship an "At Home" which was attended by a good number 3:30 P.M steam ship "Cambellman" arrived with Japanese prisoners of war on their way home the Japs finished getting in coal at 5:30 P.M & as soon as they cleared out the stokers got the coal shutes down then all hands turned to & the upper deck & mess deck was cleaned we finished at 7:30 P.M

Tohyo. H.R.H. visited the duck netting at Shinohama with his party & Japanese friends & had a very good day's shooting. at noon all the party lunched at the house of the Minister of the Imperial

2 Household returning to "Tokyo"
in the evening & dined at the
British Embassy.

Feb 24th In the morning started to clean
ship Saturday's routine & we
finished at 11 a.m. at 12 noon all
the Japanese fleet left Yokohama
for Yokosuka at 2:15 P.M. the
U.S.S. Rainbow arrived & gave
leave to the Boys anchored just
outside the Breakwater at 3 P.M.
the G.P.M. steam ship Mongolia
one of the largest afloat arrived

Tokyo. H. R. H. attended a luncheon
party given by Prince Fushima
afterwards H. R. H. attended a
concert organised by Lady
Macdonald with his suite &
Japanese Friends he afterwards
dined at the Kasumagasaki
Palace after dinner visited
the Kabuki Theatre where he
was entertained in the
Japanese style which was enjoyed

Feb 25th At 9:10 a.m. there was an Earthquake that lasted for 3 min knocking down chimneys, roofs & lots of other damage was done it was said to be the worst experience of an Earthquake they've had in Yokie for the last 13 year & this was the 2nd one within a week

General leave for the start board watch from 7 a.m until 7 a.m on the 27th 9:30 a.m. Church in the afternoon I went on leave & visited a Japanese friend & slept there all night in proper Jap style.

Tokyo. H. N. H. had lunch at the Hasumagasaki Palace in the afternoon he paid his farewell visit to the Emperor at the Imperial Palace & in the evening H. N. H. Party & all the Japanese high officials dined with the Emperor.

Feb 26th Ashore until 12:30 & had a good look round we were very busy on board as every body was painting the ship all over
Tokyo. H.R.H. was visited by the Emperor & afterward H.R.H. & suite attended lunching given by the Mayor of Tokyo at his residence & in the evening a dinner at the German Legation.

Feb 27th at 8 a.m. prepared for getting on the way & at 8.15 weighed anchor & got on the way for Sasebo raining & snowing in a sleet & very rough as we left we passed U.S.S. Rainbow & proceeded very rough

Tokyo. H.R.H. left Tokyo with his party for Shizouka & stayed at the Daitoukan Hotel.

Feb 28th at sea still very rough but a bit warmer about 12:30 the wind dropped & left us a lovely

Feb 28th fine day usual routine in the afternoon we passed through the Bungo Strait & round a part of the Inland Seas of Japan at 4:30 P.M. we passed H. I. J. M. S Korlex Cruiser captured from the Russian in the late war at 6:30 P.M. we passed 2 Japanese Cruisers at 7: P.M. the skipper gave a dinner to the officers in the Admirals cabin & at 9:30 P.M. we anchored at Hyotanbo for the night. H. R. H. left Shijouka for Hyoto & dined with the Mayor of the City as well as several other high officials during the day he visited the old Imperial Palace & grounds & several shrines & Temples which are very old & pretty sights he also visited the University & College also Commercial school & was all cheers & ~~Boyn~~ "Banzai" at every turning he stayed at Mihado Hotel

March 1st called the hands at 4:30 am & get
on the on the way at 6 am entered
~~the~~ the Symonosaki strait at
8:45 am, as we passed Symonosaki
the guard was turned up to
a Japanese cruiser the harbour
was full of merchant ships at
10 am we left the strait & commence
getting ready for coaling at 12:30
& Japanese destroyers passed us
& in the afternoon we had a
make & mend it was pretty
scenery as we dodged among
the many small islands at 4:0
we went to evening quarters &
4:15 General quarters was carried
out at 5:20 P.M we arrived at the
entrance to Sasebo & as we
entered we fired a salute of 21
guns then saluted the admiral 17
guns the ships in harbour were
"H. I. G. M. S." Shikishima. "Yakuma".
"Idzuma". "Iwate". "Fushima". "Chikyo"
& several smaller ships & destroyers

March 1st the "Shikishima" returned our salute which echoed through the hills & made a terrible row as the hills are very thick & well wooded all round about this place the "Mikasa" we found just the same as before submerged over her bridges only showing her 2 funnels & masts today H. K. H. visited several places of interest in the City of "Kyoto" but left early for Moji & Symonosaki.

March 2nd Sasebo. 4:30 am hands were called & piped to clean into a coaling rig & prepare to take 500 tons in this unexpected present from the people of Sasebo & surroundings the lighters were brought along side at 6:15 but our hands were not wanted as they also sent us people to get the coal in & they were mostly women but this is a common sight in Japan as the women are of very hardy class

Mech² good workers some of them had their little Babies with them on the back this is the manner in which they are always carried in the East at 7.30am they commenced getting the coal in by small sort of Baskets & they made a very neat job of it not making the least dust at 12 noon the Japanese fleet & also Torpedo Flotilla dressed ship in the honore of Prince Arthur's visit at 2.30 the coaling was finished & we immediately commenced to clean ship all over for H.R.H coming aboard 3.30 saluting guns were called & a small steamer was seen coming up the harlowe with H.R.H on board from "Moji" & a Royal salute was fired from the ships he immediately after anchoring proceed ashore & visited the town Mid showers of "Bangai" after paying his visits he came aboard once

Feb 2nd more & as he left his boat a Royal
salute was given & the Band
played the National Anthem &
as H.R.M. stepped on board the
Royal standard was hoisted at
the main & the Gaps fired a 21
gun salute we immediately got
in all boats & weighed at 5.40
got on the way & proceeded down
the narrow entrance very slowly
on both sides was a line of
J. B. D dressed & manned 18 of
them all told & as we steamed
through they cheered & proceeded
along with us & our escort of 5
ships & it was a pretty sight
rather strange for the people
who were crowded on steamers
& sampans as we could not stay
for a Bangai party they made us
the present of 4 days fresh
provision meat. Bread. vegetables
& poultry as we steamed slowly
down the entrance we had a good

Mch 2nd of our surroundings as we got in the open we increased our speed & the T.B did the same at 7.P.M. the T.Boats sheared off both sides with loud "Banzais" & gradly dropped astern out of sight signaling all the while it was a lovely moonlight night as we proceeded & gave a very pretty look to the Bull dogs of the sea

Mch 3rd at sea. fine weather & at 9.A.M. we neared the entrance to our next destination "Kagoshima" & as we steamed up the entrance we were met by large steamers full of people who had come out to welcome us & they did so with open arms & ringing shouts of "Banzai" as we entered we saluted with a 21 gun salute & also a salute to the Admiral in the harbour who returned the salute there was 2 Japs menowar the B.S. "Araki" & cruiser "Asama" & two destroyers

Mich^o ship before dark strange to say we
were the first foreign manowar to
have visited this city for 16 year &
the last one was a Britisher & they
looked upon it as a grand sight
to see a great four funneled & an
English Prince this city like Kyoto
is noted for its grand shrines &
temples also for its Foodle castles
which are very old this part of
the country is also noted for its
strong people reconised as the
strongest in Japan & the best of
wrestlers & is the birthplace of
Japan's greatest fighting men Adm
Togo. Gen Baron Kuroki. & others of the
late war as well as the old time
warriors. H. K. H. visited & lunched
at the palace of Prince Shimadza
after visiting several fetes of Wrestling
Ju-Jit-Su & other sports of Japan which
H. K. H. takes great interest in & very
fond of watching our own men at it
he also visited the collages & had

Mich 3rd A good look round the City in the evening the palace of Prince Shimadzu was illuminated in honour of H.R.H.'s visit the fleet was also illuminated 7 ships & several torpedo boats

Mich 4th Dressed ship at 8 a.m. usual routine during the forenoon until after church then thrown open to visitors also the Japanese ships we were crowded until 3.30 when the ship was cleared & we prepared for H.R.H. coming onboard at 4 P.M. Royal Guard fell in 4.30 Loud cheering which came from shore told us he was nearing & we could see H.R.H. & party coming along in rickshaws 4.45 party embarked in the Royal Barge Adm. Togo & others in Japanese Barge as they left the shore rockets were fired from all parts & the "Banzais" could be heard from the shore quite plain 5 P.M. they came aboard being cheered by the men of the Japanese ship as soon as he stepped aboard we undressed

McK 4th ship & hoisted the Royal Standard
& the band played the National
Anthem we had a new visitor taking
passage this was Prince Shimadza
of this city who is a Midshipman
in the Japanese Navy he is the
possessor of Estates in "Kagoshima"
& is a very young man we imme-
diately weighed anchor & proceeded
with the same escort as before
the mountains were still burning
when we left in the evening H. K. H.
gave a dinner & invited two Ward
rooms & two of gun room officers we
had a grand night very calm.

McK 5th At sea. in the forenoon we passed
through the Bungo Straits - into
the Inland Sea 9:30 Evolutions
General Quarters & Marines drill
round the loader for the Prince
to see it remainder of the day
usual routine 4:15 P.M. anchored
off Miyajima lowered all boats
& pulled round the fleet H. K. H.

Mch 5th & party went ashore to visit
A noted Temple there & afterwards
went shooting also several other
officers of our ship & the Japanese
ships returning at 7.30 the
Japanese fleet were illuminated
from 7 till ten & dinner was given
on board the flag ship "Yaduzuma"
to the Prince & our officers we
were joined by 2 more cruisers
the Tokoro & Tatsuta & search
lights coloured were played 10 to 11

Mch 6th 6.30 weighed anchor & got on the
way it had been snowing all
night & it was a pretty sight
to see all the hills covered with
snow 9 a.m. anchored in the
harbour of "Yetagama" as soon
as we anchored. Adm Togo & Gen
Baron Huroki. came aboard
waiting for H. R. H. 9.30 all proceeded
ashore & visited the Naval School
& collage it is a very pretty
harbour being just like a lake

March 6th when in the harbour the entrance cannot be seen at 11:45 H.R.H. left shore & with all the party went aboard H.I.F.M.S. Mancho Maru the Japanese flag ship "Haragua" which was in the harbour fired a Royal Salute as the "Mancho Maru" got on the way with H.R.H. on board the Escort proceeding immediately after at 12:30 we weighed & got on the way for "Ujima" H.R.H. visited Hure naval Station & dockyard returning on board Diadem at 6:15 P.M. all the ships manned ship & they gave three cheers as he left "H.I.F.M.S. Mancho Maru" & as H.R.H. came aboard a Royal salute was fired shortly after he left the ship to dine with Adm. Togo & Gen. Baron Huroki & Staff on board H.I.F.M.S. Iwate

u Mch 6th all the Japanese ships were brightly illuminated from 7 till 11 in honour of H. R. H. at 9 P.M. A large Flotilla of sampans were towed round the fleet full of people & illuminated with Japanese paper lanterns & as they passed each ship roars of Banrai were given the ships then played colour search lights all round & it was a very pretty sight

Mch 7th at 8 a.m. all the flat dressed ship & H. R. H. left the ship proceeding ashore to visit the Military Barracks & the Gardens of Marquis Asano at Hiroshima returning onboard at 12:45 we immediately weighed anchor & got on the way to Kobe through the Inland Seas salutes were fired as we

11th Feb 7th left the harbour escorted by
the same ships as before - we had
a splendid trip & grand scenery
which these seas are noted
for all the hills on both
sides were snow capped &
it made a pretty sight at
5.30 P.M. we dropped anchor &
prepared for receiving the
Japanese officers who had
previously been invited to a
dinner by our officers & also
a concert by the ships company
which was attended by H. R. H.
& suite Adm Togo. Gen Kuroki &
staff the British Ambassador
from Yokohama & several of
the British Attaches to the Japs
army & Navy & we gave them
a very good turn out which
they thoroughly enjoyed many
cheers being given for "Togo"
& "Kuroki" which were very well
appreciated by their Officers

March 7th after the entertainment they returned to the ward room & had supper returning to their respective ships at 11:30

March 8th at 5 a.m. weighed anchor & got on the way again for Kobe we had grand weather all the way & pretty scenery arriving at "Kobe" at 12:30 as we entered a 21 guns salute was fired which was returned by the Japanese flag ship "Iki" & captured "Russian" Battle ship all the ships were dressed in harbour in honour of the visit of H. R. H. at 12:45 we anchored & the escort anchored all in one line making a line of 7 ships & looked well when all were dressed at 1:45 H. R. H. visited the flag ship "Iwate" which was flying Adm Togo's flag as he left our

11th Mch 8th 2 P.M. all the ships manned
ship & as soon as the Prince &
staff were afloat they altern-
ately gave three cheers the
Bands playing our Nat Anthem
at 2 P.M. H.K.H. returned to bid
good bye & saying how please
he was with his trip as he left
the "Swate" they fired 21 gun salute
after dashing round & bidding
farewell to all H.K.H. & staff
left "H.M.S Diadem" for the last
time as he left the ship the
Royal Standard was lowered
& we dressed ship all the ships
fired a 21 gun Royal salute
Bands played National Anthem
& ships were manned after the
salute three cheers were given
& H.K.H. soon steamed out of
sight 2.45 our Escort & H.M.S
Flora got up anchor & left the
harbour for other ports at 4 P.M.
an entertainment was given

Feb 8th to officers P.O.^s & men of H.M.S.
Diadem singing dancing &
several other performances being
given there was Beer & chow
in galore at 7.30 we returned
to our ship very well pleased
with our entertainment with
shouts of Banzai & Hurrahs
ringing together & Nat Anthems
were sung before we shoved off
the ships were. Battle ship "Fiji"
& cruisers "Nisaka" "Okinoshima"
& "Chiyoda" all captured ships

Feb 9th started by preparing for sea
once more at 5 a.m. & large fire
broke out a whole street being
in flames flying mountains
high at 8 a.m. we weighed &
got on the way for our old
destination Hong Kong with
another "Banzai" cruise to our
good but only for a short stay
today being the Anniversary of
taking of Madden there is great rejoicing

McK 10th at sea. carried out usual Routine
.. 11th very rough could ^{not} go to
church piped down for the day
prayers were held at evening
Quarters.

McK 12th at sea. pretty fine weather 9-30
General Quarters + physical drill
cleared ship for action + went
to collision Quarters scrubbed
Hammocks in the evening.

McK 13th at sea. marines mustered
hits it was raining all the
forenoon + very misty all day
we arrived at the entrance
of Hong Kong at 5 P.M. + as we
entered we fired a salute +
one was returned. 5-45 we
dropped alongside the Buoy
the ships that were in harbour
were "Andromeda" "Waterwitch"
Rambler. Bramble. Britamart
+ Alacrity (flag ship) also the
"Furst Bismarck" + "Tiger" German
cruisers. we prepared for coaling

Mch 14th commenced coaling at 9:0 from lighters taking in 1,300 tons H.M.S King Alfred arrived from England with Adm Moore onboard & at flag ships compliment & at 9:15 tied up to No 2 buoy we finished 3:0 coaling & immediately commenced to clean ship leave was given from 4 till 6:30 a.m.

Mch 15th usual routine hands employed painting ship Adm Moore visited Adm Sir. Gerrard Noel. & the command was turned over onboard H.M.S Alacrity at dinner party was given by our officers to the officers of H.M.S Andromeda which was expected to leave for England on the 17th we prepared for sea in the evening leave from 4 to 6:30 a.m.

Mch 16th at 9:45 a.m Adm. Sir. Gerrard Noel. & his daughter came onboard after turning

Mch 16th over the command to Adm
moore & a salute was fired
for the new Admiral at 10a.
weighed anchor & proceeded
to the land of the rising sun
10-15 Gen's finished 11-0 in the
evening the Adm gave a
dinner party to the Sen: office

Mch 17th usual sea routine during
the forenoon we passed
through the Formosa Channel
9:30 Division's & prayers

Mch 18th at sea. usual routine 9-30
went to evolution Land every
available man weather was
very nice & calm.

Mch 19th at sea. as calm as a mill
pond but very misty all day
10-A.M we were off "Kosaki"
at 2:30 passed the pullan rocks
in the evening the Chaplain
gave a Magic Lantern display.

Mch 20th at 8-a.m we passed through
the Simonosaki Straights into

March 20th Inland sea passing Simonosaki
which was full of merchantmen
& passed moji 9 a.m we had
to anchor on account of the
fog being so thick 10.30 we got on
the way again very slowly but
we had to drop anchor again
as we could not proceed in the
evening. Adm. Noel. & his daughter
entertained Jun. Officers to dinner

March 21st at anchor at Nanijunimanaha
& could not get on the way
until 9 a.m on account of the
thick fog but at 9.15 it cleared
a little & we immediately
got on the way after it had
cleared up we found that
we were in a very pretty
part of the Inland Sea &
we passed several large
steamers which had also
been at anchor over night
in the afternoon we pass
two troops ship in the

Mich 21st evening it was very cold
4:30 P.M we passed the Island
of Awaja at the Kobe end
of the Seas at 6 P.M we passed
the Kii Channel & during
the night we had it very
rough.

Mich 22nd rough weather the Marines
went to gun drill in the
forenoon at noon we passed
the Iro-o-saki light which
is just 70 miles from
"Yokohama" at 2 P.M we passed
the Tsumiji Saki 2:30 the
Kries Island with its Volcano
Oo Sima make & mend at
3:30 we passed the harbour
forts in the entrance of
Uraga Channel 4 P.M we
passed the Japanese Battle
ship "Asama Kan" & they fired
A salute of 17 guns & we returned
with a 13 gun salute & at
5 P.M we passed the Japanese

Mch 22nd Battle ship "Iki" late Russian
Baltic fleet & captured with
several others in the great
& memorial battle known as
the (Battle of the Sea of Japan)
as we entered the harbour
we fired the country's salute
of 21 guns & at 7 P.M. we anchored
just outside the Breakwater.

Mch 23rd Yokohama. 9 a.m. the Guard
& Band turned up to pay
their last compliment to
Admiral Sir. Gerard Noel
& his daughter 9.15 Adm Noel
came on the D.D. & after
bidding good bye to me &
all he left the ship in the
Barge as he stepped on the
gangway the guard paid
the admiral's salute & the
Band played the same
the extend was sounded & all
the ship's company manned

Mch 23rd ship & gave three hearty cheers & the band struck up with the "Auld Lang Syne" this finished the Admiral's time with the China Squadron & after visiting several cities of note & the Hakone district of Japan he & Daughter & wife will proceed to England via C.P.R. S.S. at 9.40 we went to General Quarters after which prepared for coaling

Mch 24th Yokohama. commenced to coal 7 a.m taking it in ourselves raining heavily nearly all day finished at 9.30 p.m taking in 1,300 tons

Mch 25th Yokohama. this was a dreary day for H.M.S Diadem being Sunday & one which will always will remain in our memory all the forenoon we were scrubbing mess Decks & flats I went on

Mch 25th leave being watch keeper at 1-30 but the ship's company carried on Saturday's routine & no leave was given until everything was cleaned an hour & half was spent at clean guns at the same time Matloes were over cleaning the side special leave for the watch & till 7am I visited Tokyo in the afternoon & returned to Yokohama in the evening staying at a friend's house all night & returned to ship 7.30am.

Mch 26th Yokohama. painting ship side Band played & dance & skylark in the evening several Gaps Destroyers came in.

Mch 27th Usual routine Marines drill on the D.D in the afternoon officers gave a Tea & several Japanese officers attended. the

March 27th American S.S. Dagota arrived
in the evening said to be the
largest steamer afloat

March 28th Usual routine the A.D.C. of
H.M.S. Diadem gave a concert
at the Public Hall admission
1/2 yen & over 500 European
people attended the money
went to the aid of the
Japanese Famine Fund & was
a great support the yen is
2/1 English money.

March 29th Usual routine marines went
to gun drill in the forenoon
A Japanese cruiser came in &
saluted us we returned it

March 30th prepared for sea at 7.45 am
Italian cruiser came in & at
8 am fired salutes which were
returned 8.30 German battle
ship "Furst Bismarck" came in
at 10 am we weighed anchor &
got on the way for Hong Kong
after quarters we manned & armed ship

Mar 31st at sea. marines mustered bags
lost property but which was
never found.

April 1st at sea. very fine at 8.40 a m
we were 541 miles from Yokohama
in the evening we passed
through the Kandomon Strait

Apr 2nd at sea. fired at target 5 rounds
12^{lb} & 6" guns but in the after-
noon we had to stop on account
of the fog.

Apr 3rd at sea. Marines Infantry drill
very calm carried out 6"
+ 12^{lb} guns i^m electric aiming
at 8.30 PM carried out night
firing 2 rounds 12^{lb} & 1" aiming
the 6"

Apr 4th at sea. after knocking about
firing re for 2 days we passed
through the "Famosa Channel"
& were in the middle at noon
fine weather all day usual
routine marines went to
signal classes in the forenoon

April 5th At Sea passed R+O
steamer Oceania & passed
signals 1:15 P.M. we anchored
at Long Harbour. Mirs Bay
in the afternoon Nos 1+2 of
12 ~~ides~~ went firing from P.B
Marines firing on the range
& Blue Jackets landed with
field guns.

Apr 6th Mirs Bay. running Torpedoes
& 1ⁱⁿ aiming guard received 8 P.M.

" 7th " " called all the
marines at 5 a.m scrubbed
mess deck & had breakfast
then prepared for landing
in skeleton marching order
for to March to Howloon
13 Miles Left the ship about
11:30 & landed at 12:45 couldnt
get the boats right in so
we had to wade through
the water when (Fifty) fell
into the ditch we had a

Apr 7th Very warm day but nice roads & we only had 6 men fall out we arrived at Howloon at 4.45 just as the Dum-Dum came in & we had to wait about an hour for a boat got on board & slung clean Hamm
H.M.S. King Alfred & Kent were at their bouys 2 french T.B Destroyers & 2 cruisers were also in harbour.

Apr 8th Hong Kong. Usual Sunday's routine feeling a bit stiff Chinese ship came in & saluted the Tamar return^{ed} same French Admiral came aboard from flagship (Monte Calme) in the evening our Captain dined with French Admiral

Apr 9th Starboard watch of Marines & Filmen commenced a course of musketry the Alacrity left

- Apr 9th For Canton the French flag
ship "Montcalm" left
- " 10th Went over to Stonecutter
range for Musketry.
- " 11th Musketry. Alacuity came back
from Canton
- " 12th We were in Dockyard Hands
- " 13th Good Friday. no Musketry we
held church on the I.P. Leave
from 1. P.M to 7-am next day
went ashore
- " 14th Hong Kong. Usual Saturday's
routine Court of Enquiry on
12 P.M firing 1905 Leave for Star
watch & leave for anyone wishing
to attend the football match
Diadem + Hong Kong at happy
Valley for the Championship
Shield Diadem winning
3-1 winning League shield also
- Apr 15th Usual Sunday routine Easter
Sunday.
- " 16th Easter Monday. up at the range
Makee finish Musketry

Apr 17th Hong Kong. one of our stokers
"Locock" was sent to the Naval
Hospital as mad with 4 of
our Marines as guard.

" 18th Usual routine.

" 19th " "

" 20th Russian cruiser also German
cruiser "Eltis" came in.

" 21st Usual Routine. until 27th

" 27th H.M.S Andromeda came in
from Shanghai

May 2nd Sergt Beale R.M.A left for
H.M.S Andromeda to take
passage home & the Detach
made him a present of a
splendid Marble clock
& Photo of the man Framed
A speech was given from
both sides the Marine Lieut
Mr. Wilde R.M.A represented
the Detachment & many
cheers were given after the
marines boat crew took him
back to Andro.

- May 3rd H.M.S Kent came in. coaled
 " 4th " " went out Miss Bay
 " 6th Dinner party was given to
 Football team at Thomas Hotel
 " 12th H.M.S Thistle arrived from
 England
 " 19th Typhoon expected all ships to
 prepare.
 " 24th Marines Landed 5:30 am + the
 Blue Jackets + we had a sham
 fight returning on board 12 noon
 scorching sun
 " 27th Lecture on Foecastle on Temp
 erance in the Evening
 " 29th German cruiser "Tiger" came
 in
 June 3rd Lecture by Chaplain on
 Astronomy
 " 5th Coaled ship 1520 tons 8 a.m
 till 6 P.M
 " 6th Cleaned ship. H.M.S Warrmouth.
 arrived from England flag
 Half Mast dead man aboard
 " 7th Provision ship + ammunition

- June 10th H.M.S. Glio came in also
 German cruiser left
- " 11th Early morning evolutions
- " 13th Marines mustered bags
 & Bedding
- " 14th Marching order
- " 18th Left Hong Kong for Mirs
 Bay did steam trial there
 1^{hr} 20^{min}
- " 19th 12 F^{tr} aiming practice during
 forenoon & afternoon in the
 evening the Foilmam left
 the ship in launch for
 swimming practice 150 yds
 in duck suits.
- " 20th Mirs Bay Topmen swimming
 in the morning firing & running
 Torpedoes. in the evening main
 topmen swimming practice
- " 21st 2 Dmen " " in evening
- " 22nd Marines " " morning
- & left for Hong Kong coaled
 ship 350 tons

- June 23rd Cadmus & Mooschen coaled
we were cleaning ship
- " 24th Left Hong Kong & the scorching
sun once more for the land
of rising sun & we were
very glad of it 5 P.M. got on
the way.
- " 25th 12^{noon} commenced full speed
steam trial but broke
down with the top of
behinder coming off in even⁻ⁱⁿ
collision & fire Quarters.
- " 26th Marines signaling in forenoon
started steam trial again
at 8 a.m. average
best steaming sh'd done
in evening collision 2 hrs &
man & arm boats.
- " 27th Clear ship for battle & gen
Quarters all over Hammock
on fo'ail went to night 2 hrs
at 10:30 P.M.
- " 28th arrived at Kobe at 7:30 a.m. &
the K.A. Kent & 6 Destroyers were

June 28th laying at anchor having
arrived the night before from
Kagoshima where they had
A bust up & had their leave
jammed here for it during
the day it was rather misty
leave was given from 1 P.M to 7 am

June 29th General Quarters & fire
Quarters at 9.30 a.m night
Quarters .. 10.45 P.M Leave
was given from 4 till 7 a.m

30th Saturday's Routine.

July 1st Kobe. Usual Sunday's
routine at church we had
An old Missionary give
A sermon & he said he
had been out Here 30 years
11.45 Austrian cruiser

Kaiser Franz ~~Joseph~~ Joseph came
H.M.S King Alfred had the
Girls of the Kobe girls school
on board & in the afternoon
we had several visitors
leave was given from 4 to 7 a.m

July 1st very wet during the evening
came on rough

g. 2nd 9-30 A.M. Evolutions Out Sheet
anchor. & weigh by hand. Away a
boats crews. 12 noon Austrian
cruiser saluted Country.

3rd Kobe. Ordinary Routine

4th " " "

5th 6 A.M. Hands preparing ship
for Sea. 9-15 a.m weighed anchor
& proceeded anchoring 11-30
to carry out 1st Electric aiming

6th Weighed anchor & proceeded
to Yokohama 9-30 A.M Exercise
General Quarters 1-30 P.M Hands
M & M clothes 5-0 P.M Evening Drts
5-10 Man & Arm Ship 5-40 Starboard
watch M & A Ship 5-45 Exercise
away Life Boats crew. 8 P.M
Starboard watch M & A Ship
12-0 M.N Port watch " " " &
Torpedo Attack.

7th 4-0 A.M Negative M & A ship 7-0 a.m
sighted T.B.D Verago 1-30 P.M

July 10th Sunday

seeing the
Japanese
A student of the
School Tokyo we view
Imperial Body Guards
+ parade + Huidan Park
The grand War Museum
which is a sight of a life
time never to be forgotten
War Memorials from history
thousands of years back
to the Present Russo-Japo
war we spent a long time
here also visiting another
Panorama of the war after
this we visited the Imperial
Palace grounds + several
statues + captured guns
in the afternoon our friend
left us + we proceeded back
to Yokohama having some
skylark with Japo soldiers
we arrived in Yokohama about

took round 19
through the
we call at A
my friend of mine
had a very lively time
staying at Japanese Hotel
all that night.

11th at Yokohama 7:00 am found us
on our way back to our
cottage by the Sea after
a good time & experience
of Japanese railways &
Tramways were all Free
to the Fleet on returning
we found H.M.S Kent
coaling ship. 3:00 PM U.S.S
Raleigh left.

12th 2:30 am H.M.S Kent finished
coaling 4:30 am H.M.S Monmouth
started coaling From "Mercedes"
we were preparing for it
during Forenoon 1:30 PM Hard
M & M. clothes 4:00 PM U.S.S Raig
returned with colours

- July 12th half Mast. Our Fleet, immediately followed suit. American Admiral Dead
- " 13th 1:30 am Monmouth finish coaling. 4:30 am called the hands. 6:30 commenced coaling from "Mercedes" on Stbd Side & lighters on Port Side 1 P.M. finished Mercedes. 11:30 P.M. left off for the night.
- " 14th 6:04 m recommenced coaling finished 11 a.m. total 1,307 tons cleaned ship
- " 15th Sunday. Usual Routine
- " 16th Hands Paint ship P.M.S.S. "Manchuia" arrived at 4:30 with American Mail
- " 17th Marines at drill & the hands painting ship
- " 18th 6:45 Starboard watch 48 hours General leave
- " 19th Marines at Gun Drill hands M & M clothes

July 20th 6.30 a.m Argentine Republic
Cruiser arrived "President
Sarmiento" 8.00 they fired
a Salute our Flag ship
returning same 9.30 a.m
Exercise Gen Durto. 10.30
out Fire Engine.

21st 11.30 a.m prepared for Sea
2.00 P.M. weighed & proceeded
on our way for "Hokodati".

22nd At Sea. About 8.15 a.m came
over a thick Fog & ships
not being in view of one
another Sirens were
kept going 12.35 P.M. A
Steamer Syrin was heard
just on our Stbd bow &
ten minutes she was on
our bow Starboard
Engines were at once put
astern full speed & helm
hard a port then engines
were both now full speed
astern. while these orders

July 22nd Were being carried out our
sea boats were being lowered
& signal made to Monmouth
which was just astern but
the collision could not be
avoided as our Port anchor
glanced along the Steamer's
(Matsuyama Maru's) Port Quarter
carrying her boats davits
& about 20ft of her bulwark
away. no damage was done
to us only Port anchor
securing chains carried
away & anchor carried off
the bed by this time the
Flag had been informed
of the collision & all the
ships stopped H.M.S Kent
was sent after the steamer
& the fog lifting at the same
time they could be seen retu-
ring the Skipper going aboard the ^{being}
steamer & no serious being
done she proceeded on her
way.

July 22nd Our Anchor now being
secure we again proceeded
on our way anchoring at
(Sandai Bay) at 5:30 P.M.

" 23rd " " 9:30 a.m. Evolutions
Clear ship for action & Gen's
10:30 Replace gear away all
boats & pull round fleet & o
preparing for sea (cancelled on
account of Fog) 2:00 P.M. shifted
anchorage further into
the bay anchoring at 2:30 P.M.

" 24th " 9:30 a.m. proceeded to Sea
enroute for Hokodate
Marines at drill 5:30 P.M.
Anchored at Yamada 9:00 P.M.
burned Searchlights.

" 25th " 3:45 a.m. called the watch
weighed anchor at 4:30 &
Proceeded as before 7:15 a.m.
anchored at (Mayako) owing
to fog & danger of mines
divers had quarterly dis

July 26th called the watch 3.45 weighed anchor + Proceeded 6 a.m. had to anchor on account of extra thick fog at 9.0 a.m. dropped anchor in 52 fathoms.

" 27th At anchor. 9.15 Exercised Gen Quarters remained at anchor at sea until 2.30 Fog lifted 2.45 weighed anchor + Proceeded fog came over as we got on the way 5.10 fog lifted 5.30 anchored in Amori Bay.

" 28th 9.0 a.m. Weighed anchor + Proceeded fog came on again at 12 noon but cleared again about 1.30. 2.0 p.m. arrived at Hakodate H.M.S King Alfred. fired 21 guns salute which was returned by H.S. J.M.S Akashi S.O. Japanese cruiser saluted Admiral Moore 15 guns. Salute returned by flag ship.

July 28th Hokodate. Ships in Harbour
H.S. J.M.S. Akushi. S.O. & H.S. J.M.S.
Suma.

" 29th Usual Sunday's Routine
Chaplain gave Temperance
Lecture on Fettle in evening

" 30th 8-15 gaps Cruisers. Akushi &
Suma shifted billets out
side of Harbour 2nd Division
(Diadem & Monmouth) Proceeded
to Amori Bay at 9am for
Light L.F. Practice arrived
at 2.15 P.M. 4.0 P.M. 12 & 6^{PM} carried
out 1" aiming.

" 31st 8.30 am weighed anchor &
carried out 12^{PM} Firing 3 PM
anchored.

Aug 1st At Amori Bay. 6-30 am weighed
anchored & carried L.F.
Gunlayers test. 12.35 dropped
Anchor. 6.30 P.M. (Monmouth)
anchored.

" 2nd Weighed & Proceeded to Hokodate
arrived at 11.40 am at 7.30 PM

August 2nd H. I. S. M. S. Idzuma (Flag) +
Asuma entered Harbour.

" 3rd 8.00 am Fired Court Martial
gun. Admiral Moore fired
17 gun salute Japanese adm
10.00 am Captains of ships
received Japanese officers
1.30 PM C. M. 5.30 Hauled down
C. M. jack + Prepared for
sea.

" 4th 6.30 am Left Hohodate at
7.0 PM anchored in Funakawa
Bay. 9.0 PM Burned Searchlight

" 5th 4.30 am weighed + Proceeded
5.0 PM anchored at "Futami Bay"
"Sado Island."

" 6th Weighed + Proceeded 9.30
both watches man + arm
boats 1.45 am anchored at
Takahama Macha. + carried
out 6" aiming practice 7.15 PM
preparing for sea. Burned
searchlights.

Aug 7th 4:30 am weighed anchor &
Proceeded 10:00 am marines
at Morris tube practice 3:15 am
6 Jap's destroyers took up
position as escort into
harbour 4:30 PM arrived at
Maizuru & made fast to
buoy H.S.G.M.S. in harbour
Adyuma & Nitaka.

8th 9 am Captains of Fleet
received Japanese Captains
aboard "King Alfred" 10:00 am
Admiral Moore paid a visit
to Vice Admiral Hidaka.
Commander in Chief of
"Maizuru" naval yard visit
was returned on board
"K.A." by Adm Hidaka. after
which Adm Moore & Captains
lunched ashore at the Naval
Club with Japanese officers
in the afternoon officers of
Fleet visited dock Yards
where several captured Russian

Aug 8th Ships were 5.0 PM P.O.^s + men
were entertained ashore by
P.O.^s + men of Japanese ships.

9th 8 a.m dressed ships anniversary
of the Coronation of King Edward
VIIth Officers of Fleet went on
board Japs destroyers & they
proceeded to Amono-hashi-date
on a Picnic Party invitation
by Jap Officers 12.0 Fleet fired
21 gun Royal Salute also Japs
12.30 P.O.^s + men of fleet were
entertained ashore by the
Municipality of Machi 5 PM
Race between Diadem & Monmouth
Galley "Monmouth" won 22 strokes
5.30 Picnic Party returned.

10th 5.30 a.m Slipped buoy & left
Japs manned ship & cheered
until we were out of sight
9.45 Gen Quits 5 PM Evolutions
Prepare to be taken in tow
6.45 PM Anchored at Hino Masaki
(Hogula)

- Aug 11th 5.25 am weighed anchor +
 Proceeded 3.35 PM anchored at
 "Setozaki Bay" 4:00 PM ships
 open to visitors several men
 left for "Monmouth" to go
 home on "Terrible" at F.H.
- " 12th 4:30 am weighed + Proceeded
 to sea 12:45 PM 1st Division
 Left to Proceed to "Fusan". Kor
 2nd Division Proceeding to
 Miyimobus. "Korea" 7:00 PM Anchored
- " 13th 4:45 Proceeded to "Port Hamilton"
 arrived at 7:45 Hands Prepare
 for coaling "Monmouth"
 Commenced coaling 1:15 PM
 from "Mercedes" Destroyers
 had started coaling.
- " 14th "Monmouth" finished 11:30 am
 1,100 Tons. 1:00 PM Started to coal
 2:15 "Monmouth" Left for W.S
 King Alfred. arrived from
 Fusan
- " 15th 1:00 am Finished Coaling 1,200 ton
 7:30 am Proceeded to W.H.W

Aug 15th With Torpedo Flotilla

" 16th At Sea 3.20 P.M. Anchored in
Four Funnel Bay Destroyers
Proceeding into W.A.W.
harbour 4.0 P.M. 1" aiming
6" gunlayers.

" 17th 9.30 general 2nd Destroyers
left Harbour 2.45 P.M. "King
Alfred" arrived 1" aiming
Practice was carried out
Stokers were examined in
swimming 5.40 Hands to
swim. very rough all night

" 18th 2.45 a.m. Flag ship Pinnacle
Broke away from boom &
was sank Hands employed
Painting & cleaning ship 330
bollice "Mercedes" arrived
from Port Hamilton 11.45 P.M.
H.M.S Kent arrived "ditto"

" 19th Usual Sunday's Routine &
H.M.S Monmouth arrived
From Shanghai Leave
from 10 till 7.0 P.M. for Watch

Aug 20th 6.30 am 30 Marines from
each ship landed & started
A course of Musketry 10-20
"King Alfred" Proceeded just
outside for 1" aiming 5 P.M.
K.A. returned into harbour
running Torpedoes & mining
Practices were carried out
5.10 P.M. Marines Party on board.

" 21st 8.0 am fired 6.M salute
9.0 " " 6.M. commenced 5.20
a.m. T.B.D's went alongside jetty
& commenced coaling 6.30 a.m.
Marines M.P. landed 7.30 -
Fleet Proceeded outside for
1" aiming 4.30 P.M. anchored
in F.F. Bay. 8.0 " " Marines
arrived on board.

" 22 6.30 am Marines Landed 7.35
"Kat" weighed & Proceeded to sea
8.45 am Diadem " " " "
9.25 " " anchored & Destroyers
came out for Practice 2.20 Zap
Cruiser entered W.H.W & fired

Aug 22nd 21 gun salute King Alfred
returned salute Japs saluted
6 in 6 15 guns K.A returned
3-40 Japanese cruiser left
"King Alfred" anchored F.F. Bay
Diadem Layed Targets for
Prize Firing 5:45 marines
came aboard by Tug "Hesper".

23rd Anchored at sea. 6:00 a.m. Marines
landed in Tug "Hesper"
7:30 a.m. K.A. weighed anchor
11:00 " " "Diadem" " "

11:10 " " K.A. anchored
carried out 2 rounds from
6" guns K.A. same 2:55
anchored K.A. remained by
Targets 6:00 P.M. marines onboard

24th 6:30 a.m. marines landed 9:00 a.m.
K.A. commenced P.F. 5:45 P.M.
" " entered Harlowe & anchored
Prize Firing finished Results
16. 6" guns 130 rounds 109 Hits
2. 9.2 " " " 10 "
"Diadem" proceeded & anchored

- A Aug 24th Near Targets 7:15 P.M. Maximo
came aboard Finished course
- " 25th 6:45 Japanese Officers came
aboard to watch firing we
then got under way & commenced
2:38 P.M. Finished Results
16.6" guns 108 Rounds 88 Hits
2:35 Proceeded into W.H.W
Leave until 7:0 P.M.
- " 26th Usual Sunday's Routine
- " 27th

Rob Holson's Advice to His Son

Rob Holson sat before the fire,
An puffed his baccy smoke.
A pictor or A gud and sire,
That can give or ~~tryk~~ A joke;

From

Distance mile

Valentine Bay.	to Nadiwootok	125
"	.. Wrangel Bay	75
Nadimis Bay	.. Nadiwootok	205
"	.. Wrangel Bay.	148
Hai Wei	.. Amoy.	890
"	.. Shemulpo	232
"	.. Chifu	42
"	.. Chusan	496
"	.. Hong Kong.	1185
"	.. Kobe	1130
"	.. Kiauchan	210
"	.. Macampo	470
"	.. Nagasaki	513
"	.. Newchang	254
"	.. Pagoda Id ^d	790
"	.. Port Arthur	91
"	.. Hamilton	360
"	.. Shanghai	460
"	.. Taku	228
"	.. Wusung	446
"	.. Shanghai Luau	184
mada	.. Yokohama	340

Valentine's Day 1908
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August Joyce Holden

Married 27th Aug 1911