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H.M.S. Diadem

China

Valentine`s Day 1908
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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, Alacrity & 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 txxx off for watches etc, on 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 as 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	31 / 1 / 04	Singapore	6 / 2 / 04
Singapore	8 / 2 / 04	Hong Kong	14 / 2 / 04

Left H.M.S. King Alfred to commission H.M.S. Glory which we found in dockyard hands in Kowloon 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 reminder of our people on board

on the Tamar until the Glory came out of dockyard hands. I was one of the guard,(aft deck sentry) we hoisted the commissioning Pennant at 8.a.m. on February 19th on board the Glory in Kowloon Dock.

The Ports of call on H.M.S.Glory & Alacrity.

Left	Date	Arrival	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	Woosung	16 / 5 / 04
A. Woosung	21 / 5 / 04	Shanghai	21 / 5 / 04
Shanghai	23 / 5 / 04	Woosung	23 / 5 / 04
G. Woosung	26 / 5 / 04	Nanking	27 / 5 / 04
A. Nanking	30 / 5 / 04	Kuik-Kiang	31 / 5 / 04
Kuik-Kiang	31 / 5 / 04	Hanhow	1 / 6 / 04
Hanhow	1 / 6 / 04	Wou-hou	3 / 6 / 04
Wou-hou	4 / 6 / 04	Nanking	5 / 6 / 04
G. Nanking	6 / 6 / 04	Woosung	6 / 6 / 04
A. Woosung	7 / 6 / 04	Shanghai	7 / 6 / 04
Shanghai	1 4 / 6 / 04	Woosung	1 4 / 6 / 04
G. Woosung	16 / 6 / 04	Woosung Needles	17 / 6 / 04
Woosung Needles	18 / 6 / 04	Saddle Islands	22 / 6 / 04
Saddle Islands	22 / 6 / 04	Wei-hai-wei	27 / 6 / 04
Wei-hai-wei	7 / 7 / 04	Shang-Yung	7 / 7 / 04
Shang-Yung	19 / 7 / 04	Yung-Ching Bay	23 / 7 / 04
Yung-Ching 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

Left	Date	Arrival	Date
Taku Forts	12/ 10 / 04	Wei-hai-wei	13/ 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	19/ 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	8 /12/ 04
Mirs Bay	10 /12/ 04	Hong -Kong	10 /12/ 04
Hong -Kong	14 /2/ 05	Mirs Bay	18 /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
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 /6/ 05
Wei-hai-wei	23 /6/ 05	Woo-Foo Bay	24 /6/ 05
Woo-Foo 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-hei-wei on the 16th of July to take over the duties of flagship from H.M.S. Glory, 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 marines 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's 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-wei-wei for Chemulpho arrived 28th

Aug 2nd Left Chemulpho for Port Hamilton 4 a.m. dropped anchor just off Kukusin 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 & arrived at the Wondos Island dropped anchor at 7. p.m.

.. 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 lenth's astern of Admiral Kamimaru's flagship (Shikiskima) Admiral Noel visited the flagship about eleven o'clock, 12.15. Admirals Togo & Kamimaru & staff lunched with Admiral Noel. During the afternoon it came on very rough & all boats had to be hoisted, in the evening Admiral Noel. 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 Fuson, arriving in Fuson 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 Jamuka Taton Bay
- .. 12th Arrived Jamuka Taton 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 the 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 Admirals 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 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, occasionally 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 Chinampho arriving the 23th.
- .. 23rd Anchored at Chinampho & gave leave to Chiefs & 1st class petty officers, The object of this cruise was to visit the Japanese bases during the war, Chinampho in Ping-Jang inlet, is the place where troops were landed by 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 Chemulpho about 150 miles south, so making a march of an additional 100 miles to the Yaju. However Chinampho 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.
- Sept25th Left Chinampho 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 entrance's 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 thoroughly appreciated by all. Transferred to Alachity & proceeded to Port Arthur arriving same evening, being piloted in by a Japanese destroyer, from the upper deck of Alacrity 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, 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 ships 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 *Retivsan*, 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 Battleship 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 warships were next attraction, & having walked through them 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 aghast but still a 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 memento's & finding time rushing on, we made 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 well as 203metre hill, & also a fine view of the sunken ships at the entrance of Tiger`s Tail.

The Battleship *Pobiada* 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 build in the heroic attacks during the latter months of 1904. On one side of 203metre 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 tranches 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 intoxicant's, not only that, but outside their hospital there was a long wall build of nothing else but empty bottles.

Sept29th 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 the fleet for Kobe.

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 *Henko* 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 oclock next morning.

8th Usual Routine, all night leave being given.

9th Garden Party given to officers & special men with 2 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 present ruling emperor, removed the Imperial Palace to Tokyo. It is noted for its scenery, old temples, shrines & Palaces, schools & collages. 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, woman & 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 ***Yasoha*** Temple, the Temple of ***Daibutsu***.

Its wondrous bell & its rope of human hair which was 150 feet long, being the hair of woman & girls from all parts of Japan, we also visited several other temples 7 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 *jinrichsha`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 around the town & returned to Kyoto Hotel, *were* we were again entertained. Afterwards returning to railway station, as we entered the barricade each man was given a bottle of beer & a 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 Kobe. 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 oclock 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 17 guns.

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

13th Invitations were send to the British Fleet from the Mayor & citizens of Tokyo to a garden party in *Fibiya* Park one half to go on the 13th & the other half on the 14th

We went up on 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 *Fibiya* 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, 7 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 finished & having a walk round again watching the Japanese wrestling, Jui-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,

14th 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 an audience & presented to Admiral Sir Gerard Noel. The First class Order of the Rising Sun. & to the Admirals staff & all Captains of the British Fleet, the First Class Order of the Rising Sun.

15th Preparing for coaling from S.S. Mercedes.

16th Coaling started 2.15.p.m. taken in 1000 finishing at 11.25. a.m.

17th Cleaning ship after coaling, one badgeman from each mess went to garden party given by P.O. & men of the Naval Depot & Training School at Yokohama, we left the ship at 7.a.m. Leaving Yokohama station about 8.a.m. arriving at destination after about 2½ hours ride.

All about the lines people must have known we were coming as at every crossing or station we were met with crowds shouting Banzai, & showing the flags crossed, on our arrival at Yokohama 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 Banzai 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 & also

the captured Russians which had just come out of dock, Nicholas 1. 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 the 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 Shikishima, our ship manned ship in honour of Togo & all his other Admirals, salutes were fired & returned.
- 22nd The officers & Men of H.I.M.J.S. Shikishima invited the ships company of H.M.S. Diadem to an, "At home" in the afternoon. The upper deck was gaily decorated for the occasion. After been 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, **Tutley**, 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 Fleets lines in the Japanese Battle ship Assame, as he passed each ship in the lines a hearty cheers were given. 12.0. a.m. A Royal Salute of 21 guns were fired from each ship, after which the Assame 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 as many ships lighted up at once, one to be remembered then from 9 till 10 played search-lights, on the same night transferred to Alacrity going inside the breakwater.

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

25th Admiral his staff & officers inspected Dockyards, about 11 oclock 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 Astra.

26th Arrived at Osaka amid booming of guns & cheering & tied up alongside the pier, Astra 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 Banzai. 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 the ships 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, All the electric cars & motor boats were decorated with lamps evergreen & 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 & the 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, giving regard to the great contrast between Japanese & English functions of this kind failed to gather the true significance of what they saw mistook the funeral cortege for a procession in there honer. They therefore greeted it with shouts of "Banzai" & one of the sailors leaving his *rikisha*, attempted to seize some of the flowers. In the evening the theatres, cinematograph

displays & other places of amusements were open to us. We visited the Cinematograph 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 ships company went to the garden party, the trip to the park was made in motor boats amid cheers, singing & Banzais, speeches were made the same as day before.

29th Garden Party given to one half of ships company at **Hara**. Ship thrown open to visitors. We visited a few of the many fine temples, also the great god "Hara" which the great city is named after, We had an "At Home in the Park" returning to our ship at night about 11.0.p.m.

30th Remaining half of Ships Company went to Nara Garden Party, Ship thrown open to visitors.

31st Weighed anchor, with Admiral & 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 **Na-o-saki**,

Nov.1st 6.30. a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded to Kure through the Island Seas of Japan arriving at Kure at 4.p.m. Several Japanese ships were in harbour & the captured Russian Battleship "Orel". Which had been raised by the Japanese & had its name change to "Iwami".

Nov 2nd Admiral, Staff & officers of the Fleet inspected the Dockyards & Arsenal at Kure. In the afternoon one half of ships company were invited to a garden party given by the P.O. & men of Japanese naval Barracks at Kure. A peer of the realm,(a millionaire) also gave a party to about 30 of our men & he was very good to them, tons of

Banzai 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.p.m. the other half of ships company attended garden party & millionaires garden party, given by Municipality of Kure, me & my chums were having plenty of “Banzei” beer. At the millionaires 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 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 mad us laugh until we nearly split our sides. Although we could not understand it but it was the motions & attitudes they put theirselves 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 in 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.

4th 9.a.m. Left Kure & proceeded to Miyajama, me & my chums climbed up the ships 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 ashore here in the afternoon they were invited to an “At Home” by the officers of the Naval Collage, returning to the ship about 8.oclock in the morning.

- 5th 6.0.a.m. Left Miyajima, passing Timonsaki at 5.p.m. dropped anchor 10.p.m. at Shishima, The Astra & destroyers left us at Timonsaki & proceeded to Moji.
- 6th 9.0. a.m. Weighed anchor & proceeded to Sasebo arriving there at 2.0.p.m. Astra & 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 Royesvinsky & officers were took after the battle of the “Sea of Japan” with Togo`s Fleet, when the Battle Squadron was broke up.
- 7th 12.30.p.m. 200 men from each ship attended garden party given by P.O. & men of the Japanese naval Barracks.
- 8th Left Sasebo bound for Nagasaki, H.M.S. *Sutley* 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 hearts 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 *Banzeing* for all they were worth. 200 men from each ship attended a garden party given by the Municipality of Nagasaki. The Major delivered a long speech, also Admiral Noel who was present with staff.

*8th **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 Nakanoshima 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 *mal?* 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 *zinrihisha* 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 the ground the route was lined with school children & students, & as the navy men passed they were greeted with an enthusiastic storm of Banzai, 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 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 Banzai 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 Noels & Lady & Miss Noel arrived, After a short interval, during which some Japanese gymnasts displayed remarkable agility, The Mayor, Admiral sir Gerard Noel, 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 there to as possible, The Mayor then read an address of welcome which was translated by his

sectary Mr. Isoda, as follows:- I am extremely grateful for the privilege on behalf of the citizens of Nagasaki to welcome you & thanking you for the 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 w were visited by a destroyer flotilla which forms part of your squadron & we felt much satisfaction. Having seen 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. "The two Island Empires, one the most powerful in the West & the other having just emerged victorious from a great conflict are geographically 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 meant 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 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 Noel, 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 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 Admirals 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 & plied 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 *Sasebo* Naval Band played some delightful music throughout the afternoon & is probably the best Japanese band ever heard at Nagasaki.

During the afternoon entertainments were given by geisha girls & their performances were highly appreciated, Exhibitions of **gehken** (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 spend, the naval men evidently being quite used to fraternising 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.

End of Extract from Nagasaki Press

- Nov 9th King Edward VII, birthday. 8.0a.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 spend in cleaning ship, 12.0 noon Admiral transferred flag to Alacrity. I had finished orderly, so stopped aboard Diadem 3.15 H.M.S. Astra 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, Sutly 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 Banzai Cruise.

12th Fleet to 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 laying at anchor, first class German cruiser Furst Bismark, 1st class Russian cruiser **Askold**, also two Chinese cruisers Hai-Wang & Hai-Chai, at shanghai our ships were Bonaventure, Alacrity, & Cadmus. The river gunboat Robin came down from Nanking & lay alongside taking fresh hands aboard. We were visited by Chinese officers also Russians officers from Askold. 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 Mirs Bay in company with H.M.S. Andromeda & **Tutly**, 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 steaming trial at 12. Noon. Averaging 17.8 knots, H.M.S. Andromeda & **Sutley** proceeded to Amoy.

29th At Sea, Usual Routine. Dog watch evolutions.

30th Arrived Mirs Bay 3.p.m. J.B.D. Dee 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, & Waterwitch,
- 3rd Foreign ships in harbour R.I.M.S. Bogatizi (Russian) & U.S.S. Raleigh (American)
- 4th to 8th All hands employed drawing stores, ammunition, & provisions from Hong Kong dockyard.
- 9th Hong Kong R.I.M.S. Gromsboi (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.
- 13 & 14th Usual Routine.
- 15th Hong Kong. H.M.S. Alacrity entered dry dock.
- 16th Usual Routine, Hands employed cleaning ship
- 17th H.I.M.S. Furst Bismark (German Cruiser) arrived from manila, 1.30 p.m. transferred Admirals flag to Alacrity, at 2.p.m. we entered dry dock.
- 18 & 19th Dry Dock. Hands employed drawing dockyard stores.
- 20th Dry Dock. H.M.S. Andromeda left for Shanghai, on account of the Chinese rioting. Cadmus Bonaventure, & other ships at Shanghai & had plenty of trouble with them.
- 21st Left Dry dock & returned to our anchorage in the harbour, transferred Admirals flag from Alacrity to Diadem.
- 22 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 of 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.p.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.

- 26 to 31st Cleaning ship & doing odd jobs.
- Jan 1st 1906. New Years day come & went forgotten (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 and 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 & Sutley 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 gunship 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. H.M.S. Diadem 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.S. Fleet to an outing for the day, Electrical cars were waiting to convey us around the town until 5p.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.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 on route for Labuan British North Borneo passed H.M.S. Rambler at sea.
- 15th At Sea, Admirals inspection at 9.15. Admiral mustered ships company by the open list, afterwards inspecting the ship. 4.0. p.m. Inspected ships company at physical drill, At 7.0. p.m. anchored off Halahan 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 *cokernut* 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 Admirals flag to Alacrity. Admiral & staff
 proceed up the river to Saigon in H.M.S. Alacrity. Foreign
 ships in port were the French cruisers "Guichen" & F.B.D.
 Sabre. H.M. destroyers Exe & Erne 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 300 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. H.M.S. Hogue & Diadem left for Hong Kong,
 H.M.S. Alacrity (with Admiral) Sutley, Erne & Axe 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 Mirs 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 Mirs Bay. We received the
 news of the death of the King of Denmark all ships in
 harbour half-masted their ensigns.
- 31st 2.45. 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 9.0.0a.m. finished at 5.p.m. getting in 1329 tons averaging 195.5 tons per hour, The Russian volunteer cruiser (Kostrama) left here for Vladivostok. H.M.S. Bonaventure arrived from Shanghai at 3.30am.
- 2nd Hands employed cleaning ship. French mail arrived by British India steam ship "Laisang".
- 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 arrived bound for St. Petersburg.
- 6th 2.15 p.m. H.M.S. Alacrity with Admiral & Sutley 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. K.G.G.C.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. K.C.B.K.B.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 on the Mikado of Japan. Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Edward Seymour, General Sir T.

Kelly-Kenny, Colonel A. Davidson, Equerry to H.M. the King. Capt W. Wyndham Kings Royal Rifles, Equerry 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.

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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. Alacricy with H.R.H. & friends & Admin 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 Connaughts own) at Kowloon. 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. & Tuite came aboard, All the officers with their swords on & a Royal 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.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 *pr* 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. (Saturday) Scrubbed decks & cleaned for Sunday. Weather very rough indeed.

18th Still very rough until we got close to land about. 9.0.a.m. got in communication with a wireless station ashore, & received a signal from the Japanese Fleet send there by telegraph about 9.15.am 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. send 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 to 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.J.M.S. Yagumo*, (flagship of Vice Admiral *Kataoka*) cruisers *Adjumo*, *Iwate*, & *Chihaya*, Torpedo boat destroyers, *Fubuki*, *Arara*, *Yayou*, & *Ariake*. We were flying the the Royal Standard at the main, the Harbour Masters launch came out to meet us & as we entered the battleships "Asahi" & cruiser "Ottawa" 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.R.H. 8.30. a.m. several British & Japanese steamboats arrived & the Reception committee came on board H.M.S. Diadem in full dress to receive H.R.H. The Reception Committee consisting of the following Japanese personages, Field-Marshal Baron Kuroki, Admiral Togo, Rear Admiral Tjuin, General Fukaishima, Colonel Wsunomya, Captain Taharabe, Mr. Nagasaki, (Grand master of ceremonies of the Imperial Household & Messrs Asaina & Watanabe, all from Tokyo. There was also Sir Claude Macdonald. K.C.M.G.K.C.B. (British Ambassador) Colonel Hume, Military Attaché, Mr J.B. 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 Yohosuha played the British Anthem. As

H.R.H. stepped ashore in the uniform of the 7th Hussars with the Royal suite. Lord Rederdale. C.B.K.C.V.O., Admiral Sir E. H. Seymiur G.C.B.O.M., Colonel Arthur Davidson, G.V.O.G.B. Equerry to the King. Mr. Sampson of the Foreign Office. He was met by the Crown Prince of Japan, several Japanese officials & the Mayor of Yohohama, amid Banzias from all sides he & all his staff rode off in carriages the two Princes General Kuroki, & Sir Claude Macdonald riding in the Imperial Carriage to the detached Palace in Yokohama where the Crown Prince introduced H.R.H. to all the Japanese officials, as they left the palace for the station he was 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 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 presented by the residents was enclosed in a very handsome silver box 17½ inches in length 3½ inches wide & 2¾ 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 19th 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.I.M.S.** Adjuma,

Yaguma, Iwate, Chihaya, Ottawa, cruisers & the battleship Asaha, Fabuki, Arara, Yayoai, & 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 Lasebo harbour. 11.0. a.m. Our commander visited the Japanese Admiral on board **H.I. M.S.** "Yaguma", At 12 noon Vice Admiral **Kataki** 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 ships 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 Kasumigashi 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 Prince of the Royal Blood. At 6.30 p.m. he again proceeded to the Imperial Palce & attended the Royal Banquet given in honour of his visit, The Bugahu (classic 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 "Iwati" "Yagumo", & "Adyumo". Tokyo H.R.H. was very busy held a reception at Horakuyen with the Minister of war. Visited Arsenal & gardens. Dined at the Shiba 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 at 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 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 coaling very slow. In the forenoon the Marines were told off for the different Japanese ships, the "Iwate" Yagumo" & Adjumom. Two messes to each ship & the band divided up, then the stores & some of the seamen were divided into three lots. I was among the "Iwate" 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, H.R.H. visited Yokosuka dockyards to-day at 9.30 At 12 noon Lunched & entertained by Admiral Kamimura, commender of the Naval station of Yokosuka. After paying a visit to the docks, ships, etc. H.R.H. returned to Tokyo, where he was

entertained by Mr Kato Minister of Foreign Affairs at the official Residence.

Feb 23th. Yokohama. Weather very cold snowing & raining in **A** *sleat* at 7am. General leave was given to the Port Watch until 7.am. on the 25th which did not temht many on account of the Dollars being scarce & the bad weather, At 7.30.am. 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 3.30p.m. steam ship "Cambellman" arrived with Japanese prisoners of war on their way home the Japs finished getting in coal at 5.30p.m & as soon as they cleared out the stockers got the coal shuts down the all hands turned to & the upper deck & mess deck was cleaned we finished at 7.30 p.m.

Tokyo. H.R.H. visited the duck netting at Shinhama 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 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 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.pm the **CpIR** steam ship Mongolia one of the largest afloat arrived.

Tokyo H.R.H. attended **A** lunching 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 Habuki theatre where he was entertained in the Japanese style which was enjoyed.

Feb 25th. At 9.10a.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 Starboard Watch from 7.am until 7.a.m on the 27th 9.30am church in the afternoon I went on leave & visited A Japanese Friend & slept there all night in Proper Jap style.

Tokyo H.R.H. had lunch at the Kasumagasaki Palace in the afternoon he paid his farewell visit to the Emperor at the Imperial Palace & in the evening H.R.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 everybody 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 major 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 weighted 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 Daitowkan Hotel.

Feb 28th. At sea still very rough but A bit warmer about 12.30 the wind dropped & left us A lovely fine day usual routine in the afternoon we passed through the Bungo Strait & round A part of the Inland Seas of Japan at 4.30pm we passed **H.I.J.M.S Korless** cruiser captured from the

Russian in the late war at 6.30p.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 pm we anchored at Kystanho for the night. H.R.H. left Shizouka for Kyoto & dined with the Major 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 & Collage also Commercial school & was all cheers & "Banzai" at every turning he stayed at Mikado Hotel

Mch 1st

called the hands at 4.30am 7 get on the the way at 6.a.m entered the Symonosaki Strait at 8.45am, 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 & commenced getting ready for coaling at 12.30 4 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 **xxening** quarters & 4015 General quarters was carried out at 5.20 pm 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.J.M.S. Shikishima, "Yakuma" "Adzuima" Iwate." Faushima. **ChihayXX** & several smaller ships & destroyers the "Shikishima" returned our salute which re-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 *befor* submerged over her bridges only showing her 2 funnels & masts today H.R.H. visited several places of interest in the City of "Kyoto" but left early for Moji & Symonosaki.

Mch 2nd

Sasebo. 4.30a.m 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 send us people to get the coal in & they were mostly women but this is A common sight in Japan as the women are A very hardy class 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 7.30a.m 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 honour 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 harbour 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 "Banzai" after paying his visits he came aboard once more & as he left his boat A Royal salute was given & the Band played the National Anthem & as H.R.H. stepped onboard the Royal standard was hoisted at the main & the Japs 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 T.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 Banzai party they made us the present of 4 days fresh provision meat. Bread. Vegetables & fowling as we steamed slowly down the entrance we had A good **XXX** 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 "Banzaies" & **Bradley** dropped astern out of sight signalling 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 Largw 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. "Asahi" & cruiser "Asama" & two destroyers ship befor dark strange to say we were the first foreign manowar to have visited this city for 16 years & the last one was A Britisher & they looked upon it as A grand sight to see A great four **fuhneler** & 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 recognised as the strongest in Japan & the best of wrestlers & is the Birthplace of Japan`s greatest fighting men Adm Togo, Gen Baron **Kweoki** others of the late war as well as the old time warriors. H.R.H. visited & lunched at the palace of Prince Shimadza after visiting several fetes of Wrestling, Ju-Jit-Su & other sports of Japan which H.R.H. takes great interest in & very fond of watching our own men at it he also visited

the Collages & had a good look round the City in the evening the palace of Prince Shimadza was illuminated in honour of H.R.H. visit the fleet was also illuminated 7 ships & several torpedo boats.

Mch 4th

Dressed ship at 8.a.m usual routine during the **fornoon** 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 7 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 "Banzaies" 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 ship 7 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 immediately weighed anchor & proceeded with the same escort as **befor** the mountains were still **Burning** when we left in the evening H.R.H. gave A dinner & invited two Ward room & two of gun room officers we had A grand night very calm.

Mch 5th.

At sea. In the fornoon 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 uaual routine 4.15 P.M. anchored off Myajima lowered all boats & pulled round the fleet H.R.H. & 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 two A dinner was given on board the flag ship "Yadzuma" to the Prince & our officers we were joined by 2 more cruisers the **Fokeno & Fatsuta** & 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.am anchored in the harbour of "Yetagama" as soon as we anchored Adm Togo & Gen Baron Kuroki 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, 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.J.M.S. Mancho Maru the Japanese flag ship "Kasagua" 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 Kure Naval Station & Dockyard returning on board Diadem at 6.15p.m. all the ships manned ship & they gave three cheers as he left

"H.I.J.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 Kuroki & staff on board H.I.J.M.S. Iwate, 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 Banzai 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 fleet 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 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 5.30p.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 **'thourelly'** enjoyed many cheers being giving for "Togo" & Kuroki" which were very well appreciated by their Officers after the entertainment they returned to the ward rooms 7 had supper returning to their respective ships at 11.30.

Mch 8th

at 5.30. a.m. weighed anchor & got on the way again for Kobe we had grand weather all the way 7 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" A 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. Togos flag as he left our S.D. all the ships

manned ship & as soon as the Prince & staff were afloat they alternately gave three cheers the Bands playing our Nat Anthem at 2.p.m. H.R.H. returned to bid good bye & saying how pleased he was with his trip as he left the "Iwate" they fired 21 gun salute after dashing round & bidding farewell to all H.R.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 Anthems & ships were manned after the salute three cheers were given & H.R.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 to officers P.Os & 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 "Iki" & cruisers "Nataka" "Okinoshema" & Dhiyoda" all captured ships.

Mch 9th started by preparing for sea once more at 5 am, A 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 there`s great rejoicing of taking of Makden.

Mch 10th at Sea, carried out usual Routine.

Mch 11th at sea, very rough could not go to church pipped down for the day prayers were held at evening Quarters.

Mch 12th at sea. Pretty fine weather 9.30 General Quarters &

- Physical drill cleared ship for action & went to collision
Quarters scrubbed Hammocks in evening
- Mch 13th at sea. Marines mustered kits it was raining all the forenoon
& very misty all day we arrived at the entrance of Hong
Kong at 5.p.m 7 as we dropped alongside the Buoy the
ships that were in harbour were "Andromeda"
"Waterwitch" Rambler. Bramble. **Britamat** & Alacrity
(flag ship) also the "Furst "Bismarck" & " Tiger" German
cruisers we prepared for coaling.
- Mch 14th commenced coaling at 9.0 from Lighters taking 1,300 tons
H.M.S. King Alfred arrived from England with Adm.
Moore onboard & A 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 A 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 over the command to Adm. Moore
& A salute was fired for the new Admiral at 10a.m.
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.. officers.
- Mch 17th usual sea routine during the afternoon 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 “ Hosaki” 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 Inland sea passing Simonosaki which was full of merchantmen & passed moji 9.am we had to anchor on account of the fog being to 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.
- Mch 21st at anchor at Nanijunimanaha & could not get on the way until 6.am. on account of the thick fog but at 9.15 it cleared A little & we immediately got on the way after at had cleared up we found that we were in A very pretty part of the Inland Seas & we passed several Large steamers which had also been at anchor over night in the afternoon we passed two troops ship in the 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.
- Mch 22nd rough weather the Marines went to gun drill in the forenoon at noon we passed the Tuo-o-saki light which is just 70 miles from “Yokohama” at 2.PM we passed the Tsumiji Saki 2.30 the Vries Island with its Volcano Oö Sima make & mend at 3.30 we passed the harbour forts in the entrance of Uruga 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 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.PM we anchored just outside the Breakwater.

Mch 23rd Yokohama. 9.am the Guard & Band twined up to pay their last compliment to Admiral Sir. Gerard Noel & his daughter 9.15 Adm, Noel came on the S.D & after bidding good bye to one & all he left the ship in the Barge as he stepped on the gangway the Guard paid the Admirals salute & the Band played the same the extend was sounded & all the ship's company manned ship 7 gave three hearty Cheers & the band struck up with the "Auld Lang Syne" this finished the Admirals time with the China Squadron & after visiting several Cities of note 7 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.

Mch24th Yokohama commenced to coal 7.am taking it in ourselves raining *heavyley* nearly all day finished at 9.30p.m taking in 1,300 tons.

Mch 25th Yokohama. This was A dreary day for H.M.S. Diedem being Sunday & one which will always will remain in our memory all the forenoon we were scrubbing mess Decka & flats I went on leave being watch keeper at 1.30 but the ships company carried on Saturdays routine & no leave was given until everything was cleaned an hour & half was spend at clean guns at the same time Matloes were over cleaning the side special leave for the watch 4 till 4am 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.

Mch26th Yokohama. Painting ship side Band played & dance & Skylark in the evening several Japs Destroyers came in.

- Mch 27th Usual routine Marines drill on the L.D. in the afternoon officers gave A Tea & several Japanese officers attended. The American S.S. Dagota arrived in the evening said to be the Largest steamer afloat.
- Mch 28th Usual routine the A.D.C. of H.M.S. Diadem gave A consort at the Public Hall admission 1 & 2 yen & over 500 European people attended the money went to the aide of the Japanese famine Fund & was a great support the yen is 2/1 English money.
- Mch 29th Usual routine marines went to gun drill in the forenoon A Japanese cruiser came in & saluted us we returned it.
- Mch 30th prepared for sea at 7.45 Italian cruiser came in & at 8.am fired salutes which were returned 8.30 German Battle ship "Ferst Bismark" came in at 10.am we weight anchor & got on the way for Hong Kong after Quarters we Manned & arm ship.
- Mch 31st at sea, marines mustered bags lost property but which was never found.
- April 1st at sea, very fine at 8.40 am we were 541 miles from Yokohama in the evening we passed through the Kandomon Strait.
- Apl 2nd at sea, fired at target 5 rounds **12p** & 6" guns but in the afternoon we had to stop on account of the fog.
- Apl 3rd at sea, Marines Infantry drill very calm carried out 6" & **12p** guns 1st electrical aiming at 8.30 PM carried out night firing 2 rounds **12pt** & 1" aiming the 6".
- Apl 4th at Sea, after knocking about firing **etc** 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
- Apl 5th At Sea passed P & O steamer Oceania & passed signals

1.P.M. we anchored at Long Harbour. Mirs Bay in the afternoon No 1 & 2 of 12pt went firing from P.B Marines Firing on the range & Blue Jackets landed with field guns.

Apl 6th Mirs Bay. Running Torpedos & 1" aiming guard relived 8.PM

.. 7th called all the marines at 5.a.m scrubbed mess deck & had breakfast then prepared for Landing in skeleton marching order for the March to Kowloon 13 Miles Left the ship about 11.30 & landed at 12.45 couldn't get the boats right in so we had to wade through the water when (**Fifty**) fell into the ditch we had A very warm day but nice roads & we only had 6 men fall out we arrived at Kowloon at 1.45 just as the Dum-Dum came in & we had to wait about an hour for A boat gat on board & slung clean Hamom H.M.Ss. King Alfred & Kent were at their bouys 2 french T.B. destroyers & 2 cruisers were also in harbour.

Apl 8th Hong Kong. Usual Sunday's routine feeling A bit stiff Chinese ship came in & saluted the **Famar** returned same French Admiral came aboard from flagship (Montecalme) in the evening our Captain dined with French Admiral.

Apl 9th Starboard watch of Marines & **Folmen** commenced A course of Musketry the Alacrity left For Canton the French flag ship "**Monteoalm**" left.

Apl 10th Went over to Stonecutter range for Musketry.

.. 11th Musketry. *Alacuty* came backfrom Canton.

.. 12th We were in Dockyard Hands

Apl 13th Good Friday. No Musketry we held church on the L.D leave from 1.PM to 7.am next day went ashore.

.. 14th Hong Kong. Usual Saturday's routine Court of Enquiry on 12pr 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.
- Apl 15th Usual Sunday routine Easter Sunday
- .. 16th Easter Monday. Up at the range Makee finished Musketry.
- Apl 17th Hong Kong. One of our stokers "Loccock" was send 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 men Framed A speech was given from both sides the Marine **Liert** Mr Wild R.M.A represented the Detachment & many cheers were given after the marines boat took him back to Andro.
- May 3rd H.M.S. Kent came in. coaled.
- .. 4th went out Mirs Bay.
- .. 6th Dinner party was given to Football team at Thomas`as Hotel.
- .. 12th H.M.s Thistle arrives 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 heat
- .. 27th Lecture on Forecastle on Temperance 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 9 PM.
- .. 6th cleaned ship. H.M.S Wonmouth arrived from England flag Half Mast dead man aboard.

- .. 7th Provision ship & ammunition
- June 10th H.M.s Clio 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 trail there *1hr 20min*
- .. 19th *12pd*raiming Practice during fornoon & afternoon in the evening the *Foc*lman left the ship in Launch for swimming Practice 150 yds in duck suits.
- .. 20th Mirs Bay Fortopmen swimming in morning firing & running Torpedoes in the evening Main topmen swimming Practice.
- .. 21st L.D men swimming practice in evening.
Marines
- .. 22nd morning. & left for Hong Kong coaled ship 350 tons.
- .. 23th Cadmus & Moorhen 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 trail but broke down with the top of Cilinder coming off in evening collision & fire Quarters.
- .. 26th Marines signalling in fornoon started steam trial again at 8.am average best steaming she`d done in evening collision Qtrs & man & arm boats.
- .. 27th Clear ship for battle & gen Quarters all our Hammocks on **focil** went to night Qrts at 10.30.
- .. 28th arrived at Kobe at 7.30 am & the K.A. Kent & 6 Destroyers were laying at anchor having arrived the night *befor* from Kagoshima where they had A bust up & had their leave

jammed here for it during the day it was rather mistyleave was given from 1 P.M to 7 am.

29th General Quarters & fire Quarters at 9.30 am night Quarters At 10.45 P.M leave was given from 4 till 7 am.

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 came in 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 7amvery wet during the evening came on rough.

J .. 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 1" Electric aiming.

6th Weighed anchor & Proceeded to Yokohama 9.30 A.M Exercise General Quarters 1.30 P.m Hands M & M clothes 5.0PM Evening Qrts 5.10 Man & Arm Ship 5.40 Strbed 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 M & A Ship & Torpedo Attack.

7th 4.0 A.M Negative M & A ship 7.0 Am sighted T.B.D Verago

7th 1.30 P.M *

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School Tokyo we vis
Imperial Body Guards
& Parade & Hudan 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
spend & 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 the Japs soldiers we arrived in Yoky
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 Through the
 ive called at A
 anese friend of mine
 had A very lively time
 staying at Japanese Hotel all that night
- .. 11th at Yoky 7.0 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. 3.0 P.M U.S.S. Raleigh Left.
- .. 12th 2.30 am H.M.S. Kent. Finished coaling at 4.30am H.M.S. Monmouth started coaling From Mercedes we were preparing for it during fornoon 1.30 PM Hand M & M clothes 4.0P.M U.S.S Raleigh returned with colours at half Mast. Our Fleet immediately followed suit American Admiral dead.
- .. 13th 1.30 am Monmouth finished coaling. 4.30am called the hands 6.30 commenced coaling from "Mercedes" on *Stb'd* Side & lighters on Port Side 1 PM finished Mercedes. 11.30 P.M left off for the night.
- .. 14th 6.0 AM recommenced coaling finished 11.am total 1,300 tons cleaned ship.
- .. 15th Sunday. Usual Routine.
- .. 16th Hands Paint ship I.M.S.S." Manchuria" 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 am Argentine Republic Cruiser arrived "President Sarmiento" 8 am they fired A Salute our Flag ship returning same 9.30 AM Exercise Gen Quirts 10.30 out Fire Engines.
- .. 21st 11.30 AM prepared for Sea 2.0 PM weighed & Proceeded on our way for "**Hokodati**".
- .. 22nd At Sea. About 8.15 am came over A thick Fog & ships not being in view of one another *Syrins* were kept going 12.35 PM A Steamer's *Syrin* was heard just on our Stb'd 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 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 devits & about 20ft of her bulwark away. No damage was done to us only Port anchor securing chains carried away & anchor carried of the bed by this time the Flag had been informed of the collision & all the ships stopped H.M.S Kent was send after the steamer & the fog lifting at the same time they could be seen returing the Skipper going aboard the steamer & no serious being done she Proceeded on her way. Our Anchor now being secure we again proceeded on our way anchoring at (Sandai Bay) at 5.30 PM.
- .. 23rd *Sandai Bay* 9.30 am Evolutions Clear ship for Action & Gen's 10.30 Replace gear away all boats & pull round fleet 11.0 preparing for Sea (cancelled on account of Fog) 2.0 P.M shifted anchorage further into the bay anchoring at 2.30 PM.

- .. 24th 9.30 am proceeded to Sea *enroute* for Hokodate Marines at drill 5.30 PM Anchored at Yamada 9.PM burned Searchlights.
- .. 25th 3.45 am called the watch weighed anchor at 4.30 & Proceeded as before 7.15 am anchored at (Mayako) owing to fog & danger of mines divers had Quarterly dip
- .. 26th called the watch 3.45 weighed anchor & Proceeded 6.am had to anchor on account of extra thick fog at 9.0 am 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 & Proceed fog came over as we got on the way 5.10 fog lifted 5.30 anchored in Amori Bay.
- .. 28th 9.0 AM Weighed anchor & Proceeded fog came on again at 12 noon but cleared again about 1.30 2.0 PM arrived at "Hokodate" H.M.S King Alfred fired 21 guns salute which was returned by H.i.J.M.s Akushi S.O. Japanese Cruiser saluted Admiral Moore 15 guns. Salute returned by flag ship
- July 28th Hokodate. Ships in Harbour H.I.J.M.s Akushi, S.O & H.I.J.M.s Suma.
- .. 29th Usual Sunday`s Routine Chaplain gave Temperance Lecture on *Fcstle* in evening.
- .. 30th 8.15 Japs Cruisers, Akushi & Suma shifted billets out side Harbour 2nd Division (Diadem & Monmouth) Proceeded to Amori Bay at 9.0 am for light L.F. Practice arrived at 2.15 P.M 4.0P.M 12 & 6 *Pds* carried out 1" aiming.
- .. 31st 8.30 am weighed anchor & carried out 12 Pdr Firing 3 PM anchored.
- Aug 1st At Amori Bay. 6.30 am weighed anchor & carried L.Q.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 H.I.J.M.s Idyuma (Flag) & Asuma entered Harbour.
- .. 3rd 8.0am Fired court Martial gun. Admiral Moore fired 17 gun salute Japanese Adm.10.0am 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 Hokodate at 7.0 P.M anchored in Funakawa Bay. 9.0 P.M burned Searchlight.
- .. 5th 4.30 am weighed & Proceeded 5.0 P.M 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 10.0 am marines at Morris tube practice **8.15 am** 6 Japs destroyers took up position as escort into harbour 4.30 PM arrived at **Maiyuru** & made fast to bouy H.I.J.M.Ss in Harbour "Adyuma" & Niitaka..
- .. 8th 9.am Captains of Fleet received Japanese Captains aboard "King Alfred " 10.0 am Admiral Moore paid A visit to Vice Admiral Hidaka Commander in Chief of "Maiyuru" 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 RussianShips were 5.0PM POs & men were entertained ashore by P.Os & men of Japanese ships.
- .. 9th 8 a.m dressed ships Anniversary of the Coronation of King Edward VII Officers of Fleet went on board Japs destroyers & they proceeded to Amono-haski-date on A Picnic Party

invitation by Jap Officers 12.0 Fleet fired 21 gun Royal Salute also Japs 12.30 P.Os & men of fleet were entertained ashore by the municipality of Machi 5 PM Race between Diadem & Monmouth Galley "Monmouth" won 22 **Steaks** 5.30 Picnic Party returned.

.. 10th 5.30 am Slipped bouy & left Japs manned ship & cheered until we were out of sight 9.45 Gen Qurts 5PM Evolutions prepare to be taken in tow 6.45 PM Anchored at Hino Masaki (**Herula**)

Aug 11th 5.25 am weighed anchor & Proceeded 3.35 PM anchored at "Satojaki Bay" 4.0PM ships open to Visitors several men left for " Monmouth" to go home on "Terrible" at H.K.

.. 12th 4.30 am weighted & Proceeded to Sea 12.45 P.M 1st Division Left to Proceed to " Fusan" Kor 2nd Division proceeding to Myimohas "Korea" 7.0 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 11.30am 1,100 Tons. 1.PM Started to coal 2.15 "Monmouth" Left for W.S King Alfred. Arrived from Fusan.

.. 15th 1.0 am Finished coaling 1,200 ton 7.30 am Proceeded to W.H.W with Torpedo Flotilla.

.. 16th At sea 3.20 PM Anchored in Four Funnel Bay Destroyers Proceeding into W.H.W harbour 4.0 PM 1" aiming 6" gunlayers.

..17th 9.30 General Qrta destroyers Left harbour 2.45 PM "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 am Flag ships Pinnacel Broke away from boom & was sank Hands employed Painting cleaning ship 3.30 Collier "

Mercedes" arrived from Port Hamilton 4.45PM H.M.S Kent arrived from "ditto".

.. 19th Usual Sunday's Routine & H.M.S Monmouth arrived from Shanghai Leave from 10 till 7.0PM 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 PM K.A returned into harbour running Torpedoes & mining Practices were carried out 5.10 PM Marines Party on board.

.. 21st 8.0am fired C.M. salute 9.0 am C.M. commenced 5.20 a.m T.B.Dv went alongside jetty & commenced coaling 6.30am Marines M.P landed 7.30 am Fleet Proceeded outside for 1" aiming 4.30 P.M anchored in F.F. Bay. 8.0 PM Marines arrived onboard.

..22nd 6.30 am Marines Landed 7.35 "Kent" weighed & Proceeded to sea 8.45 am Diadem weighed & Proceeded to sea, 9.25 am Diadem anchored & Destroyers came out for Practice 2.20 Jap cruiser entered W.H.W & fired 21 gun salute King Alfred returned salute Japs saluted C & C 15 guns K.A. returned 3.40 Japanese Cruisers left " King Alfred" anchored F.F. Bay Diadem Layed Targets for Prize Firing 5.45 Marines came aboard by Tug "**Jbesper**" (**Jasper** ?).

.. 23rd Anchored at Sea. 6.0am Marines Landed in Tug **Jbesper** 7.30 am K.A weighed anchor, 11.0 am "Diadem" weighed anchor, 11.10 am K.A anchored carried out 2 rounds **frim** 6" guns KA same 2.55 anchored K.A remained by Targets 6.0 PM Marines onboard.

.. 24th 6.30 am Marines Landed 9.0 am K.A commenced P.F 5.45 pm K.A entered Harbour & anchord Prize Firing finished Results 16.6" guns 130 Rounds 109 Hits 3.9.2 guns 11

Rounds 10 Hits “ Diadem” Proceeded & anchored near targets 7.15 P.M Marines came aboard Finished course.

.. 25th 6.45 Japanese Officers came aboard to watch firing we the got under way & commenced 2.30 P.M Finished Results 16.6” guns 108 Rounds 88 hits, 2.35 Proceeded into W.H.W Leave until 7.0PM.

.. 26th Usual Sunday`s Routine.

.. 27th < Journal Entries end here >

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ʔalen ʔtine Bay	Vladivostock	125
..	Wrangel Bay	75
Vla ʔdinui ʔBay	Vladivostock	205
..	Wrangel Bay	148
Wei-hai-wei	Amoy	890
..	Chemulpo	232
..	Chifu	42
..	Chusan	496
..	Hong Kong	1185
..	Kobe	1130
..	Kiauchan	210
..	Masampo	470
..	Nagasaki	513
..	Newchang	254
..	Pagoda Isld	790
..	Port Arthur	91
..	Port Hamilton	360
..	Shanghai	460
..	Taku	228
..	Wusung	446
..	Shanghai Kwan	184
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