



South Australians at war – transcript – D 4691(L)

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Diary kept while serving on HMCS Protector, 6 August 1900 - May 1901

Diary

Commenced Aug 6 1900.

We left Port Adelaide on the 6 Aug, and had fair wind and went to Sydney. Arrived at Sydney Aug 10 sailed on the 11th and sailed 12th. Arrived in Brisbane on the 14th, captain came aboard, and stopped all leave for a start. The Governor of Queensland came aboard and wished us good luck &c. Coaled same night and Sailed on the 15th arrived in Townsville 5 18th, coaled and sailed same day. Arrived at Thursday Island 22nd and started at once to coal ship. Next day we came alongside of jetty and for water. The soldiers (?) it in hose from the shore-end. All kinds of people in this place next day after leaving Thursday Island we passed some very (?) scenes on the shore. Both sides lined with Cocconut and Banana Trees. On Wednesday 29th we crossed the line and there being a lot of new chums on board, of course, Neptune was carried out in full force. After dinner a larger awning was spread on the quarterdeck filled with water about 300 gallons and a platform arranged above. At 3pm the Officers were all seated aft. When the grand procession came over the bow. Operations commenced. There was Father Neptune his wife. Doctor & Assistant. Barber & boy the name of each new chum was read out and Neptunes' 14 Stalwart Policeman lead him forward. First he was examined by the doctor who gave each man a soft soap pill & handed him over to the barbers boy who smothered him in lather & rolled him on to the stage an where the barber finished him off according to how he was liked in the ship. First he worked up & downed your face with a large wooden razer then scrubbed him with a broom. Then gave you a sudden pushed & over you went into the awning where there was 4 more men ready to duck you till you were exhausted. Then you thought it was your place to assist in ducking the others. This operation lasted about 2 hours when we finished up with a concert on the Flying deck with the captain & Officers in the audience. Arrived in Ilo. Ilo on Sunday Sept 2nd at 2.30 PM a town captured by the Americans. They are still fighting the Insurgents about 4 miles inland. So we will not be allowed to land. The natives are very funny chaps here they sail about in Catamarans & while they were coaling us we had 2 sentries on guard all the time some of them were very Friendly. We had one of



the whalers back in the evening one of the coaling party dressed him with a soldiers coat and was drilling him with a broom for a rifle. They wanted him to (?) the coal but he was frightened of the Americans.

There are 2 Yankee men of war in Harbour. Left Ho Ho for Hong Kong. The reason we called in Ho Ho was that the coal would not last till we reach Manila. After leaving Ho Ho we caught in the end of a cyclone which lasted till we reached Hong Kong (?) day 9. 1 PM. This a fine harbour. There are a lot of English Men of war here one the Argonaut is a very large one with 2 funnels and 650 hands on board. ~~& a lot of 50(?)~~ 6 Torpedo boats & destroyers. There is one large German man of war & 1 American. There was leave for the port watch from 2 till 10 PM so I went straight into the Naval ~~Department~~ Canteen & changed all my money into Dollars & cents. 1 China dollar equals about 2/- and there are 100 cents in a dollar. There are hundreds of sampans on the river most of them are (?) boats who hawk all sorts of things. As soon as we were moored they flocked around us like a swarm of bees. All along the shore there are small carts called rickshaws everywhere you go. Myself and several others got in one each & off we went a chow pulling us along as fast as a horse. We went about 2 miles. Had a look around & met 2 American man of warsmen. They took us to a shop where we could get a good feed for 30 cents. Our leave expired and we went aboard. On Tuesday the 11th men hauled down our Colonial colours & hoisted the white Ensign and at once went under the routine of the Harbour Fleet. On Sunday 16th we went to church on board the H. M. S. Tarmar.

In the afternoon some of the first watch went for a picnic in a launch & we did have a picnic I can assure you only one lady in the company. It was a very pretty sight sailing among the Islands. We steamed for about 20 miles and anchored and some of us went ashore. When they were coming back the dingy capsized alongside we had to get steam up and go after the oars then. ~~The oars the~~ We returned about 8 o'clock & went aboard.

On Monday morning we went ashore to the ranges & had a days class firing with the magazine rifles. On Tuesday we got orders to proceed to Shanghai next day. We got under way on Wednesday September 19 at 2.30 PM. We entered the Yang-Tse-Kiang river on Sunday noon and proceeded up. We passed 2. British men of war, 1 French 3 German 1 Jap, & one Chinese Fort. We anchored just in front of a German Torpedo Boat Destroyer "Hela" All Foreign Men of war have got an English boat close to them. This place is called Woo Lung. The water is quite fresh for washing yourself & clothes. We washed our clothes in it on Monday night. We are going to Shanghai in the morning At 5AM on Tuesday



morning. Sept 26 we (?) up Anchor & proceeded up the river to Shanghai we passed about 20 men of war in the river before coming to anchor. Several English officers came on board & we were ordered to proceed to Taku on Wednesday, but on account of Watering and coaling we did not get away till Thursday at 10am.

On Wednesday night a curious incident happened at about 1.30 am A passenger steamer (?) ran into us on the Port Bow carrying away the Port lower Boom. Every one turned out of his Hammock & really thought we were attacked but after a bit of fooling about in darkness she disappeared. We were soon asleep again but not for long. We had hardly got to sleep when there was another collision and the same confusion ensued this time it was a junk run again us but after a diggings of a row among the chinese in the boats she was soon cleared. Next morning we glided down the river coming to Attention every time we passed a war ship, as we passed the "Undaunted" we stopped to take Signals. She said that we were to proceed to "Wei Hai Wei" on the way to Taku and as their was a typhone raging out side we were at liberty to return if (?) thought it too rough. We came to anchor at 2 PM just inside the mouth of the river & at 6 AM next day got under way & arrived at Wei Hai Wei at 7AM on Sunday 30th anchored within 150 yds of the H M S Terrible. They signalled us inviting captain & Officers aboard to see the ship & to tea lunch after which we were to leave at 1.30PM for Taku which we did. We sighted at Taku at 1PM on Monday 1st Oct & a fine sight it was. There were about 60 vessels men of war & Troopships stretching across the gulf forming a line it would have been impossible to pass without going within about 50 yards of one of them. We fired a salute of 15 guns (For the Admirals) and came to the anchorage close to H M S "Centurion" about 12 miles from Taku. and another one of MNS Ships got under way at 3 PM leaving orders for us to proceed to Chang (?) Twa next day at 4 PM ("Tuesday").

We sailed at the appointed time & arrived there at 7.30 PM on Wednesday (?) 3rd. I steered her into this place the first port we have entered when I was at the wheel. We anchored close to H M S "Dido" and she signalled us ~~to send~~ to send half of ships company ashore armed & equipped at once. B. Company were fell in at (?) had their (?) provided 150 rounds of ammuntion served out to each man & 2 launches came to take us ashore. When we were all ready ~~the order~~ we steamed alongside the Admirals Yaght & the captain went aboard & when he came back the first order he gave was, "Full speed for Taku." which made every man that was picked mad. We left Chang (?) Twa at once (about 11 AM) & arrived in the Taku anchorage again 10 PM that night so we are still here (4th) waiting for



orders. On Sunday Oct 7 we coaled ship out of the (?) collier "Ashmore" We put in 75 tons in 6 hours. Admiral Seymore Signalled "coaling well executed". On the 8th The Admiral came aboard and Inspected us about 3 oclock and at 5 we Weighed Anchor and sailed. On the 9th we arrived at Chang Quang Tau at 9.30 AM. Dilivered mails and sailed at 10.30.

At 12.30 same day we arrived at Chan Hai Kwan and anchored of the end of the Great Chinese Wall. There are British, Austrian, Japanese, French, Russian & Italian Flags lying on shore just at the end of the wall. On the 10th I went ashore and had a look at The Forts. The Forts are armed with Knupp Guns 6 inch 8 inch & 9.2. Well situated to withstand any Bombardment from the Naval Fleet as well as from inland. I then went up to the Joss house an saw all the Chinese Idols on the way as we went along the road It was lined along with trees which looked very pretty. And each side were graves & vegetables gardens alternately all the way along. There are all nations of soldiers ashore. They have their flags planted every where. On the 11th we picked up the German, Russian, French, Japanese & British Captains & Admirals laying here at Shan Hai Kwan and took them down to Chang Quang Tau where we landed them and at six that night we took them back to their ships at Shan Hou Kwan. On the 12th I with a boats' crew went dragging for the cables of Submarine mines but did not find any. On the 15th we sailed for Neuchwang & arrived there next day 16th. We took two British Military Officers up with us. There are only Russian Men of War here. We are the only British boat here at Present. In the Afternoon the British Consul of Neuchuang and his wife came aboard and were shown around the ship. The Russians seem to have the run in this place. The Russians I believe beheaded 19 boxers here today 16th.

On the 17th I went ashore in Newchuang in the evening and had a look around for two hours there is nothing to see. The market are is the most numerous sights. There is nothing but chinamen and Russians ashore. The Russians have the run of the place. I saw a boxer rifle in the post office. It has a bore about _ of an inch diameter. It takes two to work it! One to rest it on his shoulder and the other to fire it! On the 18th we sailed again for Shan Hai Kwan taking 7 chinamen with us & the Military Officer back again besides a lot of stores for the soldiers.

On the 19th we arrived in Shang Hai Kwan and landed all the stores. Got paid for the month ending September 30th.

From the 19th to the 21st we were just on the Harbour Routine nothing particular doing.



On the evening of Sunday 21st we were surprised by a lot of the Goliath men coming aboard wet through. They were coming of from the shore with the steam launch & lowering a dingy. When about half way out to us there boat capsized. All the Goliath men were picked up allright but 3 chinamen were lost. 30 of the men from the Goliath stayed aboard of us that night.

On the 22nd we dressed ship in honour of the Emperor of Germany's Birthday. All the man-of-war in harbor were dressed.

23rd

Ordinary. Harbor Routine.

On the 24th we took 3 Military Officers down to Chang (?) Twa & landed them there about 11 o'clock & brought them back again about 4 oclock PM to Shang-Hai-Kuan.

25th

Harbor Routine

26th

In the evening the Galley & Jolly had a race. The Galley won. There was great rivalry between the two boats.

27th to the 29th Just working about the ship. Nothing particular doing

31st

Blowing hard all day.

~~Barometer~~ down Thermometer down to 35 degrees.

Nov 2nd We went to Chan Quang Twa & brought some Royal Engineer up to Shan Hai Kwan & took him back to Chan Quang Tau in the evening and anchored there that night.

Nov 3rd Went to Shan Hai Kwan in the morning & went back to Chan Quang Tau in the evening. We dressed ship in honour of the Emporer of Japan's Birthday.

Nov 4th (Sunday) We went aboard a merchant steamer (The Hse Ping) and unloaded a lot of timber and let it drift ashore.

Nov 5th Last night we got news to say that we were to proceed home. This morning we went to Shan Hai Kwan and when we were leaving there the crew of H. M. S. "Dido" gave three cheers for the "Protector" and one for the captain of the "Pro" and one for Australia.

We replied by giving three for the "Dido", three for the "old country" one for the captain and one for their good luck on the China station. In the evening she was rolling heavy & one (?) lurch she unhooked the first cutter and she (?) in the gripes we got her in board again allright.



On the 6th we arrived in Wei Hai Wei and got everything ready for coaling next day.

Nov 7th coaled and watered ship and sailed for Hongkong 9 oclock the same evening.

Nov 11th Sunday. Church.

Blowing hard all day. Wind fair. In the evening it rose to a perfect hurricane. The heaviest blow we have been in since we left.

Nov 12th We arrived in the mouth of the Hongkong harbour.

Nov 13th

Up at 4 AM scrubb and wash deck and paint work. At 7 AM weighed anchor and arrived in Hongkong 7.45 AM. H. M. S. "Peacock", "Argonaut" and "Astraea" also the British storeship "Humber" there. The Transport "Salamis" with six "Naval Brigade" men on the sick list is also lying here.

Nov 14th

We went on boat drill. We pulled and sailed right across the bay. We saw dozens of sunken junk that were swamped in the Typhoon last Saturday. There is also a dredger sunk drowning 1 Englishman and 50 chinese.

Nov 15th

We returned all our Winter clothing & Maxim guns

Nov 18th

Went on H. M. S. "Tennar" to Church, and in the afternoon I went up to the Peak. It is a very extensive view. Can see nearly all round Hongkong Island and looking down on the Town and Harbour it looks very pretty.

Nov 19th

We went into the naval dry dock. Thier are several vessels in dock both naval and Merchant man.

Nov 22nd

At 3 PM came out of dock.

Nov 23rd

Coaled, watered, and stored ship ready for sea. Last night we had our last leave in China.

Nov 24th

At 7.30 AM we left Hongkong. All the British Men of war in harbor manned their rigging and cheered us as we left.

Nov 25th



Sunday. There is a heavy (?) sea (?) and there is not a dry spot on her. She is rolling as much as 35 degrees, sometimes she dips the boats into the water. A very laughable incident happened just before dinner. We had a quarter-bag of flour on our mess locked, and one of our mess-mates was lying on the floor just underneath it. Bye and bye she gave an extra heavy roll, capsized the flour all over this chap. He got up spitting and spluttering and when he went on deck you ought to have heard the roar of laughter. Again, in the galley, meat, potatoes, pots, and pans were sliding about in mixed up confusion from one side to the other.

Nov 26th

Early this morning we sighted the Phillippine Islands. We have been sailing along them all day and expect to arrive in Manila during the night. Arrived 11 PM.

Nov 27th

We arrived here (Manila) last night. It is a fair sized place in lowlying and with high land at the back, we started coaling about 3 PM. The coolies are a mixture of chinese and Phillipinos. They say it is a very lively with launches and boats in the river. There a lot of vessels lying here, there is a breakwater about a mile long unfinished. The American Man-of-war fleet are lying at (?) about 6 miles from here. The Yanks are still fighting the insurgents about 10 miles inland. They captured a schooner loaded with ~~junk~~ ammunitions & arms this morning.

Wednesday Nov 28th

We left Manila this morning at 7.20. I had the wheel for ten minutes then the starboard watch releived me. I saw (?) Bay where the battle was fought. It is about 7 miles from Manila. We passed within 4 miles of ~~the~~ of the sunken ships. About 4 PM we passed the place where the Jap Mail boat was wrecked. She looked just the same as when we went up. Sea very calm.

Thursday Nov 29

We are passing through Islands all day. Some of the scenery very pretty. Sea like glass.

Friday Nov 30

This morning we passed the last of the Philipine group of Islands. Our last look was very pretty. There was a village built on swampy ground, with the houses all on piles and banana & date and all kinds of fruit trees alongside of them. In fact you could hardly see the houses for them. There was a mud fort with the American flag flying and a yankee



steamboat anchored in shore and native canoes out fishing. They are just the opposite looking to the chinese fishing boats. We still having fine weather and smooth sea.

Dec 1st

Passed another group of Islands.

Weather still very fine.

Sunday Dec 2nd

Crossed the line 4 AM this morning.

Monday Dec 3rd

We arrived (?) this morning. We are laying alongside of a little wharf not 20 yards from the shore in 3 fathoms of water. 100 hundred yards out there is 25 fathoms and a _ mile out there is 40 fathoms. I went ashore in afternoon looking for bananas and cocoanuts. We got a few cocoanuts but the bananas were green. They all grow wild. Pineapples and all. Finished coaling this evening. Get water and sail tomorrow. Fired salute 21 guns on arriving.

Dec 4th

Sailed this morning at 8 AM.

Dec 5th

Passed Bird Island 2 AM.

Saw Waterspout 1 PM.

Dec 8th

We anchored outside Thursday Island last night. This morning we steamed into the harbor and started coaling at 10 AM finishing at 9 PM.

Dec 9th

Went alongside of wharf at 6am. Watered ship and sailed 11 AM. Anchored in Torres Straights for 3 _ hours same night.

Dec 10th

Going through the straights. Clean ship day. At 5.30 PM passed H M S "Dark" a British surveying ship.

Dec 11th

Arrived Cairns 1 PM. About 30 Queensland Naval Brigade came out with a few civilians bringing some fruit Ice. Sailed 4 PM.

Dec 14th

Arrived at Brisbane 11 PM.



Dec 15th

This morning we coaled and watered ship. In the ~~Evenin~~ afternoon the Gayundah's men volunteered to wash down for us which they did while we went ashore on leave. Had a good look round and returned aboard 11 PM.

Dec 16th

Captain Creswell came aboard at in the morning and gave us his parting addresses. Had our photo taken (?) and sailed 12 oclock for Sydney, having received orders since we arrived to proceed to Sydney for orders.

Dec 18th

We arrived Sydney this morning 4 hours late owing to running into a heavy (?) sea & (?) Blow during the night. On arriving steamed into Watsons Bay for health officer and went up to Farm Cove or Man of War Bay anchoring with the resting of the squadron. There are 8 Men of war lying here, including the Royal Arthur. There is a German Cruiser here as well. This evening went on leave till 11 PM. Saw the arch where Lord Hope town was landed and where they are building stands for viewing the Commonwealth celebrations.

Dec 21st

Have been painting and cleaning ship this last two days. Have been ashore twice. Met G F James of the Alaska here last night. D. McDougall told him we were here He is on a four masted Barque, the (?) from Liverpool also (?) I Haga. This morning 20 of our men went ashore to drill for the celebrations. They work with the other Men of War in Harbor. This evening there was display of fireworks on the Yachts belonging to R.S.Y.S. They were serenading the Governor General. They were all lit up in the rigging and everywhere a light could be placed. Steamers whistling Hip Hip Harrah

Dec 22nd

This morning the Brittanic arrived with the Imperial troops, also the Dalhousie with Indian troops. We could see them land from here. Great crowd of people to see them. In the afternoon the Harbor was dotted with Yaghts of all descriptions. From the little 8 footers to the big Yawls. In the evening had leave till 7 AM next morning. The first night I have had ashore since we left.

Dec 23rd Sunday

Came aboard 7 AM. Nothing to do all day. Had a few visitors on board during the day.

Dec 24th

Christmas Eve went ashore. Met Victorian soldiers. Crowds in the street.



Christmas day

On board all day nothing to do. This morning the New Zealand Commonwealth Contingent arrived. In the afternoon G. James & mates came aboard.

Dec 26th

In the afternoon went down to the Centennial Park and had a look at the (?) Contingent.

Met 4 old acquaintances.

28th

Went ashore 4.30 PM till 11 PM.

29th 21st Birthday.

Aboard all day. Clean ship. H. M. S. Pylades arrived during the night.

30th

Austrian Man of war arrived this morning. This afternoon Jim and I went up to Parramatta. Took Steamer for 14 miles, then tram for 5 miles some pretty scenery on the way up.

Monday 31st

This morning the Admiral inspected us. He said 'The Admiralty desire us to thank you for your services in China.' And he said something ~~in~~ about being well drilled and disciplined (?). And if we did not see it (active service) was not our fault. So Goodbye a Happy New Year, and a good reception when you get back.

Jan 1st 1901

Our contingent in the Escort Landed 9 AM and started in the Procession 10 AM and marched till 1 PM to the swearing in took place.

About 20 of us stayed on board, to fire the salute. Every Man of war in Harbor fired 21 guns. They looked very well all dressed for the occasion. After we fired the salute we all went ashore except about a dozen hands as dutymen. I did not get a chance to see the procession. But I saw all the Illumination the Bank of N.S.W. and the GPO looked well. I think they took the score. The Post Office had the following inscriptions "Welcome to our united (Australia) Governor General" God save the Queen. The various arches looked very well indeed. In fact ~~there~~ anywhere where a light could be placed there it was even every yard of foot of pathway in the gardens were lit with an electric globe. The Mail boats had beads of lights all around them. The Royal Arthur had string of light up and down the masts along the waterline, along the bulwarks up and down them and sternposts,



flagstaffs, and tunnel in fact a complete outline of her formed by lights. We went aboard at 11 PM after having seen one of the sights of a lifetime.

Jan 2nd

At 9 AM we slipped our mooring and started on the last lap for home. On passing the Men of War they all manned there rigging and cheered us vociferously. We returned the compliment and at 10 o'clock steamed out of the Heads.

Sunday Jan 6th

Arrived Port Adelaide 5 PM.

Had rough weather right from Sydney. Governor Musgrave and several Launches met us in the gulf. Had the Port Band with us up the river. There were also a good crowd to see us in the port.

Monday 7th

Welcome socail in the port Town Hall.

Tuesday 8th

Went to Largs to Pay Off.

Wednesday 9th

Arrived home.

P. S. Got paid up till Saturday 13 Jan. 1901

Tuesday April 16

Went aboard this morning and was at Deck work all day.

Wednesday 17

Deck work

Thursday 18th

Went out in the gulf to adjust compasses and then went up to the Port and moored close to Fletchers ship.

Friday 19

Prepared to go on ship this morning and went on in the afternoon. Finished at 6 PM.

Saturday 20th

Scraped and scrubbed bottom of ship. Worked all day and painting rusty patches. Knocked off all at 4 PM having earned two day's pay.

Sunday 21

On leave.

Monday 22



Painted bottom of ship. 3 coats.

Tuesday 23

Called 5 AM. Came off ship 6.30 AM and coaled ship remainder of day.

Wednesday 24th

Painting & cleaning ship.

Thursday 25

Ditto

Friday 26

Ditto

Saturday 27th

Went to Largs drilling all day.

Sunday on leave

Monday 29th

All hands on board told of to our stations. Went as guard of honour to the opening of Tailors Rest Port Adelaide.

April 3 (?) 1901

Tuesday sailed for Melbourne.

Thursday 2nd May

Arrived in Williamstown where we are moored and in the evening I went ashore for till 11 o'clock PM. Went up to town for two hours. They are making beautiful decorations in honour of the Royal visit. After we arrived HMS Royal Arthur came in. We saluted.

Friday 3rd

Went ashore drilling with the other colonial Naval Brigades. Bat. drill.

Saturday 4th

Went ashore. Rehearsal for guard of honour on Monday. On leave Saturday night.

Sunday 5th

Weighed Anchor 1 pm went to St Kilda peir and took on board Governor General Hopetoun and took him down the Bay to Mornington and he went aboard the Royal Yacht "Ophir". Returned with him on board at 9 PM.

May 6th

Out 5 AM scrubbed decks. 11 AM fired salute in honour of the Dowager Empress of Russian's Birthday. 11.30 AM fired salute in honour of the Duke of York's arrival. 11, 2.5 went ashore and joined 9 other colonial naval companies. Went in train to spencer street



station marched government house gates formed quarter column and stood guard of honour for the Duke passing. After he passed we marched up drive and formed in extended order along both sides of drive and waited until he drove to Government house. After which returned arriving on board 6 PM. Great crowds in streets. Decorations are something lovely.

Tuesday May 7th Today we went to St Kilda Pier and formed a guard of honour to His Royal Highness the duke of York And were Inspected by him before he visited the foreign war ships. We waited till he returned and arrived aboard at 7 PM. Went on leave till 7 AM Saw the Illuminations they are superb.

Wednesday 8

Aboard all day.

Thursday 9th

Went up to the exhibition building as guard of honour to the duke ~~when~~ as he drove to open the Federal Parliament.

Friday 10th

Went to Reveiw on Flemington racecourse. There were crowds of spectators besides about 16 000 soldiers & sailors.

Saturday 11th

Clean ship in the morning. Went on leave in the afternoon. In the ~~afternoon~~ evening went to Royal Theatre. Bland Holts company playing Woman and Wine.

Sunday 12

Came aboard 11 AM. Ship open for visitors during afternoon.

Monday 13

10 of crew went to Ballarat as Duke's Escort. Remainder of crew coaled.

Wednesday 15

Sailed for Port Adelaide with Canon Lumwell on board.

Friday 17th

Arrived in Port Adelaide

Friday 24

Paid off

Annual Training 1902



May 19th started weeks (?) course. I won 15/- for 100 yds range prize. The following week went on ship and coaled ship &c. and had a two days cutlass exercise. Monday 2nd June _ day off race day. Remainder of week big gun drill.

Monday 9th _ day off. Prince of Wales Birthday. Tuesday 10th left for Beachport.

Wednesday 11th Arrived Beachport. Thursday firing drill and in evening concert in evening.

Friday 13th left for Robe arriving same evening.

Saturday 14th Football match at Robe. Reserve 5 (?) (?)

Sunday left for Kingston arrived in evening.

Monday 16th Big gun target practice Fifth gun winning. 4 shots 48 points (possible) time 4 min 50 sec. Crew

G Johnson No 1, 2 shots, 24 points, 30/-

G. F. Jeffery No 2, 1 shot, 12 points £1.0.0.

R (?) No 3 1 " " " 15/-

T Lashmar " 4, 0 " 0 " 10/-

R Murch " 5, " " " " 10/-

Floyd Powderman " " " 5/-

Sixth guns crew second place 45 points. Second gun third 39 pounds. Tuesday lying in Kingston. Wednesday Ditto and Pistol Practice. Thursday left for V.H. Met. Rough weather. V. H. abandoned. Arrived Semaphore Friday night.

June 20th

Paid off Monday 22nd. (?) lads Saturday 20th.

Annual training 1903

May 16 Started drill at (?) guns for 1 week. Following week had rifle drill & firing exercise.

June 2nd sailed for cruise. Arrived Edithburg 2nd sailed 3rd for Althorpes. Had aiming drill at Edithburg. Arrived Althorpes. 3rd had aiming drill & three pounds (?) (?) target practice.

Sailed 4th Arrived Corny Point 4th Had pistol target practice & cutlass drill & sailed 6th

Arrived Wallaroo 6th. Sunday 7 Starboard watch ashore.

8th placed targets & had aiming drill & fired two rounds with 8 inch. Tuesday 9th. 6 week target practice 1st gun first 6th gun 2nd, & 2nd gun third.

10th sailed. Arrived Port Victoria.

10th had boat drill.

Sailed 11th Arrived Althorpes 11th fired Bow gun sailed same evening. Arrived Port Adelaide 12th. 13th clean ship. 15 to 18 had Musketry course. scored 124.



Paid off 18th.

(?) on the 22nd June.

Training 1904

Took Governor Le Hunte to Lincoln Port Augusta & Pirie. Had (?) Practice off Edithburg

Was No 2 at fifth gun which got first prize five shots scored 60 points in 3 min 55 seconds.

Training 1905

Started training May 15th & finished June 4th 1905 (3 weeks). Went to Edithburg &

Queenscliffe K. I. Had target practice a Queenscliffe. Was No 3 at 4th Gun. Capt Creswell

came aboard May 26th & Inspected ship & crew. Landed 27 Finished drill June 4th. Was

aboard boat working from June 6th to 29th June when I was paid off & came home July 1st.

Had baby christened Charles Frederick June 4th 1905.

Places I have been in

Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Thursday Island, Ho-Ho, Hongkong, Woo Sung, Shanghai,

Wei Hai Wei, Taku, Shan Hai Kwan, Chang Quang Tou, Newchuang, Whampoa, Kouloun,

Manila, (?), Cairns, Parramatta, Melbourne, Williamstown, Footscray, Laura, Beachport,

Robe, Kingston, Wallaroo, Edithburg, Port Victoria, Corny Port, Port Lincoln, Port

Augusta, Port Pirie, Adelaide, (?)

Dates

Signed on "Protector" H.M.S. Aug 4 1900

Sailed from Port Adelaide " 6

Arrived in Sydney " 10

Sailed " " " 12

Arrived " Brisbane " 12

Sailed " " " 15

Arrived " Townsville " 18

Sailed " " " "

Anchored in Torres Straights 19.20.21.

Arrived " Thursday Island 22.

Sailed " " " 23

~~Arrived~~ Crossed the line 29

Arrived in Ho Ho Sept 2

Sailed " " " 5

Arrived " Hongkong " 9



Sailed " " " 19

Arrived " Woo Sung " 23

Sailed " " " 25

Arrived " Shanghai 25

Sailed " " " 27

Arrived " Wei-Hai-Wei 30

Sailed " " " 30

Arrived " Taku Oct 1

Sailed " " " 2

Arrived Chang-Quang-Twa October 3 (1900)

Sailed " " 3

Arrived Taku " 3

Sailed " " 8

Arrived Chang-Quang-Tau 9.30 AM 9

Sailed " 10.0 " "

Arrived Shan-Hai-Kwan 12.30 PM "

Sailed " 8.30 AM "

Arrived Chang Quang Tow 10.0 AM "

Sailed " 6 PM

Arrived Shan-Hau-Kwan 8 PM

Sailed " 15th

Arrived Neuchwang 16

Sailed " 18th

Arrived Shan-Hai-Kwan 19th

Sailed " 24th 9 AM

Arrived Chang-Quang-Tau " 10.30 PM

Sailed " 3 PM

Arrived Shan-Hai-Kuan 4.15 PM

Sailed " Nov 2 6 AM

Arrived Chan Quang Tou " 2 8 AM

Sailed " " 9 AM

Arrived Shan Hai Kuan " 11 AM

Sailed from Shan-Hai-Kwan Nov 2 2 PM



Arrived Chan Quang Tou Nov " 5.30

Sailed " 3rd 10AM

Arrived Shan Hai Kwan " 11.30 AM

Sailed " " 3 PM

Arrived Chan Quang Lau 4.30 PM

Sailed " 5th 7 AM

Arrived Shan Hai Kwan " 9 "

Sailed " " noon

Arrived Wei-Hai-Wei 6

Sailed " 7

Arrived Hong Kong 13

Sailed " 13

Arrived Manila 26

Sailed " 28

Crossed the line Dec 2nd

Arrived Ambonia " 3

Sailed Amboina " 4th

Arrived Thursday Island " 8th

Sailed " 9"

Anchored in Torres straights 9

Arrived Cairns Dec 11 1900

Sailed " 11

Arrived Brisbane 14th

Sailed " 16

Arrived Sydney 18

Sailed " 2/1/1901

Arrived Port Adelaide 6/1/1901

Paid off 13/1/1901