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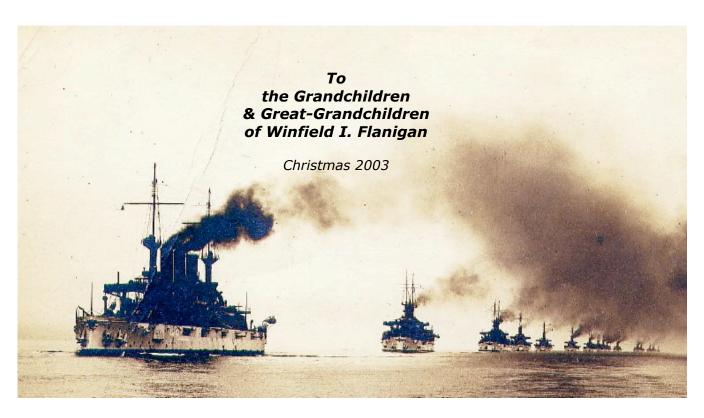
Cover Photo: U.S.S. Connecticut High Speed Trial, 1906, off the coast of Penobscot Bay, Maine. Enrique Muller, official government photographer. USNHC # NH533

The drama of this photograph is the result of the closeness of the racing battleship to the steam launch that carried the photographer and Admiral Evans' Chief of Staff. This unplanned proximity occurred when the launch broke out of control just as it was to veer away from the on-coming battleship. The launch was swamped by the bow wave, but only after Mr. Muller snapped one more picture. He ended up in the water, holding the negative above his head. Notice the sailors on the deck enjoying the show.

By November 13, 1906, Electrician Third Class Winfield I. Flanigan was on the newly commissioned U.S.S. Connecticut.

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WIF Souvenir



Dear Cousins,

In 1907 President Teddy Roosevelt sent sixteen battleships of the Atlantic Fleet around the world in a show of growing U.S. naval strength.

This is a transcription of our grandfather's log of his experiences on the Pacific leg of this around-the-world cruise of the "Great White Fleet."

Winfield's ship, the U.S.S. Connecticut, was the admiral's flagship which led the white and buff-colored battleships and their auxiliary and torpedo boats in this daring first-of-its-kind cruise. The initial leg of the journey began on December 16, 1907 when President Roosevelt sent the fleet off from Hampton Roads, Virginia. They traveled south, through the dangerous Straits of Magellan, and north to San Francisco. On July 7, 1908 this log begins the tale of the second leg of the cruise from San Francisco, through the Orient, the Suez Canal, the Mediterranean, and back to Hampton Roads. The cruise ended on February 22, 1909 as the fleet was joyously welcomed back home again by the President and the American people.

Winfield not only kept this diary of the Pacific cruise, but he also took photographs that he developed from glass negatives. Many of these negatives survive, along with the log, an album of photos and postcards, and other paper souvenirs. Pictures of some of these items are used here to illustrate the log. Photographs that Winfield took are labeled "WIF Photo." Items he collected and put in the album are labeled, "WIF Album." His souvenirs are "WIF Souvenir." In addition, I have collected other items to help us understand more about what life must have been like on a battleship that was sailing around the world for 14 months. Copies of those items are labeled as to their sources. "USNHC" stands for the United States Naval Historical Center, whose website I relied on for many of the photos included in this document.

The cruise of the Great White Fleet was a huge success for the President, the United States, and, especially, the more than 14,000 officers and enlisted men of the fleet. They were welcomed enthusiastically all around the world and America's role in the world was changed forever.

Aunt Jean and I plan to write more about this important event in our shared personal and national history. We want to describe the first leg of the journey, when the enlisted men and the world did not know about the extent of the voyage to come. We would like to describe the historical and specific context for the cruise: U.S.-Japanese relations, the logistics of coaling, the use of the new wireless, the heyday of post cards, U.S. fears of terrorism, the anti-war movement of the time. We have more to explain about Neptune parties, photography, bumboats, paydays, food, the fo'c'sle (forecastle), and the mascots. We would like to tell the story from the point of view of the enlisted men, like the 25-year-old from Iowa that was our grandfather.

We are interested in your ideas and comments.

Enjoy your travels with your grandfather!

Sincerely,

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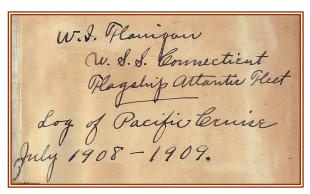


Winfield (2nd row, 2nd from left) with friends, including Baldy Oviatt (1st row on right)

W. I. Flanigan **U.S.S.** Connecticut Flagship Atlantic Fleet

Log of Pacific Cruise July 7, 1908 - February 22, 1909





WIF Album

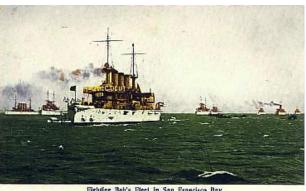
June 24th 1908 to July 7th 1908 Completing preparations for coming cruise.

July 7th

All hands up anchor at 2:10 P.M. Sun shining brightly giving us a good view on either side going out of Golden Gate. Fog settled down as soon as we were outside and continued far into the night.

The fleet was ordered to stop twice on account of the fog. There was confusion the first time on account of the Kansas and others not having their signal gun ready for firing.

The signal for fleet stopping in a fog is blowing very long blast on whistle and firing signal gun. 206 miles (8th)



July 8th

The weather this morning was hazy but water very calm. Steaming in two column formation, eight ships in column.

Course-SW 1/2 W. Speed-67 turns. 10 knots.

Had collision and abandon ship drills this morning at quarters.

The fleet edition of the "Honolulu Star" was distributed aboard here today for the benefit of the men. It contains Honolulu news, places of interest to visit and a general description of the Hawaiian Islands and people.

Becker was put in the brig for thirty days July 6th for getting into serious trouble while on duty as patrolman. Also lost three months pay. 248 miles (9th)-

July 9th Course same as yesterday. Speed-10 knots.

General guarters in the morning and fire guarters at 5:00 in the afternoon.

Sea still continues smooth. Weather turning decidedly warmer.

After dynamo room is getting to be very hot on account of the engine room being aft of us.



Nicknames of men standing watch:
Roxy Moore & Gloomy Gus
Legs Bright & The Duke Costello
Pop Jordan & Frenchy Vachet
Finn (myself) & Baldy Oviatt

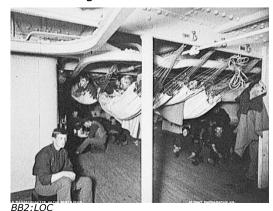
240 miles. (10th)

WIF Photo

July 10th The course, speed and weather remain the same. Collision drill this morning.

Air bedding every day into Honolulu.

Schagane shifted to after 12" turret. Painted for an hour and a half up forward this morning.



BB21:Michael Hughes

It was so hot that I couldn't sleep in my hammock last night so I calked off in the dynamo room.

Am going to sleep on the top side after this. The uniform was changed to whites this morning.

Printed two dozen pictures of the 4th Division and some for Mr. Bean that he took in Oakland. 245 miles. (11th)

July 11th



Stratton postcard: Scrubbing Clothes

Midwatch a.m. Weather, speed and course remain the same.

Scrubbed clothes and blankets this morning.

Have started to go barefooted again.

Have begun to run a little during the evening on the fo'c'sle and if can get in any shape will go out with the track team in Honolulu.

There is a stowaway aboard that has been with the fleet since we left Hampton Roads, stowing away on different ships, and bumboating in ports.

Five more days to Honolulu.

265 miles (12th)

July 12 The same old thing in the line of weather, etc.

The fleet maneuvers two hours in the forenoon and two hours in the afternoon each day.

Gun drill on this morning.

Slept on the superstructure deck last night and was wakened some time during the night by a few drops of rain in my face.

It is rumored that there will be a few changes [to] take place in the busters gang in the near future, nothing definite as yet.

McConkey and myself took fourteen pictures this afternoon and developed plates this evening and five of them were no good.

257 miles. (13th)

Postcard: Gun Drill, Souvenir 10012



July 13 Weather is clouded today and a long sea swell. General and collision quarters this morning. About 1000 old magazines were distributed among the crew today and help to pass the long sea watches very pleasantly.

221 miles. (14th)

July 14 Sky is clear today but swell continues.

Shifted to forward dynamo room today and it is much cooler up here.

12 to 4 a.m. watch. Will scrub some clothes now.

228 miles.

July 15 Swell continues and cloudy part of the day.

Two schooners in sight all day. Was first sighted on port bow and at sundown was way astern. About 9 o'clock in the evening passed a steamer on our starboard. Altho you couldn't see anything of her but a long row of lights and her mast head light.

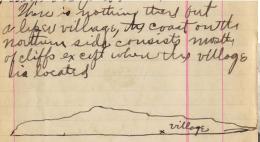
Searchlight drill at 8 p.m. lasting one half hour.

Honolulu tomorrow. Honolulu has been called the Cross-Roads of the Pacific, which it is.

July 16 Weather very clear. Passed Molaki [Molokai] Island about 7 a.m. on our port side.

There is nothing there but a leper village, the coast on the northern side consists mostly of cliffs except

where the village is located.



WIF Log



WIF Album

Sighted Diamond Head (extinct volcano) which is about 4 or 5 miles from Honolulu about 10 o'clock and were moored to the dock at 1:30.

Rigged ship for coaling commence at 5 a.m. taking on between 900 and 1000 tons.

In the Honolulu Bulletin I seen an item where Rutherdal was a guest of the President and conferred with him on naval matters.

I go ashore Monday I guess if nothing happens.

Where I am Roped in for a Lemon.

Rutherdal is an artist and contributes to Colliers and is considered a naval expert. He had an article in McClure's magazine late last year on the inefficiency of our navy and which opened the eyes of a good many people.

Rutherdal was aboard this ship coming around from Hampton Roads to Frisco and was in the forward 12" turret several times when I was there.

He strung me into a conversation about the turret and its working parts, faults, etc. intimating that he was an artist and didn't know much about the turret in general.

Here I was explaining everything to him very minutely, that is

the working parts especially, and seemed very anxious to get my opinion on what the weak points of the turret were. "Oh, ye of little knowledge".

Some of those prints that I took from the Collier's you will find signed Rutherdal if you look close.

July 17



Coaled ship today taking on about 900 tons.

A native band of twenty-five pieces played on the dock opposite the fo'c'sle. There were three ladies (native Hawaiians) who sang native songs.

"American Fleet in the Straits of Magellan" Henry Reuterdahl, US Naval Acad. Mus.

Bumboats came aboard selling postcards and fruit—pineapples, oranges, lemons, limes, mangoes, alligator pears, breadfruit, bananas, watermelons, & cocoanuts, also short pieces of sugar cane stalk.

July 18 Went ashore this afternoon in the track team, but didn't make out in anything.

Time on some of the events:

50 yards	5 2/5	Navy
100 "	10 flat	Navy
220 "		local
440 "		Navy
880 "	2.10	Navy
1 mile	5.16	local
120 yd. hurd	les	Navy
Hammer	147 ft.	local
shot put	35	Navy
polevault	10-9	local
broad jump	23-3 1/2	local

Came back to the [ship] so tired I could hardly move.

Bought a bucket, 2 pr. Japanese sandals to wear in the dynamo room, 1 pr. running pants, and a pr. of running shoes.

July 19 Sunday A float was brought alongside about 11:00 a.m. with about 50 tons of fruit for the fleet. Our share when piled up beside the after 12" turret stood about five feet [in] height. Took a picture of float and tug while alongside.

Everyone ate pineapples until they couldn't eat any more.

Pineapples when well ripened before being picked do not require sugar on them as they are very sweet themselves.

There were a very large number of visitors aboard this afternoon.

Connecticut won in surf canoe race today. One mile straight away.



July 19 Went ashore at 11 a.m. with liberty party. Took camera along and took 8 pictures.

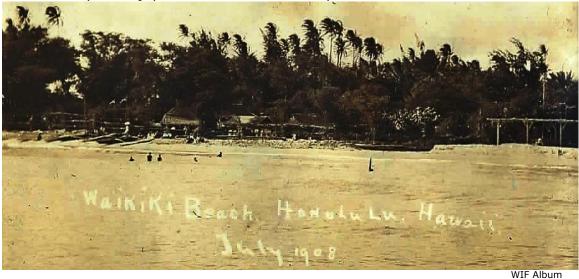
Secured a riding horse and rode up thru the punch bowl, then out to Diamond Head where we tied the horses, (McConkey was with me) and went up to the crater. Coming back we stopped at the aquarium which is the best of its kind that I have ever seen, and contains a few of every kind of fish that are native to Hawaiian waters.

They are of every shape and color that it is imaginable for a fish to be.

Rode thru the park which is distinctly tropical. Seen a native Hawaiian dance.

Was at a ball in the evening at the Seaside Hotel given to the blue jackets which was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.





- July 20 Scrubbed in after dynamo room while wasn't on watch.
- July 21 Painted in after dynamo room when wasn't on watch. Very strenuous.
- July 22 Unmoored ship at 1:30 p.m. Went outside and tested compass until nearly six o'clock when the rest of the fleet came out and we got underway for Auckland, N.Z. Speed 10 knots. Course S. 10 deg. W.

July 23 Finished painting in the after dynamo room. Was up on deck all evening. Weather was very fine. Course and speed same as yesterday.

Hustled and get a bunch of fellows interested in a track team. Held a meeting near the barber.

Hustled and got a bunch of fellows interested in a track team. Held a meeting near the barber shop at 7:30. About 22 fellows out.

General quarters this morning.

189 mi.

July 24 Weather a little bit cloudy with a long heavy swell. Speed & course same. At 4 p.m. track team took exercises under Mr. Emmet on the quarter deck and afterward took run on the boat deck.

247 mi.

July 25 Rained today so the track team didn't run but did some starting on the fo'castle. Ran about 10 min. by myself in the handling room. 251 miles

July 26 Ran with track team after hammocks and several of the fellows showed up very well.

The long sea swell has still kept up with weather remaining the same all week with the exception of yesterday when it rained.

We cross the line tomorrow.

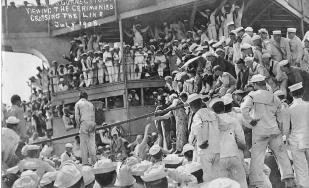
Finished plates that I took in Honolulu and four weren't much good. 245 mi.

July 27 Crossed line about 10 a.m. this morning and held Neptune Party this afternoon.

Party went aft on the quarterdeck about 2 P.M. There were about eight officers went thru mostly midshipmen.

There were about 76 in all that were initiated into the mysteries of the deep.





WIF Photo

WIF Album



The Minnesota stayed behind at Honolulu for mail, overtook the fleet about noon, fleet slowed down at 2:30 and each ship put out a boat for the Minnesota for the mail.

Rec'd two letters from home and some postal cards dated July 13^{th} not so bad for distance. Mail received about 167^{o} W. and about $1/2^{o}$ South. 226 mi.

July 28 Have had general quarters every morning this week so far.

Tonight had general quarters also. Kansas and Vermont steamed away from fleet about dark. We picked up the Kansas about 7:30 at 6400 yds. on our starboard beam, maneuvered until about 9:00 p.m. Had 60" tonight as Morris is on the sick list.

Every one with the exception of the men standing watch in the dynamo room stand deck watch at sea in turn there are 14 of them. Haines, Leonard, & Macginnis are excused.

Since Hampton Roads we have steamed 20,773 miles, 19,543 miles on regular cruise. 230 mi.

July 29



General quarters again this morning. Weather continues about the same, it being a little cloudy for a variation once in a while.

The bear has been running loose for the last two days and has been in every corner of the ship except the Admiral's quarters, he was in the Captain's quarters and on both sides of the gun deck, he got in Shorty McCabe's locker that he has his gun gear stowed in and he was 20 minutes getting him out.

Wasn't out with the track team today.

Tried to finish up plates tonight and the heat of the after dynamo room spoiled every one of them. 234 miles.

July 30 Weather very warm today. Swells continuing. General quarters this morning. Collision drill also.

234 miles.

July 31 Weather very warm. Swells continuing.

General quarters this morning and fire drill in the evening.

Was out with the track team after hammocks on the quarter deck and got up a good sweat and took good rub down.

246 miles

Aug 1 Sighted the Island of Pago Pago, one of the Samoan Group, at 7 this morning. The U.S. has a concession here and the Gunboat Annapolis is stationed here.

Exchanged salutes with the Annapolis and passed right on.

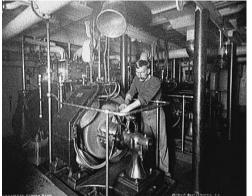
Was close enough in to see that the island had a very dense vegetation and continued up to the highest peak which was apparently about 3,000 ft.

Island was on the horizon astern about 1 P.M. this afternoon.

Weather was very warm, the hottest day I believe that it has been on deck while we have been at sea.

224 miles

Aug 2



Weather has turned a little bit cooler. Day before yesterday the temperature in the dynamo room was 102 and this evening it was 93, a considerable drop for two days.

Sighted the first of the Friendly Islands about 1 p.m. this afternoon, a small island on the port side, passed another at 7 this evening. Didn't pass close enough to get any view of them.

Changed the uniform to blue for the evening. Good strong breeze blowing.

242 miles

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Aug 3 We expect to sight two English cruisers sometime today.

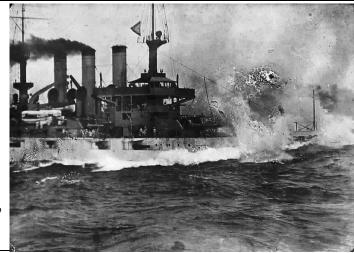
Stiff southerly breeze sprang up this evening and heavy sea.

General quarters and collision drill this morning. Course has been varying from south 12 to 15° westward.

239 miles

Aug 4 Weather is steadily growing worse, breeze still to the southerly. Cloudy overhead tonight and shows signs of a fog. Kearsarge and Kentucky are taking seas over their fo'castle nearly every dip.

Collision quarters this morning. 230 miles



WIF Photo

Aug 5



Sea as bad as yesterday but clear overhead, ship rolling & pitching as bad as it has since she has been at sea. Shipping seas on weather side in thru the closed 7" gun ports.

Collision quarters this morning.

Printed a few pictures this evening.

Am rewinding an armature for the hash machine in the galley.

Have kept below most of the day. 215 miles

Stereoview: In the Cook's Galley

Aug 6 Slept all day and all night. This is the day I didn't see.

Aug 7 Well, I have a pretty good record for sleeping as I turned in at 8:30 Wed. and didn't turn out until 6 bells Friday morning. That is 35 hours.

Crossed the 180th meridian last night (Wednesday) and so lost the 6th day of this month.

This afternoon and this evening has been the worst weather of any.

Carried away the forward ventilators overboard about 6:30 this evening and we had to lay to while they put the ventilator plates on. Increased speed to 11 1/2 knots.

Taking seas on the after bridge as well as

A Deserted Quarter Deck & N.Maser, N.Y.

forward at 9:30. Everything that's not lashed up is moving about.

Postcard:N.Moser

Can feel here in the dynamo room every time she hits a sea - a thing you could never do before.

212 miles

Aug 8

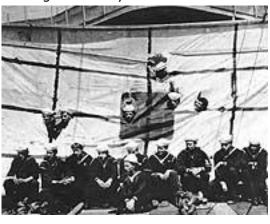


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Weather very nice but getting cooler. Get in to Auckland about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. 244 miles

General muster this morning to serve out prize money.

\$1100 in prize money served out on the ship. This was for target practice in Magdalena Bay.



BB18:USNHC

Aug 9



WIF Souvenir

Time for going in changed until 10:30.

Time at sea this time will be 2:30 July 22 to 10:30 Aug 9, making 17 days 18 hrs at sea [from Honolulu].

Went in in single column and anchored around the three English cruisers, Powerful, Encounter, and Terrible of the Australian squadron.

Passed two forts coming in. One with masked batteries.

Auckland has a population of about 85,000



176 miles

WIF Album

Aug 10 Didn't give liberty today, with the exception of a church party in the evening.

Aug 11 Was to go on liberty this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. but had to turn to on the luminstating gear instead and didn't get ashore until four o'clock.

Queens Street, the principal business street was very nicely decorated with palms and flags, had an arch at the entrance of the street covered with fern and palm leaves. Streets were very crowded.



Bought some postal cards which I will mail tomorrow.

Was in a couple of parks during the evening and had a very nice time.

WIF Album

Aug 12 Went ashore with the track team at 2 p.m. and came back at 5 p.m.

Went over to the gymnasium in the Y.M.C.A. Bought a souvenir cane made of Whangee.

Took a picture of the track team in the gymnasium, and one of the arch on Queen's Street.

Aug 13 Stayed aboard today. Large number of visitors aboard today.

Aug 14



Went ashore today at 1:00 p.m. Took two pictures in Albert Park, visited the museum, bought a "food bag" made of cocoanut fibre from the Santa Cruz islands. Spent rest of liberty in strolling around the city.

WIF Photos



Aug 15 All hands up anchor this morning at 8 a.m. Underway for Sydney Aus. Had fine view of the islands going out. Changed our course to the westward at 7:30 this evening.

42 miles

Aug 16 Began to get a little rough this morning. General quarters and collision drill. Printed a few post cards this evening.

265 miles

Aug 17 Weather a little worse than yesterday. Course W 10° S. Speed 10 K. Printed a few more post cards.

Ship rolling very heavy. Heavy sea running, clear over head.
262 miles

Aug 18 Gale blowing, seas the heaviest between 3 & 6 a.m. Ship rolling 21° to port and 24° starboard, pitching very heavily. A good many of the boys are sea sick.

When you start to go from one side of the dynamo room to the other you don't know whether you will have to come back or ram the bulkhead on the farther side.

Took some views of the Kansas astern while pitching.
250 miles WIF Photo



Aug 19 It is not nearly as rough as it was yesterday. Developed plates that I took yesterday and got a couple good ones.

240 miles



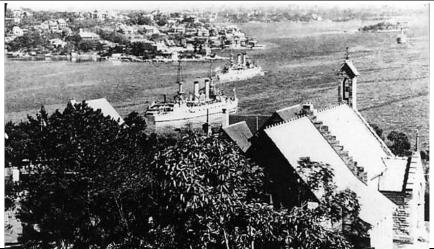
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Aug 20 Entered the harbor of Sydney at 10:30 this morning.



WIF Photo

I believe that this is the most beautiful harbor that I have seen yet, beats Rio. I should judge that there were over 500,000 people along the shore when we came in.



Anchored near the English squadron.

Souvenirs of Sydney were distributed aboard today, they were given to the men by the city of Sydney.

I counted twelve steamers that were outside the harbor to see us come in.

230 miles

BB5:USNHC

- Aug 21 About 2,300 men from the fleet were in a parade today ashore and together with the different regiments of Australian volunteers it was very nice, there was about 15,000 altogether.

 Was ashore with the track team at 1 p.m. and went out to the Sports Field but couldn't get on the grounds as they were holding some events there, returned to the ship at 6 p.m.
- Aug 22 Stayed aboard today and worked on an armature that I am rewinding for the hash machine in the galley.
 - Large crowds of visitors aboard.
- Aug 23 Went ashore today on liberty with Bright and purchased two boomerangs and a bow and five arrows the bow and arrows coming from New Guinea.

 Was over a large part of the city on the trams.
- Aug 24 Stayed aboard again today and when wasn't on watch was working on the armature.

Aug 25



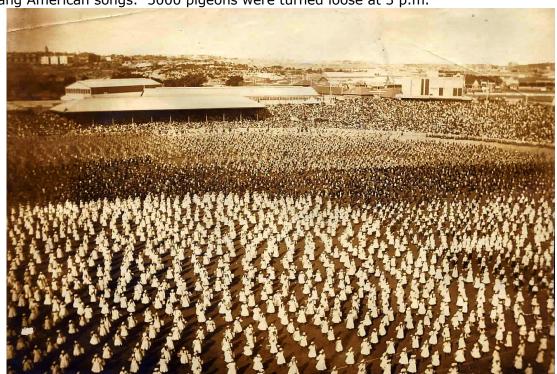
Went ashore with the track team this afternoon and had nice afternoon's practice, returned to ship at 6 p.m.

Took a few views in the Botanical Gardens on the way back to the ship.

WIF Photos

Wednes. Was ashore with track team again today.

Aug 26 Big events & sports in the Sydney Cricket Grounds by 8000 school children who drilled and sang American songs. 5000 pigeons were turned loose at 3 p.m.



WIF Photo

There were all sorts of sports and athletics going on all afternoon - returned to ship at 6 P.M.

Aug 27 Up anchor at 8:00 a.m. for Melbourne.

Weather rather rough outside and very chilly, stayed below nearly all day.

143 miles

Friday Slept most of the time not on watch.

Aug 28 288 miles

Aug 29 Anchored in Melbourne a little after 2 o'clock this afternoon. A large number of boats loaded with sightseers on each side of us as we came in.

Anchored nearly a mile and a half from the Melbourne piers.

269 miles

Sunday No liberty given today except to church parties.

Aug 30 Very quiet aboard all day.

Aug 31



Went ashore with the track team but stayed over all night as was on liberty also.

Very large crowds on the streets and everybody enthusiastic and good natured. Went out to Melbourne University with four fellows taking Mining Engineering there. Spent a very pleasant evening, reminding me of other days of my own. Returned to city about 12 o'clock and had very hard time in securing a room as accommodations were very crowded. Returned to ship at 8 a.m.

Stereoview: A Liberty Party

Tuesday Official reception held on board here this afternoon and one of the lads I met last evening was Sept 1 over and enquired for me, took him around the ship.

1 & 2nd sections went ashore today.

An excursion of 300 men & officers from the fleet went to Ballarat today to see the gold mines there. I obtained a specimen of ore from one of the boys that was there - he broke it off himself 1350 feet under ground. The mines there are over 4000 ft deep.

One of the lads I met last evening was over to the official reception and he looked me up.

Sept 2 There are a large number of men breaking their liberty here they like the place so well. It was pretty rough early this afternoon and very hard for the shore boats to get alongside with visitors.

About the only ones that were able to get aboard came in the tug James Paterson which the fleet has use of while they are in the harbor.

Two young fellows that I met that are attending Ormond College of Melbourne University were over late in the afternoon with two lady friends to see me (and the ship also).

Sept 3 Large crowds aboard today, dancing on the focastle in the afternoon.

Wasn't up on deck very much.



WIF Photo

Sept 4 Had 8 to 12 watch this morning and was up on deck all afternoon. Liberty breakers in the fleet number over 1000, of which there are 83 off this ship.

The people of Melbourne are certainly showing the boys a good time. Along towards the last you rated a kiss from some fair damsel if you would let them and Lord knows there are enough of them in this city.

Almost every blue jacket ashore has one or more of the fair of Melbourne to show him the city. We still remember our welcome in Los Angeles too. But for a foreign port a better welcome couldn't have been given than by the city of Melbourne. "The Queen City of the South"

Sept 5 All hands up anchor this morning at 8 a.m. en route for Albany, Western Australia. Passed the Heads some time between 10 & 11 o'clock.

Course—Nearly West. Speed 10 knots.

About 900 men were left behind this morning, liberty breakers. The Kansas remained behind to get the mail and I suppose that a majority of them will make that ship before she leaves.

Later.

Calgoa will stay behind five days and pick up stragglers. The Kansas picks up the mail.

It is getting rough rainy & foggy with stiff southwesterly breeze.

Secured a specimen of quartz with a small piece of gold in it from McConkey that came from the gold mines at Ballarat Victoria.

42 miles

Sept 6 Weather a trifle better today.

Set the clock back about 43 min today as didn't set back any yesterday. 256 miles

Sept 7 Weather is fairly good with stiff breeze.

Course and speed remain same.

General quarters this morning. Worked all day finishing up my armature for hash machine. 249 miles

Sept 8 Weather, course, & speed remain about the same.

General quarters this morning and evening.

Finished armature this afternoon.

220 miles

Sept 9 Weather, course, and speed remain the same.

Fleet maneuvers in the morning from about 9 to 11 as a usual thing.

Collision & abandon ship drills this morning and general quarters this evening.

224 miles

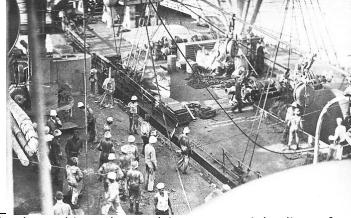
Sept 10 Weather Moderate. Reduced speed. General quarters this morning. 212 mi

Friday Arrived at Albany at 8:00 a.m. this Sept 11 morning and anchored in the outer harbour in King Georges Sound.

Tried to get a collier alongside to coal this morning but Sound was too rough and had to go in inside to coal. Commenced to coal at 2:20 p.m. and finished about 2 a.m. Taking on about 1300 ton.

Tried to make all Electricians coal but didn't succeed this time.

BB21:Michael Hughes



Sept 12



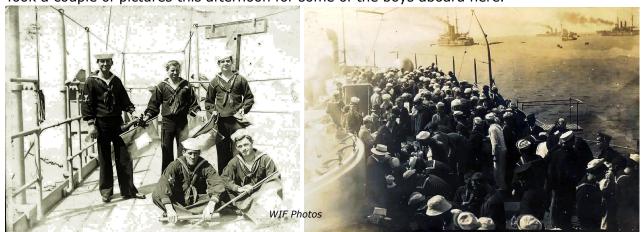
All hands clean ship today and it was certainly dirty after yesterday's coaling.

Coal dust every where. Scrubbed paint work in after dynamo room all morning.

Only 40 special 1st class men from each ship get liberty here. Liberty only lasts from 1 to 6 p.m. in the afternoon. A long liberty.

WIF Souvenir

Sunday Sept 13 Took a couple of pictures this afternoon for some of the boys aboard here.



A very large number of visitors aboard this afternoon.

Sept 14 It rained nearly all day today. Very few visitors aboard and I put in most of my time sleeping, having the 4 to 8 [watch].

Sept 15 Albany is a city of between 2 and 3 thousand inhabitants.

There were a large number of visitors aboard today.

Most of them appearing to have come from surrounding towns and villages and a great number from Perth which is the capital of Western Australia.

Sept 16 Went ashore this afternoon on liberty. Only 40 special first class men allowed ashore at one time so the liberty party was rather slim to what it usually is.

It rained nearly all the time that I was ashore so I came back at four o'clock.

Took four view while ashore but don't think that they will be much good because it was misting rain and very cloudy.

They intend to hold a reception aboard here tomorrow for the high mucky-mucks from Perth.

I bought a number of tonguin nuts while ashore for souvenirs. They are good to put in clothes that are packed away for moths, etc.

Sept 17 Went ashore this morning with the track team. The Navy against the local men.

Navy won the following-

100 yd. dash. 1,2 & 3rd [place]

Throwing cricket ball. distance 1, 2 & 3rd

Kicking football distance. 1 & 2nd.

High Jump

Tug of War between Navy & Gibralter

Share Holds, pulling

Lost-Tug of war between Navy & local policemen.

There were several contests between local woodsmen for log chopping and cutting sleepers.



Had a little trouble when coming back. The officer in charge of us when going ashore told us that we could stay until eight o'clock and the patrol officer sent us back arriving aboard 1 hr overtime according to orders - for no one is allowed ashore after six o'clock here. Officers fault.



Stereoview: An Officer of the Deck

Sept 18 Brought off a piece of the wood that was used in the wood chopping contest yesterday. The name of it is Jarrah and is a wood peculiar to this country, not growing elsewhere. When it is dried it becomes very hard, and if left a number of years in the water it never becomes waterlogged.

Commenced coaling this evening a little after four o'clock and expect to coal all night in two hour shifts. Lunch served out every four hours. 8, 12, & 4 o'clock.

Expect to take on about 1000 ton. The fleet with the exception of this ship left at 5 o'clock this evening.

Sept 19



Finished coaling between 4:30 and 5 o'clock this morning and got under way shortly afterward with ten boilers lit up.

Speed 14 knots this forenoon. Increased speed to 15 knots this afternoon. Up another knot this evening.

Expect to overhaul the fleet early in the morning.

We were still in sight of the coast late this evening.
48 miles

BB18:Larry Bonn/USNHC

Sunday Overhauled the fleet shortly after 4 a.m. this Sept 20 morning and were in position at the head of the column before five.

8 to 12 watch this morning. 312 miles



WIF Photo

Sept 21 Weather very nice today. Collision drill and general quarters this morning. 268 miles

Sept 22 Collision drill and general quarters. Air bedding. 253 miles

Sept 23

Abandon ship drill this morning.

Fourth Division dropped behind this morning reducing speed to 9 knots.



WIF Photo

Sept 24 General quarters last evening and this morning.

Sept 25 Course due north which will bring us just east of Java. These islands that we're about to pass thru belong to the Dutch with very few exceptions. They are of volcanic origin. The surface being nearly all mountainous with the exception of the smaller ones. Interior of Borneo & Celebes covered with forests of teak & ebony. Cocoanut, other palms, bamboos are found on all these islands.

The British possessions in these islands comprise the northern part of Borneo. Some of the articles grown in Borneo. Tobacco, India rubber, coffee, cocoanut, ramie, sago, Indian corn, sugar cane, cotton, ground & betel nuts, tapioca, sweet potatoes, & birds nests.

Sept 26 Sighted land at 6 am and shortly passed between the island of Lombock [Lombok] and Sumbua [Sumba].

Course NE after going thru straits of Lombock.

We are now in the Java Sea. The weather is very warm.

The islands on either side are very densely wooded and we are close enough at times to make out the tropical vegetation.



Sunday Shifted to forward dynamo room.

Sept 27 Spent this day it the Java Sea, course NE by E making for the western coast of the island of Celebes.

Passed close to an atoll or coral island this afternoon. It was apparently circular in shape and as for vegetation a little small shrubbery and a large number of palms growing in intervals as tho planted by man.

Seen a most beautiful sight this evening just as the sun was setting a square rigged ship loomed up between us and the sun; there was just enough breeze stirring to fill her sails, she was hull down in less than half an hour. It was the most beautiful sight that I have seen at Sea.

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Sept 28 General quarters and collision drill.

Passed several small islands and sailing craft.

Some of the islands are apparently inhabited and others are not altho we do not go close enough to a very great number of them to tell.

From some of them a few "poeas," native boats put off.

A poea is built something like a Hawaiian surf except that they have two outriggers instead of one. One on either side. They can carry a very large area of sail with[out] capsizing as the rigger on the lee side supports the boat while the weather side is out of the water.

Sept 29 Are passing thru the Macassar straits today. Abandon ship drill this morning.

Are able to see the coasts of both islands at times, Borneo and Celebes, but we have been keeping closer to the coast of Celebes than Borneo.

Last of the day we were in the Celebes sea. Course NE as we intend to pass in close to Zamboanga, on the island of Mindanao, the most southerly of the Philippines group. Read the "Fighting Chance" by Chambers, yesterday and today.

Sept 30



Passed thru the Sulu archipelago this morning. Passed close in to Jamboanga, on the island of Mindanao. Very warm.

Passed the island of Sulu early this morning.

I seen the comic opera once called the Sultan of Sulu but I never expected at that time to see the island itself.

Say old Sol is right on the job these days I can tell you. After coming off watch every one makes for the focastle awning in order to get what little breeze that there is.

Zamboango seems to be a very small place it being a small station (army & naval) for this part of the Philippines.

275 miles

Stereoview: Recreation hour, Battleship Georgia

Oct 1 To Manila. General guarters.

Passing thru Sulu or Mindoro Sea with the island of Panay in sight on the starboard side during the afternoon. The vegetation doesn't seem to be nearly so dense as Mindanao.

Received a wireless this afternoon that cholera has broken out in Manila and that no liberty will be granted there.

The principal islands of the Philippines are Luzon, Mindoro, Paragua, Panay, Negros, Cebu, Samar, Masbate, Leyte, Bohod & Mindanao. The largest of these as well as the most important is Luzon, the next being Mindanao. 310 miles

Oct 2 General quarters.

Entered Manila Bay about noon and passed Cavite and anchored off Manila about 3 p.m. just off the breakwater at the entrance to the Pasig River. Nearly all the shipping is lying inside the breakwater.

No liberty here and no bumboats allowed aboard so as far as we are concerned we may as well be out at sea as anchored in Manila Bay. City is strictly under quarantine.



Postcard: A Favorite Pastime

Oct 3



Today has been uneventual for the second day in port. Nothing doing except the moving of small craft about on the harbour waters. The "Mosquito Fleet" is lying over near the Navy yard at Cavite, there are about 12 or 13 of them. All gunboats or 3rd class cruisers. I wouldn't care to spend the rest of my cruise on one of them out here.

Read the *Squaw Man* this afternoon and evening for recreation. Have put most of spare time this week in cleaning up the after dynamo room.

WIF Photo

Sunday Rumors are that we coal tomorrow morning. Nothing of interest going on up on deck except church which was held at the usual hour this morning.

Typhoon started in this afternoon about three o'clock and at its worst about 9 in the evening. The fleet shifted anchorage further out in the bay and sent all boats ashore.

Calmed down pretty well about 3 a.m.

Oct 5 Started to coal ship at 5 bells this morning from the British collier British Monarch of London.

A little before noon two small lighters was brought alongside and enabled the men to get at the coal a little easier, the collier on one side and the lighters on the other, but it was slow work at best nearly every one stripped to the waist it was so hot, together with four or five showers which no one paid any attention to. Seachlights turned on at 6:30 and knocked off coaling at 10:00. Could hardly recognize any one that had been in the lighters or collier from coal dust.



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Oct 6



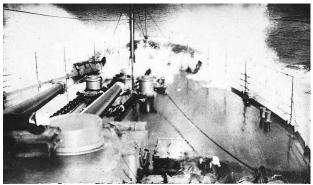
Continued coaling this morning at 4:30, breakfast at eight and finally finishing at 3:00 p.m.

Illuminated ship today while coaling ship which I'll assure you was very nice. Started to clean up on deck.

BB17:The First Swimming Call. USNHC

Oct 7	General field day all over ship.
	Put in forenoon cleaning up after dynamo room.
	12 to 4 watch in the afternoon.
Oct 8	Painting ship and taking on stores of all kinds.
	Weather very warm.
	Another typhoon is reported standing this way and will be due on the 4 to 8 watch this
	evening.
	Later-
	Typhoon either went around or dispersed itself as nothing but a stiff breeze materialized.
Oct 9	All day off. Finished reading the Leopard's Spots by Dixon, which I find a very good book in
	parts.
Oct 10	All hands up anchor this morning at 6 a.m. for Yokohama, Japan.
	Kept in sight of the coast of Luzon nearly all day and will continue so tomorrow.
	Weather very warm.
Sunday	Reached the northern end of Luzon this morning while at quarters and changed our course
Oct 11	(which had been nearly north) to NE headed directly for the eastern coast of Japan.
	12 x 4 watch.

Oct 12 About 3 a.m. this morning a monsoon started in good working order and by noon was at its highest. First casualty to the fleet was the carrying away of the foremast and wireless of the Kearsarge and she soon dropped behind.





BB21:M.Hughes BB20:USNHC

All the seagoing men, some of whom have been to sea 20 years say that they never seen anything beat it, have seen the wind blow stronger but not such a heavy sea. The highest registered list of this ship was 35°.

Twice she shipped water on her boat deck, not spray but rolled so that the sea came over it being on the lee side.

Oct 13 A boatswain's mate was lost over board on the Rhode Island, and was impossible to pick him up. (last night) Rhode Island lost both life boats and the New Jersey & Minnesota each lost one.

Minnesota lost a marine overboard about 1 p.m. and was picked up by the Vermont.

Some ship lost a steamer but could not find out which one. Haven't heard anything of the Kearsarge. All of the 2nd squadron but three have dropped behind but are in communication with them by wireless.



BB16:USNHC

We were out of formation for an hour this afternoon to secure an anchor chain. Storm is gradually abating about four o'clock this afternoon.

Oct 14 Nothing to be seen of the storm but a heavy swell.

Monday's dinner & supper, Tuesday's breakfast & dinner was served, as you please - an arm around a stanchion with a sandwich in that hand and a cup of coffee in the other or perched up on an ammunition hatch with feet drawn up out of the water as the gun deck was flooded. Every time the ship gave a heavy roll the water would come up the scuppers and spout up two and three feet like a geyser.

All hands were barefooted.

Expect to make Yokohama Sunday evening.

Nothing heard of the Kearsarge. Virginia came back into position this morning at 12 knots.

Oct 15 4th Division 90 miles behind, they report a wireless from the Kearsarge saying that she was all right, as they began to be pretty anxious about her.

Heavy swells but fine weather although it still continues to be warm.

Oct 16 Weather very fine.

During the storm of 12-13 a man was lost overboard from the Illinois but recovered by the Kearsarge. Kearsarge lost both life boats along with her other casualties.

Oct 17 Have been in communication with the Japanese fleet. Expect to anchor off Yokohama at 9 a.m. in the morning.

Sunday Anchored in double column alongside the Japanese fleet at 9:30 this Oct 18 morning. Are lying just outside the breakwater.

90 men from each ship went to Tokyo to a garden tea party given by the government.

The harbour is covered with sanpans & floats of all kinds filled with bareheaded Japs looking the American fleet over.

A great number of bumboats came aboard this noon and evening.

NIF Souvenir

Oct 19 90 men, today, Tuesday & Wednesday go to a garden tea party at Tokyo. I go Wednesday if nothing happens.

Bumboats of all kinds aboard, silk merchants, vendors of carved ivorys, shoe merchants, and curios of all kinds, shapes, sizes & qualities, some good and some very bad.

Oct 20 Same number of men ashore today, part of them going to Kamakura but the majority of them going to Tokyo. Every one reports having a good time. Kamakura is about 45 min. run south of Yokohama while Tokyo is about the same distance north.

Bumboats aboard in full force all day.

Every meal hour there are a whole fleet of bumboats around the ship. I'm going on liberty tomorrow. Liberty is from 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Oct 21 Succeeded in getting away with the first liberty party this morning and made the dock at about 9:30 and the party that I was in was booked for Kamakura.

I and Bright tried to beat it and make the Tokyo party but nothing doing.

Left Yokohama at 10 for Kamakura arriving about 10:45.

English speaking guides from the Normal School at Kamakura took us thru three temples and we visited the shrine of Budda [sic] alone.

A lunch was served us at 1 p.m. by 10 Japanese girls who waited on the two of us alone.

Returned to Yokohama at 6 p.m. and after a little shopping returned aboard





WIF Album



Oct 22 Took a good sleep this afternoon to recover from the effects of the liberty yesterday as we were on our feet all day.

Purchased two sofa pillow covers and sent one of them away to Mrs. D. D. Schneider for a wedding present.





Also purchased half a doz. silk handkerchiefs and a silk neck cloth. Purchased a sword cane at this bazaar of Budda for 50 sen.

As a natural course rode every

where in a rickasha which is the most convenient and popular method of conveyance in Japan.

Oct 23 Intend going on liberty tomorrow again and am going to Tokyo this time or bust.

It is amusing watching the trading that goes on between the blue jackets and the various Japanese merchants on the focastle during meal hours.

If a Jap asks a certain price for an article you can make up your mind that you can get it for just about half the price that he is asking.

Oct 24 Made the Tokyo party this time all right and made a careful avoidance of all the guides this time.

After arriving in Tokyo we went out to Ueno Park where we went thru the museum and art galleries and two shrines.

We walked out thru the small shop district and thru the different bazaars then out to another park the name of which I have forgotten but it is the Coney Island of Tokyo is the shortest way of describing it. It is filled with theaters, operas, of all kinds & descriptions and all native amusements including a ferris wheel.



WIF Album

Return to Yokohama at 5 p.m. and aboard ship on time

Sunday All hands up anchor at 8 a.m. We were accompanied by one division of the Japanese fleet Oct 25 outside the Bay where they exchanged salutes and parted.

Bought a solid leather suit case ashore yesterday giving \$6.85 for it. Would not be able to duplicate it in New York for \$15.

Weather fair.

Oct 26 Weather very nice-

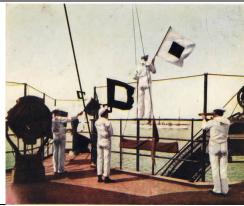
General quarters this morning and searchlight drill in the evening.

Usual sea routine taken up, drilling every afternoon & morning and usual preparations for battle practice which is only a little over two weeks away now as we expect to fire about the 12^{th} of next month.

Oct 27 The weather is fine - sea is very smooth. General quarters this morning as usual. Second squadron parted company with us this morning - they laying course for Amoy, China. Maneuvers nearly all day.

Oct 28 Weather very nice.

Maneuvers –
General quarters –
Collision drill –
3" drill at 7:30 p.m. –
12 x 4 watch.



E.Miller Postcard

Oct 29 We are going to Subig [Subic] Bay, before making Cavite, and expect to stay about four days busying our selves with sub-caliber and bore-sighting.

Expect to raise the Bay day after tomorrow in the morning.

The weather on the way down has been a direct contrast to the weather going up, it being all most perfect. Today the sea is as smooth as glass except where the ships plow thru, and leave their wake behind.

Oct 30 Maneuvers, every morning, afternoon and night for the last few days and if Speedy Sperry wants to knock some of the wheels out from in under some of these wagons just let him keep the pow-wow up and if he don't take some cripples into Hampton Road Feb. 22 I'll miss my quess.

There are some strains that even steel won't stand.

Oct 31 We arrived here in Subig [Subic] Bay at 9 a.m. this morning and proceeded to moor ship for sub-caliber practice and bore sighting. This is a very nice bay and could easily be defended both by land and water but not as easily by water as I expected.

The floating dry dock Dewey is here and also the island at the entrance of the bay is fortified heavily and occupied by artillery men.

There is also a marine camp here near dry dock Dewey.

The land surrounding the harbour is very hilly so they might easily be defended against land attack.

Sunday Today is a continuance of yesterday.

Nov 1 There was some mail read out last night but none for me.

The calibration practice was completed a little after four this afternoon.

We were to get under way for Cavite but didn't finish in time.

Nov 2 All hands up anchor this morning at 6 a.m. – for Cavite arriving about 10:30. Ship was rigged for coaling and put on 500 tons from six small lighters from the coaling station in Cavite.

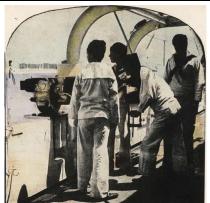
Nov 3 Field day - all hands scrubbing ship today.

Nov 4 No event of any importance.

Three busters from the Galveston were over here calling and looking for old shipmates.

Nov 5 We begin to paint the after dynamo room this morning.

Nov 6



Steamed over the course several times today for sub-caliber practice, this is for the benefit of the spotters.

We will be going over the course every day from now until we fire.

Stereoview: Rapid Fire Gun Practice

Nov 7 Nothing doing today.

Didn't even have church as our chaplain is in the second squadron making the China trip and I guess the skipper was as tired as the next one as he didn't show his face at all and quarters were a farce.



E. Miller Postcard: Playing Checkers USNHC

Nov 8



Remained at anchor all day nothina doina.

Preliminary torpedo practice today, they fired all four torpedoes one of which went on a cruise Nov 9 of its own. It went out a ways and headed back and proceeded to cut circles just astern the ship. Every one is roasting the torpedo division for fair.

Sub-caliber for three in. tonight.

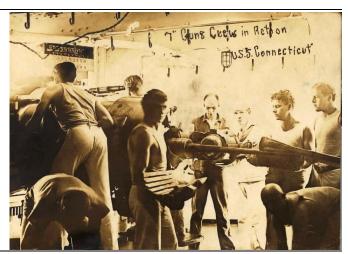
Use a Krag-Jorgenson rifle in the three in. for sub-caliber and 1 Jader for 7".

Nov 10 7" sub-caliber this morning again and general ammunition drill.

Three-inch drill tonight again.

Have started to paint the after dynamo room again and are going over it thoroughly this time, and it will take all the time up for a week while we are not on watch.

The blowers carry large quantities of dirt and cinders down below as the wind is from forward the majority of the time.



WIF Album

Nov 11 General quarters this morning with a couple of runs over the range, going thru loading drills, fire control, sight setting, and pointing on the target. Painted aft while not on watch.

Nothing doing to amount to anything this morning and afternoon. Remained at anchor all day. Nov 12 Up anchor about 6:00 and went over the course for torpedo defense firing port battery. There were three targets - three forward guns firing at the 1st one, 4 amidship at the second, and the three aft at the 3rd.

By the tracers it looked as tho they done pretty fair but I haven't heard how many hits we got yet.

Steamed at 14 knots and range ran from 3800 to 2200 yds,

Painted aft this morning. 12 x 4 watch.



BB21:M. Hughes. USNHC

Nov 13 A continuance of last night's work, with the exception of firing the starboard instead of the port and with the same result. No hits either night. How's that!

You can bank that the night torpedo practice of the U.S.S. Connecticut for the nights of Nov. 12 & 13 won't be overly mentioned in official reports given out to the annoying public. The fault lies with the spotters giving us entirely too short a range, there was nothing radically wrong with the gun pointers as the shots fell all bunched together.

Nov 14

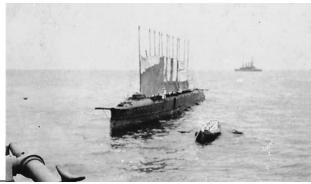


BB21:M. Hughes. USNHC

One 12" shell tore the bull's eye almost entirely out. About 1/3 of the target was carried away.

All hands ate an early dinner and up anchor about 12 o'clock getting on the range a little before 1 p.m. - went over course once before firing.

Fired by salvo and fired 60 or 62 shots from heavy guns and rumor credits us with about 34 hits although we don't know for sure yet as they haven't given the result out yet. Range was from 8800 to 9000 yds, target being of the usual size 30x60 ft.



- Nov 15 Lowered mines in boats at 8 a.m. this morning and planted same this forenoon.

 Sunday No inspection this morning of any kind and every one not out with mines taking a sleep.

 Large mail came aboard this morning but nothing for yours truly, although am expecting several letters about this time.

 8 x 12 watch this evening.
- Nov 16 Started in for torpedo practice today but it turned out so rainy that they had to knock off.

 Typhoon set in late this afternoon but is not going to amount to anything.

 Rec'd wireless today of the assassination of the Empress of China and all her immediate staff.

 Took up mines this morning and stowed same below.
- Nov 17 Stood by all day for torpedo practice but for some reason or other it didn't materialize, although the weather wasn't very good as it was rather misty. Orders are to coal ship as soon as thru torpedo practice.

Nov 18 Fired torpedoes today making five hits out of eight.

Torpedoes bought alongside and hoisted aboard this evening.



BB21:M. Hughes. USNHC

Nov 19 All hands rigged ship for coaling this morning, six lighters coming alongside about 10:30.

Commenced coaling at 1:00 p.m.



All hands coals all afternoon and evening until eight o'clock when they commenced coaling by watches and will continue doing so all night. Showers occur about every half hour. Sandwiches served every two hours. Electricians on search lights have divided themselves in two watches, the first staying on until 12 and the next until 6 a.m.

BB7:Capt Thos C. Edrington III

Nov 20 Knocked off about eight this morning having finished unloading the lighters alongside and they are not going to bring any more alongside until the weather moderates a little - it having freshened up a bit.

Commenced coaling again at 4:30 and expect to finish about 12 p.m.

Nov 21 Finished between 12 and 1 a.m. this morning.

All hands slept in this morning, breakfast at 8 o'clock.

Started to clean ship about 11 o'clock.

Scrubbed a little paint work aft.

Field day on deck in the afternoon.



Stereoview: "Mess Time on Board Ship"

Nov 22 Nothing doing today in the line of quarters, field day in the morning and every body taking a sleep in the afternoon.

Commenced serving out monthly money about 4 p.m.

Nov 23 Admiral sent word to the Governor-General Smith over here that there wouldn't be any liberty for the men of the fleet while here.

All hands are doing a little cussing.

Nov 24 Bumboats doing a thriving business aboard here, every one buying post cards and crepe underwear.

Received news that Admiral has changed his mind about giving men liberty having received orders from Washington to that effect. Eighty special 1st class men from each ship for four days beginning with Thanksgiving.

P. D. Becker transferred to the Rainbow.

Nov 25 Big preparations for Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow.

> Went over to the Navy yard to work on the deck winch field coils that had been sent over to be re-insulated having been well soaked up with salt water on our trip up to Japan.

> Were guests of Heggie Johnson for dinner. Johnson is quite a character in Cavite. Returned aboard at 5 p.m.

BB7:Capt Thos C. Edrington III



Nov 26 Eat [sic] of the big dinner and went ashore with Oviatt at 12:30 on the tug that was sent over for the liberty party. Visited the walled city and other interesting points about the city in the afternoon, attended

the band concert at the Lureneta in the evening, returning aboard ship at 12:30.

Nov 27 Missing

Nov 28 Missing

Nov 29 Missing

Nov 30 Missing



WIF Album

Dec 1 Up with the mud Hook at 8 a.m. "Homeward bound." Passed out of the bay between 9-10 and set course for the Malacca Straits.

Weather turned foggy during afternoon.

Dec 2 Collision drill this morning.

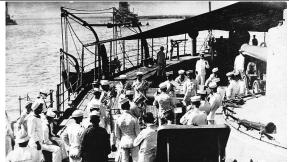
> The Filipino band that we have aboard are all seasick and think that they are going to die. Fleet maneuvers this afternoon.

Collision drill, fire drill, and abandon ship this morning so that when retreat sounded it was 6 Dec 3 bells.

Our new 1st Luff is inspecting the ship.

Rained in showers all day and I didn't go above deck all day. Dec 4

Dec 5



Paint ship today. You can't sit down any where without getting all over paint.

Ship's band gave us some very nice music on the focastle tonight.

BB21:M. Hughes. USNHC

Three general court-martials read out this morning at muster. All of them got 6 months in Dec 6 naval prison for being left at Melbourne.

Sighted the straits of Malacca early this morning, passing numerous islands and islets and as a usual thing keeping pretty close to shore on starboard side. Passed Singapore about 1 p.m. this afternoon and exchanged salutes.

Fleet is steaming in single column formation since early this morning.

We passed or overhauled a number of merchantmen during the day.

- Passed thru the narrowest part of the straits a little after midnight last night. Dec 7 Collision & fire drill this morning. Dec 8 Fleet maneuvers all afternoon. Weather very nice for this latitude. Good weather continuing. Will make Colombo next Sunday morning. Collision drill. Dec 9 A case of small-pox reported aboard the Georgia this afternoon. She left the fleet 16 knots for Colombo to get the case in a hospital. Sighted a merchantman hull down at sundown. General quarters this morning. Fleet maneuvers. Dec 10 Several small rain squalls passed over this afternoon. Haven't heard whether our mail has arrived in Colombo yet or no. Dec 11 Will make Colombo [Ceylon] Sunday morning if every thing goes lovely. Fine weather fine drills fine everything.
- Dec 12 Fine drills again. Fine weather. This day a repetition of the last eleven.
- CEYLON 1908.

Made Colombo this morning coming to anchor inside the breakwater at 9:30. Second Squadron didn't come inside until after dinner.

Four ships started in to coal at once from colliers.

All kinds of East India fakirs come aboard selling their wares consisting mostly of cut glass jewelry and imitation carved ebony elephants. Other fakirs with their cobras and their numerous juggling tricks which are very good and make your eyes stick out. 234 mi

WIF Souvenir

- Dec 14 500 men going on liberty each day from the fleet. An excursion party of 30 men from each ship go to Kandy every morning besides the regular liberty party.
- Dec 15 Some of the natives here certainly have some crude affairs in the line of boats. Some of them consisting of a number of logs lashed together and turned up a little on the forward end.
- Dec 16 Went ashore this morning in the Kandy excursion party. The special train left Colombo at 7:35 a.m. and returned to Columbo at 7:40 P.M.

Arrived in Kandy a little before 12 and left at 3:40. Luncheon was served in Fergeson Hall by the Government. Kandy is almost in the center of the island and 72 miles from C. It is also about 1600 ft. above the sea level. The last half of the journey up, a pusher was on behind as the ascent in some places was very sharp and I counted 10 tunnels of various lengths. Kandy has a population of about 20,000 or a little more. Rode around the city visiting the curio shops and the principal point of interest was the Buddha Temple of the Sacred Tooth. Among the more interesting things



in the temple was a series of paintings representing the belief of the punishments received for the various sins while on earth.

The scenery on the way to Kandy is the most interesting of its kind that I [have] ever seen. About 20 miles this side of Kandy are numerous rice paddy [sic] made in terraces and one can imagine the amount of labor it must of taken to construct them. Their origin is said to have dated very far back.

- Dec 17 Coaled ship today taking on about 1100 tons.
- Dec 18 General field day all hands cleaning ship. Sent the usual liberty party ashore.

 The shipping in the harbor is very crowded today but I see that three or four of the steamers have their sailing pennants at their yard so it had [sic] ought to be a little clearer tomorrow.

Dec 19 Well we sail tomorrow. All kinds of bumboats aboard all afternoon.

There were quite a number of English visitors aboard also.

Sir Thomas Lipton sent a great quantity of tea aboard the fleet here, one pound of tea for each man.

Lipton controls the tea trade here and owns about 800,000 acres of land on this island.

Dec 20 All hands up anchor between 6 and 7 this morning.

We have a 16 day run ahead of us.

Collision drill this morning at quarters.

Dec 21 Weather very fine.

Collision drill. Afternoon spent on the focastle.

The band plays forward for the crew every evening at sea now and all the boys are dancing every evening so as to keep in practice for the ships ball which is to be given as quick as we arrive in New York.



Navy Y.M.C.A. Postcard

Dec 22 Weather very fine. Collision drill.

The subscription from the ships company for Christmas sports - nearly \$100 having been collected so far.

- Dec 23 Weather very fine. Christmas sports committee reports \$136.
- Dec 24 Sports Committee turns in a grand total of \$226 this evening. The turkey is baking in the galley.

Christmas The sports that were held on board today were:

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- 1. Sack race
- 2. Three legged race
- 3. Shoe race
- 4. Rescue race
- 5. Potatoe [sic] race
- 6. Rope climbing
- 7. Tug of war between Gunners Gang and Electricians
- 8. Tug of war between deck force and engineers' force
- 9. Spar boxing
- 10. Pie eating contest.
- 11. Standing high jump
- 12. Standing broad jump.
- 13. Three four round boxing bouts. Two minute rounds.
- 14. Four vaudeville sketches.
- 15. Grand cake walk.

The amount of money that has been collected among the ships company was \$226. This amount was given out in prizes.

A first, second & third prize in each event.

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We had a very nice dinner and a very nice menu card was given each one. Menut. U. S. S. Connecticut. CHRISTMAS PUREE OF TOMATO GREETING MIXED PICKLES OLIVES ROAST AUSTRALIAN TURKEY ASSORTED TAMS SAGE DRESSING MASHED POTATOES CREAMED CORN COLD ROAST BEEF POTATO SALAD MAYONNAISE DRESSING STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE HOLLAND CHEESE MINCE PIE

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BB21.Christmas Eve in the US Navy.USNHC Officers "Giving the Famous Highland toast and song for sweethearts and wives" on Arabian Sea, 1908

Dec 26 There is talk of having more sports on New Years day, a committee was appointed this morning to look into it.

Dec 27 Will soon pass Adus, Arabia

CIGARS

COCOA

Dec 28 Weather very fine. Usual drills.

Dec 29 A total of \$220 has been turned in by the sports committee towards the New Years sports. Fine weather and usual drills. Was taken off watch today and am helping Macginniss on engine repairs in the forward

dynamo room. Expect it to take nearly a month.

MIXED NUTS

CIGARETTES

COFFEE

Dec 30



The monotony of the last few days was broken this evening by a couple of fights on the focastle.

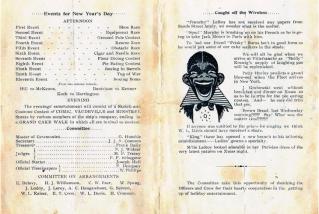
Everyone is talking of the ships' ball to be given whenever [we] reach New York.

WIF Photo

The arrangements for the sports tomorrow have all been made and the program is to be Dec 31 something like that of Christmas with a very few exceptions.

New Year's Day 1909 Rec'd wireless of earth quake in Messina, Sicily saying that the whole city was destroyed. Sports were carried out according to the arranged plan.





Some of the new contests were.

- 1. Barrel boxing
- 2. Obstacle race
- 3. Equipment race
- 4. Flour dipping Electricians pulled the Gunners gang again and were beat.

The Grand cake walk was especially good this evening as was a few of the monologues.

The best were given by Jimmy Luddy and Jack Percival.

BB5:USNHC



Jan 2 Shifted uniforms to blues.

Jan 3 Arrived in Suez this morning at 9 o'clock. Suez is built on both sides of the canal and looks like a bunch of dobie houses from a distance and not much better at a closer view.





Left Suez at day light this morning. The canal averages about 150 ft wide and is 96 or 98 miles long. We expect to make Port Said sometime near midnight.

Passed thru Lake Bitters a short time after dinner. The first division comes thru today, second division and one of the third tomorrow and the rest of the fleet the next day.

Jan 5 Arrived in Port Said at 11 p.m. last night and began coaling nearly as quick as we had dropped anchor.

Received orders to proceed to Naples to render our services to the Italian government to aid in the Messina troubles. The rest of the division to follow as quick as they finish coaling.

Got under way at 10 p.m. at 16 knots speed.

Jan 6 Left Port Said at 10 p.m. last night. Our present orders are to go around the western end of Sicily as the earth quake has destroyed the land marks in the Straits of Messina. Averaged 13 knots today,

Jan 7 Averaged 13 knots today. Have been striking long heavy swells all day.

Jan 8 Received wireless thru ships of the first division behind us to proceed to Messina by the straits and pick up the American Ambassador Griscom there and proceed to Naples.

Jan 9







Arrived at Messina at 9 a.m. this morning.

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We are lying in close to the city and can see very plainly the effects of the earthquake. A funeral party was sent ashore to bury the wife of the English Consul. The American Consul, together with his wife and daughter are still buried in the ruins of the consulate. Up anchor for Naples at 5 p.m. and passed the volcano of Stromboli at 9:30.

Jan 10 Arrived in Naples at 10 a.m. this morning.

Expect to send liberty party ashore tomorrow. Are giving furloughs to a few men.

Several Italian men-of-war lying alongside of us.

Jan 11 First section went ashore this morning and are due back at the ship by 12 o'clock tonight. Rained all day.

Jan 12 Usual liberty party ashore.

Jan 13

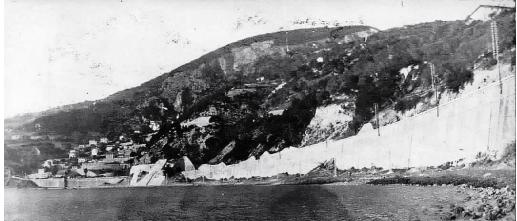


Went ashore with Maginniss this morning and took in some of the principal sights of Naples. Visiting the ruins of Pompei and the old Fort of Saint Martin on the highest elevation in Naples, thru the government museum and by the kings palace.

- Jan 14 Resumed work on the engines today and expect to plug right along on them all this week.
- Jan 15 All of Naples that I seen today was the bumboats on the quarterdeck at noon as it was rainy and foggy all day.
- Jan 16 Am going ashore this afternoon.
- Sunday Have been ashore again and took a carriage ride all around the city all afternoon, and it cost
- Jan 17 two of us 7 franc for carriage fare.
- Jan 18 Rumors are that we sail for Villefranche-sur-Mer day after tomorrow.
- Jan 19 Usual routine.
- Jan 20 Sailed for Villefranche this afternoon at 4 p.m. and intend to make it on the 22nd. Very dark this evening.
- Jan 21 Very nearly ran down a schooner this evening as she was running without lights. Seen the shores of Corcia [Corsica] this afternoon where Napolean was confined the first time.
- Jan 22- Villefranche. Dropped anchor about 9 a.m. this morning.
- This is a very beautiful little harbor. The land rises directly from the beach at an incline up to a steep cliff in a couple of places. Where it is possible it is terraced up the side of the slope, the front of each terrace being faced up with stone, so that where there is a long series they

present a "stone front" with very small stretches of green sandwiched between, putting you in mind of a lettuce sandwich you get at some church social.

The waterfront in most places is walled up to quite a height.



The harbor itself might be the arena of a Roman amphitheater and the hills surrounding it the rising tiers of seats on an enlarged plan.

Jan 24 Over the top of the hills to the northeast you can see the snow crowned Alps in the far distance.

All of the first division is here.

I intend to go to Nice when on liberty as it is a very short distance from here.

I'll go on liberty tomorrow if nothing happens.

- Jan 25 Went ashore today going to Nice.
- Jan 26 Up anchor this morning for Gibralter, the first division will coal there instead of Negro Bay as intended. The fleet assembles in the Bay on the 6th of Feb. Weather very pleasant. Speed 9 knots.
- Jan 27 Weather very fine, speed same as day before.

We installed three micro-phonic telephones today for trial. One on the bridge and the other two in the engine room and steam steering engine room.

The phones are intended for battle control but don't think that they are as good as the ones we have at present. The inventor is an Italian.

- Jan 28 Finished installing the phones today.
 - Weather & speed remain the same.
- Jan 29 #5 run hot last night and worked on her with Maginniss until 12 o'clock, put in new brasses, pin, and connecting rod.
 Weather a trifle warmer.
- Jan 30 Finished #5 this morning. Sighted the Spanish coast today and will make Gibralter by morning.

 Coal ship tomorrow taking on 1400 ton.

Jan 31 Made Gibralter this morning coming in every one was looking to see the face of the rock that you always see on the advertisements of the Prudential Insurance Co. That side of the rock is on the opposite side from the town.



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We anchored inside the breakwater, meet the rest of the fleet here a few days from now. There are four English men-of-war in here besides about 12 torpedo boats.

4 Russian cruisers are also here. Coaled ship all day today.

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Feb 1	General field day.
Feb 2	Weather was very nice today and everyone was on deck sizing up the probable situation of
	the masked guns. You can see very few of them.
Feb 3	Bumboats off every day in force selling all kinds of fruits, silk, shawls, cigars, cigarettes, post
	cards, etc.
Feb 4	Weather still continues nice.
Feb 5	We leave for the states day after tomorrow
Feb 6	Homeward Bound tomorrow.

Postcard. E. Muller

	OSECATA. L. PHANET		
Feb 7	All hands up anchor for God's country this afternoon.		
	Weather very foggy and wet.		
Feb 8	Weather clearing up a little.		
Feb 9	Weather O.K. Speed 9 knots. Drill every day.		
Feb 10	Weather very good but northwesterly wind sprang up this evening.		
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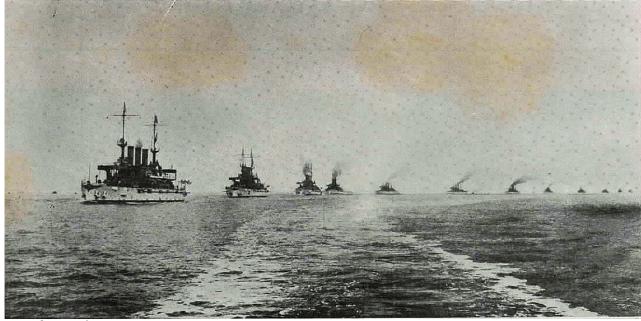
Feb 19 Expect to get in on time.

Montauk, North Carolina and Chester joins the third squadron who put in their appearance last night.

Feb 20 Birmingham falls in, making 25 ships.

Feb 21 Will come to anchor about midnight in Lynhaven Bay.

Feb 22



Very foggy this morning.

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In getting under way this morning at 9:30 we carried away our starboard foreward anchor. Dropped anchor in the Roads at 1 p.m.



President Roosevelt came aboard about 2:15 and made a short speech and afterward visited the other flag ships.

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The cruise ends. Finis

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Notes and Other Information in Log

Temples of Tokyo

Fudo, which stands on a wooded hill.

Daishi, a Buddist [sic] temple.

Anamori, a Shinto temple much frequented by Tokyo people.

Asakusakwannon, a temple dedicated to a small statue of the goddess of Mercy, (Avalokitesvara) which is said to have been found in the bed of Miyatogawa by two retainers of a nobleman called Haslio Nakatomo. The temple was founded by the Abbot Shokai in the 7th Century and the present building was rebuilt by the command of Shogun Ietumsa(?) in the 17th century.

Ekoin, a temple where the famous wrestling matches take place.

<u>Hibiya Daijingu</u> is a shrine near Hibiya park, and the structure of the shrine is an initiation of the "Great Shrine" of Ise Province.

<u>Yasukuni –</u> Jinja is a celebrated Shinto temple which lies on Kudan Hill and is dedicated to the soldiers who have fallen in the wars since the Restoration.

<u>Zojoji</u>, the chief temple of the jodo sect, and the Mausoleums of the Tokugawa Shoguns, is situated in Shiba Park.

The interior of the shrine glows with gold and brilliant colors.

The temple was built in the 16th century under the patronage of Tokuyama Ieyasu. The remains of six Tokugawa Shoguns are entombed here and a separate shrine was made for each of them.

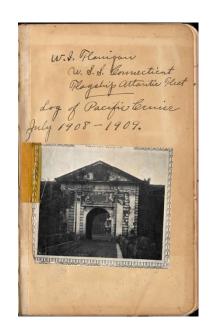
<u>Sengaku-ji</u> is a temple better known as the "Tomb of the Forty-seven Ronins" is situated in Takanawa not far from the Shinagawa Railway Station. In the enclosure of the Buddist temple are the famous tombs of the 47 Ronins who avenged the death of their master Asano Naganori, Lord of the Harima Province, on the night of Dec. 14th ad. 1702.

Tokyo

The capital of the Empire is the place of Imperial Residence and the seat of government. It has a population of about 2,000,000. City covers 28 sq. mi. Tokyo was formerly called Yeddo a merly(?) collection of villages. In 1590 Ieyasu, the founder of the Tokugama Dynasty, came here and made its his military headquarters.

The river Sumida flows thru the Eastern part of the city is spanned by five iron bridges.

The Imperial Palace where His Majesty the Emperor resides is within the grounds of the castle formerly called Edo-jo. The Castle is surrounded by a moat its circle being 1 ri 20 cho or nearly 4 miles in length. "The Niji-bashi" or "Twofold bridge" forms the main entrance to the Palace.



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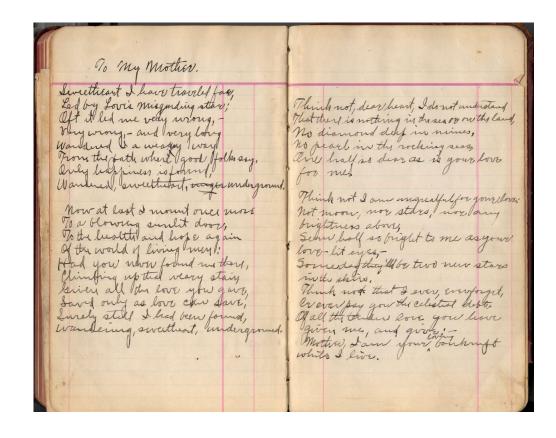
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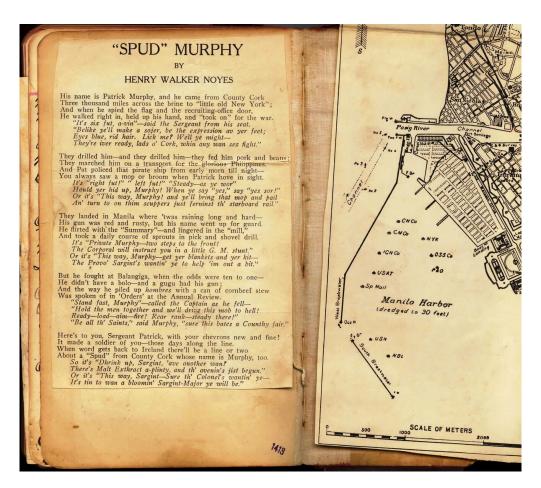
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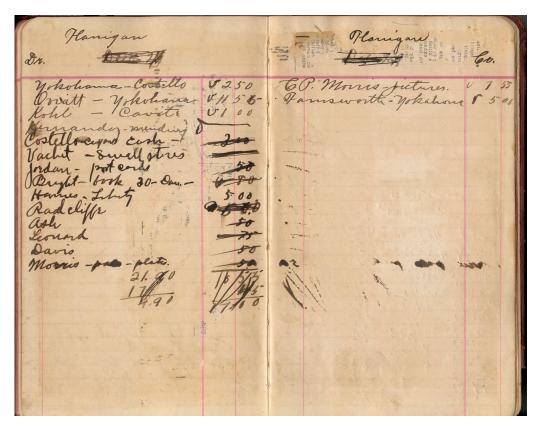
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