

# Weekly Rough Log.

U. S. S. ALBANY

R. L. Varnado.

Editor.

Wuhu, China.

Jan. 14:--Received seven men from the Barry for transportation to the Buffalo at Shanghai. H. I. J. M. S. Tatsuta, flying a Vice-Admiral's flag, stood down the river and anchored. No salute was fired at request of the Vice-Admiral.

Jan. 15:--Underway at 5.32 Anchoring off Nanking at 9.35 a.m. Received 12 men from the Bainbridge for the Buffalo. Underway at 1.35 p.m. anchoring off Chinkiang at 4.43. Received from the Decatur 5 men for the Buffalo, one for the Pompey and one for the Rainbow. Underway at 5.00 anchoring at 8.47 for the night

Jan. 16: Underway at 5.30 a.m. At 2.20 p.m. while steaming up the Woo Sung River, collided with a junk. Both engines went full speed astern but were not fast enough to keep from tearing to pieces the main-sail of the junk and scratching up the paint on No. 6, 5-inch gun. Pay day for all hands. Moored at 3.03 p.m. below Shanghai. Distance from Wuhu 267 miles. Received 65 men from the Buffalo.

Jan. 17: --Transferred 35 short-time men to the Buffalo. Received 26 men from Buffalo for further transfer to torpedo and river gun-boats. Transferred 26 men to Buffalo for transfer to ships at the Navy Yard.

Jan. 18:--Lieut-Commander C. R. Kear reported aboard for duty as Executive Officer Relieving Lieutenant F. W. Osborn detached and ordered home. Ensign C. C. Clark reported aboard for duty. Underway at 9.24 mooring further up stream at 9.45. a.m.

Jan. 19:--Underway at 10.05 for Nanking, anchoring at 8.15 p.m. for the night. The "Transport" Albany is doing a rushing business in the steaming line of late but we had lots of liberty in Shanghai so have no kick coming. Received a new wireless receiving set from the Saratoga.

Jan. 20:--Underway at 5.30 a.m. anchoring off Chinkiang at 9.11 Transferred 14 men to the Decatur. Underway at 10.33 a.m. coming to anchor off Nanking at 2.31 p.m. Distance from Shanghai 215 miles. Transferred 20 men to the Bainbridge and received two for medical treatment (51)



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Jan. 21.—The U. S. S. Bainbridge got underway at 6.35 a.m., and stood up the River with J. C. Stanley, Q. M. 3c. on board to take soundings above Wuhu. During the afternoon about 1500 revolutionary soldiers were transported across to Pukow.

Jan. 22.—The torpedo-boat Barry stood in and anchored. Transferred seventeen men to her which leaves only a few passengers on board for the river gun-boats.

Jan. 23.—Just as we begin to get settled in Nanking for a month's stay orders arrive to proceed to Shanghai on Thursday. Everyone seems to be financially embarrassed but probably there will be a pay day soon.

Jan. 24.—Raining and Snowing during entire day. The Elcano stood down from Hankow and anchored. Transferred twenty men to her, some of them for further transfer to the Helena, Quiros and Samar.

Jan. 25.—Received one man from the Elcano. Underway at 8.02 a.m. bound for Shanghai, the third trip since November, and the only incident of interest during the run is when the order to let go one of the anchors is given. About dusk dropped the hook for over night.

Jan. 26.—Underway at 8.00 a.m. and crossed the Woosung Bar at 1.55 p.m. Moored off the Yangtzepoo at 3.20 p.m. Distance from Nanking 215 miles. Regular liberty granted.

Jan. 27.—Full dressed ship at 8.00 a.m. with German ensign at the Main in honor of birthday of the Kaiser. The American Women's Club of Shanghai has fitted out the building next door to Moutrie's on Nanking Road with a reading and writing room, restaurant, and beds for the accomodation of American Sailors and Marines.



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Jan. 28.—At 8.35 a.m. the Rainbow got underway and stood out for Nanking. Underway at 10.00 and at 10.44 moored in Rainbow's berth off the French Bund.

Jan. 29.—Rear-Admiral Kawashima of the Japanese Navy called officially on the Captain. Shifted bags and hammocks, sending soiled ones to laundry ashore.

Jan. 30.—Rugby and association football teams are being organized with Ensign McGuire as Athletic Officer. There are a number of good teams in Shanghai so no doubt we will see some fast games when the Albany bunch gets limbered up and give an exhibition.

Jan. 31.—Received from the Saratoga L. E. Schultzler, O.S., H. B. McCool, O.S., C. A. Simpson, O. S., W. Schaldwachter, O.S., E. Burke, O.S., and J. Rozenzung, O.S. Chipping and red-leading all coffer-dams.

Feb. 1.—Beginning of the month in which we beat Uncle Sam out of a couple of days pay. Paymaster Kutz return aboard with \$27,000.00 Mexican currency. The U. S. Government lost \$2,300 gold on this amount the difference between .434 and the shore rate of exchange. Some of us could make a very good liberty on this little difference.

Feb. 2.—All kinds of rumours are afloat concerning our movements during the next few weeks. Some have it that we go to Manila while others say Taiko is the next stop. A good many of the ship's company would rather remain in Shanghai judging from the number of liberties they make.

Feb 3 —The short-timers who were transferred to the Buffalo are having almost as hard luck as those who went home on the New Orleans. Orders to hold her for six months if necessary on the Asiatic Station places her in the "Don't know" class but he is scheduled to be in Shanghai within a few days. (53)



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Feb. 4.—All the deck force lockers on the forward berth deck have been turned over to the Engineer's Division.

Feb. 5.—The Collier Nanshan came alongside at 8.00 a.m. Started taking stores from her at 8.10, finishing at 10.33. Manshan shoved off at 1.25 p.m. Several items in clothing and small stores needed for this season were received.

Feb. 6.—This card is the first number of Volume 2. Orders to answer all dips and courtesies from steamer and man of-war flying the Chinese Republican flags were received. No doubt we will be rendering salutes very soon.

Fed. 7.—S. M. S. Leipsic stood in during the forenoon. The Foc'sle skylight which was carried away while the ship was enroute from Manila last year is being replaced by one of steel. Smoking lamp is lighted for a shorter period than before so Star Navy is again coming into favor.

Feb. 8.—The Army and Navy Journal states that \$350,000.00 has been appropriated for repairs on the Albany, available July 1st and already some of the fellows are humming "Home, Sweet Home" around the decks.

Feb. 9.—A phonograph given away by a popular cafe in Shanghai was won by F. J. Schilling, F2c., and the port alley-way now rings with all the latest songs. Fire quarters sounded at 1.00 p.m. and it took just one and a half minutes to get a stream of water on the fake fire. Ensign W. C. Owen detached and ordered to the Barry for duty.

Feb. 10.—Vice-Admiral Winsloe and Staff of H. M. Navy called on the Captain. An association football game with a team from the Austrian cruiser Kaiser Franz Joseph 1 resulted in a 9-0 score in favor of the latter.



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Feb. 11.—Full dressed ship in honor of accession to the throne of the first Emperor of Japan. A master-at-arms from the Saratoga had his arm broken while roller-skating ashore and came aboard where it was set by Dr. Clifford.

Feb. 12.—Lieut. (J.G.) R. W. Cabaniss reported aboard from the Barry and assigned for duty with the First Division. Transferred one man to the Bainbridge Chipping and boot-topping bunkers, out-of-hours smokers doing most of the work.

Feb. 13.—Boatswain J. C. Lindberg left for Olongapo via the Saratoga to take examination for promotion. The Austrian Cruiser Szigetvar brought a new crew out and relieved the old crew of the Kaiser Franz Joseph I. The homeward-bounders passed and gave us three cheers which were heartily returned. An association football team from one of the German men-of-war defeated our team by score of 2-0.

Feb. 14.—Underway at 8.22 a.m. bound for Nanking on the fourth trip. Passed the Rainbow at 9.40 standing up the Whangpoo. Anchored at 6.24 p. m. for the night.

Feb. 15.—Underway at 5.57 a.m. Passed Chinkiang at 9.00 and moored off Nanking Bund at 12.11 p.m. Distance from Shanghai 215 miles. All Chinese men-of-war in full dress and as we stood into anchorage at noon they fired the national salute of 21 guns.

Feb. 16.—A Chinaman was found at the foot of the sea-wall on the beach where he had been stoned to death by robbers. Several pictures were taken by Osborn, Chief Electrician, of the inquest and preparation for burial.

Feb. 17.—A list of the sports to the held on Washington's Birthday was posted. Pay Clerk Mitchell left for Shanghai on duty to return Monday.



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Feb. 18.—Received several bags of States mail. A large party of men with lunch and canteens left the ship to visit the Ming Tombs.

Feb. 19.—The bumboat people must have some news about an early pay-day for they opened the chit-book at noon and in a few minutes were sold out. Football team defeated by H. M. S. Welland, score 7-0.

Feb. 20.—In the forenoon the sister-hooks holding the steamer to the boom came unfastened casting the steamer adrift. Climbing back and forth over the boiler from the coxswain's box to the engine and manipulating the throttle and wheel alternately "Tex" Frank, the only occupant, finally made a fine landing at the port gangway, winning the additional title of "Steamboat Tex".

Feb. 21.—A telegram from our comradore in Shanghai says no turkey is on the market. There was some speculation as to the genuineness of the message but anyway duck is just as good so we lose nothing.

Feb. 22.—Full dressed ship in honor of Washington's birthday. Had a fine dinner while the men-of-war fired the national salute. In the afternoon were prize fights, potato and obstacle races, tug-of-war, pie-eating contests and other sports. Visiting parties from the British and German men-of-war and the Decatur were aboard and all spent a most enjoyable day.

Feb. 23.—A gig race between a British and two German men-of-war and the Albany resulted in the Lima taking first place, Albany second and the Germans third and fourth places. Our Soccer football team won their first game today when they beat the German ship Luchs by score of 2-0.

Feb. 24.—At morning quarters a report of the March 1911 target practice was read. The Albany stands second in the cruiser and gunboat class while No. 9-5 inch leads the navv. Captain Jackson complimented this crew on the fine record they made. Too bad the New Orleans isn't here to take her defeat as she deserves.



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Feb. 25.—Lieut-Commander C. R. Kear received his commission. H. M. S. Astrea stood in and anchored. Another party visited the Ming Tombs returning with a shaggy goat, making a total of three on board. No color has been discovered that will apply to this one.

Feb. 26.—Delivered Navy "E's" to W. H. Sanders, B. M. Ic., W. E. Stell, Cox. J. Gustafson, Sea, M. A. Nieman, Sea., G., Mixer, Sea., E. J. Sharp, Cox., C. V. Sprigg, Sea., and H. A. Gustafson, Sea., of No. 9-5 inch gun. Cut of her crew of 13 men four were transferred and A. Fect, G. M. 3c., met foul play in Yokohama.

Feb. 27.—The Farry got underway and stood down stream. H. M. S. Astrea fired seven guns with British ensign at the fore. G. C. Matry, S. C., went to Shanghai on a charge of dental work but it is doubtful if the charge was correct; he has too many smiles for a normal man.

Feb. 28.—Provided all boats and abandoned ship. The sailing launch managed to get off with only one broken oar. The heroes were those who had to remain aboard and build a life raft but they would likely be in less danger than those in the boats.

Feb. 29.—S. M. S. Usk and H. M. S. Leipzig stood in from down stream. A board met during the week for examination of Ensign W. O. Wallance for promotion to rank of Lieutenant (J. G.) Too much rain and wet grounds for football practice.

Mar. 1.—Preparations are being made to pick a race boat crew. Mayoe we will get revenge for that Saratoga race.

Mar. 2.—Fumours of trouble at Wuhu are afloat and the Decatur left for there in the forenoon. Started hydrokinetors on the boilers and made preparations to get underway at two hours notice. And we thought Manila was in sight.



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Mar. 3—H. M. S. Bramble and Britomart got underway and stood up stream. Very quiet day, all hands aboard and disgusted with the sights to be seen in Nanking. There may be filthier cities in China but luck is with us in missing them.

Mar. 4—Sent coal tallying party ashore in the afternoon. About dusk received and secured alongside two sampans loaded with coal. There is not enough coal in the bunkers to take the ship to Shanghai.

Mar. 5—Another tally party left the ship for the Government coal piles, having the coal loaded in sampans of 15 and 20 tons. Then they are sculled down the canal and from there are towed to the ship by the steam launch.

Mar. 6—Continued coaling, finishing at 2.20 p.m. with 600 tons in the bunkers. Fine work when the circumstances are considered. Picked up the down stream anchor and made preparations for getting underway but midnight found us doing business at the same old stand.

Mar. 7—Field day. U. S. S. Pompey, mother-ship of the torpedo boat flotilla, stood in and anchored at 3.11 p.m. Underway at 3.30 for Shanghai. Passed Chinkiang at 6.25 and anchored at 8.35 p.m. for the night.

Mar. 8—Underway at 4.56 a.m. Started up the Woosung River at 1.25 p.m. and moored off Shanghai at 2.42 p.m. Distance from Nanking 215 miles. Liberty party left ship at 4.00 to return at 8.00 a.m. tomorrow.

Mar. 9—The Paymaster brought \$30,000 local currency, aboard and all hands were paid in full. Received States mail. The general impression at present is that we go to Chefoo or Taku in the near future to relieve the Cincinnati but let us hope not.



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Monday, March 11, 1912.—At anchor off Shanghai. 1.00 o'clock liberty. Lets hope it keeps up all week.

March 12—A football game in the afternoon with S. M. S. Nurenborg resulted in a victory for our men. Score 3-1. This is a fine showing as the Nurenborg is a strong team (Some kickers too. How about it Bill Hardy?) and have had much more experience than our men. Macomber scored two and our civilian coach the other score. Nemeck played his usual strong game at goal. It was a good snappy game all the way through; the whole team being on their toes.

March 13.—Fire and collision quarters (False alarms). The football team lines up as follows: Center—Ensign M. McGuire; Wings—Macomber and Wagner; forwards—Campbell and Bunce or Riley; half backs—Dermody, Hardy and Smith, H. M.; full backs—Belanger and Holman; Goal keeper—Nemeck. The team rested up for a game the 16th.

March 14.—Lieutenant Pegram detached from duty as Navigator and Ordinance officer and ordered to report for duty on the U. S. S. SUPPLY at Clongapo, P. I. The SUPPLY is probaly the next vessel home-ward bound. Exchanged boarding calls with H. I. J. M. S. Manshu.

March 15.—Lieutenant Pegram sailed for Manila via Hongkong on S. S. Yorck. Those of us who were looking forward to a trip to Hankow were disapointed as our orders were cancelled and Captain Jackson will make trip by a Merchant steamer on Monday.

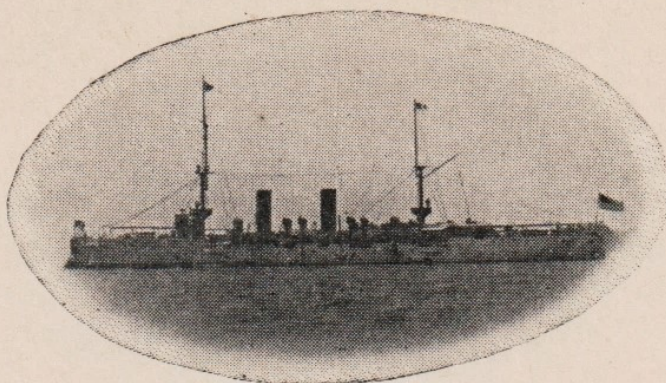
March 16.—Usual Saturday quarters. All hands assembled aft. J. Hayden presented with a good conduct medal. Captain Jackson gave a short talk to the crew congratulating them on their efficiency and behavior under his command and wishing the ALBANY many future laurals including the gunnery trophy. Played a football game with S. M. S. Franz Joseph 1st in the afternoon. Grounds very wet. Both teams played a hard game which resulted in tie score. O—O. Our men were handicapped by bruises and stiffness from NURENBURG'S game on the 12th.

March 17th.—St. Patrick's day. Dressed the goats. The "Wop" had the crust to sport a green flag throughout the day. Hurrah for the Turks! Holman has moved to No. 117 Spud locker square. -59-



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Monday, March 18, 1912—At anchor off Shanghai. U. S. S. CINCINNATI stood in from Chefoo. Twenty-four men advanced in rating. At 2:00 p. m. all hands cheered Capt. Jackson as he left the ship. At 10:15 in obedience to a wireless from the Commander-in-Chief, the landing force was equipped and held in readiness to land owing to a mutiny among the Chinese soldiers in the old city.

March 19—The mutiny among Chinese soldiers blown over—no chance for medals this time. H. I. J. M. S. TATSUTA stood in, W. B. Pierce advanced to yeoman second class.

March 20—Commander H. A. Wiley came on board to take passage to Swatow. A football game in the afternoon with our old friend S. M. S. NURENBURG resulted in an honorable defeat. Score 1-0 in the German's favor after a hard fought game.

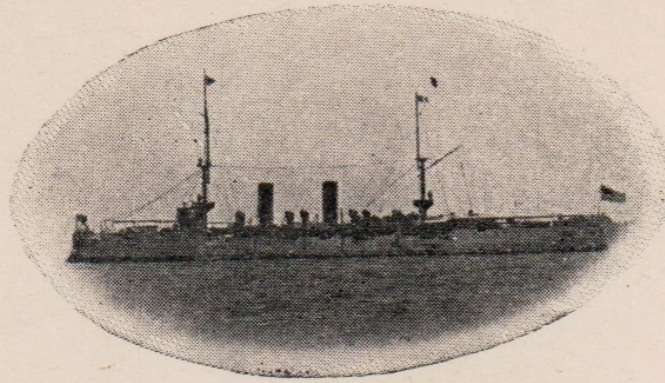
March 21—Bo's'n W. E. O'Connor reported on board. Got underway for Swatow at 12:23 p. m. Crossed the Woosung bar at 1:45 p. m.

March 22—Enjoyed good weather at sea enroute from Shanghai to Swatow; the engines making about 105 revolutions. Usual sea routine.

March 23—Dropped anchor at 10:11 about ten miles outside Swatow. During the noon hour "Kid" Kornick of New Orleans and the "Battling Wop" of New York, pulled off a fine bout in the starboard gangway. "Kid" Kornick, badly bruised, finished strong and the "Wop" earned the admiration of the spectators by his gameness. The fog lifted in the afternoon and we stood into the harbor, dropping the hook at 4:43 p. m. Distance from Shanghai to Swatow 712 miles.

March 24—At anchor off Swatow. Visiting parties to U. S. S. MONTEREY renewed many old friendships. Canteen yeoman kept busy selling Bull Durham to the flat-iron sailors. Where is "Frenchy" and the race boat crew?





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Monday, March 25, 1912—At anchor of Swatow, China. At 3:15 p. m. all hands marched aft and Commander Mark L. Bristol read his orders and assumed command of the ship. During the afternoon several million typhoid germs were shot into the arms of all the sailors. "Frenchy" paid an official call with the "MONTEREY'S" race boat crew and they were accorded due honors.

March 26—A rumor circulated on board the "MONTEREY" that the "ALBANY" had a beautiful white goat to give away caused a general scramble on that vessel and no time was lost in coming over and getting him. We will all miss "Yang-tse Bill", so will the sweet potato locker.

March 27—The football team went up against the strongest Navy eleven in the Orient namely, the H. M. S. JANIS, and come off with a score of 8-3 in favor of the "JANIS". This score shows that the "ALBANY" has a football team. The grounds were wet and much smaller than our men were used to playing on.

March 28—Swatow, a city of 100,000 population, is temporarily in the hands of a Pirate named General Lim who defies General Wu the proper governor to take possession. General Wu is hanging around the outside looking in with two small gun-boats and a transport full of soldiers. Landing parties stand by to go ashore and protect property in case of a fight.

March 29—Got underway, bound for Amoy, at 10:10 a. m. and dropped the hook at 8:47 p. m. about ten miles from Amoy on account of heavy fog.

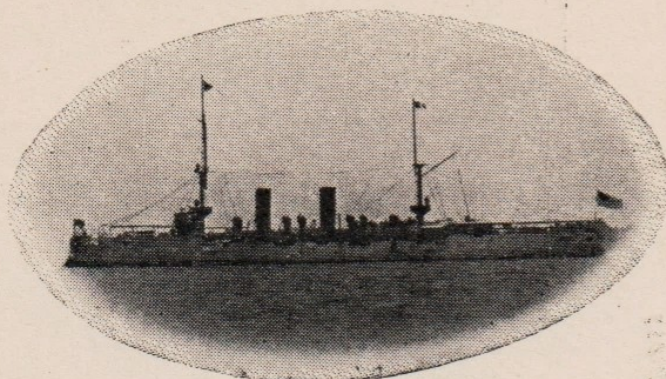
March 30—Stood into Amoy harbor at 5:48 a. m. and anchored there at 7:40 a. m. Distance from Swatow to Amoy 116 miles. Liberty parties went ashore in the afternoon.

March 31—Sander's base ball squad went ashore for practice in the afternoon. With football and baseball teams we should get games in any port on the station.



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Monday, April 1st, 1912. Amoy, China.—At 9:05 got underway and shifted anchorage to inner harbor. The baseball 'bears' awoke from their winter's hibernation and are collecting sunburn and sore arms.

April 2nd. Landing force assembled in the morning. Grumbles about our missing mail all afternoon.

April 3rd. Underway at 9:57 for Olongapo—Bananas, mangoes, and ice-tea on the bill of fare in the near future. Fire drill in the morning—funny how quick we get to our stations lately.

April 4th. Plugging along thru the China Sea at 100 revolutions. Heavy roll from port and those with rusty sea-legs suffered. Meals served "a la", and all over the deck. Several appetites lost in the shuffle.

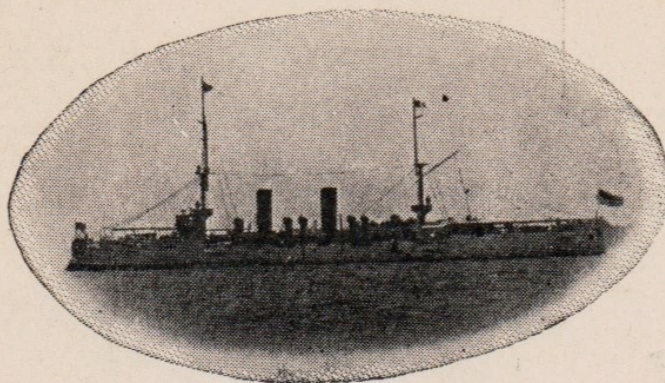
April 5th. Sighted Piedra Point Light, Luzon, at 3:17 a. m. "Hungry Gulf" on the beam in the morning watch. Came to anchor at Olongapo at 2:35 p. m. Distance from Amoy to Olongapo, 663 miles. Bumboat Mary alongside before the hook was down and presented the keys to the city. Horrible noise from the carpenter's bench proved to be Prima Donna Potter warbling "Home Sweet Home", and "My Old Home Town". Assistant Paymaster F. C. Bowerfind reported aboard for duty. Received our second shot of typhoid bugs.

April 6th. Into floating dry-dock "DEWEY" at 8:46 a. m. All hands busy scraping barnacles and other sea-insects from ship's side and bottom. Mary opened the chit-book.

April 7th. Liberty parties report heavy traffic on the Matain Subic banco Express. 57 different varieties of rumors afloat concerning the arrival of the armored cruisers and the future movements of the ALBANY.



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Monday April 8-12—In drydock "DEWEY". The armored cruisers California (Flagship), Colorado and South Dakota stood in from Guam thereby relieving the minds of all hands and settling many long debated questions as to their whereabouts and condition. The shore battery fired a salute of thirteen guns which was answered by the California.

April 10 Pete Ford returned from his vacation on the Bainbridge which stood into the harbor at 4:20. Swimming parties in vogue off the end of the dock mornings and afternoons. Machado received an offer from the Olympic Club at Manila to go on for ten rounds with Alberts on the 20th. Machado accepted providing we will be around on that date.

April 11—U. S. S. Monadnock stood in from a cruise around the Southern Islands. Many of our former shipmates on the flat iron visited ship including of course Gin Fizz.

April 12—Colorado and California stood in from Cavite where they had been for stores and coal. Large liberty parties come ashore from the cruisers to see the sights.

April 13—Played a base ball game with the Bainbridge in the afternoon which was extended two innings and resulted in our favor, 9 8. C. A. Carpenter, Bugler and P Hahn, GM2c transferred to the Independence via the U. S. Army Transport Thomas.

April 14—Opened the base ball season with the big flat by giving the "PRUNE PICKERS" a practice game; allowing them to beat us by a score of 7 to 3. This was their first game since arriving on the station and we did not want to be too hard on the flagship sailors.



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Monday April 15, 1912. In Dry Dock Dewey Olongapo, P. I., A. E. Carlisle, seaman, rated Bugler vice Carpenter transferred. At last the mail. Received six bags from the states.

April 16. Ship hauled out of dock at 2:26 p. m. Paymaster Kutz detached and ordered home. Paymaster Kutz was with us two years and never head a complaint at mast. Our gasoline motor for sailing launch received reminds us of old times. Up anchor at 9:00 p. m. for Cavite.

April 17. Cavite, P. I., and it looks the same as ever. Those lighters full of black diamonds were right on the job and all hands started coaling at 8:00 a. m. We were detached this day from temporary duty with the Pacific Fleet.

April 18. Transferred twenty-one of our short timers to the MOHICAN for further transfer home. Got underway with four boilers at 11:35 a. m. and anchored off Olongapo at 3:47. Received Ch. Yeo. Bennyhoff from hospital and Cassel, O. S., from MONADNOCK. Got underway for Nagasaki, Japan, at 6:02 p. m.

April 19. At sea enjoying good weather. Acey-ducey games all over the ship. Championship seems to be between Muggsy Woods and Jack Dermody. Baldy Bayers disqualified for dumping a game when he was about to lose.

April 20. At sea hitting up eighteen knots through a calm sea with Formosa Islands on Port hand. Usual sea routine.

April 31. At sea. Weather grown much cooler so the uniform changed to blues. Pass numerous fishing junks and sight land. Nagasaki to-morrow morning.



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Monday, April 22, 1912 At sea enroute from Cavite, P. I., to Nagasaki, Japan. Stood into Nagasaki harbor and moored to buoy at 9:47 a. m. Distance from Cavite to Nagasaki----- miles. The French cruiser Dupleix in port reminds us that a year ago April 30 the Dupleix stood into Nagasaki while we were here with the fleet. American consul called, and received a salute of seven Guns on leaving the ship. Pay clerk Michell left the ship for Shanghai.

April 23. German cruiser Cormoran stood in. The bum boat and curio men fill up nearly all the available space in gangways but find the necessary Kale rather short.

April 24. The collier NANSHAN came alongside to give us some much longed for stores. The Governor of Nagasaki Province called officially on the Commanding Officer and was accorded fifteen guns on his departure.

April 25. Commenced coaling at 5:30 a. m. and finish at 12:00. Underway for Shanghai at 2:09 p. m.

April 26. At sea enjoying good weather. Usual sea routine. At 3:03 p. m. we inspected a small sampan with no sail up flying a white flag which seemed to be in distress but found everything O. K.

April 27. At 2:20 a. m. picked up a pilot and stood up the Yang-tze anchoring off Woosung at 6:27 a. m. Distance from Nagasaki to Woosung----- miles. Paymaster brought \$ 30,000.00 in Mexicans aboard and paid off all hands. Liberty granted to Petty Officers. Received eleven men from BUFFALO including our old friend Hank Meyers who said he shipped over for the ALBANY.

April 28. Ensign Wallace detached. All hands sorry to see Mr. Wallace go and he carries with him the best wishes of the ALBANY'S crew



# PORT INFORMATION SERIES

## FOOCHOW, CHINA

Foochow is the capital of the province of Fuh-kien, and during the late Manchu regime was the vice-regal seat for the united provinces of Che-Min, i. e. of Chekiang and Fuh-kien. It is situated on the northern branch of the river Min, 34 miles from its mouth. Its walls have a circuit of 6-1/2 miles, are about 25 feet high, and are pierced by seven gates surmounted by high watch towers. Owing to the great number of mock-banyan trees found in the temple gardens and other inclosures the city has received the name of Yung Ch'ing, or "Banyan City". The population of the city and suburbs is about 650,000. The most important suburb is that which stretches from the South Gate to the river bank, where a stone bridge, the Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages, 1350 feet in length, connects it with Chung-Chow (Middle Island), from which another bridge, of about 300 feet in length, stretches to the island of Nantai. The boat population is very numerous, the river swarming with junks and sampans of all descriptions. Large junks discharge cargo in the town below the Bridge, but on account of shallow water, steamers of moderate draft are forced to anchor 10 miles lower down off Mamoi, or Pagoda Anchorage. The Foochow Arsenal is one of the foremost naval establishments in China, including a school for navigation, extensive shops and shipbuilding yards. Owing to its somewhat isolated position Foochow was not bothered by the Taiping Rebels of the '50's, but in 1884 during the Franco-Chinese War a Chinese fleet was destroyed in the Min River and the fortifications and arsenal badly damaged. The Chinese loss being estimated at 1000 killed and 3000 wounded, the French losing only seven killed.

Foochow is one of the five original "treaty ports" opened to foreigners by the Treaty of Nanking, signed in 1842, the others being Amoy, Canton, Ningpo, and Shanghai.

Ku-shan, or "Drum Mountain", 6 miles below Foochow, is 3000 feet high, and is noted for its great Buddhist monastery, Yuen-fu, perched on its side at an altitude of 2000.

Tea is extensively grown in the surrounding country, the brand known as Bohea being exported in large quantities.

Foochow "Specialties" are wood carvings, soapstone josses, and lacquer ware, and is the only place in the world where the silk base lacquer is manufactured, the process of its operation being known to only families. Other peculiarities are the queer sword-like hair ornaments of women and the clean "holy-stoned" appearance of the sampan dwellers—they look like they really knew what soap was intended for.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

M. BLODGETT, Editor.

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Monday, April 29, 1912. At anchor off Woosung, China. At 9:13 up anchor for Foochow, China to stay a week in that place. Lets hope that will be all.

April 30. At sea enroute from Woosung to Foochow Fire quarters in the morning (False alarm). Usual sea routine.

May 1. At 2:58 a. m. anchored off Matsui Island at the entrance of Min river. The tide prevented standing inside until next day, The scenery is quite picturesque in the vicinity.

May 2. At 9:15 a. m got underway for the Pagoda anchorage and moored ship opposite the Pagoda in the Min river at 11:50. Distance from Woosung to Foochow-----miles. Received boarding calls from the foreign vessels in port and an official call from the American consul.

May 3. The liberty party left the ship at 9:30 in the morning in a large house boat to visit the city of Foochow about 12 miles up the river. The British vice consul made an official call. German gunboat Itlis stood in.

May 4. Liberty party who went ashore yesterday report that Foochow is a poor town ranking in a class with Nanking. Chefoo and other favorite ports of ours. Many of the liberty party never left the house boat.

May 5. The bumboat men bring all sorts of novelties for sale and seem to do a rushing business. Canary birds, tables, chairs, mice, birds of all descriptions, bird seed, etc., all going like hot cakes.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

M. BLODGETT, Editor.

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Monday, May 6, 1912. At anchor, Pagoda Anchorage, Min River, China. Served out clean hammocks. Surveyed and threw overboard 265 lbs. of beef. Be careful where you chow ashore.

May 7. Artillery drill for 3rd Division. At 3:23 German gunboat ILTIS unmoored and stood down the river.

May 8. Doak, C. E., of the "Black Gang" has taken apartments at the Pension d' Lavary for the next ten days. A number of the liberty party complain of having their rest disturbed by strange cries of "Phoebe", "Little Joe", and "Seven-'leven". The Navigator's Yeoman says that these words are parts of the litany used by the Buddhist priests.

May 9. General quarters in the forenoon. Made preparations for getting underway at 1:30 but found eight round turns in the hawse and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in clearing it.

May 10. General Quarters in the morning. Got underway for Shanghai at 2:55 p. m. and stood down Min River. For scenery this Min River has the Hudson looking to its laurels. Discharged pilot at Matsue Island and headed out to sea.

May 11. Steaming northward at about 11 knots. Tong Ting Light abeam at 5:31 p. m. Passed P. & O. S. S. PALAWAN at 5:45 p. m. Took Yangtze pilot aboard at 11:59 p. m.

May 12. Anchored off Woosing Bar at 4:14 a. m. Underway for Shanghai at 5:51 a. m. Passed two Russian torpedo boats in Whangpoo River. Since our arrival on the Asiatic Station nearly two years ago these are the first Russian men-o'-war we've sighted. Moored off Yangtzepoo Docks at 7:20 a. m. Distance from Foochow 436 miles. The RAINBOW, HELENA, BARRY, and CINCINNATI in port. ABARENDIA came alongside at 1:30 p. m. Broke out coaling gear Pay Clerk E: R. McKenzie, U. S. Navy, reported aboard for duty.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

M. BLODGETT, Editor.

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Monday, May 13, 1912. At anchor, Chefoo, China. H. M. S. CAMBRION got underway and stood out. Notice posted on the bulletin board to the effect that we will sail soon for Taku, Chingwangtao, and Shanhaikwan. All hands wondering what the chances are for a 72 hour liberty and a trip to Peking. Shanhaikwan is the sea end of the Great Wall of China, one of the wonders of the world, built by the Emperor Tsin Chi Hwangti, 221 B. C.

May 28. H. I. J. M. S. Otowa stood in and returned to her old anchorage. Battery, loading and searchlight drills still come off with the regularity of clockwork.

May 29. The ghost may perambulate in the near future—the Paymaster came aboard with 29,629.00 dollars, Mexican currency. It will come in handy as “escribiente” and “chititis” are becoming epidemic.

May 30. Memorial day—Halfmasted colors and fired salute of 21 minute-guns at noon. Jap cruiser Otowa also fired minute guns with Jap ensign halfmasted and American ensign at fore. Got underway for Taku at 4:57 p. m.

May 31. Anchored off Taku Lightship and near U. S. S. RAINBOW at 9:32 a. m. Fired salute of 13 guns to the flag of Rear-Admiral Nicholson of the China Squadron. Transferred three men of the “black gang” to the Rainbucket, for further transfer to the HELENA and home. Schamp, R. C., (O. S.) returned aboard with a severe compound fracture of his liberty.

June 1st. A number of officers left the ship on a trip to Peking. U. S. S. RAINBOW got underway and stood out for Shanhaikwan at 4:07 p. m.

June 2. A small Chinese gunboat stood in and proceeded up the river. No liberty so far, in fact, the steam launch crew are the only members of the ship's company that have even seen the beach. After borrowing the “makin's” the Sage of the Fo's'le kicked thru with the following heart-throb—“that this is the only neck of the Yellow Sea that's lived up to it's name”. Cheer up, sailor, maybe the Black Sea is full of Carter's Ink.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

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Monday, May 13, 1912. At anchor off Shanghai. Coaling ship from 5:30 a. m. to 3:20 p. m. Total taken aboard—406.5 tons. News of liberty hastened matters quite a bit, "Jake" Chron, the Original Automobile Kid, was rated Chief Bo'n's Mate and transferred to the U. S. S. RAINBOW. Ah Tai, Matt. lc., was honorably discharged. Captain Jackson, of the HELENA made an official call on board.

May 14. The ABARENDA cast off at 8:24 a. m. to take station on the North Coast of China, with Chefoo as headquarters, until further orders.

May 15. Hitting it up steadily through the Yellow Sea, averaging about 84 revolutions. Sighted China merchantman on starboard hand at 2:45 p. m. Rumors of an early target practice in the wind.

May 16. Anchored in Chefoo harbor at 10:06 a. m. Distance from Shanghai to Chefoo—490 miles. Last time we were here we laid out off Kentucky Island, a good half-hours boat ride to the beach. The bum-boats are aboard with their usual layout of pongees, laces, etc.,

May 17. Battery drills are all the rage at present. The thump of the loading machine and the Tetrazzini-like warble of the fire-control party singing "Two, two, double Oh, scale Four five" sounds oft on the stilly air.

May 18. The Chefoo air, scenery, or something seems to have strange effects on Chandler. No, Clarice, even though he is a painter he should forget it when ashore, and then again, a vivid vermillion is considered de trop as a municipal decoration. Forty-eight hours liberty granted to two sections.

May 19. All men of war in the harbor halfmasted colors in respect to the memory of the late King of Denmark.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

M. BLODGETT, Editor.

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Monday, May 20, 1912. At anchor Chefoo, China, Battery Drills in the forenoon, in the afternoon, and between times. Crews are getting down to good team work and there is no reason why the ALBANY should not stand at the head of the cruiser list again. That triangular bit of red bunting would feel at home on our foremast. Last year we won out in our target practice, also headed the list for excellence in small arms. A little hard work drilling may mean a few more Navy "E" wearers aboard. Think of it, Jack, the "E" means that you are one of the most proficient gun-pointers in the most proficient Navy in the world.

May 21. Chinese cruiser Ping Yang stood in and anchored. A "National League" of the Acey-Deucey fiends has been organized and games are pulled off upon the slightest provocation, starboard gangway near the winch, get your seats early.

May 22. It is reported that Baum, the curly-haired Adonis of the Executive Office, fell out of his bunk, ran into a doorknob—the same old story we've all told. The quickness of the hand deceiveth and blacketh the eye. Yea, verily.

May 23. A Chinese naval training ship stood in and anchored. The carpenter's gang are busy making a sub-caliber target. Held searchlight drill.

May 24. Sent up foretopgallant mast and rigged wireless aerial. Two members of the crew were given a dose of Old Doctor Lauchheimer's Golden Remedy. A prominent member of Mess No. 10 emphatically denies that the American Minister and the Legation Guard at Topeka have called for reinforcement.

May 25. British Cruiser Cambrion stood in and anchored. Exchanged boarding calls. Typhoon reported in the Gulf of Pechihli, headed this way.

May 26. Japanese cruiser Otowa got underway and stood out. Divine services held aboard by American missionaries. Captain called officially on the



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

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Monday, June 3, 1912—At anchor, off Taku Lightship, China. Our trip to Shanhaikwan and Chingwangtao called off. Latest orders are that we proceed to Olongapo for target practice. Held sub-caliber drill in the afternoon with the motor-boat towing target

June 4—Underway at 12:34 a. m. for Chefoo, average speed about 11.5 knots. Running thru heavy fog banks most all the way. Anchored in Chefoo harbor at 6:38 p. m. Distance from Taku to Chefoo—185 miles. It is said that a quartermaster on the RAINBOW has fallen heir to eighty thousand dollars, gold,—Oh, Gee, Steward, chop-chop on the smellin' salts.!!!

June 5—Received five bags of mail from San Francisco. Up with the mud-hook and got underway for Olongapo, P. I., at 1:30 p. m. Sighted several men-o'-war in Wei Hai Wei harbor, also a British torpedo boat standing in with a target raft in tow. The bloomin' gun-layers must be at work, don't y' know.

June 6—Held full power, forced draft run from 6:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m. Average speed 19 1 knots on  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch air-pressure. Five "ink-destroyers" in the fire-rooms as talliers—two of them wore clean whites. Gee Yods!! What a shame!! Started a twenty hour endurance test at 10:00 a. m. natural draft.

June 7—Twenty hour endurance test ended at 6.00 a. m. Average speed 16,78 knots. Not a break, slow-down, or a single case of exhaustion during the entire run. Taking all matters into consideration we have broken all records, even the one made at the Acceptance Trial in the English Channel when we were new from the builders. The Captain congratulated the officers and men of the Engineer's Department on the excellent account they gave of themselves. Sighted Agincourt Island Light at 8:24 p. m.

June 8—Steaming along the East coast of Formosa. Coast composed of cliffs from six to nine thousand feet in height. On account of the extremely savage tribes that invest this side of the island it has never been thoroughly settled by the Japs. Sighted U. S. S. SARATOGA at 6:30 p. m. standing to the northward.

June 9—Passing through the Bashee and Balintang Channels. Sighted the northern coast of Luzon in the afternoon. Getting back toward home again.



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At Sea **U. S. S. ALBANY.**

Sunday, June 9, 1912—At sea, enroute from Chefoo, China, to Cavite, P. I.—passed the island of Botel Tobago during the midwatch. Several years ago an adventurous American, backed by a syndicate of Hongkong gamblers, tried to set himself up as "Emperor of Botel Tobago" and start a Pacific Monte Carlo. Even had his state uniforms ordered, a cabinet organized and was asking for recognition. He had a good scheme, alright, but in the shuffle he overlooked the fact that the island belonged to Japan. The authorities at Tokio convinced him that he was in wrong and there was another Dream of empire shot to Sheol.

June 10th—Sea like glass, as smooth and serene as a sinner's pathway. Running through the usual schools of flying fish. Anchored off Cavite at 9.18 p.m. Distance from Chefoo—1572 miles. Pacific cruisers "California" and "South Dakota" in port. June 11th—Coal lighters alongside at daybreak. All hands turned to at 5.30. Received a draft of 32 men from Cavite during the forenoon; after being mustered they were allowed to hop over in the lighters and enjoy themselves like the rest of us. Finished coaling at 4.10. 417 tons taken aboard. June 12th—Since that bunch of get-rich-quick men on the BUFFALO tried to slip one over on the Customs people they've been pretty suspicious of men-o-war from Chinese ports.

Inspector from Manila came aboard but found no "hop" concealed. One fellow declared "2 rabbits, value 60 cents Mex." We are sorry Diogenes, or whatever his name was, is not alive to-day. Underway at 10.52 a.m. and shifted anchorage further out in the Bay.

June 13th—Ensign H. B. Cecil U.S. N., reported aboard for duty. Target practice preparations are taking up every minute of time from reveille to taps. Held night sub-caliber practice firing at a vest-pocket sized target towed by the steamer.

June 14th—E. Doyle was given a bird for his jumper sleeve. We hope that it roosts and that it is a nice, tame, domesticated, stay-at-home kind of a crow. Some of them have the dad-blamededst habit of flying away—especially if wet up too frequent.

June 15th—All guns being bore-sighted for the prac-



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Olongapo, P.I.

Sunday, June 16, 1912.—At anchor, Manila Bay, P.I.—The day before the battle. Everything ready for the big noise tomorrow.

Umpires reported a board. Shells broken out and given their tips of paint.

June, 17th.—Underway at 5.35 a.m. and made practice runs across target range. Commenced firing 5-inch battery at 9.52; finished at 11.52. Bancos persisted in sailing across the range but vamoosed after the first few splashes. Screens brought aboard in the afternoon. Two best gun scores—No. 4 Gun—10 shots, 9 hits; No. 3 Gun—10 shots, 10 hits. At 9.15 p.m. began firing 3-pounders, finished and anchored at 11.25. Best scores—No. 18—10 shots, 9 hits; No. 17—10 shots, 9 hits. Have broken out last year's record and if the gunnery pennant doesn't fly from the foremast it's because they are raising an extra number-one-chop of gunners on the Atlantic.

June, 18th.—Some time during the night a highly civilized and enterprising Gugu "snuck" out and swiped a 50-lb. boat anchor from the middle range buoy. Underway at 1.07 p.m. for Olongapo. Anchored at 7.29 p.m.—distance from Cavite 66 miles. "California," "South Dakota," "Monadnock," "Glacier," and "Nanshan" in port.

June, 19th.—Steaming over the measured mile course off Grande Island on standardization runs from 5.27 a.m. till 3.39 p.m. Underway for Cavite at midnight.

June, 20th.—Anchored off Cavite at 6.11 a.m. Sighted the "Cincinnati" on the target range. Started coaling at 6.45 p.m. and took on 228 tons. Have sure been leading a strenuous life lately and there are no cases of insomnia aboard. Talking about coaling—do you remember what an awful roar you used to put up when the old folks asked you to carry in an extra scuttle-ful from the shed?

June, 21st.—Thirteen short-timers transferred to the "Glacier," among the bunch were Baldy Bayers and his mustache, Red Kimball, Father Bill Pard, Danny Ahern, and Zip Addison, the ex-mayor of Canton. Ming, the mascot, followed the last named to the gangway and came just as near weeping as a goat can.

June, 22nd.—Underway at 12.20 a.m. for Shanghai



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At Sea.

Sunday, June 23, 1912.—At Sea, in Balintang and Bashee Channels and along the East coast of Formosa.—Seems like we have a regular run along this coast. Are getting to know half the waves of the locality by sight.

June, 24th.—Left Formosa astern early in the morning. The barometer took the elevator down cellar and the sad sea waves began sloshing around something scandalous. Quite a heavy roll on and meals were eaten on deck—that is those that were eaten. Some talk among the ultra-respectable members of the crew of having the ship pinched for doing Texas Tommies on the high seas without being full dressed. Sighted and exchanged signals with the "Monterey" at 10.11 p.m.

June, 25.—Picked up a Yangtze pilot at 7.22 a.m. and stood up river. Stopped at Woosung and received mail from the "Saratoga" and proceeded up the creek to Shanghai. Anchored off Wetmore Road at 11.47 a.m. Second and Third Sections hit the beach for that long counted on liberty. Received a marine detachment of 38 men from the "Rainbow." The "Monterey" anchored nearby at 5.14 p.m.

June, 26th.—Payday. Coal lighters alongside with 202 tons aboard at 9.00 a.m., but we are gentlemen of leisure as coolies are coaling. First time this has happened since our arrival on the Station. Varnado, the Black Gang ink-destroyer, ran juarmatado, painted both himself and the starboard billboard, made several impassioned speeches advocating Roosevelt's candidacy, (what d'ye think o' that from a Mississippi man?), and spent the night in wondering how it all happened.

June, 27th.—Underway for Yokohama, Japan, at 9.00 a.m. Passed the German gunboat "Vaterlanb" with target raft in tow.

June, 28th.—Bag inspection. A small school of blackfish were sighted during the morning.

June, 29th.—Sighted Kusakaki Jima (south-western coast of Japan) at 5.00 a.m. Passing through Van Dieman Straits. Numerous islands in sight throughout the day.



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At Sea

Sunday, June 30, 1912.—At Sea, enroute from Shanghai, China, to Yokohama, Japan,—Notice posted on the bulletin board that on account of trouble ashore last year none but good conduct men will be granted liberty in Yokohama.

July, 1st.—Daybreak found us at the entrance to Tokio Bay. Anchored off Yokohama breakwater at 11.53 a.m. Distance from Shanghai—1044 miles. All the new members of the crew were on deck looking for Fujiyama, rather cloudy and only a few short glimpses of the Sacred Mount were obtained.

July, 2nd.—U.S. Vice Consul General made an official call on board and was saluted with 9 guns upon his departure. Just a few figures that speak for themselves—Total number of nautical miles steamed by the "Albany" during June 4012. Total nautical miles since January 1st—10,155. That's rambling some ! ! ! ! ! After you have put in a cruise on a boat like ours there is no doubt that you are as sea-goin' a sailor that ever ate beans.

July, 3rd.—The Mayor of Yokohama made an official call on board. We hav'n't forgotten the big garden party he gave us last year, it was appreciated, and to tell the truth we hope it happens again.

July, 4th.—Independence Day—Full dressed ship at 8.00 a.m. Mail steamer "Minnesota" had her bunting displayed also. Two section liberty party left the ship at 9.30. Fired a national salute of 21 guns at noon. The Japanese gave a fine display of fireworks on the Bund at night. Fritz, our friend ashore, broke out the North Sea organ, the two drums, and the fife and celebrated with the bunch.

July, 5th.—Transferred two men to the Naval Hospital ashore. Liberty party reports one of the best times they can remember. The restricted men have had to content themselves with liberties via the "long-glass" route.

July, 6th.—The Governor of Kanagawa Ken, the political division in which Yokohama is situated, called aboard and received a salute of 17 guns.



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## U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, July 7, 1912—At anchor, Yokohama, Japan.—Our ball team seems to be playing in hard luck, Game with the Yokohama Commercials yesterday resulted in a defeat of 18 to 1. The Tigers slapped another one on us to-day to the tune of 20 to 5. While these two teams are rated as among the fastest in Japan there is no reason why we shouldn't hang the Indian sign on them. Lack of practice is our trouble.

July 8th—Underway at 10.24 and shifted anchorage to inside of breakwater. Tally party in charge of "Maskee" Pete Ford ashore checking coal. American Ambassador to Japan called aboard. Coal lighters were received alongside in the afternoon but owing to harbor regulations were not allowed to remain overnight, were towed back to Coal Depot with a seaman guard.

July 9th—Commenced coaling at 5.30 a.m. and finished at 10.20 a.m. having taken aboard 260 tons. Cleaned ship and sent the liberty party ashore at the regular time. Three Japanese torpedo boats stood in and anchored overnight. Japanese men of war seem rather scarce around Yokohama this year.

July 10th—Fire and Collision Drill. An order to the effect that caulking mats are taboo and cannot be stowed in nettings. Most of us busy lashing up. Will be the first time in nearly two years that some hammocks have been swung.

July 11th—French cruiser "Dupleix" stood in and dropped the hook. Have you noticed how Ming has laid out a route and collects toll from all the bumboats? Is at the gangway promptly at mess-gear. Some wise goat, eh?

July 12th—Boat drill under both oars and sail. P. M. S. S. "Siberia" arrived from Hong Kong bringing mail from the Philippines.

July 13th—The wireless tells us that the French cruiser "Kleber" is on the rocks near Kobe. Her sister ship, the "Dupleix" got under way and went to her assistance four bells.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, July 14th, 1912.—At anchor, Yokohama, Japan —Received news that we are headed for Chefoo, China, via Inland Sea. Hope that we stop over at Miyajima, the sacred island. Quite a number of us didn't get a chance to go ashore there last year and we are tired of hearing the yarns of those that did.

July 15th—Mail from the States was due in on the "Mongolia" but didn't arrive in time to catch us. Underway at 5.31 p.m., passing the "Mongolia" about 10 miles outside of port.

July 16th—A moderate sea. Passed several steamers during the day. Sighted Tomago Shima Light at 8.47 p.m. and passed into the Inland Sea of Japan. Will be fine scenery and smooth sailing until we hit the Yellow Sea.

July 17th—Steaming through Inland Sea. Green paddy—covered islands on all hands and in some places the channel so narrow that its only a step to shore. This and the Straits of San Bernardino in the Philippines are the pretties trips in the Asiatic. Anchored for the night off Hsaki, the eastern entrance of Shimonoseki Straits. This is the first time we have undertaken this trip without a native pilot—something very few ships care to do.

July 18th—Underway at 7.45 a.m. and stood through the Straits to the open sea. Back in July, 1863 the forts at Shimonoseki and Moji fired on the American merchantman "Pembroke". The U.S. Cruiser "Wyoming" was sent to demand satisfaction—she got it after sinking two Japanese man of war and destroying one shore battery. American losses were 6 men killed and 4 wounded. One of our shells hulled a Jap, killed forty man and then exploded in the town beyond—that shell sure had a mean disposition.

July 19th—The Deck Petty Officers have organized a ball team and thrown down the gauntlet to the C. P. O's. The difficulty will be settled upon our arrival in Chefoo. A side bet of \$10.00 a man will be expended for a big time—peanuts, popcorn, and ginger ale ! ! ! !

July 20th—Heavy fog in the morning clearing up about noon. Exchanged signals with the shore station at Weihaiwei. Sighted four English cruisers in harbour and several target rafts off shore. Anchored off Chefoo at 4.41 p.m. Distance from Yokohama—1262 miles. Men of war



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Sunday, July 21st, 1912 —At anchor, Chefoo, China, —Ball game between the C.P.O's and Deck Petty Officers resulted in a defeat of the Chiefs 20 to 8. Commissary Steward Bobbit proved himself a second Ty Cobb by combining the styles of both Annette Kellerman and Steve Brodie in a dirt and hair-raising slide to second. Owing the either improperly adjusted compasses or being over-balanced by his bay window he missed the anchorage several fathoms and grounded on a sand spit. The horsehide was handed to him before he could get out kedges enough to haul himself off. Charges of throwing the game were preferred and damages of 15 taels and two hams assessed. We regret to state that the \$100.00 prize money was spent in riotous living. The French sloop "Decidee" stood in and anchored.

July 22nd—Lieut. (j.g.) G. I. Swazey, U. S. N., Ensign J. C. Hilliard, U. S. N., and 1st Lieut. C. S. McReynolds, U. S. M. C., reported aboard for duty. Bill Hardy, bos'n's mate 1st cl., was transferred to the "Decatur". The destroyers "Decatur" and "Chauncey" left for Shanghai.

July 23rd—The Austrian cruiser "Kaiser Franz Joseph I" is holding target practice outside the harbor. From the sound it seems she is using her main battery for night as well as day practice.

July 24th—During Fire Drill Savage, W. O. (Bksmith), "Noisy" Chandler, (Ptr3c), and Betger, G. H., (O. S.) were badly bruised while manning the hand pump—responsibility—the perversity of inanimate objects.

July 25th—General Quarters during forenoon. The Marine Detachment has taken charge of the secondary battery. Carpenter's Gang installing dinghy davits on port side of poop.

July 26th—Landing Force in heavy marching order. It is reported that the Fleet will assemble in Manila Bay for Review on October 5th. That should mean a fine chance for sports.

July 27th—The Austrians have been cruising around the bay in a race boat but when we lowered ours and crossed their bow they refused to race, saying our boat was too light. The Second Team slipped the citrus to the



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Sunday, July 28th, 1912—At anchor, Chefoo, China—A regular Chefoo gale with a full allowance of thunder and lightning took up most of the morning. Lane (C.Q.M.) coxswain of the race-boat crew is getting 'em up early in the morning for hard practice. A challenge has been mailed the "Saratoga" for a race to be pulled sometime during the Fleet Review in Manila,—so save up your dobys and if we win we'll paint the Escolta a Venetian red—if we lose—well, a peanut liberty.

July 29th—U.S.S. "Nanshan" stood in during the morning watch came alongside later in the day and discharged stories for all Ship's departments. The Japanese cruiser "Mogami" is still holding target practice outside the harbor mouth.

July 30th—Colors were halfmasted on all men-of-war in the harbour owing to the death of H.I.H. Mutsuhito, Emperor of Japan. "Nanshan" came alongside at 6.30 a.m. to give us a full ration of coal. Pretty warm day to mingle with the diamond dust but F. Underdown (Sea.) was the only one to take the count. Dutch cruiser "Holland" stood out at 7.50 a.m.

July 31st—At noon fired a 21 gun saluted to the new Emperor of Japan. Over ashore they seem to be looking for trouble—are paying off a large number of the late "rebel" army and it feared that they will make a "pay-day Liberty" to celebrate. Signals have been arranged with the American Consulate and the landing force notified to stand by for squalls.

August 1st—From 8.00 to 9.00 a.m. fired minute guns in honor of the late Japanese Emperor. An officer from the Japanese cruiser "Mogami" called officially to thank us for the courtesy.

August 2nd—Swimming parties of from 36 to 40 men are being sent out daily and everyone must qualify with a 300 yard swim. If the ocean holds out all of us will learn the natatorial art but even after the first party returned it was noticed that the tide was very low.

August 3rd—The Captain inspected the crew and ship and complimented the First Division on their efficiency and the excellent condition in which they have kept their part of the vessel. In addition to the regular two-section



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U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, August 4, 1912.—At anchor, Chefoo, China.—Two years ago this date the "Albany" sailed from Bremeton Navy Yard to join the Asiatic Fleet. Since then we have visited the Hawaiian Islands, Philippines, Sulu Archipelago, China, Japan, Manchuria, Formosa, Pescadores Is., Loo Choo Is., Goto Is., and German and English possessions in China. We have been on the ramble most of the time, have witnessed history in the making—the downfall of the oldest empire on earth and the birth of the newest republic—the strange and interests sights weve seen would fill a book—but the thing that interesting us most is the question—"When do we go back to God's Country?"

August, 5th.—While on liberty yesterday Sokolowski (C.G.M.) stabbed himself in the thigh while opening a bottle of Mellin's Food. Paymaster brought aboard \$29,500.00 Mexican and dished out the dobies to all hands. Big time ashore paying up chits.

August, 6th.—The expected trouble ashore with the Chino soldiers failed to materialize, as per usual, and "we have lost another chance to be a hero."

August, 7th.—Slats Saunders' aggregation of wonders, the First Team rammed the harpoon into the pocketbook of the Second 14 to 10 and collected \$140.00 for their trouble. Rumor in financial circles that Fat Andrews will put in a petition in bankruptcy.

August, 8th.—A busy day—General Quarters in the morning, Clear Ship for Auction, Infantry Drill and Boats under Oars in the afternoon. Admiral's Inspection looms up before us—to occur some time after the arrival of the flagship on the 20th.

August, 9th.—French gunboat "Decidee" stood out at 6.10 a.m. British torpedo boats "Ribble, Usk, and Virago" stood in and anchored at 5.45 p.m. During swimming drill Kane, the baker, went on a submarine cruise down among the mermaids but was rescued after he had swallowed a few barrels of the briny.

August, 10th.—12 men advanced in rating. It must be that the chow lately is too highly seasoned as two new white hopes burst into the limelight after supper. Ezra Ezekial Potter, the Kansas Cyclone, (late of Zamboanga), and Kid Netzel, Pride of the Paint Locker did a combination Marathon—Jimma d' Jeff stunt on the focsle. No sooner had the bodies of the slain been dragged from the arena than those doughty warriors of the signal force, Squaw Bradley and Kilgore, engaged in mortal combat. On advice of counsel we refuse to state who won. The sickbay worked overtime repairing bent bows and damaged running lights and all pumps were placed on the main drain clearing blood from the bottoms.—Just a quotation copped from the classics.—"This through war that maps are changed".



# Weekly Rough Log.

## U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, August 11th, 1912—At anchor, Chefoo, China—One of the Chino cruisers left during the morning watch. Japanese torpedo boat stood in from southward and anchored at 5.40 p.m. August 12th.—Down to hard work preparing for the Commander-in-Chief's visit. Admiral Kimball said that we were the cleanest Ship he had ever inspected; Admiral Hubbard was equally complimentary, and we'll bet our chances of a big time in Frisco that we come within the money this time. Landing Force in light marching order for morning drill.

August 13th—After a period of almost angelic behavior extending over 8 months Maxwell, F. (O.S.) fell down and "busted it". After careful study of the case we have concluded that his lapses of discipline are due to the philanthropic bees that buzz beneath his blond been—everytime he thinks of the Hospital Fund he has to donate. Commander Wiley, U.S.N., called aboard, having arrived via merchant steamer.

August 14th—Fire, Collision, and Abandon Ship Drills. "Rope Yarn Sunday" during the afternoon.—all hands overhauling bags and marking clothes. The typhoon season seems to be at its Height, hardly a day passes without one being reported from the signal station. If it's just the same to the man that deals out the weather we respectfully decline the pleasure of a visit from any of the twisters.

August 15th—Clear Ship for Action Drill, all unnecessary gear broken down and marked overboard. Received four bags of mail from the States. Night General Quarters and Fire Drill kept us up a bit later than usual. Forward searchlight crew reports that at least 29,000 000 bugs flew into the light. August 16th—Fire and Rescue Party called away. U.S.S. "Cincinnati" stood in and anchored off port beam at 5.28 p.m. The "Cincy" has changed her war-paint for the regulation Asiatic white and spar-color and almost looks like a real ship.

August 17th—Dutch cruiser "Holland" returned to her old berth at 1.50 p.m. Received a draft of seven men from the "Cincinnati"—most of them short-timers from the "Wilmington". Saturday quarters and—"Yeth, thir! lil' Henwee Hutthon dot him a chwoh and is a weal twartermaster. Oh, Gee!!!!" (Winfield, La., papers please copy).



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

## U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, August 18th, 1912.—At anchor Chefoo, China. —Visiting parties to the "Cincinnati" discovered quite a number of old shipmates, men that we transferred to the West river gunboats at Hong Kong last year.

August 19th—At 1.50 sighted U.S.S. "Rainbow" standing in flying the flag of the new Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral Nicholson. Usual salutes were exchanged. At 3.19 "Rainbow" anchored 300 yards ahead of us. At 10.01 p.m. of the one Rainbow's steamer's crew fell overboard, the alarm was sounded and searchlights manned and steamers went to the rescue. Altho quite a sea was running the man was picked up in a very few minutes.

August 20th—A moderate breeze combined with a heavy swell compelled the man-o'-war to shift anchorage to the lee of Evans Island. At 3.55 the German flagship "Schornhorst" stood in and anchored. August 21st —The Commander-in-Chief and Staff came aboard at 1.10 p.m. to inspect the crew and ship. A busy afternoon—bag and hammock inspections, Artillery. Infantry and Setting Up Drills, Manual of Arms, Fire and Rescue Party, Fire and Collision, and Away all Boats. During night watch the Marine Detachment was called to the Flagship for inspection.

Aug. 22nd—Got underway and stood out of harbor at 1.13 The Admiral and Staff continued inspection. Drills:—Landing Force General Quarters, Man Overboard, Mooring Ship, Shifting Steering Gear Maneuvers, and Abandon Ship. The honors of the day were captured by the port life boat (Nemeck coxswain) at Man Overboard, boat being lowered and clear of the ship in 55 seconds after the word was passed, the drowning "man" was picked up in 2 minutes and 30 seconds. At 8.30 p.m. Fleet had Torpedo Defense Drill, steam launches acting as destroyers.

Aug. 23rd.—Admiral inspected the "Cincinnati" Fire and Rescue Party called to the "Rainbow" at 8.40 p.m. and in return we received a visit from their party. Fleet Drills seem to be all the go.

August 24th—At 7 03 a.m. the Fleet shifted anchorage to our old berths U S S. "Saratoga" stood in from Cavite at 6.10 a.m. bringing two bags of local mail and our longlost marine This is the first time we have been in Fleet formation since August last year in Port Arthur. Commander Wiley took command of the Saratoga. The "Rainbow's" marine detachment left the ship and made camp on Kentucky Island. We



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

## U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, August 25, 1912—At anchor, Chefoo, China.—Articles have been signed with the Saratoga for a three-mile straightaway race to be pulled October 7th, or if the ships are not together, as soon thereafter as we meet. Purse is 50 pesos an oar and 100 pesos in the coxswain's box. From the general noise about deck everyone will have a bit on the result, so just a warning to the boat crew—if you don't win just keep right on rowing!! The training table has been started and things look bright, the only thing standing in our way to success being the trouble some of the men have to get into condition and the very poor set of oars in the boat.

August, 26th—Fleet shifted anchorage at 8.29 a.m. to lee of Evans Island. Large school of porpoise in the harbor. Commander-in Chief shifted his flag to Saratoga. At 3.00 p.m. all ship's boats lined up for a combination pulling and sailing race. Results: Cutters: Cincinnati 1st, Rainbow 2nd, Saratoga 3rd. Oh, yes. We came in 9th. Gigs and whalers: Saratoga 1st Albany 2nd & 3rd. Landing force was sent to Kentucky Island during night watch.

August 27th—Marine detachment of 30 men left ship to join camp on Kentucky Island, Ming being taken along for a liberty. Results of boat races in afternoon: Cutters:—Cincinnati 1st, Albany 2nd, Rainbow 3rd. Gigs and whalers:—Albany 1st & 3rd, Rainbow 2nd. A rumor that we are to have boat and field gun practice.

August 28th—Sent to companies of lightly equipped infantry ashore for battalion drill with the marines. The boat races still continue and create quite a bit of excitement, especially as we seem to always be in the "money." Results for afternoon: Cutters:—Albany 1st & 3rd, Rainbow 2nd. Gigs and whalers:—Albany 1st & 3rd, Cincinnati 2nd.

August 29th—Powder rag up all morning, transferring 3-pounder ammunition to the Rainbow. Transferred three men to Rainbucket for Cavite. No races on account of ship's work.

August 30th—Underway in fleet formation for the first time since leaving Port Arthur in August last year. Spent morning and several of the afternoon hours in maneuvers, after which the Rainbow headed for Olongapo, Spiggoty Land—the Saratoga for a visit to Chingwangtao, and the Albany and Cincinnati returning to Chefoo, anchoring at 6.54 p.m. What do you think—a gob of nine months service had the crust to ask "what those black gilgadgets on the yardarms were"!!!



WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.  
U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, September 1st 1912. At anchor. Chefoo, China —British dispatch boat ALACRITY paid a short visit to the port during the morning. The last time we saw her was at the bend in the "crick" below Nanking during the recent head-chopping be held there.

September 2nd. At 5:35 the U. S. N. Auxiliary ABAREDA came alongside, all hand turning to at 4 bells and hustling stores aboard. In casting of she gave us a wallop in the port billboard that shook thing up quite a bit and scraped several feet of "complexion" off our cheek. Daniels, chief "juice" expert, reported his time out—the life of a dynamo-buster is hard—to serve four years and them some—cheer up. maybe you'll get home in time for Christmas!! The Flagship returned from her visit to Chingwangtao and anchored off Kentucky Island, being joined by the rest of the Fleet in the late afternoon. At 8:15 p. m. held searchlight and torpedo defense drill.

September 3rd. Landed battaliou lightly equipped as infantry for drill on Kentucky Island Sailing races were called off in the afternoon owing to heavy wind—two of our boats had their foremasts go by the board in the blow—it didn't bother the gig as she romped home knots a head of the flotilla. Quite a bit of choppy weather is being dealt out lately.

September 4th. Fleet Medical Inspector paid us a visit. Flagship coaling from the ABAREDA for her long trip South.

September 5th. Fire and Collision Drill in the morning. Marine landing party ashore again for drill The ghost did his monthly stunt and dobies were dished out to all hands. Did you get over in a quiet corner and do a mathemafical stunt with chits and cash on hand to figure where a liberty was coming out?.

September 6th. Away all Boats in the afternoon but no races were held. A Glee Club is being organized on board and promise to while away the winter hours and make the welkin ring with gladsome song  
----- We don't know what the welkin is but go to it, Club, lately matters have grown as quiet as a mid watch in an Ethiopian graveyard.

September 7th. The Saratoga pulled out at noon for Manila, via Woosung. The next time we see her handsome face it's with the hopes of corralling a few thousand Mex on the boatrace. At 1:09 p. m. got un-



## U. S. S. ALBANY.

Sunday, September 8, 1912—At anchor, Chefoo, China—Notice posted saying that we leave here Friday for Dairen, Manchuria, for a five day visit, thence to the Philippines. This is good news as we've been laying at anchor longer in this port than any previous stop on our list.

September 9th—Among other things, which we will not mention, the liberty party brought back a bowlegged, yellow "purp"—to be frank we do not like this pup—he sat up and howled all night when we seriously needed sleep—so a has le ki-yi—that's Sanscrit for 'heave that dog over the side'. The uniform changed to blues.

September 10th—Got underway at 8:06 a. m. and moved to opposite side of the bay in the lee of Chefoo Bluff. ABARENDA attempted to come alongside in the morning but had to wait until the weather moderated—finally made connections at 2:05 p. m. and we turned to slinging the furnace chow aboard. Bobbitt deserves credit for that feed of fried chicken and cornbread at breakfast—let's all chin-chin that it happens again, especially the cornbread. Did you see Hippo the Marine walk away with a truck load of coal? Still busy coaling at midnight.

September 11th—Finished coaling at 1:00 a. m. having taken aboard 515 tons. Our hammocks felt like feather beds, and everybody "slept in" till 7:00 a. m. Stood back to our old anchorage at 10:11 a. m. and started in on a general field day to get the grime off. At 6:08 p. m. R. Race, a Filipino seaman in the Naval Auxiliary Service fell from aloft on board the ABARENDA. He was rushed to our sickbay immediately and all possible aid was given but died shortly afterward. The first death aboard since leaving the States in 1910.

September 12th—Ming the goat, a native of Nanking, China, and official mascot of the ALBANY, shuffled off this mortal coil and joined the shades of his ancestors. His departure was caused by an over-indulgence in strong waters.....lye water.

September 13th—In company with the Japanese cruiser OTOWA, U. S. S. CINCINNATI, and the Chinese men-o'-war we fired a salute of 60 minute guns from 5:08 p. m. to 6:06 p. m. during the funeral ceremonies of the late Japanese Emperor. Got underway at 6:45 p. m. for Dairen, Manchuria.

September 14th—Quite a heavy squall blew in from the N. E. at 1:30 a. m. registering a "7" on the books. Moored inside breakwater at Dairen, Manchuria. (the old Russian port of Dalny) at 7:45 a. m.,



Sunday, September 15, 1912—At anchor, Dairen, Manchuria,—This port is probably the most artistically laid out and the cleanest city in the Orient—wide streets, modern buildings, etc., what look best of all is the real Baldwin brand of locos on the South Manchuria R. R.

September 16th—The Captain called on the U. S. Consul and the civil and military authorities of the port. 48 hours liberty granted to the 2nd section. All hands will have an opportunity to take the trip to Port Arthur and inspect the battlefields.

September 17th—Received three bags of mail from the States. 48 hours for the 3rd section. There is no use talking—we are the best liberty boat on the Station.

September 18th—Ball team played a ten inning game with the Dalny Club, a Japanese organization, and lost out 7 to 5. The Banzai bunch of pill-heavers seem to have our number.

September 19th—Weiss (Pvt.) says that the streets over here run in circles and he met himself coming back several times, but it took 53 hours to really find his way home. Underway at 7:58 p. m. for Olongapo, P. I.

September 20th—Hitting it up on 3 cans averaging over 13 knots. Passed Shantung Promotory at 4:17 a. m. and headed Shoutward. Radio received from the C-in-C and posted on the bulletin board—Official notification and congratulations on Albany winning gunnery trophy. "HOW'S THAT? We're the King-Pin of the cruisers when it comes to battery work and head the entire Navy for excellence in small arms. Are we some shootin' ship? Yea, ho!!! Sighted the Cincy in afternoon, 2 points off starboard bow at 4:00 p. m. abeam at 6:30, on the quarter at 9:30, and astern and out of sight at midnight.

September 21st—A choppy sea and a 12 degree roll keeping a few of the "3 and a butt" men from chow. Thoren, the beautiful blonde carpenter's mate, swears he wasn't sick—was just asleep, that's all. Sighted Saddle Island at 9:18 a. m. Port air pump went on the fritz at 12:17 p. m. and caused us to limp along with just steerage way until 2:11 p. m. when repairs were completed. Except with the two lost hours we averaged 14 knots for the day.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Sunday, September 22, 1912.—At sea, enroute from Dairen. Manchuria, to Olongapo, P. I., Instead of following our "regular" route on the east coast of Formosa we are giving the sunset side a whirl this trip. At 3:48 p. m. sighted Kita Jima, the northermost of the Pescadores Islands. These flat-topped, treeless islands bring fond memories of the Makung liberty the most enthusiastic and successful trip ashore ever pulled off by a ship's company. Those torpedo Japs are right there with the kick when it comes to entertaining.

September 23—In Balintang and Bashee Channels. Sighted Luzon at 4:11 p. m. During the night watch we sighted a steamer carrying no lights and dreamed of contraband opium, etc., overhauled and spoke her finding that she was a perfectly respectable merchant vessel just trying to slip one over on John D.

September 24th—At 7:26 a. m. anchored in Olongapo harbor. Distance from Dairen—1540 miles. Men-of-war in port:- Rainbow, Monadnock, Pampanga, Bainbridge, and Chaucey, Auxiliares:- Nanshan and Alexander. Transferred three men to Naval Hospital.

September 25th—Floating derrick came alongside and yanked out our leaky ovaporator coils. Lien, H. O. (GM3c.) reported his time out. This makes three men aboard doing a Sister Anne stunt looking for a transport. U. S. S. Dale stood in and anchored at 1:08 p. m.

September 26—Dale stood out at 11:35 a. m. for Cavite. Dynamo-buster Shaw. Penpusher Pierce and others equally absorbent were seen in the Y. M. C. A. ashore—all made an ice-crem-chopsuey-movey-picture-show liberty. Strengthen your morings—something is bound to happen—guess the milleneum is about due.

September 27th—Rainbow came out of dry-dock at 9:00 a. m. A fight has been arranged between Machado and Halford, six rounds, catchweights.

September 28th—Got underway at 8:26 a. m. and entered dry-dock "Dewey". All hands over the side with wire-brushes and scrapers giving the boat a thorough manicure.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

## U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, October 6, 1912—At anchor, Olongapo, P. I., U. S. S. Saratoga stood in from Woosung and anchored at 11:35 a. m. School of sharks are holding a convention nightly beneath the port boom light. Some of the Ike Waltons should get busy.

October 7th—The "Sarah" left during morning watch for Manila. Hoisted the hook ourselves at 4:04 p. m. and stood out, anchoring off Cavite at 11:03 p. m. Distance from Olongapo 60 miles. Monterey and two 'pedy boats in port.

October 8th—Collier Abarenda stood in at 10:41 a. m. Received -P- 20,000.00 aboard and paid off crew. Race boat pool collected -P- 14,400.00 but upon taking it aboard the Saratoga could only get -P- 50.00 covered. This was the greatest surprise ever sprung on a ship's company. We have no comments to make - - - - - this card couldn't go thru the mail if we did. Rainbow arrived in port at 7:13 p. m.

October 9th—Boat race resulted in our losing out by 4 lengths. Guess the Flagship sailors are wishing that they had covered our money. Saratoga was challenged again but did not accept. Yes, Percival, it is wicked to play marbles for keeps. Cincinnati stood in at 1:10 p. m.

October 10th—Submarine Flotilla maneuvering in the bay thruot day. Collier Alexander stood in at 7:10 p. m.

October 11th—At 11:45 Torpedo Flotilla stood over toward Manila and anchored, Albany got underway at 12:57 p. m. and followed by the Cincinnati, Rainbow, Monterey, Monadnock, Pompey and colliers stood over toward Manila and anchored in formation off breakwater

October 12th—Landing Forces of the Fleet disembarked and were reviewed on the Luneta by Rear-Admiral Nicholson. Commander-in Chief reviewed the Fleet at 1:00 p. m. and at 3:00 p. m. came aboard and calling all hands aft to muster presented us with the Gunnery Trophy for Battle Efficiency won by this vessel during the last target practice. The trophy is a bronze bas-relief showing a gun's crew in action and has the following inscription "Trophy for Excellence in Naval Gunnery Presented by Direction of the President of the United States to the Vessel making the Highest Score in Her Class at the Annual Record Target Practice." Speeches were made by the Commander-in-Chief and our Captain. The Trophy pennant was broken at the masthead and three cheers given. Moving picture men took films of the crew and trophy. This makes one hash-mark for the Albany on the Trophy. Forty-eight hours liberty given - - - - the rest of the fleet only received overnight. Guess there's something wrong with us, huh?



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

## U. S. S. ALBANY

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Sunday, September 29th, 1912—In floating dry dock "Dewey", Olongapo, P. I., "Shorty" Ostrander, the radio runt and E. Adam (Flc) finished a four years cruise. This is stow bad to work hard for that length of time and them have to work some more. It sure is a tough world.

September 30th—Ezry Potter, b'heck, joined the overtime Club swears that this is positively his last appearance on the naval stage as he is going back to Kansas on that farm and tell 'em all about what happened when he "wuz on the gunboat Paragua" the three-pounder that "shot plumb over the horizon" the "lead rivets" that he put in when he was "Equipment Officer," all the guff he's been trying to hand us for the last two years. There must be something the matter with Kansas if they believe it.

October 1st—Transferred three more men to the Relief. Still working on ship's bottom. Rumors of small arms practice in the air.

October 2nd—Olongapo averages seventy-seven inches of rainfall in a year. That's all right, it can quit now, as that much has fallen since we've been in dry-dock. To turn this country up side down would be the proper stunt—there's more water in the sky than there is in the Ocean.

October 3rd—Skinny Chandler ran afoul of a marine sentry in the yard along in the graveyard hours and was placed in the coop for reflection and meditation. Came out of dry-dock at 9:18 a. m. and anchored in the southern basin.

October 4th—Coal lighters alongside at day-break with 300 tons of "fireman's delight". Commenced coaling at 8:00 a. m. and finished at 11:55. Quick work! Fine day, just enough water in water in the air to keep the dust from flying. Installed new Telefunken radio set in radio office.

October 5th—No pay today, next week some time. Forty-eight hours liberty to second and 3rd sections.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY.

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Sunday, October 13, 1912—At anchor, Manila, P. I.—Lieut. (j.g.) B. B. Taylor, Ensign Karl F. Smith, and Chief Boatswain P. J. Kane reported aboard for duty. Lieut. (j.g.) R. W. Cabaniss and Boatswain W. E. O'Connor detached and ordered home. Baseball game on Wallace Field with Saratoga—score 5 to 2 in favor of the Flagship.

Oct. 14th.—Transferred 31 men, overtimers and those whose hitches expire before Dec. 15th, to the Mohican for further transfer to the Transport Thomas. The quietest bunch that ever left the ship, even the hoisting of a "bean-rag recall" failed to elicit a farewell yip. The band will please play that hymn "You'll Come Back." Several well-worn planks display a "To Rent" sign. J. R. Bennyhoff (C. Yeo), chaffeur of the type and adding machines in the Pay office, this day ended his career as an enlisted man and accepted an appointment as Pay Clerk aboard the Monadnock. Mr. Bennyhoff was an ideal ship-mate and the crew congratulate him on his well deserved rise and hope that he will prove as good a bolo-man as he was a "gob." Carpenter J. G. McPherson detached and ordered to the Naval Station, Olongapo. Carpenter S. C. Burgess reported aboard for duty. Boat races in the afternoon—Cincinnati winning in the cutter event, Chauncey in the dinghy.

Oct. 15th.—Uxtry!! Uxtry!! See Special Smoker Card!!

Oct. 16th.—Review formation breaking up. Pompey, Monadnock, Monterey, and the Torpedo Flotilla left for Cavite. Typhoon signal 3 hoisted, a twister passing over the islands of Panay, Leyte, and Cebu. All wires down to the south. Heavy swell setting in caused Saratoga to drag her anchors and drift about 500 yards out of position. Veered chain to 57 fathoms at midnight.

Oct. 17th.—Commander-in-Chief shifted his flag to the Rainbow at 11.00 a.m. At 3.18 p.m. Cincinnati shifted berth inside break-water.

Oct. 18th.—Ensigns H. B. Cecil and H. D. McGuire detached and ordered to the flations. This general change of officers leaves us with but two who came to the Station aboard this vessel—P.A. Surgeon A.B. Clifford and Gunner L. Wittmann. Double header ball game ashore.—both defeats, Rainbow winning 1 to 0, Cincy 2 to 1.

Oct. 19th.—Portuguese gunboat Patria stood in at 3.45. Communications established with the South tell of great loss of life and property during typhoon. Cincy got underway at 9.45 p.m. for Cebu, carrying Acting Governor-General Gilbert and other civil officials to the devastated district.



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## SPECIAL SMOKER CARD

October 15th, 1912.—At anchor, Manila, P.I.—Rainbow stood inside breakwater at 11.28 a.m. The short-timers passed on a lorch during the morning and were cheered by the Fleet. Transport Thomas stood out with her cargo of happy homeward-bounders at 5.05 p.m. Don't fret, amigo, our time will come some day. Ensign F. R. Smith reported aboard for duty. A seven inning baseball game with the Monadnock resulted in our first victory for many moons—the jinks wasn't on the job, taking a vacation or something like that, and we came out with a score of 4 to 3. At 8.00 p.m. a smoker was held aboard, over 200 guests from the other ships of the Fleet being present. Germinal Perfectos, Spiggoty coffin-tacks, and Missouri meerschaums were distributed to all hands, arson was committed on the smoking lamp and the program was started with a boxing bout between Braziel and Wheel, both of the Albany. Braziel decided in the second round that his opponent had too many spokes and threw up the sponge. Other four round bouts as follows:—"Dearie" Crary vs. "Whitey" White, both of the Black Gang—draw. Riley, (Cincy) vs. Rodrigues (Albany)—decision for Riley. Smith vs. Gibson, (both Albany)—decision for Gibson. Rulas vs. Grace (both Albany)—draw. During intermissions entertainment was furnished by the Spud Locker Grand Uproar Quartette, the guilt being equally distributed between Slats Sanders, Dutch Rellstab, Red Mohan, and "There is a Reason" Reason. Specialties were contributed by Kelly, a Monadnockite, doing a neat bit of dancing, and Reason, the old reliable Albany favorite in original blackface singing "The Midnight Express" so naturally that several sailors began looking for the blind baggage. Commissary Steward Bobbitt had provided several tons of sandwiches and plenty of lemonade as a chaser. The main event of the evening was a whirlwind bout of 8 rounds between Machado (Albany) and Halford (Monadnock) The Los Angeleno held up the honor of the Albany and clearly outpointed Halford at all stages of the game. This fight has been on the hook for a long time and all were on their toes during the entire eight rounds. Halford showed himself a horse for punishment and took a fearful wallop. Program ended at midnight and the visitors shoved off all expressing themselves as having had the best time they could remember. Cheers were exchanged and an extra loud one for Ensign Rice, our Sporting Officer. Since Ensign Rice has been detailed as Athletic Officer the ship has taken on new life, he's sure full o' ginger and is right man in the right place, and whatever credit we gain by this smoker is due him as the prime factor in its origin.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY.

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Sunday, October 20, 1912—At anchor, Manila, P.I.—At 8.20 a.m. the Saratoga got underway and stood out for Olongapo.

Oct. 21.—Underway at 5.45 a.m. and stood across bay to Cavite, anchoring at 6.19. Received coal lighters alongside and commenced coaling at 7.45. Finished at 2.45 p.m., having taken aboard 422 tons. Lieut.-Comdr., C. R. Kear detached and ordered to command the Monadnock. Lieut.-Comdr., E. P. Svarz reported aboard for duty as Executive Officer. At 9.45 a.m. Torpedo Flotilla consisting of Decatur, Dale, Barry, and Chauncey stood out. As soon as finished coaling got underway to swing ship, having received the new "360°" compasses. Anchored at 5.58 p.m.

Oct. 22.—Underway from 8.12 a.m. until 12.07 p.m. swinging ship for residual deviations. Received stores aboard from Cavite Yard. Underway at 3.40 p.m. and stood inside Manila breakwater. Received mail and a draft of 13 men for the Yangtze gunboats. Went ahead at 4.36 p.m. standard speed for Shanghai, China.

Oct. 23.—Steaming along the coast of Luzon under two boilers. Passed Cape Bojeador Light abeam at 4.40 p.m. Distance made good at noon—256 knots. A long oily ground swell running giving us quite a pitch. Fire and Collision Drills.

Oct. 24.—At 9.20 a.m. picked up Samasane Island on port bow. In sight of Formosa throughout day. Distance made good at noon—335 knots. At 11.45 passed Agincourt Island on starboard beam. Weather getting decidedly cooler. General Quarters.

Oct. 25.—Fog during mid watch. Uniform changed to blues. All new-comers must invest in pea-coats. Distance made good at noon 304 knots. Sighted several fishing junks and steamers during day. Picked up Hieshan Island at 1.37 p.m. At 11.15 p.m. stood thru Bonham Passage.

Oct. 26th.—Anchored off Fairway Buoy at 1.27 a.m. Took pilot aboard at 9.30 and stood up Yangtze River. At 12.50 proceeded up Whangpoo to Shanghai mooring off Wetmore Road at 2.42. Distance from Cavite—1150 miles. U. S. S. HELENA and U. S. S. SAMAR in port.

48 hours liberty granted.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY.

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Sunday, October 27, 1912.—At anchor off Wetmore Road, Shanghai, China. Those good old Savoy-Astor House liberties in full swing; the only trouble being a shortness of dinero. To those that do wallop the beach the pass-word until payday is "Break out the chit-book, John." Chinese torpedo-boat stood in.

Oct. 28.—H. M. S. Teal and H. I. J. M. S. Mogami stood in.

S. M. S. Luchs stood out. Transferred ten men to U. S. S. HELENA, two men to the SAMAR. Those with the request bug are wondering if they would like the "Daylight Navy" Paymaster brought \$28,066.00 Mex. aboard.

Oct. 29.—Rear-Admiral Nawa, I. J. N., and staff made official call on the Commanding Officer. 2nd Lt. M. R. Thatcher, U. S. M. C., left the ship to proceed to Peking. The Old Grouch says, "Every time we hit Shanghai about half the crew invest in gold teeth, on chits; some of 'em would melt down into a \$90. button right now. It'd do 'em more good if they took their gold in the chloride form, a la Keeley."

Oct. 30.—French cruiser Dupleix stood in and anchored at 4.34 p.m. Moss attendants on leave from the Saratoga are reporting aboard. Chop suey on the bill of fare for supper, Bobbitt believes in local color. Thanks, "Stew," you are feeding fine, come again.

Oct. 31.—General Quarters in the a.m. Hammock inspection in p.m. At 1.05 p.m. the German gunboat Jaguar, flying homeward bound pennant, tied up alongside dock. Some day we'll break one that will be about twice as long as the ship—some day.

Nov. 1st.—When it comes to men-of-war the Whangpoo is a "highway of all nations," there is anchored in the stream at present representatives of England, Germany, France, Holland, Austria, Japan, China, and the United States—all we need is a Wop and a Russky to make the thing complete. Ditty box inspection and battery drill.

Nov. 2.—Rugby football game ashore between the Helena and ourselves resulted in a score of—Helena, 16; Albany, 6. More practice. 48 hours liberty for 4th and 1st sections.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Sunday, November 3, 1912.—At anchor off Wetmore Road, Shanghai, China.—All hands changed to 5.30 a.m. and supper advanced a half hour, talking about supper, well we had chile con carne with REAL frijoles. Gracias, Senor Mayordomo. Up the Yangtze is our next cruise.

November 4.—Three coal lighters secured alongside at 5.30 a.m. and commenced coaling. Finished at 1.40 p.m. with 200 tons to the good. That HELENA draft came back aboard to be re-distributed to the river gunboats. Paymaster paid the crew and the 2nd section went ashore to place the money in circulation.

November 5.—Underway at 10.58 a.m. and stood down the creek; passed Woosung at 12.22 p.m. and proceeded up the Yangtze. Anchored off Cooper Bank Light at 5.52 p.m. The Old Grouch says." Yesterday there was 10 fellers who couldn't make their feet behave and before they could get 'em to answer the hellum they'd run ashore. Seems to me with the liberty and privileges this ship's company gets we all ought to have educated feet."

November 6.—Underway at 5.28 a.m. Passed Chinkiang-Fu at 1.22 p.m. Anchored at Nanking at 5.18 p.m.—Distance from Shanghai—309 miles. U. S. S. QUIROS in port. Our old friends Lion and Tiger Hills are a bit quieter than they were last November—they sure did talk to each other and used siege shell for punctuation marks. All the old members of the crew "Makee Chin-chin" that we don't get any of that "rebel bread."

November 7.—Exchanged calls with the QUIROS. American Consul called officially, fired salute of 7 guns with American ensign at the fore upon his departure. Pilot Langley left the ship. Midnight liberty granted.

November 8.—At 5.45 a.m. the U. S. S. QUIROS hoisted her hook and stood up stream.

November 9.—Regular Saturday quarters and inspection of crew and ship by the Commanding Officer. Two section liberty party left the ship at 1.00 p.m. Snowing all during the day; uniform peacoats.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Sunday, November 10, 1912. At anchor in Yangtze River, Nanking, China.—Ming Tomb visiting party and two section liberty party left ship at 9.30 a.m. Nanking was the capital of China during the Ming Dynasty, and until the city was destroyed by the Taiping rebels in 1858 was the main city of South China. The city wall is from 70 to 90 feet high, 30 feet thick, and 28 miles long. Main manufactures are porcelain, bronze and silk goods, and at one time the celebrated "Nankin" cloth.

November. 11—German gunboat Luchs stood in. Served out clean hammocks. The Old Grouch says, "Them Mink tombs are 9 miles by carriage, about 90 afoot, and horseback—well, a sailor on horseback is about as funny as a soldier in a boat—and when you get out there what do you see, just a bunch of stone animals and the tomb of a Chink Umpire who's been dead since 1258. That's the trouble with these Chinos, they ain't got nothing real fresh and up-to-date. There's a carved snappin' turtle on the way out and they say if you sit on it and make a wish it will come true—I wished I was warm and—Here, you get off'n that paint work!"

November. 12—Received three bags of mail from the United States. Battery drills have started rumors of a January target practice. German transport TITANIA stood in.

November. 13—At 8.00 a.m. the S.M.S. LUCHS hoisted Vice-Admirals flag, which we saluted with 15 guns, German ensign at the fore; the LUCHS returning the salute gun for gun. British gunboat KINSHA stood in at 1.10 p.m. U.S.S. EL CANO, the "Baby Battleship" of the Asiatic, stood in and anchored at 3.25 p.m. Fire and Collision Drills.

November. 14—S.M.S. LUCHS got underway at 5.15 a.m.; H.M.S. KINSHA at 8.05 a.m. Transferred three ping-pongs to the EL CANO. Football game with the EL CANO in the afternoon—score-EL CANO—3; ALBANY, 0.

November. 15—Chief Q.M. Lame, the "Betsy Ross" of the ship is making a Chinese Republic Flag—sorter looks like we were going to recognize the new nation.

November. 16—Got underway for Woosung, China, at 9.10 a.m. Passed the entrance to the Grand Canal of China about noon. Anchored for the night at Chin Wong Kong at 6.27 p.m.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, November 17, 1912.—At anchor in Yangtze Kiang, off Chin Wong Kong, China. — Hoisted the hook at 5.50 a.m. and stood down river. Anchored off Woosung Bar at 11.17 a.m. Distance from Nanking — 297 miles. U. S. S. SARATOGA and S. M. S. GNEISENAU in port. Liberty party ashore at 12.30 p.m. At 10.30 p.m. Willis, a shipwright off the RAINBOW, was stabbed and killed in a riot between Americans and Dutch sailors from the HOLLAND.

November 18.—At 11.25 a.m. U. S. S. HELENA stood down from Shanghai and anchored close aboard starboard side. Two stragglers returned aboard. Published General Order 218, relative to beneficiaries in case of death. "Skinny" Chandler made his out as follows: — "Relationship: Uncle. Full Name: SAM. Address: care of Naval Hospital Fund." He's donated so much to the Fund he's got the habit. At 1.17 p.m. the HELENA proceeded up the Yangtze for Nanking. Liberty stopped on account of the trouble last night.

November 19.—Transferred one man to the CINCINNATI. Overhauled starboard bower cable. The Old Grouch says, "Over in the railroad station at Woosung they serve a brand of kerosene labeled "Lighthouse". It's well named. I took three small ones and there wasn't a light on the China coast that had numbers on me."

November 20.—Fire and Rescue Party Drill. S.M.S. GNEISENAU hoisted Vice-Admiral's flag and received a 15 gun salute from this vessel. Boat Drills every afternoon.

November 21.—General Quarters at 9.43 a.m. Got underway at 11.02 a.m. and stood up the Whangpoo to our old berth off Wetmore Road, Shanghai. Moored at 12.46 p.m. Distance from Woosung — 12 miles. U. S. S. RAINBOW, CINCINNATI and SAMAR in port. Sock-o games nightly in the starboard gangway abreast the galley.

November 22.—At 9.10 a.m. Japanese cruiser Saga stood in. Rumors of a January target practice afloat on deck, and of course the usual number of "BUFFALO" and "Goin' home" stories. Restriction on liberty removed. Uniform shifted to watch caps.

November 23.—Captain inspected crew and ship. At 11.00 a.m. the French torpedo-gunboat D'IBERVILLE stood down stream. This is the same packet that broke out collision mats and started to abandon ship when we did our famous athwart-stream cruise down from the Bund last year.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG

U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, November 24, 1912.—At anchor, off Wetmore Road, Shanghai, China.—At 4.30 p.m. H. M. S. CADMUS stood up river. Unofficial news that all men whose terms of enlistment expire prior to February 1st will be transferred in time to catch the December transport. Heavy fog set in at midnight.

November 25.—Held landing force drill, heavily equipped. At 11.50 a.m. S. M. S. LUCHS stood out. Upon the departure of the RAINBOW we will hold down the billet of station ship.

November 26.—Battery and Boat Drills are daily happenings. Received one man from the RAINBOW. Paymaster brought \$15,000. Mexican currency, aboard. Two bags of mail arrived from the States.

November 27.—Sounded Fire call at 9.39:45. First stream at 9.41:31. Some speed. Exercised at Collision Drill. At 12.30 p.m. the RAINBOW stood down stream flying Commander-in-Chief's flag. At 4.30 p.m. the Japanese cruiser AKITSUSHIMA anchored one berth astern. Those hailing from Bremerton see something strangely familiar in her lines. Is a small copy of the PHILADELPHIA, and was our "next door" neighbor during the siege of Nanking last year.

November 28.—Thanksgiving Day. At 8.30 a.m. a staging carried away on the AKITSUSHIMA and dumped four men in the drink. Our steamer made a valiant dash to the rescue but arrived a trifle late as all the men were picked up by their own ship's boats. Shifted berth to upper reach off French Bund at 9.53 a.m. Exchanged boarding calls with S. M. S. EMDEN, H. M. S. FLORA, Dutch cruiser HOLLAND, and S. D. M. S. KAISER FRANZ JOSEPH I. Thanksgiving dinner was a hummer—roast turkey, venison, and all the fixin's. Even the liberty party returned aboard for chow. A black-gang heave established a record by surrounding four pies.

November 29.—Competitive examination being held for chief bo'sn's mate. Second Division changed messes with the Commissary and Navigator's Divisions. We hear that the "Sarah's" crew are putting up an awful howl—"We want the same liberty the ALBANY'S getting." We hate to throw any bouquets at ourselves but here's the difference—they live on the SARATOGA, we live at "home." Ah Gin (W.R. Std.) completed his hitch and received a big ticket.

November 30.—Court-martial flag hoisted on the HOLLAND. At 1.23 S. M. S. LEIPSIG came up river and moored nearby. The Chino with the anti-temperance surname shipped over. The regular 48 hour liberty. Shanghai police had a case of nerves and sent in an S. O. S. and four extra blue-jackets were detailed for patrol. (96.)



# A WEEKS "CHOW TIME TABLE" IN THE NAVY

U. S. S. ALBANY, Shanghai, China

Week ending November 30, 1912

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Sunday, November 24, 1912.—BREAKFAST: Fried Bacon. Scrambled Eggs. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Roast Duck and Dressing. Mashed Potatoes. Chocolate Pie. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Liverwurst. Chile con Carne. Jelly Roll. Bread, Butter and Tea.

November 25,—BREAKFAST: Pork Chops and Gravy. Boiled Potatoes. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Boiled Beef. Boiled Potatoes. Vegetable Soup. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Breaded Veal Cutlets. Creamed Potatoes. Bananas. Bread, Butter and Tea.

November 26,—BREAKFAST: Hamburger Steak. Boiled Potatoes. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Boiled Ham and Cabbage. Peeled Boiled Potatoes. Pickles. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Beefsteak and Onions. Fried Potatoes. Canned Peaches. Bread, Butter and Tea.

November 27,—BREAKFAST: Pork and Beans. Corn Bread. Apples. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Roast Pork. Apple Sauce. Boiled Potatoes. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Chop Suey. Boiled Rice. Banana Fritters. Bread, Butter and Tea.

November 28,—Thanksgiving Day.—BREAKFAST: Boiled Eggs. Oatmeal and Milk. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Cream of Celery Soup. Mixed Pickles. Olives. Sweet Pickles. Fillet of Sole, Tarter Sauce. Vegetable Salad. Venison, Wine Sauce. Creamed Cauliflower. Roast Turkey, Chestnut Dressing. Cranberry Sauce. Mashed Potatoes. Green Peas. Apples. Oranges. Bananas. Nut Cakes. Pumpkin and Lemon Pie. Cheese. Cigars. Coffee. SUPPER: Boiled Ham. Cold Turkey. Cocoa.

November 29.—BREAKFAST: Pork Sausage. Hot Cakes. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Fried Fish. Sweet Potatoes. Tartar Sauce. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Bologna Sausage. Potato Salad. Ginger Bread. Bread, Butter and Tea.

November 30.—BREAKFAST: Pork and Beans. Fresh Fruit. Bread, Butter and Coffee. DINNER: Pot Roast Beef. Mashed Potatoes. Lima Beans. Bread, Butter and Coffee. SUPPER: Fried Liver and Onions. Fried Potatoes. Bread, Butter and Tea.

HOT BLACK "JAVA" EVERY MORNING AT 5.30.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG,

U. S. S. ALBANY

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Sunday, December 1, 1912.—At anchor off French Bund, Shanghai, China.—Shifted anchorage to Norddeutscher Lloyd buoy at 6.35 a.m. At 1.50 p.m. U. S. S. BAINBOW with Commander-in-Chief and American Minister Extraordinary to China aboard stood in from Nanking. Russian cruiser ASKOLD moored in lower reach. The ASKOLD took part in a sortie from the blockaded harbor of Port Arthur on August 11, 1904, and, after a running fight reached Shanghai in a badly damaged condition. To use the words of Sgt. Fallon, "Two of her five stacks were shot away and she carried a hole in her side big enough to drive a mule team thru. It was rumored that the Japs were coming up river after her and to prevent this the Monadnock and an Englishman got up steam ready to move to Woosung.

December 2.—At 6.20 a.m. Dutch cruiser Holland stood out for Indian ports. Full dressed ship at 8.00 a.m., British ensign at main, in honor of birthday of Dowager Queen of England. Shifted anchorage to Hollander's berth at 10.19 a.m. At 1.30 p.m. a native freight lorch hung up on our ram and received quite a jar.

December 3.—Austrian cruiser Kaiser Franz Joseph stood out at 6.50 a.m. The housing of her to'gallantmasts for sea started a noise to the effect that she was "clearing" and that war had been declared with Russia. All hands painting ship.

December 4th.—Rainbow stood out for the south carrying Minister Calhoun for a tour of inspection of the South China consulates. Received three bags of mail. Football team suffered defeat at the hands of the British gunboat KINSHA. Score—6-0.

December 5.—The best day of the month—Paymaster donated dobies to the crew. Usual happy liberty parties. New uniform regulations posted on bulletin board. Mighty sensible, Jack, mighty sensible. The abolishment of the flapping collars and the tape on working duds means a saving in saltwater soap. CINCINNATI stood in and occupied RAINBOW'S berth.

December 6.—The Old Grouch says, "Didje ever notice how things work out to a pretty good general average-? F'r instance—A payday liberty party checks in with th' water line skyhigh on th' pocketbook but an increased displacement of th' head." Austrian cruiser returned to her old berth at 7.25 a.m.

December 7.—Captain inspected crew and ship at 9.30 a.m. A big "48" for the 1st and 2nd sections.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY.

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Sunday, December 8, 1912.—At another off French Bund, Shanghai, China—Held church services aboard at 10.00 a.m. S.M.S. Jaguar stood in from Hongkong at 12.26 p.m. This being station ship is fine junk—daily papers, bumboats every meal, all same living ashore with none of the dangers.

December 9—Chief Master-at-Arms Parker was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of enlistment. Wonder how it feels to be a civilian? Three long years since we wore hard shirts and collars and had enough pockets in our clothes. British dispatch boat ALACRITY stood in at 9.30 a.m.

December 10—Private Lohrie mystified the Guard with a Hermanesque disappearance at quarters. Like the little boy in the story—"when they looked around he wasn't there at all". Either old Loongkiang, the river dragon, got him, or else he's practicing a vaudeville skit tagged "Abandon Ship, or the Vanishing Sentry". T. R. Parker, civilian, first-class, re-enlisted and went on ten days furlough with a list to lee caused by that "three months shipping over money". U.S.S. VILLALOBOS stood in. Moving picture show held aboard at 7.00 p.m.

December 11—Held Fire and Collision Drill. British cruiser FLORA left for a cruise, her place as station ship being taken by the gunboat BRITOMART. "Mysterious" Lohrie returned aboard and has engaged quarters at the Hotel Brig.

December 12—CINCINNATI sent her landing force ashore for drill at 8.20 a.m. General Quarters in the forenoon. Battery and Boat Drills are still the order of the day. Eagan was recently advanced in rating to Chief Boatswain's Mate and has blossomed out in new cluz. At 1.10 Chinese torpedo boat stood up to Kiangnan Navy Yard.

December 13—List of qualified pointers and prizes posted 4 5-inch. wins 1st prize and the Navy "E"; 3 5-inch. second prize; and 18 3-pdr. cuts into the kale with a second prize. Forty-two men in all win prize money and gunpointer pay. All hands vaccinated—Navy life seems to be just "one darn inoculation after another".

December 14—Prizes and gunpointer money paid to the lucky men; came in handy for the 48 hour liberty. Halfmasted colors on account of the death of German petty officer aboard the LEIPSIG. The Old Grouch says, "Th' armament o' this vessel is 10 five-inch, firing 60-lb. shell, 8 three pounders, an' one Cannon who sews bags an' shoots hot air."



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, December 15, 1912—Moored off French Bund, Shanghai, China. At 3:05 p. m. the Cincinnati got underway and shifted anchorage to around the bend near Yangtzepoo Docks. The Shanghai air has a queer effect on Holman (B. M. 2c) is springing it around deck that a "bee-you-tee-full" Eurasian damsel, ballasted with eighth thousand tael, offered him her heart, hand, and bankbook if he would walk up the aisle and look the joss-man in the eye.

December 16—Sent landing force ashore for drill at 9:00 a. m. "Dutch" Rellstab and "Panay" Mitchell reported the expiration of their terms of enlistment. Both were asked to ship over!!! Rainbow hoisted flag of C-in-C at noon.

December 17—The jack flying at fore yardarm during forenoon watch. Commanding Officer of British gunboat CADMUS called officially. Moving picture show on quarter deck from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. If every man would donate a peseta a month we could have them every week.

December 18—Tally party left the ship at 5:30 a. m. Rigged ship for coaling. The canteen yeoman is making an extended liberty—without leave.

December 19—Tally party returned aboard at 1:30 a. m. Four lighters with 700 tons of coal alongside at 4:50, and commenced coaling at 6:00 a. m. Finished at 8:25 p. m. The man that invented sleep deserves a Carnegie medal.

December 20—All hands at 6:00. Field day—scrubbing the grime off until late in the afternoon. Landing force from the RAINBOW ashore for drill at 9:10 a. m.

December 21—Captain inspected crew and ship. Delivered letter of congratulation and Navy "E's" to following named men: Campbell, H. E. (B.M.2c.), Squires, R. L. (G.M.3c.), Cantwell, F. J. (Sea), Hagan, J. L. (Sea.), Acker, A. L. (Sea.), Machado, J. T. (O.S.) Schamp, R. C. (O. S.), Rulas, M. A. (O. S.), Shank, M. (O. S.), Wheel, A. T. (O. S.). At 7:55 a. m. the British river gunboat WOODCOCK, under tow, passed upstream.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, December 22, 1912—Moored off French Bund, Shanghai, China. Held divine services aboard at 9:30 a. m. First and Second sections ashore on the regular forty-eight hour liberty.

December 23—Transferred one man to the SARATOGA. Paymaster brought aboard \$25,000.00 Mexican and all hands received a full month's pay. If you happen to have a grouch just remember that we didn't get this last Christmas, and we sent three delegations to the "mast" at that.

December 24—Special 48 hours Christmas, liberty party of two sections left the ship at 1:00. McCrary, (Sea) reported his four spot finished. For several years Mac has been counting on spending this Christmas as "civvie"—but the best laid plans of many men are shot in the bonnet when they cross the Hundred an' Eightyth. That's the best thing about the Asiatic—you can never tell what's going to happen.

December 25—Merry Christmas!!! What did Santy put in your sock? Ashes? By order of the Captain all men doing "B. & W." were released from confinement and restored to duty. Greens hoisted at the mastheads and real Christmas trees growing on the berth-deck. Bobbitt and his bunch put out one of their special spreads and in return the crew presented them with gold seal rings.

December 26—Transferred W. J. Blancfield (O. S.) to VILLALOBOS. British cruiser ALACRITY stood out. Boat and Battery drills in the morning.

December 27—Our late canteen yeoman has hiked for the tall timber, breaking our good record, being the first rated man to take a "Rocky Mountain draft" since our departure from the States. News posted that our next trip is thru the Min River country Amoy, and then back to the Islands again for the Carnival and practice. Started snowing at 9:00 a. m.

December 28—Jack Dermody, (BM2c) the only Original Choir Kid in Captivity, late of Guam, M. I., joined the Overtime Club at 9:00 a. m. At 9:38 a. m. the HELENA stood upstream and moored one berth astern. Stopped snowing at 3:00 p. m. eight inches having fallen. Typhoon signals are being hoisted daily—weather is cuttin' up scandalous in the Formosa Channel. We are about due to butt into choppy water—it's been a long time since we did the Oceana Roll.



# WEEKLY ROUGH LOG.

U. S. S. ALBANY

Sunday, December 29, 1912—Moored off French Bund, Shanghai, China. Three Chinese men-of-war, 2 gunboats and 1 torpedo boat, passed going up stream at 2:10 p. m.

December 30—Fleet Marine Officer reported on board and inspected the Marine Detachment. J. Grieshaber (Cox.) draws time and a quarter for the next couple of months. At 8:21 p. m. Simpson, stern-man in the steamer, fell overboard while shoving off from the gangway,—just a nice little winter bath.

December 31—About 5:45 a. m. Peter Ford (C. M. M.), better known to men of the Pacific and China Sea as "Maskee Pete", was found dead in the electrical storeroom, having committed suicide by hanging. He was last seen alive about 4:10 a. m. Ford has been in the service about 28 years.

January 1, 1913—Annual parade of the Noise Fiends at "16 bells", all hands were roused out and the New Year welcomed in proper seagoing style. Sarnow and Roesel started the year right by pangling up on the forecastle in a nifty two round scrap. Cause of the fracas—One rather ancient egg. Results; Roesel out for the count, two buster maps, one bloody deck, and Sarnow on the binnacle list with a broken beak. At 2:00 p. m. halfmasted colors and sent funeral escort ashore to attend the burial of P. Ford. Transferred Mutt Moore (MAA2c.) to the HELENA; is going to open a life saving station near the New Traveler's when he gets paid off. All hands invited over—chits, can do.

January 2—At 9:25 a. m. got underway and stood down river. Passed Woasung light at 10:50. Passed the "CINCY" in the Yangtze. It must get their "nanny" to have us passing them all time. Kicking out about 16 knots. using three "cans".

January 3—At 6:21 a. m. collided with a fishing junk and cut her in two. Tried to come about under our bow. Naval authorities say that the ram is an absolute weapon, but as a destroyer of junks, well, its hi-yu skookum, that's all. Lowered both life boats and held a regular moving picture "rescue on the high seas" picking up seven Chinos who clung to the wreckage—all the crew. Rigged all the wrecked mariners out in old uniforms—one corporal, a 2nd class "Legs", a heave. and four privates. Anchored off Matsu Island at 1:36 p. m., getting underway at 3:00 to swing ship for residual deviations.

January 4—Underway at 6:30 a. m. and stood up Min River to Pagoda Anchorago, mooring at 9:26 a. m. The regular collection of bumboat-men aboard with soapstone josses, brass and lacquer ware, but the canary bird men are missing. Liberty party to the Pagoda.



# Weekly Rough Log.

U. S. S. ALBANY

R. L. Varnado

Editor.

Nanking, China.

Jan. 7:--A large party left the ship with lunch and several kodaks to visit the Ming Tombs. Revolutionary fort on Lion Hill fired 21 gun salute at noon. Signed pay-roll for last quarter. The Collier Abarenda and torpedo-boat Bainbridge stood up the River and anchored.

Jan. 8:--Our sailing date for Wuhu changed from the 9th to 10th. Two new C. P. O's, M. O. Bye, C. C. M. and J. W. McCoy, C. M. M. Since we struck this cold weather the wash-room has become very popular so special hours have been allotted the carpenters, gunners' mates, mess-cooks and side cleaners. The german Cruiser Nuremburg, flying a Vice Admiral's flag, stood up stream and anchored.

Jan. 9:--Hind quarters of beef at three cents per pound and even at that it costs less to serve chicken and duck to the crew. This is about the only redeeming feature of the Yangtze Valley. Physical exercise at morning quarters increased from 10 to 25 minutes.

Jan 10:--Underway at 8.00 a m. but on account of heavy fog had to anchor at 8 53. Fog cleared up at 11.30 and got underway again, mooring off Wuhu Bund at 4 14 p m. Distance from Nanking 52 miles. Put sheet anchor on bill-board

Jan. 11:--An official call was made by the Commanding Officer of H. M. S. Woodcock which was returned by our Captain. Stag dancing on deck by graphophone music has become a very popular past-time in the evenings after supper.

Jan. 12:--The Collier Abarenda stood in at 3.00 a m. and surprised all hands when at reveille we found we were to take on a few black diamonds. She came alongside at 7.58 and at 8 35 a m. commenced coaling. Finished at 5 45 p m. after having taken 379 tons aboard. The torpedo-boat Barry came along the starboard side of the Collier and coaled.

Jan 13:--Received one man from the Barry for further transfer to the Buffalo. The Abarenda shoved off at 11.35 a m. and went down the River. The British Consul called at 12 05 and upon departure a salute of seven guns was fired.