

1881

March 5<sup>th</sup> Torpedo accident on board barque  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> D started, Squabron arrived in the  
 " Bay "Incognito has report Journal  
 " Baccabante block at a Holanundian  
 20 June Invasion day fired, 21 June Dressed  
 " Ship Bannow  
 28 June Coronation day 21 June Dressed  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> Sea bridge got chief mate and went  
 " to drill, reserve for, which he got of  
 " the Squabron sailed for Sydney with the  
 " 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Princes on board, instant at day  
 " Ship of Rear Admiral's barabop  
 " Plan William  
 " 23 Baccabante left the dock  
 " 25 Sailed for Sydney to form Squadron  
 " 28 Europa Stationer was Steamer left the  
 " Bay for Italy  
 August

15 wrote to Jenny sent papers  
 22 Sent two papers one to job & one to Tom's  
 " Barbara's went in dock  
 19 Opened tin of Kerasone 26<sup>th</sup> put it in new tank

Sept  
 4<sup>th</sup> Paid Lodge Money! - in arrears  
 Letter from D  
 Oct came home sick for 16 days  
 Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Paid Lodge Money 13/6 clear  
 " Shipped Persons Morgie's arrival  
 Put on large brooding broodle

Death  
 15<sup>th</sup> Joseph W. Johnson met with an  
 accident at 3 o'clock in the evening  
 Dock pier by which he died between  
 10 & 11 A.M. on the 16<sup>th</sup> Buried on  
 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday aged 45 years  
 22<sup>nd</sup> came on shore on Xmas leave  
 until 28<sup>th</sup> Asst Surgeon from 29<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of  
 Decbr 19 Kerasone came 50 (January 1882)

1882  
Russian War Ship Victoria  
arrived on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> & started  
with 21 guns answered by Nelson  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Russian War Ship Aphrike  
arrived & started Admiral Isambrough  
with 13 guns also 21 guns for national  
salute  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> pulled a race from  
Sandridge town pier to Lightship 2 miles  
see below's for May 1<sup>st</sup> - see below's for the lat  
Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> W. Williams reserve 3<sup>rd</sup> reserve  
reserve 4<sup>th</sup> Russians nowhere  
Feb<sup>ry</sup> 22 Russian national steamed out  
and returned to Moorings same day  
Parad. Lodge Money 10<sup>th</sup> unit 3 papers  
to "for Sweden. Per. S. S. Liguria  
Feb. 24 Russian Squadron left for the  
and a good go to - to sea  
March 6<sup>th</sup> - news of Sister. Jennings death  
also from. Susie Witherson and  
for Sweden Jakobson.

March  
of the Nelson came into dock to be cleaned  
" saw the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - the bottom  
24<sup>th</sup> barbers came alongside dock pier  
" to repair. barbers business was  
" commenced and a good noise too  
" look out for if they come up the  
" Bay they want go back again. J. A.  
31<sup>st</sup> Nelson left the dock and went  
" to her Moorings  
" subm.  
5<sup>th</sup> letter from Susie sent a note  
" to her also a letter from Fiji  
" Feb<sup>ry</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Friday heard Hossore came  
on board. started at 10. the Bay  
at 10 a.m. anchored at the Head  
for the night  
8<sup>th</sup> got in dew-rough steamed  
" out towards Westernport -  
" anchored at 5 P.M. off lower  
" returned to Heads and engaged  
" the Batterys at Papan and Bluff

1803  
 Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. Nelson went into Graving Dock to be cleaned  
 4<sup>th</sup> Cap. day. up to Derby room in Crutemham  
 7<sup>th</sup> Came out of dock Graving Dock  
 8<sup>th</sup> Parliamentary picnic down the bay  
 9<sup>th</sup> Prince Wales Birthday Naval Review  
 fully muster  
 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. Nelson went into Dock  
 26<sup>th</sup> Emma Joe & George went to  
 Lucerneidge. Law Buckley's Case  
 returned in the evening  
 Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day. We dined altogether  
 4 in the evening as before. I went for  
 a pleasant walk toward the back beach  
 & for killed my snails after me having  
 stepped on them over one  
 20<sup>th</sup> We went for a long walk along  
 the strand as far as the bank  
 27<sup>th</sup> Dear Joe went on board  
 31<sup>st</sup> The last day of old year after spending  
 the evening with father & retained  
 "in 24<sup>th</sup> de. Can into liberty boat of Nelson  
 & get a piece of the life of the boat away  
 home. When I got to the boat called &  
 said some time & we returned home  
 with them & arrived home at 4 o'clock in the  
 morning  
 1<sup>st</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> New Year's Day Mr. & Mrs. Palmer  
 1804 said in a boat & found in  
 1<sup>st</sup> persons from a ship  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dear Mr. George of Noent to Galaret  
 & drove toward the lake & saw  
 across the water to East Lane  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Went to Industrial School & saw  
 several friends called at the school  
 saw found gold & silver fish  
 & returned home in evening  
 after having enjoyed a walk  
 thoroughly  
 15<sup>th</sup> Barbara left morning for fishing did not  
 go this time a mistake suppose  
 26<sup>th</sup> At night I did supposed congestion & lungs  
 29<sup>th</sup> H. H. did missed. Parity honors  
 31<sup>st</sup> Barbara returned to morning

- the  
10 came to Ansoorings Reserve went better race won by Berberus Boat-Beating  
" on shore toward Reserve Tolson's boat  
12<sup>th</sup> port-watch on leave until the 13 wrote to Ned Saunders Des. Emma sent  
" eighteenth some books to the children received a <sup>fine</sup> ~~fine~~  
14 Berberus went into dock to be seen. March 22 came on shore at noon for Easter  
17 J. J. Avenens got his first instruction leave until 28<sup>th</sup> port-watch from  
" at the office of Prof. Pentlands July 2<sup>nd</sup> came home with Rheumatic in eye  
" and Roberts which he likes very fast returned to duty on the 19<sup>th</sup> J. O  
" well indeed  
19<sup>th</sup> Start at watch on leave until 25<sup>th</sup> Sep. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Gunner Smith arrived by Bell  
21 George and me went to town to see Government to receive Gunner Richards  
" 8 hours pro session  
24 Berberus came out of dock to the Evening Dock to be cleared  
" Ken Ansoorings - wrote to Mrs Milk Sep. 10  
" also to Joe Avenens sent papers  
" Mr. Kemers Tom Saunders for Lego  
May " opened tin of Berberus postcard  
" Two papers one to G.S. one to J.O. -  
June 5 Mrs. & Emma went to see Led. Astley received the forward L-2 gun tin of Reserve  
" 12 wrote to Ned sent him & J. S. Photos on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
" July 11<sup>th</sup> Bombardment of Alex-andria  
commenced by British Squadron under  
Admiral Seymour.

18th Charles Smith Burgess Anitary was on board for Brig  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> & was on by Capt for Maudselle on board  
H. M. S. Barbary  
Friday 14 March left the morning  
proceeded to Port Henry & returned  
to morning & came on shore on leave  
March 20<sup>th</sup> fine day old Capt. Thomas died  
Sunday 6 April fired a salute of twenty-one  
white guns from H. M. S. Nelson  
April 10 Starboard washed on board  
returned on board on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
17<sup>th</sup> Port washed on leave until 23<sup>rd</sup>  
21 came on shore to see Capt. Thomas  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 2 years prior sentenced to 12  
months imprisonment hard  
labour at the general keelson  
June 25<sup>th</sup> the Gun Boat Victoria at about  
Port of the Boat Victoria arrived in Hobson Bay  
Command by Capt. Thomas & about 100  
28 Capt. Thomas inspected the Nelson  
to gather with Capt. Maudselle

July 1<sup>st</sup> Board came on board for Brig  
June competition between Permanent  
force and the Naval Reserve eight  
guns crews of Reserve two guns crews of  
Permanent force Capt. Thomas took  
charge of the ships Capt. Maudselle  
gave up charge of the whole of Naval Stores  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Competition started finished the  
result being Naval Reserve 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Prize Sloop Breeze. [George went to  
Shorts Dept of work  
July by first boat  
July 15<sup>th</sup> proceeded down the Bay on  
Nelson with the Ministry & members  
to meet the Rev. Governor, Sir, etc.  
B. Lock and suite who arrived from  
Lamington in H. M. S. Hindlers also the  
Victoria, Albert, Childers, Lonsdale & Nelson  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Nelson shifted moorings to  
Sandridge moored ship with five  
Shanks of cable on each anchor  
Starboard anchor bearing Westward  
Port about North East N. E.

1884

July 29<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Home from Victoria gun boat  
 went into back for clearing & overhauling  
 August 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed 4<sup>th</sup> us & Victoria in same out  
 of stock barrels proceeded down the Bay  
 for target practice Right Gun often  
 Target disabled through supposed Re-  
 -mature explosion of shell - -  
 August 28 Thursday About Gun Boat went into  
 back to be cleaned and painted - -  
 Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Swam in by Captain & Belknap  
 for five years or less in the case may be -  
 Sept 15 Victoria & about gun boats proceeded  
 to Guelong - this day about came out of the  
 whalers Torpedos Boat proceeded to going  
 stand for bottom and knocked her propeller  
 23 gun boats proceeded to Western Port from  
 Guelong for some practice who to make  
 a small gun against with the port -  
 25<sup>th</sup> gun boats returned to Hobson's Bay  
 Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Emma and me saw cup run grand day  
 practice winner

Nov 4 1884

10 Monday Mast and Mast stay removed  
 at Nine point near Brighton wharves  
 taking part "for" records as follows  
 Flag in Mast a loop in the Mast, barbers  
 Fuller, etc. ~~Robert~~ Collins, Albert, etc.  
 whalers, about 1000 tons or more  
 Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday In the  
 Bay, about 1000 tons, Victoria, etc.  
 whalers - all able commanded  
 11<sup>th</sup> water "ice" legs sent latter also for  
 store also for extra for Bodge  
 17 Monday Victoria & about gun boats left the Bay  
 this morning for Portland to take part in the  
 50<sup>th</sup> year of the foundation of that place by  
 "Henty" commencing in whaling station  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday gun boats returned to Hobson's  
 Bay after sitting at Belfast and Warrambool -  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sun. & end. we asked Mr. Collins questions  
 respecting some things answer did not com-  
 sider Mr. C's any more than "Henty" steam in  
 pretty much thought - - (only in page -  
 take note)

1885

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> pretty thick coming on shore this evening fully 2 mi long back up as usual. until the 4<sup>th</sup>  
22 Monday stirboard watch. on leave from "that immense business got harassed I hope  
" this date to the 30 Sunday morning - he may have something to think about  
" Part wants from 30<sup>th</sup> until the following and more some respect for matters but  
" Wednesday morning January 7<sup>th</sup> 1885 - = " it has not impressed him at present -

1885

14 James Watson left overboard August on 7<sup>th</sup> The invoice total me he would re issue  
16 open vessel  
18 Captain St. B. Thomas inspected. the <sup>whole</sup> of the <sup>main</sup> in the presence of several witnesses  
" Perannment Force to see who would volunteer the words used were I will have you remain  
" for the Louisiana campaign did not do so though he believed if you don't know you wanted  
" had enough - came on leave at 8-30 AM  
" until 7 1/2 AM. on the 20<sup>th</sup>

March, - 13<sup>th</sup> H. Mad Nelson arrived from -  
" by way with steamer of <sup>command</sup> Oregon in

" 14<sup>th</sup> Admirals inspected all ships August - at 16 1/2 - April

" of the Victorian Navy

" 17<sup>th</sup> H. M. S. D. Saunders arrived on a cruise

" in the cutter