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8 August 1991

Dear Mr & Mrs Hohnen,

AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC RECORDS REGISTER -  
NARRATIVES OF VOYAGES

For some years now I have been cataloguing the whereabouts of ships' logs and journals, crew & passenger diaries, and letters, etc. describing voyages to, from, or in the Australian and NZ area and the surrounding seas since 1788 (including published versions of voyage narratives). Before the first volume of "Log of Logs" was published last year I was able to include many of the shipboard diaries and journals listed in the then recently released Historic Records Register arising from the Bicentennial records search project.

The response to Log of Logs has been very heartening & many individuals and institutions have sent in details of further narratives. I have also had time to go through the above Register in much more detail and have found many more logs, voyage diaries and letters, etc, but in some cases the ship's name or dates of voyage are missing or obscure. With these details to add to other recent input, a Supplement to the Log of Logs would be worthwhile.

It would therefore be greatly appreciated if the ship's name, date and author of the narrative in the following H.R.R. item could be advised please (only vessel's name and date(s) required where some type of voyage account exists).

HRR 923 + Diary by Alfred G. WHITTEN of a voyage to Europe + U.S.A., 1913-14, and return?  
(names of ships for the legs of trip from & to Australia would suffice, thanks)

I would also be grateful for details of any other voyage narratives held.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Nicholson

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PS A stamped- addressed envelope is enclosed for response.

71 Empire Circuit  
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14<sup>th</sup> August, 199

Dear Mr Nicholson,

I have my father's diary open at the moment, and his post-card album about a voyage he made from Australia round the world, as a young clergyman. The Reference you give is HRR 923. Alfred G. Whitten. 1913-1914. I find the date I gave is a year out.

R.S. OSTERLEY  
(Orient line)

from SYDNEY APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> 1912  
HOBART APRIL 12.  
MELBOURNE APRIL 15 - [Sinking of Titanic]  
ADELAIDE APRIL 19  
FREMANTLE APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>  
COLOMBO MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
passed (ADEN) MAY 8<sup>th</sup>  
PORT SAID MAY 12<sup>th</sup>

'BARON CALL'  
(Austrian Lloyd line)

(by train) { CAIRO  
Steamer { JAFFA May 16<sup>th</sup> - pyramids etc  
JERUSALEM  
JERICHO May 20<sup>th</sup>  
ALEXANDRIA May 28<sup>th</sup>

KOSSER  
(Khedive line)

PRINZ HENDRICH  
(Nord Deutcher)

May 30<sup>th</sup>  
passed Crete, Ionian Islands, Corfu  
Strait of Messina. JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Naples JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(electric train) POMPEII JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>  
ROME JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>  
EXPRESS → FLORENCE JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>  
VENICE JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>

(St Gothard Railway) MILAN  
COMO  
LUCERNE  
BERNE  
BASEL

Germany JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Rhine Valley)  
(Boat trip) Mayence Cologne  
(BELGIUM + FRANCE) JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>  
PARIS " "

(Rouen, Dieppe New Haven) June 22<sup>nd</sup>

LONDON

DONCASTER July 5<sup>th</sup>

NEWCASTLE July 6<sup>th</sup>  
ONTYNE.

(Flying Scotsman)

EDINBURGH

GLASGOW

(VIPER)

{ ARDROSSAN July 10<sup>th</sup>  
[ BELFAST

July 12<sup>th</sup> (PROCESSION  
Battle of the  
Boyne)

LIVERPOOL July 16<sup>th</sup> (Methodist  
Conference)

Sailed for →  
(Kilkenny boat)

DUBLIN July 30<sup>th</sup>

ROSCREA AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> (home of Father)

TULLAMORE

GALWAY

LONDON AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>..

SOUTHAMPTON 24<sup>th</sup>

STERBOURG

NEW YORK (SEPT 5<sup>th</sup>)

RMS OLYMPIC  
(sister ship of Titanic)

(Attended Course at Drew  
Theological Seminary  
(train))

BUFFALO OCT 17<sup>th</sup>

NIAGARA FALLS.

TORONTO

Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

Winnipeg

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

CALGARY

Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

VANCOUVER

Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

HONOLULU

NOV 6<sup>th</sup>

FIJI

NOV 16<sup>th</sup>

AUCKLAND

19<sup>th</sup>

PAEROA (to visit eldest brother)

ROTORUA

Family

RM TWIN SCREW "MARAMA"  
(UNION CO)

RMS "MAKURA"

17<sup>th</sup> AUCKLAND → SYDNEY NOV 21<sup>st</sup>

I. H. NICHOLSON  
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21 August 1991

Dear Mrs Hohnen,

Thank you very much for your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> August with the detailed itinerary of Alfred Whitten's round the world travels in 1912. It certainly was a grand tour.

I did not mean you to go to so much trouble, but the information is very much appreciated.

Log of logs, and its planned Supplement, includes references to voyage narratives right up to the present day; although apart from the first fleet he-travellers & recent yacht voyages, there are not many modern accounts. In due course they will be of interest to maritime enthusiasts & researchers.

- So if you have any post War diaries of sea voyages & don't mind their whereabouts being catalogued for posterity or some future researcher to consult, I would be grateful for brief details. Just ship, dates & terminal ports will suffice. Some people prefer that a copy be made & lodged in a major library or museum (e.g. the National Library) for reference, rather than listing a private address. - However, if you would prefer not to have anything further listed don't worry, & forget it, so they say!

Many thanks again for your help & best wishes.

Yours sincerely,  
Ian Nicholson