HMS Royal Arthur by Harry Price

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Height: 25.39 cm (10")

Width: 29.83 cm (11.7")

Description

A watercolour and gouache on paper of HMS Royal Arthur by Harry Price.

Royal Arthur was an Edgar Class Cruiser that was launched in 1891 and was the flagship of the Australian Station, acting as escort during the Royal Tour of 1901. Price knew the ship well from his time on the Royal Tour and painted her for his diary. Royal Arthur left the Australian Station in the April of 1904 to return to Portsmouth where she was paid off. She was refitted in the city that built her and recommissioned in 1905, serving until 1920 and broken up the following year.

The painting is signed 'H.W.P. 04' to the right. To the bottom edge, written in pencil is 'Kent / Arthur' and 'Chatham 1904.' To the back of the painting in pencil is noted 'Chatham, Royal Arthur, 1904, H.W. Price RN.'

H.M.S. Royal Arthur is shown at anchor at Chatham and Price has caught the ship well. She is quickly painted with a little less detail than HMS Terpsichore, which was probably painted around the same time. Dated 1904.

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