The German Ship Hansa by Harry Price

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Height: 27.93 cm (11")

Width: 37.7 cm (14.8")

Description

A watercolour and gouache on board of the German Cruiser Hansa by Harry Price.

SMS Hansa was a German Imperial Navy Victoria Louise class Cruiser launched in 1898. She was part of Germany's East Asia Squadron and saw action during the Boxer Uprising. Harry Price saw the Hansa whilst in Melbourne on board HMSY Ophir for the Royal Tour and illustrated her in his diary.

Price signed the painting 'H.W. Price 1907' and this is slightly different way to most of his other work which is simply initialled. He does, however, add a line both above and below his signature which he sometimes did with his initials. To the bottom edge of the painting, he has noted 'Ger. C. Hansa'. The back of the board has 2 paper labels fixed to it. One is an outline drawing of Hansa on a stand which note below 'D.M. Hansa, Dockyard School. Model Layout Chatham. 1949. R.N.' The second label says 'German Cruiser 'Hansa', 6. Warpaint, H W Price. 1907'. Written directly to the board, above the larger outline drawing label, is 'Nr 6 Hansa. 07., Price.' It appears Harry also wrote his initials but they have faded over time.

The painting of Hansa is similar to that of Marathon and Karakatta, showing the ships at sea and in good detail. It's possible that Price painted all 3 ships from dockyard models at Chatham or from previous sketches he had made. The backs suggest that they may have been intended for publication. Dated 1907

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