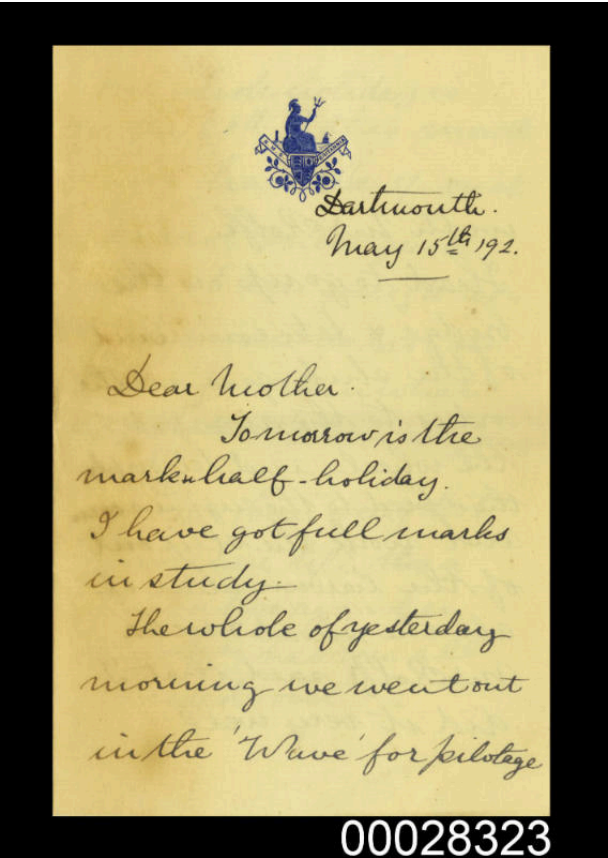


Basic Detail Report



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Title

Personal letter from Arthur Pringle to his mother on HMS BRITANNIA letterhead

Date

15 May 1892

Primary Maker

Arthur Pringle

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 177 x 113 mm, 0.008 kg Overall (Envelope): 92 x 118 mm

Name

Letter

History

In 1869 the PRINCE OF WALES, a first rate, 120-gun naval sailing vessel was renamed BRITANNIA and began service as a cadet training ship at Dartmouth, moored on the River Dart. This vessel replaced the previous BRITANNIA in that role. As BRITANNIA, the ship was a hulk, and only had foremast and was linked to another hulk, the HINDOSTAN, bow to stern, by a covered gangway that increased the cadets learning and accommodation space. Cadets joining the Royal Navy were entered into a "term" in BRITANNIA, which they remained in for two years after which, depending on their results, they were passed out as midshipmen.