

HMS St. George by Harry Price

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Height: 21.58 cm (8.5") Width: 30.47 cm (12")

Description

A watercolour and gouache on board of the Edgar class cruiser HMS St. George by Harry Price.

Harry Price was well familiar with HMS St. George as she was one of two escort ships for the HMRY Ophir's Royal Tour of the British Empire in 1901. The St. George features a number of times in Price's illustrated diary of the tour. This painting was done by Price at the end of the tour, whilst still serving on Ophir. The painting is initialled 'H.W.P. HMS Ophir' towards the bottom right with the 'HMS. St. George Dover 1902' to the bottom edge. The back of the board has a label stating, 'H.M.S. St. George, Royal Tour 1901., British Empire, Dover 1902, Spithead ", D.D.C.Y. By P/O H.W. Price, HMS. Ophir.'. Written in pencil directly to the board is 'HMS St. George 02' and Frame .6. Wall 2'. Also to the back, in ink, is a signature which might to be 'Awel Chathum'.

The St. George is shown at anchor with part of the Dover port behind. An air balloon is shown above the dock and a small boat to the stern of St. George. Price was still in the Navy when he painted HMS St. George but his skill as an illustrative artist is evident. Dated 1902.