



Guide to the Roundell Tristram Toke diaries and photographs from military service in China and Japan, 1900, 1905-1907

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Summary

Collection Title:

Roundell Tristram Toke diaries and photographs from military service in China and Japan, 1900, 1905-1907

Abstract:

Roundell Tristram Toke (1896-1957) was a British Army officer from Folkestone, England who was stationed in China during the Boxer Rebellion, and in Japan during the Russo-Japanese War. Collection comprises diaries and photographs documenting in detail his military service in China and Japan during the Boxer Rebellion, 1900, and Russo-Japanese War, 1905 to 1907. The first diary is set in China; the other three in Japan. All four contain daily descriptions of weather, social and administrative activities, military engagements, rations, medical training, diplomacy, and other details, with some sketches of formations and drill patterns. The diaries are accompanied by 146 photographs from China and Japan. The earlier group shows officers and soldiers from the eight allied nations, ruins and battle sites, and other scenes in Tianjin and Beijing following the Boxer Rebellion, 1900; later images show civilians and street life; military camps; drills; equipment; engagements; Russian war prisoners and their camps; towns; landscapes; harbors; and a few social gatherings. The collection also includes Toke's leather cigar case, inscribed on the inside with his postings with dates, beginning with Weihai, China, 1900.

Extent:

2.0 Linear Feet (4 boxes)
4 diaries; 146 photographs; 1 leather case

Language:

Materials in English

Collection ID:

RL.11647

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Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection comprises autograph manuscript diaries and photographs belonging to British Army officer Roundell Tristram Toke and documenting his service in China and Japan during the Boxer Rebellion, 1900, and Russo-Japanese War, 1905 to 1907. The first diary describes events in China during the Boxer Rebellion, while the last three, January 1905-November 1907, detail his service in Japan as an attache` at the British Embassy in Tokyo and military consultant to the Japanese during and after the Russo-Japanese War. The diaries contain daily descriptions of weather, social and administrative activities, regiment training and drills, military engagements, rations, Japanese prisoner of war camps for the Russians, medical training, foreign diplomacy, and other details. Some contain sketches of formations and drill patterns.

Toke's diaries are accompanied by 146 gelatin silver and some albumen photographs. These images vividly document his time in China and Japan, showing military camps, officers, drills, engagements, landmark battle and burial sites such as 203 Metre Hill, Russian prisoners and their camp, towns, harbors, destroyed railroads and buildings, and Chinese and Japanese civilians. There are a few personal photos of Western women, children, and men. A series of larger images from China depict the destruction in Beijing and Tianjin caused by the conflict of 1900, scenes from interiors and outdoor spaces in Beijing's Forbidden City, and soldiers and officers from various nations.

The collection includes Toke's leather cigar case, inscribed on the inside with his postings with dates, beginning with Wei-Hai-Wei in China, 1900.

Biographical/Historical

Roundell Tristram Toke, who signed his diaries "R.T. Toke," was born in Crewkerne, Somerset, November 9, 1869. He was a British officer, first serving in 1888 in the 4th Battalion, Devonshire Regiment, then in the Welsh Regiment, Chinese Regiment, 1892, rising in rank to Lieutenant Colonel by 1916. In addition to his military service in China and Japan, he served in World War I from 1914-1918, commanding the 6th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment, from August 24, 1915-May 3, 1916. Toke died November 23, 1957, in Kent.

Biographical/Historical

After the Russian Empire leased Port Arthur from China for 25 years in March 1898, the United Kingdom pressured the Chinese government into leasing Wei-hai-wei as anchorage for the Royal Navy's China Station and a port of call for ships of the Royal Navy in the Far East. To protect the British interests, a

British army regiment was formed consisting of Chinese rank and file under British officers. Among those officers was Captain Toke of the Welsh Regiment, the author of the diaries and the photographer who created the images in this collection.

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Administrative Information

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Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Material

Related collection: [Friedrich Carl Peetz photographs, 1900](#), Rubenstein Library, Duke University.

Related collection: [William Hillman Shockley photographs, 1896-1922 and undated, bulk 1897-1909](#), Rubenstein Library, Duke University.

Related collection: [M. F. Wilson diary, 1903 September 21-1904 September 20](#), Rubenstein Library, Duke University.

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Names and Subjects

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- Great Britain. Army. Welch Regiment.
- Great Britain. Army -- Colonial forces -- China -- History
- Toke, Roundell Tristram, 1869-1957

Collection Inventory

Diaries, 1900, 1905-1907

Scope and Contents

Roundell Tristram Toke's personal narratives of his military service in China and Japan take the form of three bound commercial daily diaries and one disbound diary, housed in two custom boxes. A leather cigar case labeled with Toke's service history is also preserved along with the diaries.

The first volume dates from January through December 1900, and recounts Toke's service in China during the Boxer Rebellion. The other three daily diaries relate to his later service, describing his military and diplomatic activities in Japan in 1905, 1906, and 1907.

The diaries are accompanied by 146 loose photographs (including some duplicates), most of which were taken by him in this period, and described in a separate series in this collection guide.

Biographical / Historical

Roundell Tristram Toke served in China during the Boxer Rebellion in 19. Captain Toke then transferred to Japan, serving as a military attaché at the British Embassy in Tokyo, evidently tasked with serving as a military advisor to the Japanese with a particular emphasis on artillery matters. The signing of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in 1902 and the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War in 1904 led to increased cooperation between the Japanese and British military.

Diary of military service in China, 1900 January-
December

Box 1

Physical Description: 1 Volumes

In custom box with two other volumes.

Scope and Contents

One bound commercial diary filled with almost daily entries by Toke, detailing his service in China during the Boxer Rebellion. The life of an officer at the camp Wei-hai-wei included much dining, sightseeing, and playing sports, until Chinese anti-colonial militias began their violent uprising. In March 1900, Toke writes of dispersing unlawful assemblies in neighboring villages, followed by battles to put down the rebellion, and scenes of destruction, with dead and wounded soldiers as well as many civilians.

This diary is accompanied in the collection by 42 photographs of China during the same time period, many depicting the destruction relating to the rebellion; they are described separately in the Photographs series.

Diary of military service in Japan, 1905
January-1906 December

Box 1

Physical Description: 2 Volumes
In custom box with one other volume.

Scope and Contents

Two bound commercial diaries, filled with almost daily entries recounting Toke's service as an attaché to the British Embassy in Tokyo. Besides numerous entries concerning the weather, his travel within Japan, his dining companions (including notable government officials and nobility), and living arrangements, he also includes some insights into military matters, including details relating to the Battle of Mukden, although does not appear to have seen any action himself.

Included in the rear of the diaries are listings of various financial accounts. Attached in some capacity to the Japanese Army during the Russo-Japanese War, he was decorated by the Japanese for his assistance and was involved in transporting captured Russian guns.

Diary of military service in Japan and China,
1907 June 10-November 4

Box 2

Physical Description: 1 Volumes
Housed in custom-made box.

Scope and Contents

Disbound but with the original upper wrapper present, this diary of approximately 212 pages covers a brief period following the Russo-Japanese War in which Toke was attached to the 1st Regiment of Imperial Guard at Takehashi Barracks. His detailed observations concern the military maneuvers and exercises of the regiment, as well as their outfitting, arms, daily rations, and organization. He also comments on social gatherings and individuals he meets.

Illustrated with sketches of military formations and maneuvers, and with two mounted photographs showing troops on a firing range. A few official handwritten letters sent to Toke (including several from a Captain Saito), are mounted on the pages.

Original paper cover bears label with Toke's name and location, and handwritten title: "Diary during attachment to 1st Regiment of Guards, Tokio."

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Photographs, 1900, 1905-1907

Scope and Contents

This series contains 146 photographs taken by Roundell Tristram Toke while he was in military service in China (1900) and Japan (1905-1907). Frequent handwritten captions by Toke indicate the settings and locations; these have been transcribed by library staff.

The 103 loose photographs in this group are all early gelatin silver prints measuring approximately 3x4 inches with some minor variations. The earliest are contact prints. Judging from the two envelopes marked with Captain Toke's name, the developing was done by the Kusakabe Kimbei studio in Tokyo or Yokohama. The first prints in this group are four hand-colored photographs of three geishas and a garden; although the size and similarity of these to the other photographs indicate they may have been taken by Toke, the hand-tinting may be the work of the Kimbei studio. Also present in the first few photographs is a small full-length standing portrait of Lieutenant Colonel Toke in dress uniform.

A group of 42 gelatin silver prints of images taken in China shortly after July or August 1900 are associated with the Boxer Rebellion, with about half showing scenes of the aftermath. Most of these prints are larger in size. They were tightly rolled when received, and have been given conservation treatment to flatten them.

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0001

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Three geishas, kneeling in garden in \see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil\ postures.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####"##"#####"#####

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0002

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Three geishas, standing.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0003

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Three geishas, in garden, playing blind man's bluff.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Iris garden, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0004

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Self, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0005

Physical Description: 4 1/8 x 3 1/4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Descriptive note

Standing portrait of R.T. Toke.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

River Liao, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0006

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

##

Title (Japanese)

##

Description

Legacy id: A7

3rd Army / Fa-Ku Men, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0007

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: C10. Fakumen was an area in China with an important railway station.

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0008

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Group of Chinese workers, one carrying two tall sheaves.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: C12

Field artillery / 3rd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0009

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: D2

No known title, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0010

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Soldiers and artillery guns in action on field.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: D3

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0011

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Horse-drawn wagon with captured gun.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: D5

Captured Russian gun, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0012

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Legacy id: D7

Top of 203 Metre Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0013.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

203 Metre Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0013.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

203 M. Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0014

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

The summit of 203 M. Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0015.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

The top of 203 M. Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0015.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 #####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Tera-yama [illegible] Yantai, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0016

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

View looking over Port Arthur from 203 M. Hill,
1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0017.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

View from 203 M. Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0017.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

View from top of 203 M. Hill, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0018.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

View of Port Arthur from 203 M. Hill, 1905
September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0018.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Japanese and Russian graves on 203 M. Hill,
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0019.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Russian graves on 203 M. Hill, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0019.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Graves on top of 203 M. Hill, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0020.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Japanese graves on top of 203 M. Hill, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0020.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

203#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

Shipping captured Russian guns at Dalny, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0021.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Dalny was the Russian name for a port town in northeastern China on the Liaodong Peninsula; in Japanese it became known as Dalian or Ta-lien, and Darien. Now known as Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China).

Loading / Embarking captured Russian guns at
Dalny, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0021.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Shipping captured Russian guns at Dalny, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0022.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Dalny was the Russian name for a port town in northeastern China on the Liaodong Peninsula; in Japanese it became known as Dalian or Ta-lien, and Darien. Now known as Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China).

Shipping captured guns at Dalny, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0022.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China)

No known title, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0023.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Shipping captured guns.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China)

No known title, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0023.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Shipping captured guns.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China)

Dalny, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0024.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

##

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Bridge over railway.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Description

Dalny was the Russian name for a port town in northeastern China on the Liaodong Peninsula; in Japanese it became known as Dalian or Ta-lien, and Darien. Now known as Dalian (Liaoning Sheng, China).

Dalny bridge over railway, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0024.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Gate on the Great [Willow] Pallisade, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0025.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Willow Pallisade, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0025.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

###

Gate in old Willow Pallisade, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0026.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

####

Title (Japanese)

#####

The Great Willow Pallisade, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0026.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

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Transport carts / H.Q. 2nd Army, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0027.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

####/###

Japanese transport carts, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0027.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

A break on the railway / bridge washed away,
1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0028.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

A break in the line / bridge washed away on my
return home, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0028.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Break in railway during war / coolies carrying
baggage from one train to the other, 1905
September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0029.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Our baggage being carried from one train to
another / the bridge was washed away, 1905
September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0029.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Russian rolling stock burnt by Russians, circa
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0030.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Destroyed Russian rolling stock, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0030.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Station on Manchurian Railway 80 m. from
Dalny, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0031.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####80##

Title (Japanese)

#####1#####80##

Manchurian Railway, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0031.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

###

Artillery practice H-Q 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0032.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Artillery in action, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0032.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Musketry practice H-Q. 2nd Army, 1905
September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0033.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Musketry practice H-Q. 2nd Army, 1905
September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0033.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Artillery practice H-Q 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0034.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Artillery coming into action, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0034.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Carts fording river, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0035.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Transport crossing a river, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0035.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

###

Stuck in the mud / H.Q. 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0036

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Bridge making / H.Q. 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0037

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Manchu women making bean paste, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0038

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Making bean paste / Manchurian village, circa
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0039

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Transport crossing a river, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0040.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Crossing a river / H.Q. 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0040.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Transport carts, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0041

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

#####

Carts bringing in supplies to H.Q. 2nd Army,
circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0042.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

A muddy load [?] / H.Q. 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0042.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Target practice / H.Q. 2nd Army, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0043

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Mukden, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0044.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Mukden during the war, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0044.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Mukden, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0045.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Mukden, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0045.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Imperial Palace Mukden, 1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0046

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

No known title, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0047

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Man in the middle of a large group of children gathered in a circle outside a building.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Station on Manchurian Railway / river in flood /
80 miles from Dalny, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0048

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/ ##### / #####80##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Tieh-Ling / reinforcements going to the front,
1905 September

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0049

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Imperial duck hunt Tokyo lunch / each guest
had a charcoal chafing dish in front of him in
which the duck was cooked, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0050

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

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Reinforcements from Japan / cavalry regiment /
Tieh-Ling, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0051

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

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Tieh-Ling, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0052.1

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

##

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

View of camp with horse pickets.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Tieh-Ling, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0052.2

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

##

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

View of camp with horse pickets.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Tieh-Ling / reinforcements arriving from Japan,
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0053.1

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Tieh-Ling / reinforcements going to the front,
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-
P-0053.2

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Making a bridge across river / H.Q. 2nd Army,
1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0054

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

This print is numbered 1 in a sequence of two prints.

Bridge completed, 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0055

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

This print is numbered 2 in a sequence of two prints.

Gun for firing bombs / Gen. Oseko / Cap.
Kurihara / Takayahagi [?], circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0056

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

/ Oseko## / Kurihara## / Takayahagi [?]

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Oseko commanded the 7th Division.

Japanese portable forge at work, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0057

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Shoeing horses / H.Q. 2nd Army / 13 m. W. of
Kai-Yüan, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0058

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

/ ### / #####13###

Title (Japanese)

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A.D.C. [to?] Emperor inspecting bomb gun,
circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0059

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Gun for firing bombs, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0060

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

###

203 m., circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0061

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ##

Title (Japanese)

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Descriptive note

View of 203 Meter Hill.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

203 ##

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

203 m., circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0062

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Descriptive note

View of 203 Meter Hill.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

203 ##

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

203 m., circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0063

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

203 ##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Descriptive note

View of 203 Meter Hill.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

203 ##

Description

Yantai (Shandong, China)

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0064

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

View of a harbor and hills from back of a moving ship or boat.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

#####

Beppu S. Japan, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0065

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0066

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Five-member family group posed in garden.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Davidson, Somerville, and Nakamura drinking
sake, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0067

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####, ###, #Nakamura

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Probably Colin J. Davidson (1878-1930), a Japan specialist in the British
Consular Service, with John A.C. Somerville, British military attaché.

Beppu, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0068

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

###

Noe San / Sachio San / Cap. Somerville, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0069

Physical Description: 4 1/8 x 3 1/8 inches

Title (Chinese)

Noe # Sachio #####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

The two women appear to be a young girl and mother. As Sachio is usually
a man's name, perhaps the original name is Sachiko. The man is John A.C.
Somerville, British military attaché.

Noe San / Sachio San / Somerville, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0070

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Noe # Sachio #####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

The two women appear to be a young girl and mother. As Sachio is usually a man's name, perhaps the original name is Sachiko. The man is John A.C. Somerville, British military attaché.

Mt. Asama volcano [Honshū], circa 1905-1907 Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0071

Physical Description: 2 7/8 x 4 1/8 inches

Title (Chinese)

[##]

Title (Japanese)

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Garden at hot bath, circa 1905-1907 Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0072

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

####

Title (Japanese)

####

No known title, circa 1905-1907 Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0073

Physical Description: 4 1/8 x3 inches

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Noe Yabuki

Descriptive note (Chinese)

Noe Yabuki ##

Chyō San / Ō Arai, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0074

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Chyō ## / ###

Title (Japanese)

Chyō #### / ###

Descriptive note

Female child

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Chyō San, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0075

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Chyō ##

Title (Japanese)

Chyō ####

Descriptive note

Female child

Descriptive note (Chinese)

##

Chyō San, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0076

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Chyō ##

Title (Japanese)

Chyō ####

Descriptive note

Female child

Descriptive note (Chinese)

##

Chyō San, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0077

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Chyō ##

Title (Japanese)

Chyō #####

Descriptive note

Female child

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Sachio and Noe Yabuki, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0078

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Sachio # Noe ##

Title (Japanese)

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Description

The two women appear to be a young girl and mother. As Sachio is usually a man's name, perhaps the original name is Sachiko.

Noe San / Sachio San, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0079

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Noe### Sachio##

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

The two women appear to be a young girl and mother. As Sachio is usually a man's name, perhaps the original name is Sachiko.

O Noe San, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0080

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

Noe##

Title (Japanese)

Noe####

Japanese hand grenade, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0081

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Kama Kura [Japan], circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0082

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Descriptive note

View of seaside town.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Penang, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0083

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

##

Title (Japanese)

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Singapore harbour, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0084

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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View from P. & O. anchorage Singapore, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0085

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

P&O#####

Title (Japanese)

P&O#####

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0086

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Descriptive note

Iris garden view.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Description

Horikiri is a well-known iris garden in Tokyo.

Hori Kiri, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0087

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Descriptive note

Iris garden view.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Description

Horikiri is a well-known iris garden in Tokyo.

Iris garden, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0088

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Horikiri is a well-known iris garden in Tokyo.

Iris garden, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0089

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Horikiri is a well-known iris garden in Tokyo.

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0090

Physical Description: 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Unidentified Western female child in a garden, sitting in a toy wagon with dog.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Russian prisoners of war camp, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0091

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0092

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

####

Title (Japanese)

####

Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoner, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0093

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoner, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0094

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners of war camp, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0095

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners of war camp, circa 1905-1907 Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0096

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Probably Narashino, where other photographs were taken. Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners at Narashino, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0097

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Description

Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0098

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

####

Description

Narashino (##### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners of war camp, Japan, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0099

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Narashino (##### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners at Narashino, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0100

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Narashino (##### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Russian prisoners at Narashino, circa
1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0101

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

#####

Title (Japanese)

#####

Description

Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

No known title, circa 1905-1907

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0102

Physical Description: 3x4 inches

Title (Chinese)

###

Title (Japanese)

##

Descriptive note

Russian prisoners at Narashino.

Descriptive note (Chinese)

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Description

Narashino (#### Narashino-shi) is a city located in Chiba Prefecture, Japan.
It was the site of a prisoner of war camp built during the Russo-Japanese War.

Chinese children Wei-Hai-Wei, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0103

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Description

Weihaiwei, or Weihai, as it is now known, is a seaport city in northeastern
China, Shandong Province.

Small Manchu girl, circa 1905

Box 3 > Print RL-11647-P-0104

Physical Description: 4x3 inches

Title (Chinese)

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Title (Japanese)

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Photographs from China showing scenes from
the Boxer Rebellion aftermath, after July 1900

Box 4 > Print RL.11647-P-0105
to P-0146

Physical Description: .2 Linear Feet
1 box 42 photographic prints

Scope and Contents

These unmounted early gelatin silver photographs were taken in China soon after July 1900, and capture the aftermath of the Boxer Rebellion in Tiensin (Tianjin) and Peking (Beijing). Captions in Toke's hand and an unknown hand indicate various sites in Beijing such as temples, fortifications, and the Forbidden City. Scenes of interest include an interior view of what may be the Dowager Empress' bedchamber; the Emperor's throne; Indian Sikh troop formations and soldiers; the sandbagged British legation at Beijing; a Russian pontoon bridge over the Peiho River at Tianjin; and ruins of the French concession, the railway station, and student quarters at the British legation, all at Tianjin. A subset of large prints, some of which seem to have originated from another camera roll, perhaps taken by a different photographer, includes a formal outside portrait of what appear to be six allied leaders; an outside portrait of about sixty military officers from various countries; and views of what may be the coastal city of Weihawei and Liukung Tao Island (Liugong), both held by England in 1900.

These prints were originally found tightly rolled and were treated and flattened by Conservation staff in 2022. Overall, these prints are larger than the other photographs in the collection. Four small prints measure approximately 2 1/4 x 3 1/4; medium prints measure approximately 4 x 6 inches (15) and 6 x 8 1/4 inches (19); and the largest four measure approximately 6 3/4 x 8 3/4 (1) and 8 1/4 x 10 1/4 or 3/4 inches (3).

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