

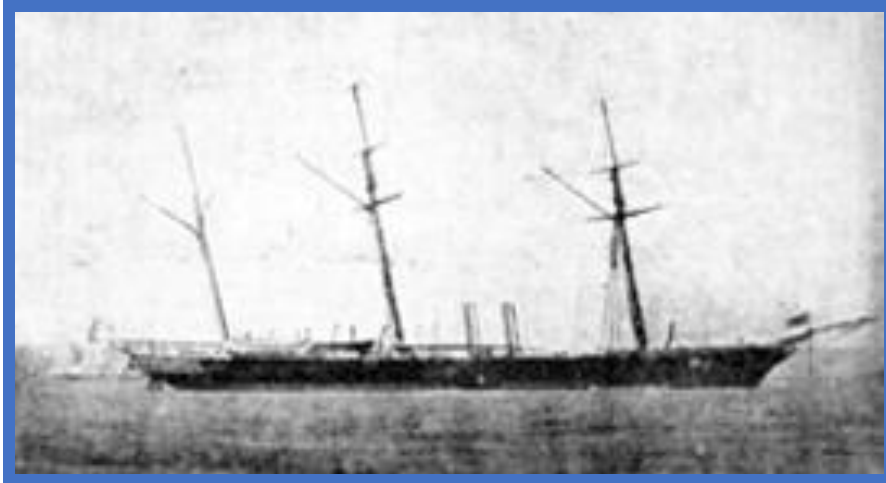
THE ROYAL NAVY IN NEW ZEALAND

HMS ECLIPSE 1863 – 1866



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HMS ECLIPSE



From a Photograph supplied by Captain E. F. Fremantle (later Admiral)

The name dates from 1715

Cormorant class of 1860-67 Wooden Gun vessel. 877t., 200HP. 4 guns.
Built at Millwall Dockyard, Scott Russell, launched 1860, Broken Up 1867

Complement 90

Captain Commander Richard C. Mayne (24 September 1862)
Later Commander Edmund Robert Fremantle

.	Lieutenant	Henry J. Coddington (25 September 1862)
	Lieutenant	William F. Boughey (25 September 1862)
	Master	George Stovin (30 September 1862)
	Surgeon	Simon A. Willis (26 September 1862)
	Paymaster	Charles E. Phillips (24 September 1862)

HMS *Eclipse* was on the Australian Station 1862 – 1866.

Australasia Bound

HMS *Eclipse* left Spithead, 15 November 1862, for Madeira, arriving on 22 November 1862. Left Madeira next day for the Cape of Good Hope. At the Cape 4 January 1863, left the cape for Sydney on 17 January 1863, arriving at Sydney on 8 March 1863.

New Zealand Bound

Left Sydney on 23 March 1863 for New Zealand, arriving at Auckland on 1 April 1863

ARRIVAL OF H M S S SLOOP PELIPSE, RICHARD C
MAYNE, COMMANDER

The steamer signalled yesterday morning rounded the North Heads at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, and steamed up to an anchor in the stream. She proved to be H M S S sloop *Pelipse*, Richard C Mayne, commander mounting four guns,—one of which is a 110lb Armstrong—and is of 200 horse power, with a crew of 90, including all hands.

The *Pelipse* left Sydney at 4 p.m., on the 23rd ult., coming under steam the whole way, light winds and calms prevailing. Rounded the Three Kings on the night of Monday, and was off the Kawau last night.

She comes on the station in place of the *Pioneer*, which is ordered home, and will leave as soon as she is ready for sea.

The following is the list of officers on board—R C Mayne, commander, H J Coderington, first lieutenant, W F Boughey, second do, G Stovin, master, S Armstrong Willis, surgeon, W R Donald, engineer in charge, J McFarlane, assistant engineer, first class, J C Weeks, do, do, Wm Gilbert, do, second class, A Lo B Corrie, clerk, G Liddle, do.

We have much pleasure in welcoming the arrival of this handsome vessel in our waters, and trust that the reception met with by her officers will be such as will cause them to look upon leaving us with regret.

Daily Southern Cross 2 April 1863

HMS *Eclipse* left Auckland for Taranaki on 9 April 1863, arriving at New Plymouth on 13 April 1863, returning to Manukau (Onehunga) on 15 April 1863, arriving on 16 April 1863.

Returned to New Plymouth on 6 May 1863, arriving on 7 May and back to Manukau 8 May, and back to New Plymouth on 9 May 1863 with troops from the *Avon*.

Received troops & Baggage from *Avon*, 3 Officers, 5 Rank & File, 40th Regt.- 1 Captain, 3 Sub, 5 Sergeants, 2 Privates, 100 Rank & File, 70th Regt. - 2 Captains, 5 subs, 2 staff, 18 sergeants, 4 drummers, 150 Rank & File. Total 204. Took cutter *Kate* in tow and proceeded across the bar.

Arrived at Taranaki, on the 10 May 1863, discharged troops and baggage. Returned to Manukau, on 13 May 1863 with men and baggage of the 70th Regiment called in from the Waitara Block, picked up from surf boats alongside.

At Manukau, 15 May 1863, *Avon* steamer came alongside received 2 Armstrong Field Pieces 7 their limbers & baggage & spare parts. 4 wagons & spare gear. 1 Sergeant plus 20 men Royal Artillery & 3 passengers.

Left for New Plymouth, 16 May 1863, arrived on 17 May 1863, where the surf boats alongside, unloaded field pieces, troops etc.

The next phase appears to be carrying refugees from New Plymouth to Nelson, leaving on 18 May 1863, arriving the next day and returning back to New Plymouth on 20 May 1863, arriving on 21 May 1863.

On 22 May 1863, Sir George Grey and suite embarked, leaving southwards, stopping at the Redoubt and cast-off boats, proceeding down the coast and opened fire on some native earthworks and rifle pits. Returned to Tataraimaka*, discharging cannons at the Redoubt. Proceeded south to Warea, returned to New Plymouth where Sir George Grey disembarked.

Tataraimaka* *This block which had been abandoned in 1860, was re-occupied by the local Maoris, following the Proclamation that Governor Grey issued on 11 May 1863, renouncing all claims to Teira's Block.*

Back to the Manukau on 30 May 1863, to pick up more troops on 31 May 1863, receiving one Sergeant, one Bombardier, one Gunner, 60th Battery, No. 4 Brigade, Royal Artillery. Left for Taranaki 1 June 1863, arriving on 2 June 1863, after discharging the troops, proceeded down the coast and opened fire on the native earthworks at the Katikara Stream on 4 June 1863.

Returned back to Manukau on 5 June 1863, arrived next day. On 20 June 1863, left for Taranaki to pick up General Cameron, two Officers and Staff, back to Manukau 22 June 1863.

Preparations were now underway for action in the Waikato, and troops in Taranaki were urgently required by General Cameron to be ready at Auckland

HMS *Eclipse* left Manukau 26 June 1863 to Taranaki, where troops from both the 40th, 65th & 70th Regiment were embarked together with baggage, total of 316 Officers and Rank & File. Left Taranaki 27 June 1863 and next day, the troops and baggage was disembarked to the *Avon*.

HMS *Eclipse*, next task was to take the *Avon* to the Waikato River, unfortunately the Manukau Harbour Bar” was unsafe on 16 July 1863, and continued to be unsafe on the 19, 20 & 21 July 1863. Finally leaving on the 25 July 1863 with the *Avon*, the Manukau Harbour Bar was crossed and the Waikato Heads reached and the *Avon* was at last on the Waikato River. The party which had taken the *Avon* up the Waikato River returned on 1 August 1863.

The *Avon* was a little paddle steamer of 40 tons, and was part of the “Waikato Flotilla” which was organized to take troops and baggage into the Waikato.

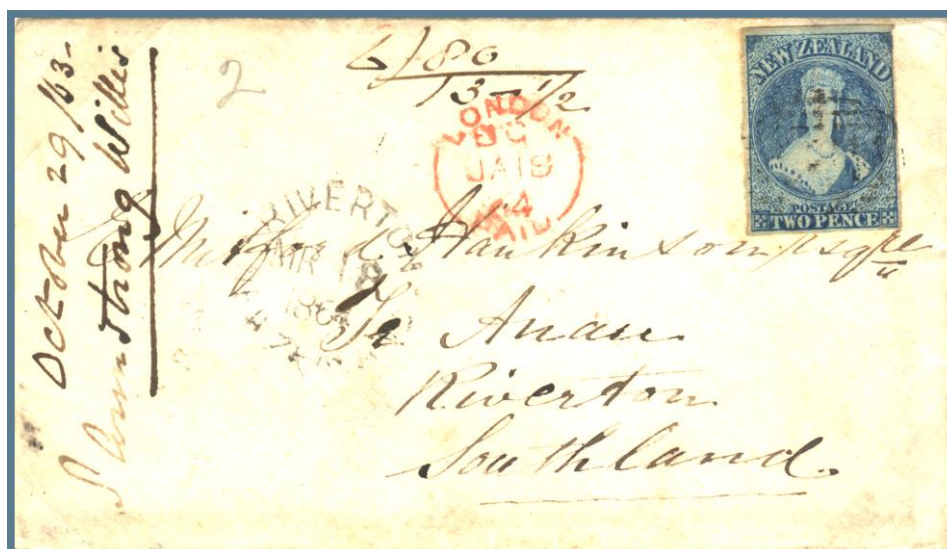
HMS *Eclipse* was again required to pick up more troops from Taranaki, leaving Manukau 3 August 1863, 181 Officers and Rank & File 70th Regiment embarked on 5 August 1863, arriving at Manukau 7 August 1863, and on to Auckland arriving 10 August 1863.

In August 1863 at the request of Governor Grey, HMS *Eclipse* was sent back to Sydney to bring back more reinforcements. Leaving on 17 August 1863, at Farm Cove Sydney 30 August 1863, returning to New Zealand on 22 September 1863.

Commodore Wiseman (HMS *Curacoa*) arrived in Sydney on 22 September 1863 and after loading stores etc., left for New Zealand in company with HMS *Eclipse* which was to tow the recently constructed 300 ton River Gunboat "*Waikato*" renamed *Pioneer*". Whilst HMS *Curacoa* made for Auckland, HMS *Eclipse* went to Manukau Harbour, arriving there on 3 October 1863.

At the same time the four small armoured barges or gunboats were assembled at Onehunga, ready for transportation to the Waikato River. HMS *Eclipse* has the distinction of being the first vessel of the Royal Navy to enter Waikato Heads.

On 18 October 1863, HMS *Eclipse* escorted the *Pioneer* and towed the gunboats, from Onehunga, however problems arose and it was necessary to anchor off Cornwallis, and they didn't get underway until the 24 October 1863 and on to the Waikato Heads, thus completing the formation of the "Waikato Flotilla" consisting of the *Avon*, *Pioneer*, *Ant*, (Midshipman C. S. Hunt) *Chub*, *Flirt* and *Midge* (Midshipman C.G. Foljambe), (Midshipman F. Hudson was in charge of either the *Chub* or *Flirt*).



WAIKATO HEADS 29 October 1863, London 18 January 1864,
INVERCARGILL, SOUTHLAND & RIVERTON 18 March 1864

29 October 1863

Letter from Surgeon S. Armstrong Willis, HMS *Eclipse*, addressed to Captain E. M. Haukinson R.N. at Te Anau, Riverton, Southland New Zealand. Posted at the local rate of 2d, and prepaid with a NZ 2d Chalon adhesive. However

as will be seen on the front of the cover there is a clear red strike of the LONDON PAID circular date stamp.

Although this was a Local New Zealand Letter, it appears it was placed in the Navy Bag at the Waikato Heads, and MISSENT TO ENGLAND, conveyed to Sydney, where it was carried on the P&O *Madras*, left Sydney 22 November 1863 to Galle, P&O *Candia*, 17 December 1863 for Suez, at Alexandria, the P&O *Poonah* to Southampton arriving 17 January 1864, (LONDON receiving date stamp 18 January 1864). Immediately returned to New Zealand, P&O *Ripon* leaving Southampton 20 January 1864 to Alexandria, P&O *Carnatic* from Suez, and P&O *Bombay* from Galle, arriving at Melbourne 12 March 1864, and Southland 18 March 1864

A journey of five months instead of five days

On 29 October 1863 (date of the letter) HMS *Eclipse* was moored off Putataka Point (Waikato Heads) while the ship's gig was surveying the Waikato River.

Officers and men from HMS *Eclipse* formed part of the Naval Brigade, under Commander Mayne, which took part in the action at Mere Mere on 30 October 1863, and later in the storming of the Maori Pa at Rangiriri on 20 November 1863.

At Rangiriri, Commander Mayne was directed to make a frontal attack with 90 seamen of the Naval Brigade, consisting of portions of the crews of HMS *Eclipse*, *Curacoa*, *Harrier* and *Miranda*.

A later attack was carried out by a party of seaman under Commander Phillimore. Commander Mayne, was severely wounded in the left hip, Lieutenant Downes, of HMS *Miranda* was shot through the left shoulder, and Lieutenant Alexander in the right shoulder, and Lieutenant C. F. Hotham in the right leg, both from HMS *Curacoa*. Midshipman Watkins received a bullet through his head. (see Cecil Foljambe's, *HMS Curacoa*, vivid description).

Rangiriri

The total British losses at Rangiriri (20 November 1863) were 47 killed and 85 wounded, the Royal Navy losses were as follows: -

Killed

HMS <i>Curacoa</i>	Midshipman Watkins Quartermaster J. Woods Able Seaman William Tidy
HMS <i>Harrier</i>	Able Seaman Frederick Osborne Private (RM) Richard Downer

Wounded since died

HMS <i>Harrier</i>	Able Seaman Charles Stevenson
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Wounded

HMS <i>Eclipse</i>	Captain R. C. Mayne Able Seaman Henry Oldfield
HMS <u><i>Curacoa</i></u>	Lieutenant H.M. Alexander Lieutenant C.F. Hotham Able Seaman Thomas Dooley Able Seaman Walter Robinson Ordinary Seaman Solomon Hayes
HMS <i>Harrier</i>	Able Seaman Charles Stevenson
HMS <i>Miranda</i>	Lieutenant E. Panter Downes Leading Seaman Thomas Gulling

Reference - NZ Gazette, No. 62, published by Authority, 30 November 1863

Waikato Campaign – July 1863 – April 1864

The Royal Navy officers and seamen were fully occupied during the whole of this period, manning the boats of the “Waikato Flotilla” carrying troops and stores etc., up and down both the Waikato River and the Waipa River. (See *Foljambe HMS Curacoa*)

The majority of the troops being transported by the River, which was in fact “The Road” into the King Country.

On the 20 February 1864, when the troops numbered 1097, they advanced from the then Headquarters of Lt-General Cameron at Te Rore, to Te Awamutu, the Naval Brigade including 10 Officers and marines amounted to 145 Rank and File

At Te Awamutu, a large party of Seaman, with two 6 pounder Armstrong guns, and a naval 6 pounder, supported the troops in the Invasion of Rangiaowhia. (21 February 1864)

HMS *Eclipse* was in port at Onehunga, 24-26 February 1864, while the ship's carpenters of HMS *Harrier*, were engaged on repairing the Whaleboat of HMS *Eclipse*. During March 1864, HMS *Eclipse* was moored off Waikato Heads.

On the 2 March 1864, the gunboats *Pioneer* and *Koheroa* under the command of an officer from HMS *Eclipse*, with a detachment of the 65th Regiment, steamed up the Horotiu River (This was the name which the Waikato Maoris gave to the Waikato River between Hamilton and Cambridge), for the first time, stopping at Kirikiri-roa (Hamilton); Next day the *Koheroa*, proceeded to Cambridge (Pukerimu).

During March 1864, HMS *Eclipse* was mainly moored off Waikato Heads.

It does not appear that the Royal Navy was involved in the siege of Orakau, 31 March 1864 – 2 April 1864.

HMS *Eclipse* arrived at Onehunga on 14 April 1864 with the Commodore and a party of seamen and Marines from the *Front*, and 22 men from HMS *Eclipse* were transferred to HMS *Harrier*.

Gate Pa – Tauranga 29 April 1864

The Naval Brigades next involvement was the disastrous affair at Gate Pa, Tauranga, where the British losses were 31 killed and 80 wounded, with a very large proportion of officers killed, especially from the Naval Brigade, where nearly all the officers were killed or wounded.

The strength of the Naval Brigade was 4 field officers, 6 Captains, 7 Subalterns, 36 sergeants, 5 drummers, 371 rank and file.

(*NZ Gazette* 9 May 1864)

Gate Pa – Tauranga

The Gate Pa Naval Brigade casualties were: -

HMS <i>Eclipse</i>	1 killed Sergeant Harding RM.
HMS <i>Curacoa</i>	1 killed 5 wounded
HMS <i>Miranda</i>	1 killed 9 wounded
HMS <i>Esk</i>	4 killed 11 wounded
HMS <i>Harrier</i>	2 killed 6 wounded

(NZ Gazette 9 May 1864)

HMS *Eclipse* was moored at Auckland and on 19 May 1864, one Corporal and 11 Marines returned from the Front. Preparations were in hand for the return to Sydney. Leaving New Zealand on 6 June 1864, arriving at Sydney Farm Cove on 21 June 1864.

On 17 August 1864, HMS *Eclipse* returned to New Zealand, arriving at Auckland, Britomart Point on 25 August 1864, where part of the 1st Waikato Regiment and Baggage was taken on board for Tauranga. Leaving on 31 August 1864, arriving at Tauranga on 1 September 1864 where the ship got stranded on the bank off Stony Point, finally after being towed off by the *Sandfly*, moored at Te Papa, Tauranga on 4 September 1864. The troops were disembarked to HMS *Falcon*.

Wanganui

On 27 December 1864, HMS *Eclipse* left Manukau for Wanganui with 202 Officers and men of the 50th Regiment, landing the troops to the *Sandfly* and *Prince Alfred* at Wanganui Roads on 30 December 1864, and returned to Manukau.

Arriving at Manukau, New Year's Day, 270 Officers and men of the 18th Royal Irish Regiment embarked for Wanganui, arriving 5 January 1865 at Wanganui Roads, embarking troops from HMS *Falcon* and disembarking troops and baggage to the *Sandfly* on the 6 January 1865, returning to Manukau.

East Coast

Following the murder of the Rev. Carl Sylvius Volkner at Opotiki, on 2 March 1865, HMS *Eclipse* (Captain E. Fremantle) was sent down from Auckland to investigate the murder, leaving Auckland on 10 March 1865 for Tauranga and Opotiki, arriving at Opotiki on 16 March 1865.

HMS *Eclipse* returned to Auckland, before going back to Whakatane on 20 May 1865. In an attempt to surprise the Hau Hau and capture some of the perpetrators of the murder of the Reverend, Te Kaha was reached at 1 am on 22 May 1865, and all the Ship's boats were sent, armed in charge of Captain E. Fremantle. Unfortunately, the boats returned defeated at 4.20 am, the attempt having been discovered, and Lance-Corporal Young was wounded.

HMS *Eclipse* was at Wellington on 22 June 1865, and Governor Sir George Grey and suite together with seven Maori Chiefs, embarked on 3 July 1865 for Wanganui, at Wanganui next day and returning to Wellington, where Governor Grey landed on 6 July 1865.

HMS *Eclipse* arrived at Napier (Ahuriri Heads) on 10 July 1865, and was employed embarking Colonial Forces, Hawke's Bay Military Settlers and Volunteers, on 11 July 1865, landing them on 17 July 1865 at Te Awanui near the mouth of the Waipapu River, and proceeded to shell the Hau Hau positions at Te Hatepe Pa.

At the same time HMS *Brisk* was carrying out similar operations, carrying the local Colonial Forces, including the Forest Rangers.

HMS *Eclipse*, returned to Auckland, arriving there on 23 July 1865, before leaving for Sydney on 31 July 1865, in dock at Cockatoo Island, Sydney on 14 August 1865, with Artificers from shore, making good ship's bottom.

New Zealand

HMS *Eclipse*, returned to New Zealand on 7 October 1865, arriving at Auckland on 18 November 1865. Left for Wanganui, 3 December 1865, and returning to Auckland and to Napier 17 December 1865, embarking troops & baggage, 158 Officers and men 70th Regiment, for Auckland where they disembarked on 21 December 1865.

HMS *Eclipse* spent a day (4 January 1866) at Matuka Bay Waiheke Island. This Bay is now the location for the supply of Matuka Bay Oysters, a delicacy enjoyed by not only the locals but also to all of the Auckland Province, and beyond.

HMS *Eclipse*, during February 1866, visited Wellington, and Napier. During March 1866, visited Poverty Bay, Hawke's Bay and Opotiki, and Auckland. Conveying Sir George Grey to Tauranga, where he stayed from 26 March to 8 April 1866, returning to Kawau Island.

HMS *Eclipse* appears to have gone to Raglan 21 April 1866 until 4 May 1866, when she left for Wellington and Auckland, leaving New Zealand for Sydney on 2 June 1866, in dock at Cockatoo Island, Sydney on 22 June 1866, having the ship's bottom cleaned.

Homeward Bound

Leaving Sydney on 14 September 1866, calling at Auckland 21 September 1866, Cape Horn 4 October 1866, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands 4 November 1866. Rio de Janeiro 19 November, Spithead England 26 January 1867.

HMS *Eclipse*, crew Paid Off, Sheerness Dockyard 7 February 1867.



Insignia on the Ship's envelopes rear flap

Honours

13 officers, 49 seamen and 13 marines from HMS *Eclipse*, were awarded the New Zealand Medal (1863-1865) for their services in the fighting at Rangiriri (20 November 1863).

Also, later at Te Awamutu (21/22 February 1864, Gate Pa, Tauranga (29 April 1864 and in 1865, at Wanganui and at Poverty Bay (Hau Haus)



The New Zealand Medal 1863-1865
Medal awarded to Ordinary Seaman William Emery
HMS *Eclipse*

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It would appear that HMS *Eclipse* was involved in more actions than many of the other ships of the squadron which were in New Zealand during the Maori Wars.

HMS ECLIPSE

HMS Eclipse Ship's Log

ADM 53/8731

26 Sept. 1862 to 4 Feb. 1864

Commander	Richard C. Mayne.
Lieutenant	Henry J. Coddington William F. Boughey
Master	George Stovin
Surgeon	Simon A. Willis
Paymaster	Charles E. Phillips

26.9.1862	Hoisted the Pendant
16.10	To Spithead
27.10	At Portsmouth
15.11	Spithead to Madeira
22.11	At Madeira
23.11	To Cape of Good Hope
4.1 1863	At the Cape
17.1	Left Cape, to Sydney
8.3. 1863	At Sydney
23.3	To NZ
2.4.1863	At Auckland
9.4	To Taranaki
13.4	At Taranaki
15.4	To Manukau
16.4	At Manukau
6.5	To Taranaki
7.5	At Taranaki & return to Manukau
9.5. 1863	To Taranaki,

Received troops & Baggage from Avon, 3 Officers, 5 R&F, 40th Regt.- 1 Captain, 3 Sub, 5 Sergeants, 2 Privates, 100 R&F, 70th Regt. - 2 Captains, 5 subs, 2 staff, 18 sergeants, 4 drummers, 150 R&F. Total 204. Took cutter Kate in tow and proceeded across the bar.

10.5	At Taranaki, discharged troops and baggage.
13.5	To Manukau. 1.30 Surf boats are alongside with baggage of men of the 70th Regt. Called in from the Waitara Block
15.5	

Avon steamer came alongside received **2 Armstrong Field Pieces 7 their limbers & baggage & spare parts. 4 wagons & spare gear. 1 Sergeant plus 20 men Royal Artillery & 3 passengers.**

16.5	To Taranaki
17.5	At Taranaki. Surf boats alongside, unloaded field pieces
	etc.
18.5	To Nelson
19.5	At Nelson
20.5	To Taranaki
21.5	At Taranaki
22.5. 1863	

Sir George Grey and suite on embarked. Left, stopped at the Redoubt & cast-off boats, proceeded to Southwards & opened fire from 2 pivot guns on some native earthworks & rifle pits. Returned to Tataraimaka* **discharged cannons at Redoubt.** Proceeded south to Warea, returned to New Plymouth. Sir George Grey disembarked.

* see notes page 778 The NZ Guide by Dollimore.

1863

30.5 To Manukau
31.5 At Manukau, **received 1 Sergeant, 1 Bombardier, 1 gunner, 60th battery, No. 4 Brigade Royal Artillery**
1.6.1863 To Taranaki
2.6 At Taranaki
4.6 Proceeded down the coast and stopped at Tataraimaka, **opened fire on native earthworks. (Katikara Stream)**
5.6 To Manukau
6.6 At Manukau
20.6 To Taranaki at 5.30, stopped off New Plymouth. General Cameron, 2 Officers of staff embarked.
21.6 To Manukau
22.6 At Manukau
26.6 To Taranaki
27.6 At Taranaki, 1.50 started **embarking troops & baggage from 40th Regt., 65th Regiment, & 70th. Regt. Total 316**, proceeded to Manukau
28.6 At Manukau. **Avon** Steamer came alongside disembarked troops & baggage
3.7 Sent William Wilson A.B. to Auckland Goal for 3 months. Sent Private Thomas Jones R.M. to Auckland Goal for 28 days. Steamer **Claude Hamilton** arrived
16.7.1863

Preparing for sea, steamer Avon lashed alongside. Received Captain Greaves as Pilot for Waikato River. 11.55 Steamer Avon in tow.

19.7.1863 Bar unsafe, sent **Avon** to Onehunga with despatches.
20.7 Bar unsafe
21.7 Sent **Avon** to Onehunga with dispatches, bar unsafe.
25.7 To Waikato Heads 1.35 Observed Avon cross the Bar of Waikato Heads.
26.7 To Manukau
30.7.1863 Commander returned from the Front.
1.8 Party that had taken the **Avon** up the Waikato River on 25 July returned
3.8 To Taranaki
5.8 At Taranaki, embarked **181 of 70th Regiment**. Weather threatening.
7.8 To Manukau arrived pm.
8.8 Left Manukau for Auckland
10.8 at Auckland.

At the request of governor Grey, HMS Eclipse was sent to Sydney specifically to bring out more reinforcements.

17.8.1863 To Sydney
30.8.1863 At Sydney Farm Cove.
22.9 Left Sydney To Manukau

Not apparently included in the Log, is the fact that HMS Eclipse towed the Pioneer from Sydney to New Zealand

3.10.1863 At Manukau
18.10 To Waikato

Not apparently included in the Log, is the fact that HMS Eclipse escorted the Pioneer and towed the four Gunboats to the Waikato river, but due to bad weather had to anchor off Cornwallis.

1863

24.10 To Waikato Bar

25.10

Commander proceeded on board the Gun boat *Pioneer* for service in the Waikato River. (Sir William Wiseman)

29.10.63 Sent gig to survey the River (Moored off Putataka Point*)

Letter dated 29 October 1863 written by the Surgeon A. Armstrong Willis

7.11 Waikato to Manukau
10.11 Proceeded up Manukau Harbour.
26.11 Moored off Putataka Point*, Waikato River
4.2.1864 End of Log.

* Putataka was the original Maori name for Port Waikato, or Waikato Heads, south side of the entrance to the Waikato River.

1864

HMS Eclipse Ship's Log ADM 53/8732 5 Feb. 1864 to 12 Aug. 1865

5.2.1864 moored off Waikato Heads
14.4 At Manukau Harbour
16.5 To Auckland
19.5 At Auckland, 1 Corporal & 11 marines returned from the
Front.
20.5 Mail Steamer **Auckland** arrived with the English Mail.
6.6 To Sydney
21.6 At Sydney Farm Cove.
17.8 To Auckland
25.8 At Auckland Britomart Point.
Received part of the 1st Waikato Regiment & Baggage.
31.8 To Tauranga
1.9 At Tauranga on bank off Stony Point. Transported shot,
guns, forward. Sent *Sandfly* to try and tow her off.
2.9 At anchor
4.9 Moored at Te Papa, Tauranga Harbour, sent boats to
embark troops on board **HMS Falcon**
12.10 At (Port) Charles Cove, Cape Colville, (Coromandel)
15.10 At Great Barrier Island Port Tryphena
16.10 At Cabbage Bay, Colville (Coromandel)
17.10 At Auckland
1.11 To Mercury Bay
2.11 At Mercury Bay
3.11 At Auckland Harbour
16.11 To Wellington
19.11 At Wellington
21.11 To Auckland
25.11 At Auckland
11.12 To Wellington
13.12 At Wellington
15.12 To Auckland
19.12 At Auckland
20.12 To Kawau Island & anchored there
21.12 To Manukau
26.12 At Manukau

1864

27.12 **To Wanganui with troops & baggage, 207 of the 50th Regiment**

29.12 At Wanganui Roads

30.12 Landed Troops in steamer **Sandfly** and **Prince Alfred** and returned to Manukau

1865

1.1.1865 At Manukau.

2.1 Received troops & baggage 270 of 18th Royal Irish to **Wanganui**

5.1 At Wanganui roads

6.1. 1865 Sent back to disembark troops from **HMS Falcon** and disembarked troops to **Sandfly**

7.1 To Manukau

8.1 At Manukau

13.1 To Auckland

17.1 At Auckland Harbour.

19.2 To Wellington

26.2 At Wellington

1.3 To Tauranga

4.3 At Tauranga Roads

5.3 To Auckland

6.3 At Auckland

10.3 To Tauranga

11.3 At Tauranga to Kawa Kawai

12.3 To Poverty Bay

13.3 To Opotiki

16.3 At Opotiki

17.3 To Auckland.

Captain E. Fremantle of the Eclipse was specifically sent from Auckland to investigate, the murder of Rev. Carl Sylvius Volkner, on 2 March 1865

19.3 At Auckland

6.4 To Coromandel

8.4 At Coromandel & To Auckland

19.5 To Whakatane

20.5 At Whakatane & To Opotiki

22.5.1865 1am. To Te Kaha. Sent all boats away armed in charge of Captain E. Fremantle to attempt to surprise the Pai-marire and capture some of the Murderers of the Rev. Carl Sylvius Volkner.

4.20. Boats returned having retreated. The attempt being discovered.

Lance Corporal Young was wounded.

23.5 To Whangapoua (Coromandel)

24.5 To Auckland

27.5 At Auckland

19.6 To Wellington

22.6 At Wellington

3.7 Governor Sir George Grey and suite embarked, also 7

Maori Chiefs. To Wanganui.

4.7 At Wanganui

5.7 To Wellington

6.7 At Wellington, Governor Grey landed.

8.7 To Napier

10.7 At Napier (Ahuriri Heads)

1865

- 11.7. 1865** Employed embarking troops. (68th Regt?)
* These were probably Colonial Forces
* According to Cowan "The NZ Wars" page 118

Brevet-Major James Fraser (late of the 73rd Highlanders) was in command of the troops which were made up from the Military Settlers and Hawke's Bay Volunteers, and were landed at Te Awanui, near the mouth of the Waiapu River on the night of the **5 July 1865**. Cowan also states that the **Eclipse** fired a number of shells (some of them 110 lb.)

- 14.7 To ???? (I would guess at somewhere near Gisborne)
16.7 At Hicks Bay
17.7 To Waiapu (East Cape)
21.7 To Auckland
23.7 At Auckland
31.7.1865 To Sydney
12.8 end of Log At sea.

1865

HMS Eclipse Ship's Log ADM 53/8733 13 Aug. 1865 to 24 Dec. 1866

- 14.8.1865 Sydney Harbour. Cockatoo Is. In dock.** Artificers from shore making good ship's bottom.
1.9 Farm Cove
20.9 To Broken Bay
30.9 To Sydney
7.10 To Auckland
18.11 At Auckland
20.11 To Wanganui
2.12 Off Kapiti Island (Wellington) At Anchor
3.12 At Wanganui
5.12 To Auckland
14.12 At Auckland
15.12 To Napier
17.12 At Napier
18.12 **Employed embarking troops & Baggage 159 of 70th Regt.**
19.12 To Auckland
21.12 At Auckland. Troops disembarked

1866

- 4.1 Te Matuka Bay, Waiheke Island & return**
5.2 To Wellington
15.2 At Wellington
25.2 To Napier
26.2 At Napier (Ahuriri)
1.3 Off Wairoa River
3.3 Poverty Bay (Gisborne) Sir George Grey came aboard
4.3 Off Awanui (Hawke Bay) *appear to be going back?*
5.3 Off Opotiki to Auckland
7.3 At Auckland
24.3 Sir George Grey & Suite embarked To Tauranga.
25.3 At Tauranga,
26.3 Sir George Grey & Suite left the ship.
8.4 Sir George Grey & Suite embarked for Kawau Island
9.4 At Kawau Isl. Sir George Grey & Suite landed

1866

10.4	To Auckland & at Auckland
13.4	To & at Kawau Island
15.4	To Kawhia
17.4	At Kawhia
21.4	To Raglan
4.5	To Wellington
6.5	At Wellington
24.5	To Auckland
28.5	At Auckland
2.6	To Sydney
16.6	At Sydney
22.6	In dock at Cockatoo Island, cleaning ship's bottom
14.9	To Auckland
21.9	At Auckland
4.10. 1866	Weighed Anchor to Cape Horn
2.11	To Falkland Island
4.11	Port Stanley Falkland Isl.
5.11	At sea to Rio de Janeiro
19.11	At Rio de Janeiro
25.11	Left for England

1867

26.1.1867	Spithead
7.2.1867	Paid off crew Sheerness Dockyard.

E. R. Fremantle Commander

HMS *Eclipse* Summary from the Log

Left England	15 November 1862
Arrived Home	26 January 1867

At New South Wales

8 March 1863 - 23 March 1863
30 August 1863 - 22 September 1863
21 June 1864 - 17 August 1864
14 August 1865 - 7 October 1865
22 June 1866 - 14 September 1866

In New Zealand

2 April 1863 - 17 August 1863
3 October 1863 - 6 June 1864
25 August 1864 - 31 July 1865
18 November 1865 - 2 June 1866
21 September 1866 - 4 October 1866

Ships mentioned in the Log

HMS *Falcon*

4 August 1864
6 January 1865

Ships mentioned in the Log

Avon

9 May 1863
28 June 1863
16 July 1863
19 July 1863
21 July 1863
25 July 1863
1 August 1863

Pioneer

22 September 1863
18 October 1863
25 October 1863

Claude Hamilton

3 July 1863

Sandfly

30 December 1864
6 January 1865

Prince Alfred

30 December 1864

Kate

9 May 1863

Auckland

20 May 1864

Campaigns

1863	April - June	Taranaki
1864	Aug. - Sept.	Tauranga
1864/5	Dec-Jan	Wanganui
1865	March- July	East Coast

1863	July	<i>Avon</i> to Waikato Heads
1863	August	<i>Pioneer</i> from Sydney and in October to Waikato Heads.

Officers and men joined the Naval Brigade which took part at Mere Mere, and Rangiriri, October - November 1863. In February - April 1864, the Naval Brigade was involved at Te Awamutu as well as at Gate Pa in April 1864.

The New Zealand Medal 1863 -1865 was awarded to 13 Officers, 49 seamen and 13 Marines.

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At New South Wales

8 March 1863 - 23 March 1863

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Notices dated

9.9.1863 - 1 man

16.9.1863 - 2 men

23.9.1863 - 5 men

27.9.1865 - 1 man

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We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

" Believe nothing that you hear,
a quarter of what you read,
and only a half of what you see,
and check and recheck your facts"

Percy de Worms

I accept that any errors are mine, and hopefully these will be brought to my attention, together with details of any surviving covers.

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