

in good order ashore. People had been expecting R.C. & had masses of presents & festivities prepared. They were disappointed to find "only the Commissioner" as one chatty old man remarked!

Vessel sailed about 1 p.m. for Canton.

#### THURSDAY, 23rd. JANUARY.

No weather information.

Arrived Canton and anchored soon after 8 a.m. Gray (P.A.A. airport manager), Doctor & local 2nd in command came out to pay their respects & hoped we had brought beer as island was dry. Fleming did not come, although offered a lift in the P.A.A. boat, because "he was too busy & could not get away" - he has no one to take his wireless stads for him.

Ashore about 10 a.m. and proceeded to Fleming's station where we were the embarrassed witnesses when Fleming was openly rude to Gray, apparently resenting the fact that our coming ashore had been delayed by Gray's courtesy in making a call which he was by no means expected to pay. Throughout the day, it was all too obvious that Fleming is not behaving very tactfully with the Americans & only Gray's good nature and determination to preserve peace at almost any cost, prevents a serious disagreement. We are fortunate, indeed, that Gray & his comrades are typical airways personnel who take a very broad view of things. Fleming is a first class officer & a very hard worker in a particularly difficult position - I do wish he would be more tactful. He could do wonders if he was not so hopelessly limited in outlook & ideas.

Lunched with P.A.A. staff, dinner with