

Thursday, 16th Oct.

Very hot night. Up at 5 A.M.
Sea - very smooth.

Cruiser left us at 7 A.M.

Our ship out in lead.

Saw a swallow flying
about the ship; settled on
deck. Put grease on rifles,
to be stored away. Had those
down. Issued with lime.

juice of biscuit. Saw land
on starboard quarter at 11 p.m.
High mountainous island.
May be Perim.

Very hot in mess-room at
dinner time. Lost several
pints of sweat.

In afternoon, issued with
tins of pineapple (1 tin

to 3) + tobacco.

About 3 p.m. we changed
course + returned in
direction we came.

Rumour has it "all shipping
in Area B to return to
Aden, on account of
mines at entrance to Red
Sea."

Land now on Port side
Several vessels seen on
horizon. One sailing vessel
- looks like an Arab
"Dhow"

Ship travelling fast. At
5 P.M. swung round on
to original course.

At 6 p.m. saw brilliant display
of lightning above land on