

# THE EARLY DAYS OF HONG KONG SCOUTING—PART 14

## ARCHIVES OF THE PAST – Part 6B

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and concluding part of the letter from the Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong Branch to the Imperial Headquarters of The Boy Scouts Association in London dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 1930 reporting Rover Scouting in Hong Kong:

(Continued from the last issue of “Hong Kong Scouting #244”). .....

*The Rovers are many of them service men, but there are several Chinese, Portuguese and others. The principal Crew is registered as the 3<sup>rd</sup> H.K.Group, this being the Service men's Group, though many from H.M.Ships are now joining the Sea “Rover Crew” attached to the 1st H. K.Sea Scouts. There is a Chinese Crew in connection with the 6<sup>th</sup> Group, Ellis Kadoorie School, a Crew in the 16<sup>th</sup> H.K. (R.C” Cathedral) Group and the Sea Rover Crew mentioned above. At present at the Gap Rock Lighthouse, the light firstsighted in connection with Hong Kong by vessels coming from the South, one of the Lighkeepers is the Chinese Sea Rover Second.*

*Once a month there is a meeting for all Rovers at Association H.Q., at which specially invited men of note in the Colony give talks on such subjects as they are qualified to speak on and such as are of interest to the*

*Rovers. There is also an Athletic Club in connection with this Monthly Meeting which takes on not too good teams at any game or sport in which the Club may receive challenges.*

*One of the great difficulties in Hong Kong Rovering is the impossibility, owing to the many and varied religions of the Rovers, of holding a Moot which can be inspired with a definitely Christian spirit, such as have been held at home. A number of the Rovers are of course Christians, but it is the unanimity which carries weight, all inspired with the same Spirit of service under the same God, and that cannot be attained under present H.K.conditions. This naturally makes it hard to “get across” the ideal of Service, the Service of Self-Sacrifice, but slowly and surely we believe that ideal is being grasped.”*



*Rover Second WONG Kai-chung (left 5) mentioned above, a lighthouse apprentice is seen here with his fellow sea scouts during a visit to Gap Rock Lighthouse 09 Aug 1927*