Appendix 2: Joseph Conrad in Command of *Otago*: Time-Line

(To be read with Alston Kennerley, " Conrad's Shipmates in British Ships", *The Conradian*, 37.1 (2012): 59-79).

Date	Port	Activity	Source
13/05/1887	Newcastle NSW	AAC opened by John Snadden, Master	*Otago* AAC (copy) (1st)
19/01/88	Singapore	JC offered and accepts command; travels to Bangkok	JA 322-3
24/01/88	Bangkok	JC assumes command of *Otago*	JA 322-3
09/02/88	Bangkok	*Otago* sailed for Australia with cargo of teak	JA 322-3
02/03/88	Singapore	*Otago* arrived – crew ill and some changed	JA 322-3
	Singapore	4 crew discharged; 5 crew engaged	*Otago* AAC (copy) (1st)
09/03/88	Singapore	*Otago* sailed for Sydney	JA 322-3
07/05/88	Sydney	*Otago* arrived – cargo unloaded ?	JA 322-3
08/05/88	Sydney	Inward crew list submitted	State Library NSW
	Sydney	5 crew presumably discharged; 5 crew engaged	Deduced from inward crew lists; *Otago* AAC (copy) (1st)
18/05/1988 (?)	Sydney	*Otago* sailed for Melbourne – cargo or in ballast?	Deduced from AAC
	Melbourne	*Otago* arrived – cargo or ballast handling??	
12/06/88	Melbourne	Release at Termination of Voyage form: all crew discharged	State Library Victoria?
25/06/88	Melbourne	AAC opened by J.C. Korzeniowski, Master	*Otago* AAC (copy) (2nd)
	Melbourne	*Otago* sailed for Sydney – cargo or ballast?	
	Sydney	Otago arrived – cargo or ballast handling?	
11/07/88	Sydney	Inward crew list submitted	State Library NSW
	Sydney	4 crew discharged	*Otago* AAC (copy) (2nd)
07/08/88	Sydney	*Otago* sailed for Port Louis, Mauritius – cargo or in ballast	JA 322-3
30/09/88	Port Louis	*Otago* arrived – ballast unloaded?	JA 322-3
22/11/88	Port Louis	*Otago* sailed for Melbourne cargo of sugar	JA 322-3
05/01/89	Melbourne	*Otago* arrived – cargo unloaded ?	JA 322-3, JS 55
	Melbourne	*Otago* sailed for Port Minlacowie presumably in ballast	JA 322-3
	Port Minlacowie	*Otago* arrived – ballast discharged?	JA 322-3
	Port Minlacowie	*Otago* sailed for Adelaide cargo wheat	JA 322-3; Advertiser, Adelaide 27 March 1889
26/03/89	Adelaide	*Otago* arrived from Port Minlacowie – cargo unloaded?	*Advertiser*, Adelaide 27 March 1889
26/03/89	Adelaide	JC resigned command of *Otago*	JA 322-3
03/04/89	Adelaide	JC sails as passenger to Europe in SS *Nürnberg*	JS 55

Notes: A ship in port is either alongside a quay or jetty, in dry dock (briefly), or at anchor.
A ship alongside is either unloading cargo or loading cargo or ballast, or empty, perhaps laid up, awaiting cargo booking
A ship at anchor may be awaiting pilot or tide, or is either unloading cargo or loading cargo or ballast, or empty, laid up, awaiting cargo booking
A ship in dry dock or at a ship yard berth is under going repair, routine maintenance, survey, or cleaning.
A ship laid up has been formally mothballed, perishable gear dried and stowed below, and at a cheap, out of the way port location, now crew.
A ship idle but not laid up, though without a crew, except possibly mate, master or ship keeper, can be quickly brought into service.
If these details can be ascertained and inserted in the *Otago* time line, a better understanding of AAC entries may be had.
Shipowners often kept "ship's books" for their vessels into which all movement details and financial transactions were entered. Have any owners records been found?
A detailed trawl of local newspapers for ship arrivals, departures and in port, harbour authority records should record much of the operational data.
Clearly this has been attempted by JC biographers, but it does not seem complete.