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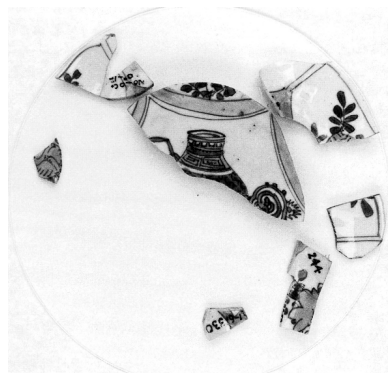


Edward Von der Porten is truly a modern-day renaissance man. As nautical historian and archeologist, he

researched maritime subjects including pre-Viking through eighteenth-century shipbuilding, Henry VIII's *Mary Rose* and the development of the big-gun warship, Francis Drake's California encampment, early Manila galleon wrecks, early Chinese trade porcelains, the World War II German Navy, and World War II Home Front artifacts. He has also served as Consultant to the National Geographic Society on nautical archaeology.

His publications include a book on the German Navy in two versions and fourteen editions, an article on the Hanseatic League in *National Geographic* magazine, a small book on Drake in California, numerous technical reports and magazine and newspaper articles on maritime, archaeological, and ship-modeling subjects, and three small text books, one of which is in its fifth edition and thirty-ninth year of publication.

In addition, Mr. Von der Porten taught high school and junior college for 29 years after which he served as Director of the Treasure Island Museum (Navy / Marine Corps / Coast Guard) for seven years.



Chinese porcelain shards found in a Miwok village from a bowl brought by Drake

This Drake scholar explained, "Our sixty-eight-year search for evidence of Francis Drake's *Nova Albion* identified Drake's Cove in the Point Reyes National Seashore as the site of his harbor and encampment. Research into ship construction, seamanship, navigation, cartography, botany, zoology, hydrography, meteorology, anthropology, and archaeology by a wide range of scholars contributes to the story.

"Analysis of Ming porcelain shards found in Coast Miwok Native-American village sites provides physical clues which complete the evidence for the site and for Drake's activities there. Drake's Cove now is part of a sixteenth-century National Historic Landmark district, the highest designation of an historic site by the National Park Service."

Historian, author and NHS Director Dewey Livingston considers Edward Von der Porten a genius!

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Gordon Miller's Oil painting depicts the Golden Hind careened in Drakes Estero.