Tuesday, Dec. 24th

Off Gloucester. A heavy gale. Snowing nearly all day.

Wednesday, Dec. 25th

Quarters at 3 bells A.M. and 1 bell P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 26th

Two men and two deserted.

Friday, Dec. 27th

Off Gloucester. Fine day, arrest the two men.

Saturday, Dec. 28th

Off Gloucester. One man wrote home.

Sunday, Dec. 29th

Off Gloucester. Passed one man with home.

Monday, Dec. 30th

Off Gloucester. Very cold. Sunrise at 7 bells, pay at 1 bell. Our lieute. wife came on board.

Tuesday, Dec. 31st

Off Gloucester. Very cold. Received a letter from E. H. R. and a letter for home.

Wednesday, Jan. 1st

Received two parcels from home.

Thursday, Jan. 2nd

Went on shore and spent the evening on board.

Friday, Jan. 3rd

Off Gloucester. Very windy and cold. Received a letter from Boston. Ship one man.

Saturday, Jan. 4th

Off Gloucester. Very cold, the thermometer fell to 6. 2. 7. went on shore heard of the capture of the steamer Chesapeake by rebel passengers anduffy. cod on the right of the 6. 5. inch.

Sunday, Jan. 5th

Off Gloucester. Very cold, went ashore receive sailing orders, to cruise after the Chesapeake, weighed anchor at 2 bells and started for Halifax. M.B. about 4 bells exchange signals with the Tigandora.

Monday, Jan. 6th

Sailing to the eastward, very windy, snowing all night and day. Set our fore and aft sails at 4 bells. Very thick at 3 bells. Set fore and main...
October 31st. at five bells, land reported on our port bow. We made it out to be a small island under close reef. Set sail. Headed to the 25 west.

Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Changed course again to the Eastward with a strong wind and all sail. Set making mine 9 knots. All hands called to shorten sail at five bells. Land reported at six bells, ran in under steam and came to anchor.

Monday, Dec. 15th.

Off, Tabaco. Blowing very hard from N.W. fortnight, all day. This evening a schooner came in from 2nd under close reef sail.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th.

Off, Tabaco. Blowing a heavy gale from S.W. for six, two anchors down. Yesterday, a Court Martial convened to try two men for desertion. The Court adjourned sine die at 7 o'clock. I was put on watch for two hours from 8 to 10 P.M. for punishment for being in the battery.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

Off, Tabaco. Blowing very hard from N.W. Freezing all day. This evening at 8 o'clock, came in from 2nd under close reef sail.

Thursday, Dec. 18th.

Off, Tabaco. Very cold. The sea is not much. Boats sent. A boat ashore at 6 bells. Returned at 8 bells. Reported that the Chesapeake is being blockaded up the Schuylkill River. By one of our gunboats we got up anchor at 1 bell and started for the Schuylkill River. Making 9 knots. After night we reduced our speed to five knots.

Friday, Dec. 19th.

We anchored off the Schuylkill River at 2 bells morning. Very cold, blowing very hard until 5 o'clock. Sent a boat ashore to make enquiries. The boat returned with the news that the Chesapeake came in here on Tuesday night and left Monday morning. Also that a...
Gun boat came in on Thursday morning and attacked Thursday night, blowing very hard all day, we have two anchors down. They reported that the Cheepeash took off her wood and shifted some men at 2 O'clock. The weather moderate.

Saturday, Dec. 19th.

Off. I have called all hands at 8 bells got up and off and started at 7 bells for Halifax. Ship rolling very badly about four bells past. A Schooner with five looms mast carried away till 8 Bells at 7 Bells came to anchor in the Harbor off the city at 7 Bells, we found in the Harbor the Decotah, Ella & Anna. Continued, Ceres also the Cheapeash. She was captured by the Ella & Anna. Friday morning in the Harbor of Mud Hole and brought into Halifax. Twelve of the Pirates were captured on board. The others escaped they were taken on shore and delivered to the Authorities and the chief one escaped from the city. Authorities she was demanded of the Authorities, but they could not settle the affair until directed by their Home Government. The Cheepeash was coaling when she was captured. After coming to anchor we sent a boat ashore to communicate with our Counsel. After the boat returned, we fired a salute of twenty one guns. This evening all the other boats went to sea except the Ceres. After night at boat with five men passed around the ship abusing us for every thing they could. The Commodore sent on shore highly pleased with his visit to the Governor in regard to the Cheepeash the statement of the arrest of twelve of the Pirates was erroneous, only three were arrested on board of the steamer. There were twelve on shore at Sambro. The Authorities issued a warrant for their arrest and the Police were sent down to arrest them, but they being armed fought off the Police. The Governor has promised to have them arrested at all hazard.

Sunday, Dec. 20th.

All hands were called this morning at 8 bells.
weight anchor and started from Halifax at 7 o'clock A.M., for New York. We discharged the Pilot at 8 o'clock. Snowing at the time we went hard at 6 bells. Afternoon all hands were called to make sail the wind being in our favor most all day and night. Making 7 Knots, very cold Monday, Dec. 21st.

While on the Eastern end of St. George Shoals we fell in with a schooner. Water fogged and abandoned her mainmast was carried away close by the deck. forearm standing with shreds of the jib hanging to the stay, she appeared to have had a deck load of timber, about then after passing the wreck we saw a big to theeward, it being about 6 bells A.M. snowing alternately all day.

Tuesday Dec. 22nd

On our way to New York, very fine day.

Wednesday Dec. 23rd

About 5 o'clock A.M. we made Highland lights and crossed the Bar at 7 bells, came to anchor off the

City at 4 bells. A.M. there was in port two Italian ships, one Spanish, one French. our Commodore went ashore for orders. Fore and Aft Ship, one Master's mate ordered to the Decatur, received a mail the first in thirteen days received a letter from Boston 9 bells A.M. St. we saluted the Admiral of the yard, with fifteen guns, very cold freezing all day.

Thursday Dec. 24th

New York, very cold. Farge Mazes of Ice break down the River received a letter from Ziles. Mail a letter from Boston, our Senate the word about Departure of the Spanish Frigate.

Friday Dec. 25th

New York, more mild. Christmas day, but no equipment we received orders to proceed to Hampton Roads.

Saturday Dec. 26th

New York, prepare to coal ship, went on shore, went around in New York and Brooklyn. A great deal of ice in the River.
New York Monday, Dec. 28th
Raining all day, received a paper from Capt. Jones. Read it. A letter to Mr. P. still at anchor of the Bay.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th
New York. A very fine day, boarded sloop this morning one of our men by the name of Polka died of consumption, his body was sent ashore for interment. Two coal barges came alongside we commenced coaling ship at 1 bell P.M. I received a letter from Capt. Jones we heard of an accident which happened to the Italian Iron clad Frigate, Re D'Atalia, the man ashore near the Highlands, we received orders to go to her assistance.

Wednesday, Dec. 30th
We could ship all night, and got under way about 4 bell. and started for the scene of the disaster. Before we left we sent all of our sick to the hospital. Some thirty nine numbered when we got as far out as the channel we met the Re D'Atalia coming in, in two of three ships days we returned to the city and anchored off the Battery, we being too close in we were obliged to anchor farther off.

Thursday, Dec. 31st
This morning two coal barges came alongside and we again commenced coaling about 9 bells. It commenced snowing quite hard at about and rained alternately all day and night, we could not put 10 o'clock P.M. when we were obliged to knock off. and the account of the Storm, it blew very hard, from S.E. the Old year of 1863, went out. Severely as if it was angry with all the world because it had finished the time allotted to it. sooner or later we must follow.

Friday, Jan. 1st 1864
To day the first day of the new year 1864 the morning quite foggy it cleared of about 10 o'clock growing colder about Eleven o'clock orders came...