**Tue. Dec 23rd**

At sea, we have had a fine run with a light breeze, and smooth sea. About 6 O'clock we rounded Cape Flattery, passed several sails bound south.

**Wed. Dec 24th**

Off New Inlet we arrived last night about 11 O'clock. In the confusion on our arrival the Pennobscot and Genevieve collided but did not damage each other. A great deal.

**Thu. Dec 25th**

Off New Inlet. This being Christmas I think of the table at home, our carpenters went on board of the Pennobscot to repair damages of day.

**Fri. Dec 26th**

Off New Inlet. Thick and misty, about 8 O'clock we picked up a boat containing three refugees, one of my acquaintances, age, after calming them on board, we ran up the coast opposite where he lived and fired a gun, to let his people know that he was safe on board they shout of very hard times in Dixie.

**Sat. Dec 27**

Off New Inlet, cruised around as usual, fine weather but very lonesome in the absence of news and we all have the Blues.

**Mon. Dec 28th**

Off New Inlet, cruised around as usual at 9 O'clock we rounded Cape Flattery, passed several sails bound south.

**Tue. Dec 29th**

Off New Inlet. Cruised around as usual about 9 O'clock at sail expense we ran out to take a Master Schooner for the station about 4 O'clock, the supply steamer Blockade arrived, after delivering our stores she sailed for the south.

**Wed. Dec 30th**

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, stood up the coast, about 11 O'clock we picked up a boat containing six men, they came out from Massabesic about 12 O'clock, we spoke the Pennobscot sent three of the men on board, we returned to our station came to anchor about 4 O'clock.

**Thu. Dec 31st**

Off New Inlet at anchor all day, very rough, ship rocking heavily all day, very cloudy.

**Fri. Jan. 1st 1863**

Off New Inlet, got under way about 3 bells, cruised up the coast, about 11 O'clock, a sail reported, we overhauld her, a Master Schooner from Hampton...
We returned to our station about 5 o'clock, 7th.

From Jan. 2nd
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual about 6 bells. At sail was reported the "Daylight" from Beaufort, sent the other three. Morning board of them, about 4 bells another sail, ran out to her. A schooner, Capt. Chisholm. U.S. Navy, wanted volunteers to go on an expedition. Our captain would not consent for any of our men to go returned to our station about 4 P.M.

Sat. Jan. 3rd
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual. The "Genesee" arrived about 9 bells from Beaufort, about 6 bells we ran close in shore and anchored for the night. Sun. Jan. 4th
Off New Inlet we cruised up the coast about 6 bells. We stood for it, the "Isteteria" from Beaufort. At Ensign J. Brainne came passenger in her. He came on board and reported for duty, we received orders to get to Beaufort. We sailed immediately, about 5 bells. We took a Pilot and by 6½ bells, we anchored in Beaufort harbor. We passed the "Maglauh," peshaw, the gun boat "Miami" and transferred "Thomas Leibour," assisting to get her off. We found in Port, the "Pericos."

"James Adger," and "Columbia"
Mon Jan. 5th
At Beaufort, began to coal ship. Very cold and strong winds from the northeast. Arrival of the "Victor"

Tues. Jan. 6th
At Beaufort, coalingship, we began to take out the cargo of the schooner, "J. E. Dyer," and we are to send it north in another vessel, the "Columbia," sailed for New Inlet.

Thurs. Jan. 7th
At Beaufort, coalingship, about 9 bells. When we finished both in sea stores.

Tues. Jan. 8th
At Beaufort. Walling in stores. Fine day. I spent a part of the day ashore.

Fri. Jan. 9th
At Beaufort, about 7½ bells. We up anchor and stood out for sea. About 8½ bells,splice the Rhode Island. "Sent a boat to her. About 3 bells,splice the "Browncoast." Sent her mail about 2 bells. Spoke the "Columbia." Sent her mail, came to anchor off New Inlet. About 6 bells, 5 P.M.

Sat. Jan. 10th
Off New Inlet, lay under way. At 2 bells, cruised along the coast about 1 bell. Spoke the "Genesee," about 2 bells. The captain of the "Daylight" came on board.
and Blowing very hard new very rough.

Sun Jan 11

Off New Inlet about 7 bells we got under way ran down to the shoals came to anchor, sent three of the Monticola’s crew around to her. Master schooner No. 7. These men had been on an expedition with Capt. Churchill to Lockwood’s Holly Inlet; in which they captured 130 Tonnets after engaging and driving off the Nobs they intended to have burnt two schooners that was up there. But on account of the Nobs having the advantage of ambushing his small force he returned with A loss of two men wounded we U.S. anchor about 5 bells ran down to our station came to anchor for the night.

Mon Jan 12

Off New Inlet cruised as usual. anchored about six bells all day we could see a large number of Nobs men at work along the beaches along the coast we got under way about 4 bells P.M. ran in close under the land anchored for the night about 8 bells we sent in a boat in charge of Act. Douglas McGee to put down some Bows in the Channel Boat returned about 2 A.M.

Tues Jan 13

Off New Inlet Cruised about until 6 bells anchored. At 7 bells broke out in one of the Boilers. we closed off Steam to repair the leath. we were obliged to break out the coal in one of the Boilers in order to repair the leath. All hands were hard at work all day, taking out coal, sent in a boat in charge of Act. Ensign McPherson to put down Bows about 1 bell we saw signals answered them supposed from our Boat.

Thurs Jan 14

At Anchor off New Inlet repairing leath. our Boat returned about 3/4 bell about 5 bells at 8 bells we repulsed sent the Genesee in chase at 12 bells. Fort Fisher fired a salute of [13] guns about 2 bells we sent in a boat in charge of Act. Ensign McGee to put down some Bows and to see if the other Bows were in their places. the Mount Vernon convoyed the Boat when in about two miles of the Fort they opened fire on the Boat with shell and shot, and done some very close shooting showed that they knew their work. the Mount Vernon repulsed the fire. the Genesee returned from the chase reported the sail to be a schooner's. bound to Port Royal. from this point.

Thurs Jan 15

At Anchor off New Inlet about 9.30 saw Rocketts and signal lights along the Beach we sent out a Boat in shovel duty about 9.
"Penobscot" got her 11-inch gun disabled so that she was obliged to draw off. We kept up the fire for about 2 hours, when we discovered the vessels on fire we hauled off, as we wanted to prevent the boats from getting any of her. The Rebels were replying to us, all the time from six rifled field pieces, which they handled with much skill and accuracy, though they did not hit us once. Many of shot passed too close to us to be at all agreeable, just as we hauled off the "Genesee" came up, but our captain sent her and the "Penobscot" down to the Inlet, while we remained and stood off for the Boys. Chances was up.

The "Columbia" was a very fine iron steamer. Brig Riggs, recently captured at Charleston, attempting to run the Blockade, she was fished up as a Blockade ran a battery of 14 guns, 12 Howitzers, and one 20 lb. Parrott Rifle. The Howitzers were thrown overboard, and the Rifle gritted. So ended the cruise of the "Columbia" in ten days as a Blockade ran on the coast of North Carolina. The fault of her going ashore said to be in the leadman giving the wrong soundings.

Sat. Jan. 19th
off Masonboro, we got under way about 9 bells

stood down the coast came to anchor off New Inlet about 7 bells and sent the "Penobscot" in chase.

Mon. Jan. 19th
Off New Inlet, at anchor all day, about 8 bells. A sail reported, sent the "Penobscot" in chase.

Tues. Jan. 20th
Off New Inlet, at anchor. Sailing very hard, very heavy sea on, about 11 bells. A sail reported, sent the "Genesee" in chase, she sent in the shore-burners, showing English colors, she anchored under our stern. Burnt her cable parted and she went to sea, it being so rough we could not board her.

Monro. Jan 21st
Off New Inlet, at anchor, shoveling and blowing all day. About 2 bells. A sail reported, sent the "Penobscot" in chase. About 9 bells, we up anchor run in shore anchored for the night.

Thurs. Jan. 22nd
Off New Inlet. About 2 bells, we got under way and ran out to our anchorage where we remained all day, return of the "Genesee" from up the coast, about 7 bells. I'm got under way, ran in shore anchored for the night.

Fri. Jan. 23rd
Off New Inlet, got under way about 1 bell ran up the coast, returned to our anchorage about 7 bells.
2 bells the "Genese", shot us, about 6 bells A Boat was reported coming off shore, with a Flag of Truce. sent out 4 Boats to receive the Flag, our Boat returned with the Boat in tow containing three Refugees from Wilmington, the Boat was one of the "Columbia's", about 4 o'clock. A sail was reported, we gave chase, and were soon alongside the Schooner proved to be the "Time of and from "Hasan" to run the Blockade we took possession of her and put 4 Priests on board, and returned to our anchorage about 10 O'clock P.M.

Sat. Jan. 24th

Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells. Cruised until 2 bells, came to anchor, about 4 bells the "Genese", shot us, she took our mail and the three Refugees also, Capt. Nathan Mecklenburg, who have resigned on the account of ill health, we again got under way about 2 bells P.M. ran in shore, anchored for the night

Sun. Jan. 25th

Off New Inlet, got under way at 2 bells eran until 8 bells, about four bells we had inspection and Master got under way about four bells P.M. ran in shore, and anchored for the night, weather fine.

Mon. Jan. 26th

Off New Inlet, got under way at 4 bells, cruisied up the coast about 1/2 O'clock, heard heavy firing from the S.S.W. came to Anchor about 5 bells, P.M. about 7 bells, two Boats in charge of Lt. Ensign Small, and McGleney, went in, to attempt to burn a Brig that is anchored under the Fort.

Tues. Jan. 27th

Off New Inlet, about 4 bells, very foggy, about 6 bells, Mr. McGleney returned, and about 4 bells Mr. Small returned, they got lost in the fog, they failed to accomplish their object about 6 bells, we discovered a leak in the Bottom of the Bower, about 13 O'clock the Daylight, sailed for Beaufort, for repairs. About 4 bells P.M. we got under way ran in shore and in anchored for the night, head of the departure of the Evening.

Wed. Jan. 28th

Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells, ran out came to anchor about 2 bells ran small vessel bearing W.S. about 6 bells, got under way ran in shore anchored for the night.

Thurs. Jan. 29th

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day, fine weather, heard of the sailing of the Expedition for Charleston, got under way about 2 bells
Jan 17th
Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, made a steamer under the land; we beat to quarters, bore down and sent our respects from our Parrott, when the about ship, and stood for us. The U.S. transports, "Guide," loaded with troops for Charleston, put them on their coast about 8 bells. A sail was reported bore down and spoke her one of the Transports with troops for Port Royal, returned to our anchorage about 8 bells.

Jan 18th
Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, about four bels made several sails bound to the southward, sent the Penobscot in chase. A steamer in the river, flying the English flags, we anchored about 8 bells, about 8 bells. M. Parrott, fired a salute of 20 guns, Mr. McGee went in on picket duty.

Jan 19th
Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, about 4 bells picked up our boat, we came to anchor about 8 bells, at 10 bells we had an action; and then we anchored for the night.

Feb 2nd
Off New Inlet, fine weather, we arrived about 8 bells, and ran out and anchored about 2 bells. At 6 bells we ran in and anchored off Fort Fisher.

Feb 3rd
Off New Inlet, very cold, the sails covered with ice. We got under way at 2 bells, cruised off shore, returned to our anchorage about 11 bells.

Feb 4th
Off New Inlet, very cold. At Anchors there was a survey held on our Boilers to day, she was condemned and will proceed north for repairs last night, while the Penobscot was lying at Anchor. She roared so heavily, that she rode over board a Parrott Rifle from her forecastle, very rough indeed.

Feb 5th
Off New Inlet. Rain and Boring very loud about 7 bells, a sail reported, A government schooner loaded with Beeves, with signal of distress bound for New Berne, she could not get away from the wind, we took her in tow about 4 bells. In the evening our vessel ran aground.