Cruised all the morning quit foggy, came to anchor about 2 bells, light winds and warm.  Feb 28th.

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, cruised as usual about one bell at sail reported, gave chase. Fog arise, lost sight of the sail, returned to our anchorage.

Sun, March 1st 1868

Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, heard of our iron clad from inside.

Mon, March 2nd

Off New Inlet, got up anchor about 2 bells, cruised until 9 bells, came to anchor. We received a mail. Arrived three letters, about 2 bells. A steamer ran the blockades, in the chase we broth our shaft, anchored about 4 bells P.M.

Tues, March 3rd

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, cruised until about 4 bells, weather fine, little cold.

Wed, March 4th

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, weather fine, anchored about 2 bells.

Thurs, March 5th

Off New Inlet, fine day fine, very still, we got

Fri, March 6th

Under way about 8 bells, cruised until about 9 bells, came to anchor, we then put out boats to sweep, for our lost anchor, we were fortunate enough to find it, and after a great deal of pulling and hauling, we had it safely in hand, (together with the 4 fathoms of chain) in the hold.

Sat, March 7th

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 8 bells, cruised all day, anchored about 6 bells for the night.

Sun, March 8th

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, cruised until 10 bells, came to anchor at 4 bells quartermaster and servant. Read the Articles of War, also the Proclamation of Emancipation, very good.

Mon, March 9th

Off New Inlet, about 8 bells, two sail, but could not give chase, quite pleasant.

Tues, March 10th

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day.

Weds, March 11th

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells, cruised until 8, came to anchor, sent 5 of our men on board of the "Hogrier," received four disabled seamen from her, to late north.
Thurs. March 12th.

Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells, ran down to the shoals anchored about 2 bells, sent 9 men to the 'Lacunia' heard that the small gun was at Smithville in returning from the shoals we passed the Transport 'White', 'Golden Gate', and 'Chantucket' bound south. Sent our surgeon to the State of Georgia' we received two sick and one discharged seaman, and the surgeon, from her to convey them north.

We received the mail and our letters from the 'Lacunia', and about 4 bells P.M. we set sail for Beaufort quite cold wind north east.

Fri. March 13th.

This morning we passed the Transport Island. Home, and from Beaufort bound for Port Royal we took A Pilot at 8 bells, stood in and came to anchor in the harbor of Beaufort about 2 bells, the following vessels were in port. 'Maratanka' and 'Fluent' sent the Colonel Men to Morehead City. Quit cold. Strong winds from NE.

Sat. March 14th.

At Beaufort, quite moderate about 8 bells the Transport 'Ocean Wave' arrived from Port Royal. Bringing the news of the destruction of the 'Pensacola' by the 'Montauk', about 4 bells the 'Ocean Wave' sailed for Charleston, about 1 bell. We heard heavy cannonading in land. We suppose that the Rebel gun 10.8. Hill have attacked Gent Foster, as it was known that he was at Kingston with a large body of troops for that purpose. The work on one shaft was repaired today, we set up and hauled down rigging, and about 2 bells we set sail for Hampton Roads, we rounded Cape Lookout about 4 bells P.M.

Sun. March 15th.

We passed Cape Hatteras, about 4 bells A.M. weather very fine with light winds from the N.W. about 4 bells we had Inspection and Divine Service we made Cape Henry's light about 4 bells P.M. and came to Anchor in Chesapeake Bay about 8 bells P.M.

Mon. March 16th.

Chesapeake Bay, we got under way about 6 bells a.m. stood up the Bay passed the Guard Ship, 'Myrtleville' at 8 bells arrived off the Flag Ship, 'Minerva'. At New Port News about 4 bells Capt. Turner went on board the Flag Ship, and reported to the Admiral (Lee) and Captain returned about 12 bells, about 2 bells, there were sixty three of our crew drafted for the Squadron, then there was a great commotion getting ready for leaving.
some of the Men done some pretty tall swearing by being disappointed in their expectations of going home — I however escaped the thing.

This Evening we had a Ball on board. they saluted their accounts, and all are prepared to leave in the evening.

Tues, March 17th

At New Port News. This morning, the first thing I was called into a Boat, went along side of the "Minestock," on my return the Transport "Philadelphia," was along side with all the drafted men on board. we bade them good bye, and they gave us three cheers, we returned them, and then went on their way, but not rejoicing. The ship stood by. The "R.M. 14.45," sailed about the same time for Charleston, our ship losts 80 dead, now our crew numbers including Marines, Firemen, and soldiers, 48 men. after clearing up, ship Officers from the "Minestock" came on board to inspect the ship, after their departure. A Summary Court Martial convicted to try Perkins, and Pavey, for discharging the Enemy. We received orders to go to Baltimore, for Repairs, and a little came on Board for that place. about 9 o'clock, the "R.M. 14.45" returned, having run into a Boy, and got

the Chain entangle around her Propeller. the rest of her was just in confinement. I went on board. both a good look at her saw her Commander, Capt. Deane, Perkins, and Powers, were released from confinement having been confined in double arms for six weeks.

Mon. March 18th.

Off New Port News, quite a gale this morning very thick fog. about 9 o'clock we had Deane, and Theodore, read the sentence of Perkins, and Pavey, to the loss of three months pay, to be discharged from fund mon, to first class Boys, and to be transferred to the "Slyg Perry." Same now act aboard belongs to a Boat, before the heat and what ever there is to be done.

Thurs, March 19th.

Off New Port News. Went ashore saw Mrs. Hall, quite well, quite cold wind from the north west. about 9 o'clock, it began to pleat, and about 11 o'clock it began to snow, we went along side of the Flag ship, not very pleasant in a Boat at this time.

Fri. March 20th.

Off New Port News. went to the Flag ship, then ashore, and again to Flag ship, and again ashore. this evening we were near four hours, pulling from the Flag ship to the "Cambridge," very cold, freezing.
very hard all day, wind from N.W.

Sat. March 21st

Off New Port Neck. I have moderated somewhat, ceased blowing about 3 bells, went to the Flag Ship, brought on board the Pieces Collins and Povers) these changes are incorrect, we returned to the Flag Ship with prizes, then ashore, both of boats at the (level or what do you call it) Submarine Base, Peg and Shape, that is propelled by a wheel and fires it gun under water, after being submerged, went ashore, received some Heleneas from Mrs. H. for which that lady have my thanks. we saw the sun for the first time in a week, raining lightly, wind from N.W.

Sun. March 22nd

Off New Port Neck. Rained all night, and until about 4 bells, this morning when it ceased, went ashore, then to the Flag Ship, while there Genl. Bumsdide went on board he was saluted on his departure. Sealing Ship, we went again to the Flag Ship, in coming down the Road we were enveloped in a thick fog, and when it broke away we found ourselves among fleet of schooners and after many stoppages and starting we passed safely through.

and arrived at Old Point about 6 O'clock we went ashore to carry the Pilot and on our return we found the ship at Anchor, and we lay alongside getting one of our Anchors, as soon as we had given them the Anchor we up, Anchor, and stood down the Bay, bound for Boston, we got up another Anchor from the Flag, and sent it. Clean up decks and band in, about 2 bells wind from the N.W.

Mon. March 23rd

A very fine day, light wind and very heavy pews, feel in with the Brig Elizabeth of Salem, 101 days from Malta, for New York, eight days out of Corisassions, supplied her with Wood. Coal, Bread, Pork, Beef, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Cheese and started on our way about 12 O'clock, plunging clean Hamsells, all hands went through the operation of scrubbing two decks, we have the Lead about 7 bells found Nineteen Saltions wind light from the N.W.

Tues. March 24th

We are able to carry Fire and old sail. Brave quite fresh from N.W. ship bearing away, this evening quite foggy, made A light (Fire Island) which we look for Montauk, ran along slowly. The wind increases, we are obliged to take in
Wednesday March 25th

This morning quite rough and found us rather too close to Long Island for safety as we were mistaken in the light we passed Montauk Point about 1 bell 30. A thick fog coming on we came to anchor in 7 fathoms of water with 45 fathoms of chain on the ship. quit steady wrote to Mr. and to flath the fog broke away about 8 bells and we found ourselves about three ships lengths from Gay Head Beach. we up anchor and ran into the Vineyard Sound and came to anchor of Holmes Hole about 12 O'clock.

Thursday March 26th

Off Holmes Hole we twisted on yards for a Shot one came on board and we started about 7 bells for Boston we sat sail we did not proceed far when a thick fog came on and we were obliged to come to anchor we again got under way about 12 O'clock. Got on board A Boston Shot about 6 bells from the Boat Boquet under full sail about 2 bells we signallized at Bratan split latinals were obliged to take sit in stood up the Bay.

Friday March 27th

At Boston, we arrived and came to anchor off the Navy Yard about 2 O'clock, I went on shore with the Stewards to market set foot on the old Bay State about 8 bells I was ordered to prepare to go in the gig as I belong to the Boston of the ship about 2 bells we carried the captain to the yard returned about 12 bells the afternoon was spent in going to and from the Billy cow. Thomas Taylor Fred Myrick

Sat March 28th

At Boston, went on shore toul out on Rock about 2 bells a fog came alongside we up anchor and was tied along side of the docks all hands were muster with bags and hammocks and Marchd aboard of the Ohio where we arrived about 12 O'clock, this Saturday March 28th 1868 so end my first trip at sea.

Sun March 29th

On board the Ohio my first time on board of a Receiving Ship or Gaudo as they are call by the men here we meet with all Kind's and all classes of men we had divine services on board our First Story came on board and related the command to treat as well several of us went on board of our ships and returned in the evening.
Monday, March 30th

On board the "Ohio," wrote to my aunt, all well.

Two March 31st.

Heard from my aunt in the afternoon she with her brother came on board.

Went April 1st.

On board the "Ganges," our fleet came on board to dry, and got liberty for us for fourteen days (14). Rejoining among us, we were soon ready for the shore so the vessel is now off the Boston.

May 19th.

All hands of us reported on board of the "Ganges," all well now again for prison life. I remained on board of the "Ohio," until the 22nd when all hands went on liberty for 24 hours.

We April 24th.

We returned on board this morning, all right we remained on board until Three 30th when we all hands got liberty for four days.

Free May 2nd.

We returned on board this morning, where we remained until the 17th, but when we again got ten days liberty, all hands went aboard. I returned on board May 27th.

I returned with a severe cold and headache went on the sick list, while on liberty.

visited Nantucket, met Miss E. M. B. also had quite a good time in Boston and vicinity, saw many of my acquaintances. I remained on board of the "Ganges." until the 29th when the British took over and I was sent to the Hospital (Chelsea). Arrived at the Hospital on the 29th where I remained until the 14th of May, while there sick. Being taken good care of by the surgeons. For and Gilbert. Also the steward and messmen were very kind to me, and when I was going to leave they insisted on my remaining, but I have spent a very long time on shore and now desires to be about one more, there is nothing like the whistling wind and the dashing waves on the bounding billows, bearing its precious treasure to the shores of some distant clime, while at the Hospital I acted as a nurse. There were two of my patients died whose names are respectfully Henry Burrows of Robinsonton, Canada, west, and Louis B. Hoagland, Brooklyn, N. Y., both were buried in the grave yard attached to the Hospital. I had the privilege of going out whenever I had my mind to, and frequently spent the evenings at Boston. A friend would occasionally