Journal of W. B. Gould
Cruise in the U.S.
Frigate, Niagara.
Commencing
Oct 13th 1867.
Tuesday, October the 13th, 1863.

I was today discharged from the Hospital at Chelsea, where I have been since the 29th of May, 1863, to the Receiving Ship “Chic” and again transferred to the Steam Frigate “Chagard” and went on board, and reported, then went ashore and spent the night.

Thursday, Oct. 14th.

Drew on board of the “Chagard” at 8 o’clock, then went on board of the “Chic” and signed accounts. The crew were then sent on board of the “Chagard.” At ten o’clock, the “Chagard” went in commission under the command of Commodore Thomas F. Cranor, we then hauled out in the stream and anchored off South Boston. A part of the crew of the Submarine came on board Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Off South Boston. Received on board our ammunition, all hands were mustered this evening and were
Friday, Oct. 16th
Off South Boston. Morning very foggy. commenced raining at four bells. P.M. all of the crew of the Sabine came in.

Saturday, Oct. 17th
Off South Boston. raining very hard this morning. commenced preparation for seal got under way at four bells, and steamed down the bay. Nine and a half hours off Gloucester we called with a schooner and carried away our steering-sail Board. The ship rode very heavy came to anchor of Gloucester, there was a great up-heaving among the crew.

Sunday, Oct. 18th
At anchor of Gloucester. Holy Hob. dinner for the first time. We Mustered at four bells
A very fine day late this evening again heard heavy firing seaward.
Wednesday, Oct. 21st.

At anchorage off Gloucester. All day morning very foggy. A number of visitors came aboard this evening the Commodore and several gentlemen went on a fishing excursion. We take aboard wood for sea to day, about 7 P.M. Two boys were brought up to the mast for fighting, they both were put on extra duty for punishment.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd.

At anchorage off Gloucester. A very fine day, at two bells we loosed sail. I received a letter from S.W.R. at 4 bells we furled sails. A number of visitors came aboard to day this morning. A man that deserted the day that the Ship went into commission returned. A man that deserted from the Army and ship in the Navy was re-claimed by the Provost Marshall. Yesterday the Steward went ashore but failing to return he was reported as a deserter at three bells 5:30. All hands were called to quarters with a letter to S.W.R.

Friday, Oct. 23rd.

At anchorage off Gloucester. Day very fine. At four bells called to quarters, stationed at the foot of short to pass empty powder boxes to day a man that was caught stealing was locked up in his hammock for three nights. Then he was made to walk up and down the deck with a bag tied around him with a flag card attached with the word thief upon it. All hands put down for clothing at three bells all hands called to quarters mailed my letters to S.W.R. A great many visitors came on board to day. We shipped two recruits the company went fishing latter in the evening.

Saturday, Oct. 24th.

At anchorage off Gloucester. Morning cloudy. Called to quarters at four bells. It commenced raining at 7 bells A.M. and continued all day. I commenced to study French in company with C. Ross.
Sunday, Oct. 25th.

At anchor off Gloucester. It rained all night and cleared off this morning quite cold. All hands called to muster at 4 bells A.M. quaters at 5 bells P.M. colder this evening received a letter from Lt. This evening we had music for the benefit of the men.

Monday, Oct. 26th.

At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very cold. Thermometer down to (33) degrees. Quaters at 5 bells. A.M. several visites came on board to day. quaters at 5 bells, received a letter from A.M. Joe also one from Lt. S containing the good news that I drew a ticket at Chelsea which I took a chance for before I left the hospital. very cold all day. write a letter to Joe and one to Smith.

Tuesday, Oct. 27th.

At anchor off Gloucester. very cold all day. our Paymaster and first A.D. Surgeon left to day for Boston, they served out clothing to the men. quaters at 3 bells A.M. and 3 bells P.M. Our first Lieutenant's wife came on board this evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 28th.

At anchor off Gloucester. still very cold. quaters at 3 bells. A.M. two of our ensigns went away on liberty this evening. A new ensign joined the ship. we heard that we are to return to Boston, to remove some of our guns. quaters at 3 bells P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 29th.

At anchor off Gloucester. this morning more moderate. quaters at three bells exercise in extinguishing fire. shifted one recruit to day. Received a letter from Lt. S, the commodore and surgeon went ashore to dine. A number of ladies came on board our Paymaster and asked surgeon related the dog went. A picture to Lt. K. quaters at 3 bells P.M.

Friday, Oct. 30th.

At anchor off Gloucester. quite moderate, little cloudy. quaters at 3 bells A.M. A schooner arrived.
At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very foggy. Quarters at 3 bells A.M. A general overhauling of bags, and marking clothing put down for small stores. To day our hospital store was discharged for incompetency, another was appointed in his place. Three men were sent to the hospital in for left for Boston. Quarters at 3 bells A.M. our master arrived to day. This evening about 8 1/2 o'clock the schooner Ann was run into us she struck us on our starboard quarter and lost her jibboom. No damage to us.

At anchor off Gloucester. This morning clear and cold. To day there was a fleet of about 600 vessels, and fifty sail in the bay. Inspection at four bells, quarters at 9 bells P.M. this morning our steam conducted to the Ward Room by Engineer Burnet.

Monday, Nov. 2nd

At anchor off Gloucester. Quiting cold. Quarters at four bells. We shifted our men to day duty. Return of our Surgeon and Chief Engineer, quarters at three bells. Our Chaplain sent aboard his baggage this evening. Received a letter from B. M. R. mailed a letter to J. Jackson of Boston. Letter slowly:

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

At anchor off Gloucester, raining very hard the morning cleared off about 8 bells A.M. quarters at 4 bells A.M. Received a letter from B. M. T. we shifted our Landsmen. We received orders to return to Boston. Arrival of the Pilot to take up off quarters at 3 bells P.M.

Wednesday, Nov. 4th

At anchor off Gloucester. Day very fine. Received a letter from New Orleans quarters at 3 bells. A number of visitors came on board to say quarters at 3 bells P.M.

Thursday, Nov. 5th

At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very fine. Five quarters at three bells. Workmen on