Thur. June 28th

Thur. June 29th
Running up Channel quite hazy. About 7 bells. We came to Anchor off Deal. I went ashore. We bought a North Sea Pilot about 8 bells. A.M. about 9 bells. We returned on board.

Fri. June 30th
Off Deal, all hands were called about 4 bells. Bent sheet chains about 2 bells, we up and off and sailed across the sea for the Scheldt. Made sail about 4 bells. Making about 10. Made shorten sail about 5 bells. 6 M. arrived at Flushing at 6 bells. We received a Mail. I received a letter from T.D. Anwere.

Sat. July 1st
At Flushing. Raining and blowing all day. Served out clothing. The ship presents the appearance of a Tailors Shop, as she do on every day that clothing is served out.

Mon. July 3rd
At Flushing, very fine day. At having calmed down, we had Prayers at 10. Obled and inspection of Divine Service. At 10 A.M. Obled. We received a Mail. I received a letter from my Sister and those papers from T.D. All well at home. Heard of many deaths among my People. Heard of the Marriage of Mrs. A.E.B. of Dr. Coote.

Mon. July 4th
At Flushing, very fine day. Exercising Boat wrote to my Sister, and J.K. B. and to G.T.M. We received a Mail from the State.

Tues. July 5th
At Flushing, fine day. This being the 4th. anniversary of the United States, we celebrated the day by dressing the Ship, and firing A Praytical Salute at 8. Obled am. 12. Obled M. and sunset. The Council gave a dinner to which our Officers were invited.
July 6th
At Flushing, very warm, much warmer than we have felt it this season.

July 7th
At Flushing, rainy and warm. A little unwell. Yesterday we received news of the departure of Admiral Goldsborough, we have not yet heard from him.

July 8th
At Flushing, fine day. Nothing of importance going on. Exercising boats.

July 9th
At Flushing, fine day. Quarters and inspection at 10. Breakfast, and Divine service at 10.30.

July 10th
At Flushing, fine day. Received a letter from Cousin A. H. all well, visited Middleburg.

July 11th
At Flushing, rainy and cool. We are fairly looking for the Colorado. Had some but do not believe them urgent, wrote to Dr. Penn we see that the Rebels are being pardoned very fast and that quiet will soon reign throughout the states. Heard of the sailing of the Rebel ship, Rappahannock, from Baltimore.

July 12th
At Flushing, cloudy and cool. O. S. why do you not write? Our men are having liberty on a small scale.

July 13th
At Flushing, raining, but it 62°F. nothing of importance going on, fine weather.

July 14th
At Flushing, quite warm. We are daily exercising, sails, and boats.

July 15th
At Flushing, very warm. The time passes very heavily. Here in this ancient country.

July 16th
At Flushing. Inspection at 10.30. Divine service at 10.30. We were visited by an excursion party from Antwerp, among them was Mr. and Mrs. Gillies, quite well. They had a band of music with them.

July 17th
At Flushing. Last night we had very heavy thunder showers and to day have been the hottest day of the year. In the evening we had thunder showers about 5 o'clock. It seems as if the 3rd. showing signals, and to our great joy it proved to be the U.S. Frigate ‘Colorado’. She sailed from New York.
June 21st. She touched at Halifax N.S. and Fagul. Mat. 1st, and arrived here at 6 o'clock in advance of the Fagul. Oh! for the news for our return to the States.

Tues., July 16th.
At Flushing, morning. Raining cleared off about 11 o'clock. Boosed sail at. This morning. Two fleets joined this ship. Messrs. Bache and Batchelor, the "Foulie" sailed for Anvers for sundays's sail about 3 o'clock. About 5 1/2 o'clock, the "Norfolk" was reported coming in. About 6 1/2 o'clock we saluted the Admiral. He returned the salute. The Fagul came in and anchored close to us. She saluted the Fort. There was great crowds on the Quay, she brought us a mail, but none for me.

Thurs., July 19th.
At Flushing, scrubbed hammocks. We received a mail from the States. I received a belt, from E.W.R. also one from sister. All quite well at home. They say that the spotted fever is very fatal there and that many are dying.

Thurs., July 26th.
At Flushing. Rainy. Boosed sail about 5 bells, we had inspection at 4 bells. Divine service at 5 bells. Foulnd sail at 7 bells. We heard that soon we are to be off for the States. Write to E.W.R.

Mon., July 27th.
At Flushing. Rainy. Departure of the Admiral for Anvers. Also several of our Officers sends. A letter for Anvers, and received one from S.S.
Tues. July, 25th
At Flushing, fine day we hope soon to be on our way home. Boating ship.

Wed. July, 26th
At Flushing, fine day. Coaling ship, about 7 bells the “Warrior” arrived some of our Officers returned from Antwerp.

Thurs. July, 27th
At Flushing, fine day, we are daily expecting to sail for the states. We received a letter from the states, heard of the burning of Bannin’s Museum.

Fri. July, 28th
At Flushing, fine day, nothing of importance, go on head of the sale of the Georgina (our fire) for the sum of $4,000, what a price.

Sat. July, 29th
At Flushing, blowing quite hard all day. Receive a letter from Anvers. wrote to US. return of the Admiral.

Sun. July, 30th
At Flushing. Blowing quite fresh, we had quarter and inspection about 4 bells. Server served about 5 bells. about 7 bells, the Admiral signalled.

As was to be off, we were soon all confusion and excitement. Startled fires brought to on the Cable immediately thus everything stood until about 6 bells when the welcome cry from the Boatmen Master of All Hands, Up Anchor for Home, and soon the shrill sound of the Boatmen’s Piper with the sharp notes of the fife, and the stamp of the iron and clanking of the Eskrent all told that we were soon to be plowing the deep Blue Sea. On our homeway, course, we passed behind about 6 bells 6’ M. and bid adieu to the Scheldt.

Mon. July, 31st
This morning at sun rise, we entered the Strait of Dover, we kept steering, and attempt to beat down the Channel but after making one or two tacks did not gain any. About ship and stood up to the Downs, where we anchored off Deal, the Commodore, and several of the Officers went ashore. I was on shore in the evening, returned aboard about 8 O’clock. Raining alternately all day.

Tues. Aug. 1st
Off Deal, blowing quite fresh and cool. About 4 bells, the Commodore returned. We immediately began to up anchor where for we knew not where...