

Tuesday, Dec. 1st / 1863.
Off Gloucester, quaters at 3 bells. served out
lettibry, went ashore and spend the evening
very cold received two papers from Boston.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd

Off Gloucester. A heavy Gale. blowing nearly all day.
quaters at 3 bells A.M. and 1 bell P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd

Off Gloucester. quaters at 3 bell A.M. Shipped two
men. and two deserted

Friday, Dec. 4th

Off Gloucester. fine day. arrest the two men
who deserted yesterday. received a letter from Ad. Jones.

Saturday, Dec. 5th

Off Gloucester. Shipped one man with home.

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Off Gloucester. very cold. Arveace at 5 bells pay
at 1 bell. our Lieut's Wife dived on board

Monday, Dec. 7th

Off Gloucester. very cold. Received a letter from
C. W. R. maid a letter for home.

Tuesday, Dec. 8th

Off Gloucester. one man deserted last night
with bag and Hammock. shipped one man. spent
the evening ashore

Wednesday, Dec. 9th

Off Gloucester. very windy and cold. Received a letter
from Boston. shipped one man.

Thursday, Dec. 10th

Off Gloucester. very cold. the Thermometer fell to 6 Deg.
above zero. went on shore. heard of the capture of
the steamer Chesapeake by rebel gunniners. of Cape
cod. on the night of the 6th inst

Friday, Dec. 11th

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

Saturday, Dec. 12th

Steering 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

Topsails at five bells. land reported on our port bow. we made it out to be Seal Island under close reefed Topsails. stood off to the west.

Sunday, Dec. 13th

changed our course again to the Eastward with all sail set. making nine knots. all hands called to shorten sail at five bells. Land reported at six bells. ran in under ~~steer~~ and came to anchor of ^{Pubnico} Palmico. Pilots came on board reported. A steamer left there three days before we arrive. sent a boat ashore. which returned without any tidings of the Pirates. very cloudy. and windy.

Monday Dec. 14th.

Off. ^{Pubnico} Palmico. blowing very hard from the south west. several visitors come on board. quite foggy fog cleared away about 9 bells P.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th

Off. ^{Pubnico} Palmico. blowing a heavy gale from S.W. two anchors down. yesterday. A Court Martial convened to try two men for desertion. the Court adjourned sine die. at 4 o'clock. I was put on

watch for two hours from 8 to 10 P.M. for punishment. for sewing in the Pantry.

Wednesday, Dec. 16th

Off. Palmico. blowing very hard from N.W. freezing all day. this evening a schooner came in from sea under close reefed sail

Thursday, Dec. 17th

Off. Palmico. very cold the sea is less boisterous sent a boat ashore at 6 bells. returned at 8 bells reported that the Chesapeake is being blockaded. up the Schave River. by one of our Gun Boats we got up anchor at 1 bell. and started for the Schave River. making 9 knots. after night we reduced our speed to five knots.

Friday, Dec 18th

We anchored off the Schave River. at 2 bells morning watch. snowing very hard until nine o'clock. sent a boat ashore to make enquires the boat returned with the tidings that the Chesapeake came in here on Tuesday night and left Wednesday morning. also that a

gun boat came in on Thursday morning and
sailed Thursday night. blowing verry hard all day
we have two anchors down. they reported that the
Cheasepeak. took in wood and shiped some
men at 9 o'clock more moderate.

Saturday. Dec. 19th

off. I have called all hands at 8 bells ^{a.m.} got up anchor
and started at 7 bells for Halifax. ship
rooling verry badly about four bells passed a
schooner with fore-topmast carried away took
A Pilot at 7 bells came to anchor in the
Harbor. off the city. at 9 bells we found in the
Harbor. the Decotah. Ella. S. Anna. Cherokee.
Ceres. also the Cheasepeak. she was captured by
the Ella. S. 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 Cheasepeak. 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 a boat
with five men passed around the ship. abusing us
for every thing they could utter. the Commodore went
on shore ^{and returned} highly pleased with his visit to the
Governor in regard to the Cheasepeak. the statement
of the arrest of twelve of the Pirates was ironical
only three were arrested on board of the steamer
there were twelve on shore at Sambro. the Author-
ities. issued a warrent for their arrest and three
Policemen were sent down to arrest them. but
they being armed. frightened 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.

weighed anchor, and started from Halifax at
7th O'clock, for New York. we discharged the Pilot at
8th O'clock. snowing at the time quite hard. at
6 bells, afternoon. all hands were called to make
sail. the wind being in our favor snowed all
day and night. Making 9th knots. very cold
Monday, Dec. 21st

While on the eastern end of St. George Shoals
we fell in with a schooner. Water logged and
abandoned. her mainmast was carried away close
by the deck. Foremast standing with shreds of
the jib hanging to the stay. she appeared to
have had a deck load of lumber, about 1 hour
after passing the wreck we saw a Brig to the
Seward. 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 Light. and
crossed the Bar: at 7 bells, came to anchor off the

Citty at 4 bells. A.M. there was in port two Italian
ships. one Russian. one French. our Commodore
went ashore for orders. Arrived Ship, one Master
Mate ordered to the Decatur. received a mail the
first in thirteen days received a letter from Boston
mailed a letter to C.W. St. we saluted the Admiral of
the Guard, with Fifteen guns. very cold freezing all
day.

Thursday, Dec. 24th

New York. very cold. Large masses of Ice floating
down the River. received a letter from Giles. mailed
a letter from Boston. our Lieut. Pele dined aboard
Departure of the Russian. Frigate

Friday, Dec. 25th

New York. more mild. Christmas day. but
no enjoyment 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 ~~and~~
~~at the~~ ~~Departure~~ ~~from~~ Halifax.

New York Monday, Dec 28th 1863
raining all day. received A paper from A. C. Jones. Mailed A letter to S. W. P. still at anchor of the Battery.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th

New York. A very fine day loosed sails this morning one of our men by the name of Rollins 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 A. C. Jones. we heard of an accident which happened to the Station. Iron clad Frigate Re. De Stalia. she ran ashore near the Highlands. we received orders to go to her assistance.

Wednesday Dec. 30th

We coald ship all night. and got under way about 4 bells. and started for the scene of the disaster. Before we left we sent all of our sick to the Hospital. some thirty in

number. when we got as far out as the Charon we met the Re. De Stalia. coming in. in tow of three steam Tugs. 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 8 bells it commenced snowing quite hard it snowed and rained alternately all day and night we coald until 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 furiously 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. the 1st 1864

To day the first day of the new year (1864) the morning quite foggy. it cleared off about 10 O'clock. growing colder. about Eleven. O'clock. orders came