

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Off. New Inlet. cruised around as usual. sent one of the Refuges to the "Maratona" and the other two to Beaufort. 5 O'clock. P.M. got under way. ran in close to the land. Anchored for the night.

Mon. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Off. New Inlet. cruised as usual. about 8 O'clock A sail appaid. we ran out to hear A Morter Schooner. for this station. about 4 O'clock. the supply steamer "Blackstone" arrived. after delivering our stores she sailed for the south.

Tues. Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>

off. New Inlet. got under way about 2 bells. stood up the Coast. about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock. we picked up A Boat containing six men. they came out from Mansonbow. about 12 O'clock. we spoke the "Penobscott" sent three of the men on board. we returned to our station came to anchor about. 4 O'clock

Wens. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

Off. New Inlet. at Anchor all day. verry rough. ship rocking heavily all day. verry cloudy.

Thurs. Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Off. New Inlet. got under way at 2 bells. cruised up the Coast. about. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock. A sail reported. we overhauled. her. A Morter schooner. from. Hampton.

Roads. for this station, we returned to our station about about 5 O'clock, P.M.

Fri. Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, about 6 bells. A sail was reported, the "Daylight" from Beaufort, sent the other three. Men on board of her, about 4 bells another sail, ran out to her. A schooner, capt. Chushing, U.S.C. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

off New Inlet, cruised as usual. The "Genesee" arrived about 3 1/2 O'clock, from Beaufort, about 6 O'clock we ran close in shore and anchored for the night.

Sun. Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, we cruised up the coast, about 7 O'clock made at sail stood for it, the "Leetah" from Beaufort. Act Ensign J. Frances, came passenger in her. he came on board and reported for duty, we received orders to get to Beaufort, we sailed immediately, about 5 O'clock we took a Pilot and by 6 1/2 O'clock, we anchored in Beaufort harbor we passed the "Montauk," ashore, the Gun Boat "Miami" and Transport, "Thomas Keiborn," assisting to get her off, we found in port, the "Basard."

"James Adger," and "Columbia"

Mon. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, began to coal ship, very cold and strong winds from the westward, arrival of the "Victorian"

Tues. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, coaling ship, we began to take out the cargo of the Brice schooner, "J. C. Piker," and we are to send it north in another vessel, the "Columbia," sailed for New Inlet.

Wens. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, coaling, until about 9 O'clock, when we finished took in sea stores.

Thurs. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, taking in stores, fine day, I spent a part of the day ashore.

Fri. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, about 7 1/2 O'clock, we up anchor, and stood out for sea, about 8 1/2 O'clock, spotted the "Rhode Island," sent a Boat to her, about 9 bells spotted the "Benobscott" sent her mail, about 2 bells spotted the "Columbia," sent her mail, came to anchor off New Inlet, about 6 bells P.M.

Sat. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>

off New Inlet, we got under way, at 2 bells cruised along the coast, about 1 bell, spotted the "Genesee," about 2 bells, the Capt. of the "Daylight" came on board raining

and. Blowing verry hard sea verry rough

Sun. Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

Off New-Inlet about 7 bells. we got under way ran down to the shoals. came to anchor, sent three of the Montecella's crew, around to her by Motor schooner No. 7. These Men had been on an Expedition with Capt Chushing, to Lockwoods Folly Inlet, in which they captured (90) Muskets, after engaging and driving off the Rebs. they intended to have burnt two schooners that was up there. but, on account of the Rebs having the advantage of ambushing his small force he returned, with a loss of two Men wounded we up anchor about 5 bells. ran down to our station came to anchor for the night

Mon. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. anchored about six bells. all day we could see a large number of Mill men. at work upon the Batteries 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. Ensign M'Glenny, to put down some Bouys, in the Chavel. Boat returned about 2 A.M.

Tues. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet. cruised about until 6 bells. anchored. A leak broke out, in one of the Boilers. we

blowd off steam. to repair the leak. we were obliged to break out the coal in one of the Bunkers. in order to repair the leak. All hand were hard at work all day taking out coal, sent in a Boat, in charge of Act. Ensign. M'Glenny, to put down Bouys, about 1 O'clock we saw signals, answered them. supposed from our Boat

Wens. Jan 14<sup>th</sup>

At Anchor. Off New Inlet. repairing leak. our Boat returned about 4 1/2 O'clock. about 5 bells. A sail was reported. sent the "Genesee" in chase, at 12 O'clock. Fort. Fisher, fired a salute of (13) Guns, about 2 bells. we sent in a Boat, in charge of Act Ensign M'Glenny, to put down some Bouys, and to see if the other Bouys, 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 verry close shooting showed that they knew their work. the "Mount Vernon" returned the fire. The "Genesee" returned from the chase reported the sail to be a sutler's schooner. bound to Port Royal. from New York.

Thurs. Jan. 15.

At Anchor of New Inlet. about 9.45 saw. Rockets, and signal lights along the Beach. we sent out a Boat, on picket duty about 9.

"Penobscott" 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 wreck on fire we hauled off, as we wanted to prevent the Rebs from getting any of her. The Rebels were replying to us all the time from six Rificed field Pieces, which they handled with much skill and accuracy, though they did not hit us once many a shot passed too close to us to be at all agreeable, just as we hauled off, the "Genessee" came up, but our captain sent her and the "Penobscott" down to the Inlet, while we remained and coold off for the Boys. dander was up, The "Columbia" was a very fine Iron steamer Brig Riged, recently captured of Charleston, attempt ing to run the Blockade, she was fitted up as a Blockader, carried a Battery of six 24 lbs. Howitzers, and one 20 lb. Parrott Rifle, the Howitzers were thrown overboard, and the Rifle spilled, so ends the cruise of the "Columbia" in ten days, as a Blockader on the coast of North Carolina, the fault of her going ashore said to be in the Seadoman giving the wrong soundings.

Sun. Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

off Masonboro, we got under way about 7 bells

stood down the coast, came to anchor off New Inlet about 9 1/2 o'clock, at ten we had Inspection and Muster, at anchor all day

Mon. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day, about 8 bells a sail reported, sent the "Penobscott" in chase.

Tues. Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, at anchor, blowing very hard, very heavy sea on, about 11 o'clock, a sail reported, sent the "Genessee" in chase, she sent in the schooner to us, showing English colors, she anchored under our stern, but her cable parted and she went to sea, it being so rough we could not board her

Wens. Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

Off New Inlet, at anchor, raining, and blowing all day, about 2 bells a sail reported, sent the "Penobscott" in chase, about 3 bells P.M. we up anchor, ran in shore anchored for the night.

Thurs. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

Off New Inlet, about 2 bells, we got under way, and ran out to our anchorage where we remained all day, return of the "Genessee" from up the coast, about 7 bells P.M. got under way, ran in shore, anchored for the night.

Fri. Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way, about 1 bell ran up the coast, returned to our anchorage about 7 bells, about.

2 bells, the "Genesee," spoke us, about 6 bells A Boat was reported coming off shore, with A Flag of truce, sent out A Boat to receive the Flag, our Boat returned with the Boat in tow, containing three Refugees, from Wilmington, the boat was one of the "Columbias," about 4 O'clock, A sail was reported, we gave chase, and were soon alongside, the schooner proved to be the "Tine" of and from "hasan," to run the Blockade we took possession of her and put A prize crew on board, and returned to our anchorage about 10 O'clock P.M.

Sat. Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells, cruised until 2 bells, came to anchor, about 4 bells, the "Genesee," spoke us, she took our mail, and the three Refugees, also, Act. Master Mate Chickerson, 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 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Mon. Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way at 4 bells, cruised up the Coast, about 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> O'clock, heard heavy firing from the S.S.M. came to Anchor about 3 bells P.M. about 7 bells, two Boats, in charge of Vet. Ensigns, Small, and M'Glenny, went in to attempt to burn A Brig, that is anchored under the Fort.

Tues. Jan 27<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, about 4 bells, very foggy, about 6 bells Mr M'Glenny, 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 Boiler, about 12 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, heard of the departure of the <sup>fleet for</sup> Iron clad

Wens. Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way about 4 bells, ran out came to anchor about 2 bells saw several vessels bearing S.E. about 6 bells, got under way ran in shore, anchored for the night

Thurs. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day, fine weather, heard of the sailing of the Expedition for Charleston, got under way about 2 bells

ran in shore and anchored for the night

Fri Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells about 8 bells, made a steamer under the land. we beat to Quarters, bore down and sent our respects from our Parrott, when she about ship and stood for us. The U.S. Transport steamer "Guide" loaded with troops for Charleston, put them on their coast about 8 bells P.M. A sail was reported bore down and spoke her, one of the Transports with troops for Port Royal, returned to our anchorage about 8 o'clock.

Sat. Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells about four bells made several sails bound to the southward, sent the "Penobscott" in chase saw a steamer in the River, flying the English collars, we anchored about 8 bells, about 8 bells, P.M. Fort Fisher, fired a salute of 21 guns. Mr McGloney went in on Picket duty.

Sun Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells about 4 bells picked up our Boat, we came to anchor about 2 bells. at 10 o'clock we had an