

cruised all the morning quite foggy, came  
to anchor about 2 bells, light winds, and warm.  
Sat Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells  
cruised as usual, about one bell a sail  
reported, game chase, fog, rise, lost sight of  
the sail, returned to our anchorage.

Sun. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1863

Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, heard of  
an Iron Glad Ram inside.

Mon. March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Off New Inlet, got up anchor about 2 bells  
cruised until 4 bells came to anchor, we re-  
ceived a mail. Received three letters, about  
2 bells a steamer ran the Blockade, in the  
chase we broke our shaft, anchored about  
4 bells, P.M.

Tues. March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

Wens. March 4<sup>th</sup>

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

Thurs. March 5<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, fine day, time very dull we got

Off New Inlet, Fri. March 6<sup>th</sup>

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 stowed (together  
with the 4 fathoms of chain) in the hold.

Sat March 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Sun. March 8<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bell cruised  
until 9 bells, came to anchor, at 4 bells Quarters  
and Service, Read the Articles of War, also the  
Proclamation of Emancipation, very good.

Mon March 9<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, about 9 bells, saw two sails  
but could not give chase, quite pleasant.

Tues. March 10<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, at anchor all day.

Wens. March 11<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet, we got under way about 2 bells  
cruised until 8, came to anchor, sent 8 of  
our men on board of the "Hogouis." Received  
four disable seamen from her, to take notice.

Thurs. March 12<sup>th</sup>

Off New Inlet. got under way about 4 bells. ran down to the shoals anchored about 2 bells. sent 9 men to the "Dacotah" heard that the small fox was at Smithville in returning from the shoals we passed the Transports - "White", "Golden-Gate", and "Clanctucklet" 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 orders from the "Hoguois" and about 4 bells P.M. we set sail for Beaufort. quite cold. wind north east

Fri. March 13<sup>th</sup>

This morning we passed the Transport Island Home, out 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. "Maratanna" and "Daylight" sent the Colored Men to Morehead City. quite cold. strong winds from N.E.

Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>

At Beaufort, quite moderate, about 8 bells the Transport "Ocean Wave" arrived from Port Royal, bringing the news of the destruction of the "Nashville" by the "Montauk." about 4 bells the "Ocean

Wave" sailed for Newberne, about 1 O'clock A.M. we heard heavy cannonading in land. we suppose that the Rebel Genl D.H. Hill, have attacked Genl Foster, as it was known that he was at Kingston, with a large body of troops for that purpose. the work on our shaft was repaired to day, we sat up and stared down rigging, and about 2 bells we up anchor for Hampton Roads. we rounded Cape Fear, about 4 bells P.M.

Sun. March 15<sup>th</sup>

We passed Cape Flatterass, 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 Chespeack Bay about 8 bells M.

Mon. March 16<sup>th</sup>

Chespeack Bay, we got under way about 6 bells A.M. stood up the Bay, passed the Guard ship, "Myatic" at 8 bells, arrived off the Flag ship, "Minnesota" At New Port News, about 4 bells, Capt Parker, went on board the Flag ship and reported to the Admiral. (Lee) our Captain returned about 12 O'clock, about 2 O'clock, 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 expectation of going home. I however escaped the shaft. This Evening we had a Ball on board. they signed their accounts, and all are prepared to leave in the Evening.

Tues. March 17<sup>th</sup>

At New Port News. This Morning the first thing I was called into a Boat. went along side of the "Minnesota" on my return the Transport "Philadelphia" were along side with all the shafted men on board. we bade them good Bye, and they gave us three Cheers, we returned them, and they went on their way, but not rejoicing. The Iron Clad Battery "Keokuk" sailed about the same time for Charleston. Our ship looks desolate now our crew numbers including Marines, Fire men, and Sappers, 48 men. after clearing up ship Officers from the "Minnesota" came on board to inspect the ship, after their departure: A Summary Court Martial convened to try Perkins, and Powers, for deserting to the Enemy. We received orders to go to Baltimore for repairs, and a Pilot came on board for that place, about 5 o'clock, the "Keokuk" returned, having run into a buoy, and got

the Chain entangle around her Propeller. The Pilot of her was put in confinement. I went on board took a good look at her. saw her Commandr. Lieut Com. Rine, Perkins, and Powers, were released from confinement, having been confined in double Irons for six weeks.

Wens. March 18<sup>th</sup>

Off New Port News, quite a gale this morning very thick fog, about 9 o'clock we had Quarters, and Murter, read the sentence of Perkins, and Powers, to the loss of three months pay, to be disgraced from Landsmen, to first class Boys, and to be transported to the "Big Perry." I am now act. steward belong to a Boat, before the mast and whatever there is to be done.

Thurs. March 19<sup>th</sup>

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 sleet, 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 20<sup>th</sup>

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, snowing

very hard all day. wind from N.W.

Sat. March 21<sup>st</sup>

Off New Port News. I have moderated somewhat ceased snowing about 2 bells, went to the Flag ship, brought on board the Prisoners Perkins and Powers.) These charges are incorrect we returned to the Flag ship with Prisoners, then ashore, took a look at the (level, or what do you call it) submarine Battery, cigar shape, that is propelled by a screw, and fires a gun under water, after being submerged, went ashore I received some delicacies from Mrs. H. for which that Lady has my thanks, we saw the sun for the first time in a week. Raining lightly wind from N.W.

Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Off New Port News. Rained all night, and until about 4 bells, this morning when it ceased, went ashore, then to the Flag ship, while there Genl. Burnside, went on board he was saluted on his departure. Coaling ship, we went again to the Flag ship, in coming down the Roads 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 of Old Point about 6 o'clock, we went ashore to carry the Pilot and on our return we found the ship at anchor, and a Tug 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 Hold, and Bend it clear up decks, and turned in about 2 bells, wind from the N.E.

Mon. March 23<sup>rd</sup>

A very fine day, light winds and very heavy swells, fell in with the Brig Elizabeth, of Salem, 101 days from Malta, for New York, eight days out of Provisions, supplied her with Wood, Coal, Bread, Pork, Beef, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Cheese and started on our way about 12 1/2 o'clock, slung clean Hammocks, all hands went through the operation of scrubbing two apiece, we hove the lead about 7 bells found nineteen Fathoms wind light from the N.E.

Tues. March 24<sup>th</sup>

We are able to carry Fore and aft sails, Breeze quite Fresh from N.E. ship brooking heavy, this evening quite foggy made a light (Fire Island) which we took for Montauk, ran along slowly, the wind increases, we are obliged to battle in

sail.

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

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, m. A thick fog coming on we came to anchor in 7 fathoms of water, with 45 fathoms of chain out the ship quite steady, wrote to C. W. B. and to J. S. H. 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.

Thurs. March 26<sup>th</sup>

Off Holmes Hole, we hoisted our Jack for a Pilot one came on board, and we started about 7 bells, for Boston, we set 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, took on board a Boston Pilot about 6 bells, from the Boat Boquet, under full sail, about 2 bells we signalized at Chatham, split topsails were obliged to take it in stood up the Bay.

Fri. March 27<sup>th</sup>

At Boston, we arrived, and came to anchor off the Navy Yard about 2 O'clock. I went ashore 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 all the Boats of the ship, about 2 bells we carried the Captain to the Yard, returned about 12 O'clock the afternoon was spent in going to and from the City, saw, Thomas Taylor, Fred Myrick.

Sat March 28<sup>th</sup>

At Boston, went ashore, took out our powder about 2 bells, a Trug, came alongside, we up anchor and was towed along side of the docks, all hands were mustered with Bags and Hammocks, and marched aboard of the "Ohio" where we arrived about 12 O'clock, this Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 1863, so end my first trip at sea.

Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup>

on board the "Ohio" my first time on board of a Receiving Ship or Gaucos, as they are called by the men, here we meet, with all kinds and all classes of men, we had divine service, on board our Lieut Strong, came on board and requested the commands to treat us well, several of us went on board of our ships, and returned in the evening

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

on board the "Ohio" wrote to my Aunt, all well

Tues March 31<sup>st</sup>

heard from my Aunt, in the afternoon she  
with her daughter, Mary came on board.

Wens. April 1<sup>st</sup>

On board the Gardner, our Lieut came on board today  
and got Liberty, for us for fourteen days, (14), rejoicing  
among us, we were soon ready, for the shore so the  
word is now off to Boston,

Mon. April 13<sup>th</sup>

All Hands of us reported on board of the Gardner, all  
well now again for Prison life I remained on board,  
of the "Ohio" until the 22<sup>nd</sup> when all hands went  
on Liberty for 24 hours.

Fri. April 24<sup>th</sup>

we returned on board this morning, all right we  
remained on board until Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup> when we  
all Hands got Liberty for four days.

Tues. May 9<sup>th</sup>

We returned on board this morning, where we re-  
mained until the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. when we again got  
ten days Liberty, all hands went ashore we  
returned on board Mon May 23<sup>th</sup>

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