

number. when we got as far out as the Narrows we met the Pe. D. 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 along-side and we again commenced coaling. about 8 bells it commenced snowing quite hard it snowed and rained alternately all day and night we coaled 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

for us to transfer all of our crew to the
"Hartford", and for this ship to proceed to the
Navy Yard for some alteration in our Battery.
I was mustered this Evening among the other
crew but was ordered to remain with the ship
one man received some severe injuries by
one of the Capstan bars flying out and
striking him, another fell down a scuttle
and broke some of his ribs, and another
deserted from one of the boats.

Saturday, Jan. the 2nd / 64.

This is decidedly the coldest day of the season.
The Thermometer fell to 8 Degrees above zero.
A part of the North River was frozen over
Ice very plentiful in the River. This morning
the Powder boat came along side and we
proceed to discharge our Powder. we finished
discharging our Powder and at 5 bells we
weighed anchor, to proceed to the Navy Yard.
but the wind being so unfavorable and
after several attempts to get the ship round

failed we were obliged to come to anchor again
in the same place. it is a shame to the country
that we laying in the Harbor of New York and
have been three days without a mail. such is the
regulation of uncle Sam to his children. Oh for
A mail. A mail. A Kingdom for A mail
Sunday, Jan. 3rd

Last night we received orders to transfer a
part of our crew to the "Hartford". This morning
I was told to get ready to be transferred to day. then
after I got all ready, then they said they would
not send me, two hundred and fifty (250) of
our crew were transferred to the "Hartford" out
of nine bays in the Ward Room. Six (6) were
sent away. Two Steamers came along side at
7 bells. The Men were mustered, then transferred
to the Steamers, and left for the "Hartford".
after the departure of the men, three Tugs
came along side, we weighed anchor and once
more attempted to get into the yard, with more
success than yesterday, we succeeded in getting

up to the yard but got aground about fifty
yards from the warf. The Italian Frigate
"Re De Italia", also came up to the yard to
go into the Dry Dock. Mailed a letter to C. W. P.

Monday, Jan. 4th

This morning all hands were called at 2 o'clock
it being high water, and succeeded in getting along-
side the warf we discharged our shot and
shells at 4 o'clock. P.M. workmen came on
board and commenced work clearing away to take
out the eleven inch guns. I went ashore in
Brooklyn, and called on Mrs Culbreth. on my
return I found that eight of our crew that
was transferred, were returned, among them five of
the Ward Room Boys, write a letter to J. C.

Tuesday, Jan. 5th

Snowed all day, commenced to take out our
guns, write a letter home, departure of the "Hastford"

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Brooklyn Navy Yard very cold given charge
of the Pine Mess. Ward Room.

Thursday, Jan. 7th

At Brooklyn Navy yard, taking out guns, while
removing one of our guns this morning one of the
straps gave way and the gun fell and struck
one of the workmen belonging to the yard, and
injured him so severely that he died in two
hours after, mailed a letter to C. W. P. about
two bells, it commenced snowing.

Friday, Jan. 8th

It snowed all night this morning, the snow was
three inches deep, went ashore, called on Mrs Culbreth
and Mrs. Hoagland, write home two men deserted

Saturday, Jan. 9th

At the Navy yard, very cold, busy taking out guns
one man deserted.

Sunday, Jan. 10th

At the Navy yard, write one letter to Boston
and one to New Bedford, indulge all day in
thoughts of those far away and sigh for a
letter. I hope some kind friend will send
me one

Monday, Jan. 11th

To day we finished tacking out our guns and shot and shell. the Carpenters are buisey preparing us for sea. Received a letter from J. M. answerd it also wrote one to C. W. R. to day more moderate than it have been for several days.

Tuesday, Jan 12th

The workmen are buisey engaged on the ship. we sent a draft of twelve men to the Guardo to day and received fifty repentant Rebels in return. they all have taken the oath of allegiance and now will fight for unche sam had an interview with Mr. Jeff. heard of the arrival of Mr C. S. Baldwin. write to Mr. C. Mallett. they commenced corking the Decks.

Wednesday, Jan 13th

A very fine day. they buisey at work getting us ready for sea.

Thursday, Jan. 14th

Still buisey at work. hurrying us up for sea. I received a letter from C. W. R. one from C. J. and one from Aunt. Sweet ashore ^{wrote to C. W. R.}

Friday, Jan. 15th

Raining. this morning received a letter from C. M. went ashore. visited Mrs. A. E. H. write to C. J.

Saturday, Jan. 16th

Very fine day. received a letter from C. W. R. also one from J. M. went ashore in afternoon. served out Grog Money. we received \$400 all round.

Sunday, Jan 17th

In afternoon went ashore to the Howard House. saw Benjamin Grier and William M. Lauren. went to Flett st M. E. Church in company with Mrs. A. E. H. saw in church M. E. W. much to my surprize. arrival of the Vanderbilt at the yard

Monday, Jan 18th

very wet went ashore to New York. calld on Mrs

A. E. H. and went in company with her to Mrs. W.
heard from home. arrival of Ensign Harrington.

Tuesday Jan 19th

Received a letter from Boston. Shipped a new
Master at Arms wrote to G. W. P.

Wednesday Jan 20th

To day all were stationed at their guns.
received a letter from C. W. P. Shipped a new
steward. also a Ward Room Boy, wrote to C. W. P.

Thursday Jan 21st

Received a letter from H. L. Bissar. went ashore
to Mr. L. visited Mrs. L. we commenced taking in
Coal. and stores. H. L. B. co. A. 5th Regmt. Mass Cavalry.

Friday Jan. 22nd

taking in stores all day. wrote to H. L. B. also
to J. M. our new steward came on board and
reported for duty.

Saturday Jan 23rd

Taking in stores all day. went ashore in
the afternoon. saw Abram Davis. of Wilming-
ton. now of the U. S. S. Vanderbilt.

Sunday Jan 24th

Still at the yard. A very fine day. Off for a walk
ashore.

Monday Jan 25th

Taking in stores all day. afternoon went ashore
visited Mrs. L. staid ashore all night. read a letter
from Aunt Elsie.

Tuesday Jan 26th

taking in stores all day. and replacing shots in
our lockers received a letter from H. L. B.

Wednesday Jan 27th

Taking in stores. and staid. went ashore heard from
home through. M. E. L. heard that S. Spicer was on board of
the Colorado.

Thursday 28th

commenced coaling. the workmen hard at work
fitting us out for sea 1st asst. Surgeon. Pills detached.

Friday Jan 29th

weather very fine coaling. received a letter from
Cousin M. G. J. mailed a letter from C. W. P. and one to
H. L. B.

Saturday Jan. 30th

Raining all day went ashore in afternoon.

Sunday Jan 31st

This Morning Dr. Abbott. arrived relieving Dr Wells. Visited New York raining all day.

Monday February 1st

Received A letter from A.A.J. raining very hard all day went on shore in afternoon. remained all night

Tuesday Feb. 2nd

This morning I arose by the sound of the morning gun. and returned on board. received a letter from A.A.J. A very fine day.

Wednesday Feb. 3rd

Received A letter from C.W.R. they buisess at work painting and coaling ship.

Thursday Feb. 4.

To day after finishing coaling. we hauled out from the warf and let the Sloop of War. Brooklyn haul into the warf went ashore in the afternoon ship'd A new Hospital steward.