

of two months pay mail A letter to C. W. P.

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Still very buisey at work upon us. and A general bustle among the Officers, getting ready for sea. last night in the Mid Watch. A Man by the name of George Williams, attempted to desert. by swimming to A Brig lying close to us. but he was discovered and brought back. I went ashore in the afternoon. went up to the Chaplains House. got his things sent them on board. I remained on shore all night. visited. A. S. H. also M. C. S.

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

after going to our Provision dealer and getting all our Fresh stores I returned on board and found them very buisey some bending sails. and some unmooring ship. also the carpenters had completed their job. on yesterday. now begins A great confusion Officers, coming on board with A great deal of Baggage. some moving up into their new Rooms. not waiting for the W. Holsters and Painters to

finish their work. about eleven we found that  
A part of our stores were not on board. here  
was trouble. however it was soon overcome  
then A draft of men came for us. all all  
the men having less than three months  
to serve were transferred to the North-  
Carolina. among them was Charles E.  
Boys. and Charles H. Scott. Ward Room  
servants. and Hutcheson. Allen. Ward-  
Room. Cook. here we was left without a  
Cook. but I attempted to get the dinner  
ready. amid the greatest confusion imag-  
inable. by three o'clock. all our stores  
arrived. and the Pilot being already on  
board. the shrill notes of the Fife. and  
the regular tramp of the Men. together  
with the clank of the Capstan. all told  
that we were soon to feel the motion  
of the swelling sea. our anchor being  
weighd. and cated we steamed out. discharge  
our Pilot and before dark. we were out-

side of Sandy Hook. to night feeling very tired  
from my new occupation that I must leave  
off. hoping that on the morrow will bring some  
one to fill the place made vacant by the trans-  
fer of H. Allen. Mailed A letter to C. W. P. and one  
to A. E. H.

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

A very fine day. ship very steady. steering E. S. E. sent  
up. Legallant and Royal yards. set. Legallant-sails  
passd several sails

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

still very fine. set Royals. passd several sails. find  
it quite hot cooking. to day A Summary Court-  
Martial convened to try George Williams. for Desertion

Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Holy-stoned Deck. also had a regular drill at  
the Guns passd several sails but did not speak them

Sunday. June 5<sup>th</sup>

At Daylight A sail was in sight we gave chase  
she did not notice us. but kept steady on her course  
when about three miles from her we fired at

blank cartridge when she showed her collars and we stood off. she was one of the English Mail steamers. we also spoke and boarded the English schooner "Empire" of and from Bermuda for New York. two weeks out. reported the Rebel steamer "Florida" at Bermuda. when the Empire left. we had quarters at ten. then mustered to hear the sentence of George Williams. for desertion which was thirty days double Irons. solitary confinement on bread and water. except on every seventh day. then he was to have full rations. with the loss of three months pay. we have prayers every evening at sun set.

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Very foggy. last night out down Royal Roads ship. Hoisting. cruising on the grand Banks quite cool. all the Divisions putting down for clothing.

Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Still quite cool. cruising to the eastward saw two sails but did not speak neither of them Henry

Belt was put into the Brig for refusing to do duty.  
Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Still cruising to the eastward. quite cool all night at daylight saw a sail ran for it spoke and boarded her. A Fishing schooner. three days out from Boston made a Brig ran down and spoke her. A fisherman of Halifax. at 7 bells. all hands called to Reeve Topsails chasing a schooner. A fisherman served out fishing lines to the men which looks very much like having some fresh fish.

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>

at daylight a sail in sight ran down and spoke her a fisherman. made another sail. ran for it a fisherman at anchor. boarded him. and procured a large lot of Fish. enough for all hands. we are now on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. among a fleet of Fisherman's we can see from six to eight at any time. at 5 bells. P.M. all hands were called to Reef. Topsails. steering N.W. by E. blowing quite fresh. and quite cool. for June we have not been able to find out where we are going.

Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>

Cruising on the banks. blowing a gale. and very foggy quite rough the ship pitching very much. coursing under. Fore staysail. Foresail Fore and Main Taysails. Fore and Main Topsails. double Reefed steering W.N.W. I find it quite hard cooking. when the ship is pitching. we had to day fish chowder for all hands

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Still blowing quite fresh. ship pitching heavily. carrying sail as yesterday except our Topsails are close reefed. last night. A seaman. by the name of Antonia. Arletta. fell out of his hammock. and died soon after. he had been sick for a day or two. he was buried to day at 11 o'clock. in the usual mode of Burial at sea. I feel quite unwell this evening

Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>

This morning I am sick so as to be obliged to leave off cooking. violent pains in my head. and a severe cough. also a rising on my left thumb which pains me very

severe we cross the Banks. this morning. and find the ship a great deal steadier than she have been for the last three days. we had quarters to day. then seaward. in the evening change our course again for the Banks. it seems that we are to cruise around here for some purpose or other. that we know not of.

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>

Still very unwell. went on the sick list. they served out cloathing. ship pitching very heavily. shipping seas quite freely. have not eaten anything for two days

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>

still on the sick list. feel a little better ship pitching heavily shipping seas all day. under sail alone making from twelve to fifteen knots. feel a little better.

Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Still blowing very fresh. under sail alone spoke a schooner bound for Liverpool. also spoke at 1 o'clock. the ship Empire State. of and

from New York for Liverpool twelve days  
out. all well. reports our Army nearer Rich-  
mond. than when we sailed. I feel much  
better expects to go to work to morrow.

Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Quite cool for June still steering to the  
Eastward. saw A Barge. kept her compa-  
ny all day, but did not speak her. I went to  
work to day in the Ward Room the Officers  
very glad at my return. they overhaul all  
the Boat. and the two Launches. got up  
awning. and all other things requisite  
for them. we all believe that we are on  
A cruise to some Foreign Port.

Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Weather quite fine. we shook out the Reef  
from our Top sails. and set. Logallant-  
sails. during the day several Vessels were  
in sight but we did not speak any. ~~except~~  
A four masted Steamer. passed close to us  
on our port beam. and exchanged signals

steering E. S. E.

Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Blowing A little fresher this morning. furled  
Logallant sails. A bout four bells <sup>and</sup> A sail in  
sight. gave chase spoke at 4 bells P. M. the  
Ship. Lady Russell. of Liverpool. fourteen days  
from Quebec. for Liverpool. all well. in  
the evening. it began to Rain. and A Fog  
set in still steering to the S. E. to day A  
court martial convened to try several persons  
charged with different offences.

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>

The sun rose clear. but by 9 o'clock it had  
clouded up and began to Rain. we had Quater  
at ten then servece ship roofing very heavily.  
signalized the Ship Minnie from Nova Scotia  
for Liverpool. the water has changed from Blue to  
green

Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>

A great deal colder in this part of the world  
than I have been accustomed to. we find  
Overcoats to be quite comfortable all day.

and Blankets. at night. we are now off the coast of Ireland. or at least steering in that direction, served out small stores. and commence making Hats.

June 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

We have changed our coast more to the southward. still quite cool. carrying Degallant sails.

Wednesday June 22.

Bay of Biscay. more moderate. at daylight made at sail. ran down to her but did not speak her. on yesterday. we furled Degallant sails. and took down our Fore Degallant yard. to repair damages. after completing all the necessary repairs. we sent up the yard again. and spread our Degallant sails. to the Beere. saw several sails but did not speak any of them Bearing up for the English Channel. I have been taking lessons. in Hat making. the ship at present looks like a Hat Manufactory. all hands Mark. their clothing. with their name and number. my number. is 44. ships number

Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

The weather is much milder we are standing in for the English channel and leaving the Bay of Biscay. made at sail about 7<sup>1/2</sup> o'clock ran down to her she showed the flag of Holland. also saw a steamer on our Port Beam ~~did~~ carrying full sail gave chase but hauled off.

Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>

Running up the English Channel under sail alone. very light winds. carrying Degallant sails. the crew drill regular each day. in the morning at the guns and ~~evening~~ <sup>afternoon</sup> with small arms. they can handle the guns quite fast. Began drilling the Marines in the Bayonet Exercise made land about 8 bells P.M. on the coast of England. shorten sail. passed two flash light in the mid watch. about 2 bells morning watch passed a Pilot Boat showing French Colours. quite foggy with light rain cleared up about 6 bells. passed a great many sails. about three bells took on board an English Pilot. who brought us the thrice glorious news of the sinking of the "Alabama" by the sloop "Vesage." off Cherbourg.

France, on Sunday June the <sup>19</sup>~~24~~<sup>th</sup>, after a fight of 2  
Hours, all Honor to Capt. Winslow, and his brave crew.  
The "Kerassac" Rescued, 72 of the crew of the "Alabama"  
and an English yacht, (the Deerhound about 40  
including Semms, the commander of the "Alabama"  
the Deerhound landed the men she rescued at cows, the  
"Kerassac" took hers to Cherbourg. We also heard that that  
Sheerman had captured Marietta and advanc-  
ing on Atlanta. Yes we had news up to the  
7<sup>th</sup> of June, from home, the first since we sailed  
Grant, was still striking for Richmond. Although  
we have been disappointed to us in not getting a  
shot at the "Alabama," we are satisfied that she  
is out of the way. We made cape, about 6  
O'clock passed quite a fleet of sails.

Sunday, June, 26<sup>th</sup>

Passed through the Straits of Dover early this morn-  
ing, into the North Sea, the Sea very smooth  
ship very steady, cast off our Gun lashings  
I have a very severe Boil under my Arm, had  
it lanced, about 8 bells, A.M. passed the Light

Ship, west Thinder. A thick fog, Service about 5 bells  
A.M. we took on board a Belgian Pilot, we entered  
the River Scheldt 20 minutes past 12 O'clock, passed  
Ostend, we arrived off Flushing, about 3 O'clock, took  
another Pilot and discharge the one that brought us  
to Flushing, stood on our course up the River, the  
Country presents a beautiful scenery as we pass up  
the River, beautiful Cottages, and Farms looking  
very beautiful, a plenty of shipping, among them  
several American ships, we came to anchor of  
the town of Oudenkerk, about 6 1/2 O'clock, A light Dis-  
cell of Rain.

Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Last night we sent a boat out to look for  
sand but returned unsuccessful, we got under way  
about 6 bells, and started up the River, passing Village  
-s and quite a number of vessels, we arrive at  
Antwerp, at 20 minutes to eleven, and anchored  
of the Flot de la Croix Blanch, the Counsel,  
Mr Crawford came on board, the Commodore and  
several of the Officers went on shore on our way

up we ran against A schooner. and knocked of A part of her stern. we commence seeing Gold and silver. wich is good for our eyes. wrote to C. W. R.

Antwerp. Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>

A little cloudy. several persons came on board yesterday we Fired A salute of 21 Guns. here everyone is A Military. 1 Coal Barge came along side.

Antwerp. Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>

Coaling Ship. another Barge came along side to day we have two whips goin. they answerd our salute to day. the Comodore and Staff went to Brussell to day. to be real Belgium wether. we must have rain every day. A great many visiters to day. of both sexes.

Antwerp. Belgium. Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>

The Oland Ship this morning. then all hands Dress themselves. We were visited by the Governour. and the Minister of War several. Brigedares. and any quantities of other Signataries. A great many Ladies and Gentlemen. we was throught all day. we Fired

A salute of 17 Guns and one of Nine. We Drilled one of our Gun's crews. to show them how we handled our Parrott. Carriages. we fire off. one of our 150 lbs. Rifles twice to see how they liked the noise. After the Visiters left we went to coaling ship on both sides

Antwerp. Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>

all hands were calld at 8 bells. Coald ship all ~~Monday~~ until about 10 o'clock. when ~~we we saluted the American minister.~~ ~~we unmoored ship and got ready to sail~~ some of the Crew. went on liberty. Gold up higher. we are orderd to sea on tomorrow. A great many visiters came on board

Antwerp. Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

All hands calld at 8 bells Coald ship until 10 o'clock. we then unmoored ship. and got ready for sailing. all the men came off liberty. we got under way about 11 o'clock. and started down the River. when passing the first Fort from the Citty they gave us A salute of 21 Guns. which we returned