

Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning. heard from J.M. Received a letter from G.W.P. heard of the destruction of the Rebel Salt Works. by the Blockading Fleet ~~near~~ Wilmington. on Masonboro. Sound. <sup>Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup></sup> went ashore in the evening went to Fleet street Church. heard Bro. Mr Garnet.

Sunday. May. 1<sup>st</sup>

A very fine day. Quarters and Inspection. at 10 o'clock. Service at 10 1/2 o'clock. see above.

Monday. May. 2<sup>nd</sup>

I return on board this morning. A very fine day. this being the Birth day of the Russian Emperor we hoisted the Russian Flag at our Fore, and at noon fired a salute of thirty one (31) guns in honor of the occasion. all the Russian Ships were gaily decked out with flags and wasted a great quantity of Powder.

Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

This morning raining and quite cold for this season heard of the Evacuation of Washington. A.C.

by the Federals, also of a very destructive fire at  
Wilmington. A.C. which destroyed all the ware houses  
and Berry's Railway, the Wilmington, and Man-  
chester Depot, the entire western side of the  
River, so much for the Rebs.

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Quite cool. Received a letter from W.H. S. and  
one from C.W.R. and a Photograph of Mr C.  
We hear of a number of outrages committed by the  
Rebs. in the evacuated district of North Carolina.  
Death of Commodore Porter, sent and escort of  
Mariens, to the Fernal, Lieutenant French, of Mariens  
left the ship to day, he being ordered to the  
Baracks.

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

A very fine day. Our Executive Officer, Lieut.  
Commander, H. Erben, was to day Detached and  
ordered to one of the Light Draft Iron Clads  
building at Boston, also Paymaster, Wat-  
mough, has been Detached, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Mariens  
Bell, the successor of Mr. French, reported

to day for duty Mr Erben, Mother, and his wife  
and others Dined on board, received a letter from  
A.C.H. I went ashore visited Mrs. White, learnt of  
the whereabouts of Mr. Benjamin Brown, also  
heard that A.H. Galoway, is in the City, heard  
of the advance of the Army of the Potomac  
and the passage of the Rappahannock, without any  
opposition, also the occupation of West Point  
on the York River by the forces under  
Butler visited A.C.H. I have been suffering  
with a severe pain in my face all day.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning and found that  
they had scrubbed Hammocks, Received a letter  
from C.W.R. heard of the departure of one  
Battalion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regt. Mass. Cavalry  
from Camp Meigs, for Washington, D.C. may  
God protect them while defending the holiest of  
all causes Liberty and Union, my face still  
very painful heard of the advance of Butler's  
Army up the James River.

Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>

To day very fine and hot we spread stunnings. went ashore in afternoon. went up to west eight-  
een. street. visited Mr. Brown. also went to the  
Office of the Anglo. Heard of three days hard  
fighting in Virginia. resulting in the defeat  
of Lee. by Grant. and the occupation of City  
Point by Genl. Butler. and marching forward  
on Petersburg. visited A. S. H. returned on board.

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

A very fine day. the chaplain came on board  
and we had service at ten o'clock. several visitors  
came on board. heard of the Destruction of the  
Rail Road. between Petersburg & Richmond.  
by Genl. Butler. also the retreat of Lee. from  
before Grant.

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>

very hot last night about 10 o'clock. we had  
quite a lively time on the report. that a man  
had deserted. there was a number of shots fired  
at the object. supposed to be a man. A boat

was lowered and gave chase. when lo! it proved to  
be a dead horse. Mailed a letter to G. W. B.

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

A very fine day. Quarters Regular at 8 bells.  
A.M. Received a letter from C. B. last night  
A man attempt to Desert. after gaining the  
outside of the ship, he remained in the water  
for two hours. hanging by a ropes end when  
he called for assistance and was taken on  
board and confined in double irons. another  
man that went on liberty fell over board  
from the Pier. and was drowned said to have  
been intoxicated at the time. about 5 o'clock  
we received 24 ~~witherspoon~~ ~~guards~~ Guards  
looks like we will get a crew now as the  
draft commences to morrow we are look-  
ing out for a muss.

Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>

A very fine day. we now have quarters regular  
every day. I went ashore at 1 o'clock. up to 23<sup>rd</sup>  
street. visited the Office of the Anglo. meet

A. H. Galoway. went to Sullivan street Church where there was A meeting to receive the Delegates from North Carolina. the Meeting was very poorly attended. speeches were delivered by Messrs. Hill on behalf of the Church and by Mrs Pierson & Galoway. in behalf of the Delegation. the object of the Delegation was to petition the Government. for the rights of suffrage. for the people of North Carolina. Received A letter from G. W. P. we received A draft of 24 Men.

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning. received A letter from J. M. we received A draft of 100 Men. to day from the North. and furnish them with provisions. and sent them off under guard to Portsmouth. N. H.

Friday. May 13<sup>th</sup>

To day Cloudy and cool. still hear of victories of Grant. and the retreat of Lee. all hands were mustered. at 5 bells. P. M. and given our water.

numbers. still discharging men every day. Mail A letter to S. W. R. went ashore for A short time to day.

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

To day quite Raining. went on shore called at the Office of the Anglo. learnt of the departure of Gay. returned on board at 7 O'clock.

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>

Raining all day. still reports come of heavy fighting in Virginia. went ashore in the evening.

Monday. May 16<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning. cloudy all day the Report confirmed of the capture of Dalton. Ga. by Sherman. wrote A letter to S. W. R. and one to G. W. P.

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>

Morning cloudy. cleared off about noon very warm. packed up Sr. Maxwell. and Baymaster. Watrough. went ashore to the Drs also up to 14<sup>th</sup> street. remained over all night - Mail my letters visited Mrs. Culbreth.

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning, quite warm. yesterday about 300 men of the Maryland (colored) Regiment came on board (they being transferred to the Navy.) and took dinner then departed for Portsmouth, N.H. they were treated very rough by the crew. they refused to let them eat of the mess pans and called them all kinds of names, one man his watch stolen from him by these scoundrels, in all they was treated shamefully about 5 bells. A draft of men came on board for us from the "North Carolina"

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

To day quite warm. A great deal of excitement in New York on the suppression of the Papers, (World and Journal of Commerce), for publishing a forged call for 400,000 Volunteers, we took in a supply of Water, also some stores. Oct. Lieut Green, was detached and ordered to the "Louisiana" we to day had several visitors on board

and two Ladies Dined with the Ward Room Officers, one of the Puskar Officer Died on board of the Alexander Nevski, lying abreast of us, no news of fighting on any magnitude.

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

quite warm departure of Lieut Green, Paymaster Watson, and Surg. Maxwell, also of the arrival of Paymaster Williams went on shore in the afternoon, remained all night. Received a letter from C.W.P. orders to prepare <sup>for sea</sup>

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

arrived on board early this morning very warm went ashore in the afternoon, remained all night, visited Washington Market, also went to 24<sup>th</sup> commenced to remove the Ward Room on the main deck.

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

I returned on board this morning. A number of visitors, came on board, this morning the Inguois, came in and anchored at short distance from us, wrote a letter to C.W.P.

and one to C.A.M. see by the papers that the Italian Government confered An honorary title upon Commodore Craveen. for his search for the Italian Ship of the line *Re Galantuono*. Rain in the evening

Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

A very fine day went ashore in the afternoon. returned on board at sun-set. arrival yesterday of the Sloop "*Troquois*." she belongs to the Squadron that this Ship do.

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

very warm went ashore in afternoon. visited A.E.H. mailed A letter to C.W.R. one to C.A.M. returned on board at sun-set. saw the procession of the School Children. celebrating their School Anniversary. evening very misty

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

to day very misty with rain at intervals. A coal barge came along side and we took in all the coal that we could carry some of our men returned from the Hospital. at night there was A

on Deck between the white and colored men.

Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>

Weather still very thick and misty. I spent the night ashore. they had A very large turn out to receive the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment. on their return from the seat of war this morning Henry Smith. (steerage steward) was detected bringing liquor on board. and was confined in double Irons. received A paper from C.W.R.

Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>

It cleared of to day fine. at eleven. Deloet to day A summary Court-Martial. convened to try Henry Smith. on A charge of bringing on board Siquor to sell to the men. the water Boat came along side and we took in A fresh supply of Water. we also took in five months. stores of provisions. and clothing. in order to get us off to sea. the Carpenters are at work upon us night and day very warm. went ashore in the evening.

Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning. in order to

have us go away at the appointed time the work-  
men were busy at work last night. this evening  
I went on shore at 9 o'clock and went up to  
23<sup>rd</sup> St. remained all night ashore.

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>

I returned on board this morning a fine day  
we had inspection at ten. then Sewage. the  
Carpenters at work all day. all hands were  
called to Muster. to hear Read. the dismissal  
of Surgeon. and Act Master  
by General Court Martial. for maltreat-  
ment of a Seaman. one for striking  
the man. producing sickness. and the Surg.  
for shielding said Act. Master. by alleiging  
Ignorance to the Mans disease.

Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>

We are making great preparation for sea  
went ashore to day. returned on board in the  
evening. the sentence of Henry Smith. for  
the offence above stated were thirty days  
confinement in single Irons. with the loss

of two months pay mailed a letter to B.W.P.

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Still very busy 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.S. 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 busy some bending sails.  
and some unmooring ship. also the Carpen-  
ters 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 Upholsters and Painters to