off new inlet

Fri March 6
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 great deal of pulling and hauling we had it safely stowed (together with the 4 fathoms of chain) in the hold

Sat March 7

off new inlet we got under way about 8 bells cruised all day anchored about 6 bells for the night

Sun March 8

off new inlet we got under way about 2 bell cruised until 9 bells came to anchor at 4 bells quarter and breakfast read the articles of war also the proclamation of emancipation very good

Mon March 9

off new inlet about 8 bells saw two sails but could not give chase quite pleasant

Tues March 10

off new inlet at anchor all day

Wens March 11

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 "Inquiry" received four disabled seamen from her. To late night

Thurs March 12

off new inlet fine day times very dull we got

Sun March 14
Thurs. March 12th

Off New Inlet, got under way, about 4 bells, ran down to the shoals, anchored about 2 bells, sent 9 men to the "Dacuth," heard that the small gun was at Smithville in returning from the shoals we passed the "Transport," "White," "Golden Gate," and "Flintlock," 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 "Chappo," and about 4 bells P.M., we set sail for Beaufort, quite cold wind, north East.

Fri. March 13th.

This morning we passed the Transport Island. Home, out from Beaufort, bound for Port Royal, we took a pilot at 8 bells, sloped in and came to anchor in the harbor of Beaufort, about 2 bells, the following vessels were in port: "Margaretta" and "Payfield," sent the Col. thru to Morehead City, quite cold, strong winds from S.W.

Sat. March 14th.

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," said for Cheraw, about 12 bells. At 3 bells Morn, we heard heavy cannonading on land, we suppose that the Rebel Genl. D.H. Hill, have attacked General Foster, as it was known that he was at Kingston, with a large body of troops for that purpose, the wind on our shant was refused to day, we put up and turned down Kippling, and about 2 bells we set sail for Hampton Roads, we rounded Cape Fear, about 4 bells P.M.

Sun. March 15th.

We passed Cape Fear about 4 bells, A.M. made 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 Cheapeall Bay about 8 bells P.M.

Mon. March 16th.

Cheapeall Bay, we got under way about 6 bells a.m., stood up the Bay passed the guard ship, "Ingalls," at 8 bells, arrived off the flag ship, "Minnesota," at New Bedfords about 4 bells P.M., Capt. Farber went on board the flag ship, and reported to the Admiral (Lee) our Captain returned about 12 bells, about 2 bells, there were sixty three of our crew drafted for the squadron, 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 sighed their accounts and all are prepared to leave in the evening.

Tues. March 17th
At New Port. This morning the first thing I was called into a boat went along side of the “Minecraft” on my return the Transport “Philadelphia” were along side with all the shafted men on board. we said then good bye and they gave us three cheers we returned them and they went on their way but not rejoicing. The then Capt. Bailey “Reckless” said about the same time for Charleston. Our ship looks desolate now our crew members including Marines, Firemen, and soldiers. Our men after clearing up, ship Officers from the “Minecraft” came on board to inspect the ship after their departure; a Summary Court Martial convicted to try Perkins, and Brookes. for deserting to the Enemy.
We received orders to go to Baltimore. for repairs and a boat came on board for that place. about 9 o’clock the “Reckless” returned having run into a boy and got

The Chain entangle around her propeller. The rest of her was just in confinement. I went on board both of good look at her saw her Commander, First Com. Paine, Perkins, and Brookes were released from confinement having been confined in double arms for six weeks.

Wed. March 18th
Off New Port. Here quite a gale this morning very thick fog about 7 o’clock we had left and more to read the sentence of Perkins and Brookes at the loss of three Months pay. To be dismissed from the Service to first class boys and to be transferred to the “Big Perry.” Same now act aloud belong to a boy. before the shoot and what ever there is to be done.

Thurs. March 19th
Off New Port. Here about 7 o’clock: our Mrs. Hall quite well. quite cold wind from the north west about 9 o’clock it began to cheat 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 20th
Off New Port. Here 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 21st.

Off New Bed. Have moderated somewhat, ceased blowing about 3 bells, went to the Flag ship, brought on board the Ariane, Belling and Powers.) these changes are incorrect. we returned to the Flag ship with Ariane's, then anchored. took a look at the (level or what do you call it) submarine boat, a queer shape, that is propelled by a rudder and fire at gun under water, after being submerged. went ashore, received some telegrams from Mrs. F., for which that lady have my thanks. we saw the sun for the first time in a week. raining heavily wind from N.W.

Sun. March 22nd.

Off New Bed. Rain all night, and until about 4 bells, this morning when it ceased, went ashore, then to the Flagship, while the Genl. Burnside went on board. he was saluted on his departure. Coaling ship. we went again to the Flag ship, in coming down the road we were enveloped in a thick fog, and when it broke away we found ourselves among a 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 Plot and on our return we found the ship at anchor, and at 9 along side getting one of our anchors, as soon as we had given them the anchor we pull anchor and stood down the Bay. bound for Boston, we got up another anchor from the old and sent it clean up decks, and turned in about 2 bells wind from the N.

Mon. March 23rd.

A very fine day, light winds and very heavy swells, feel in with the Brig. Elizabeth, of Salem, 101 days from Malta for New York. eight days out of Coriscas, supplied her with Wood, Coal, Bread, Pot, Beef, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Cheese and started on our way about 12 o'clock. Plung clean Hammers, all hands went through the operation of scrubbing two spars, we have the lead about 7 bells found Nineteen Fathoms wind light from the N.

Tues. March 24th.

We are able to carry fire and off sails. breeze quite fresh from N.W. Ship steering easy. this evening quite foggy made a light (Fire Island) which we both in Moonlight run along slowly, the wind increases, we are obliged to take in

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Thrus. March 26th

Off Holmes Hole, we twisted on hooks for a Pilot; one came on board, and we started about 7 bells. For Boston we sat sail, and 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. Came on board a Boston Pilot about 6 bells from the Boat-Boquet, under full sail; about 2 bells we signalled at Plymouth. Split frigates were obliged to take it in to wind up the Bay.

Mon. March 27th.

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 one of the boats of the ship, about 2 bells. We carried the captain to the yard. Arrived about 12 o'clock. The afternoon was spent in going to and from the Gilly poon. Thomas Taylor. Fred Myrick.

Sat. March 28th.

At Boston, went ashore. Worked out on Park about 2 bells. A fog came alongside. We went anchor and was towed along side of the docks. All hands were mustered with Bays and Hammers, and marched aboard of the "Ohio," where we arrived about 12 O'Clock. This Saturday brandished 26th. 1863. 20 end my first trip at sea.

Sun. March 29th.

On board the Ohio, my first time on board of it. Receiving ships or Gundo 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 First Story, came on board and repeated the commands to treat as well, several of us went on board of our ship, and returned in the evening.
Monday, March 9th

On board the "Ohio" went to my Aunt. All well.

Two March 11th

Heard from my Aunt. In the afternoon she with her Squire. Mary came on board.

Went April 1st

On board the "Gardner." Our first came on board to dry and get liberty for us for fourteen days. Hopeing among us, we were soon ready for the shore so the vessel is now off the coast.

Mon. April 19th

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 22nd. When all hands went on Liberty for 24 hours.

Fri. April 24th

We returned on board this morning. All right we remained on board until Thur. 90th. When we all hands got Liberty for four days.

Free May 9th

We returned on board this morning. Where we remained until the 15th inst. When we again got ten days liberty. All hands went ashore. We returned on board Mon. May 25th.

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

visited Nantucket. met Miss E. H. S. also had good time in Boston and vicinity. saw many of my acquaintances. I remained on board of the "Gardner" until the 29th. When the vessel took out of me and I was sent to the Hospital (Chelsea) I arrived at the hospital on the 29th. Where I remained until the 17th of Oct. while there well. My health good care of by Dr. Surgeons Fox and Gilbert. Also the sick and nurses were very kind to me. And when I was going to leave they insisted on my remaining but I have spent a very long time on shore and now desires to be afloat another more than nothing like the whistling wind and the strolling salt one the bounding billow bearing its precious treasure to the shores of some distant clime. While at the hospital I acted as a nurse. There were two of my patients. Died there names are respectfully Henry Burrows of Halnhillt, Canada west, and Louis B. Hoagland. Brooklynde, N.Y. Both were buried in the grave yard attached to the hospital. I had the privilege of going out whenever I had a mind to and frequently spent the evenings at Boston. A friend would occasionally