Journal of W.B. Gould
Cruise in the U.S. Frigate, Niagara,
Commencing
Oct. 13th, 1863.
Tuesday, October the 13th, 1863.

I was to day transferred from the Hospital, at Chelsea, where I have been since the 29th of May, 1863, to the receiving ship "Ohio," and again transferred to the Steam Frigate "Chagari," and went on board, and reported. Then went ashore and spent the night.

Thursday, Oct. 14th.

Reported on board of the "Chagari" at 8 o'clock, then went on board of the "Ohio," and signed accounts. The crew were then sent on board of the "Chagari," at ten o'clock, the "Chagari" went in commission, under the command of Commodore Thomas J. Craven. We then hauled out in the stream and anchored off South Boston. A part of the crew of the "Sabine" came on board. Thursday, Oct 15th. Off South Boston. Received on board our ammunition. All hands were mustered this evening and were
weather for this season of the year.

Monday, Oct. 19th.

At anchor off Gloucester all day. At 9 bells all hands were called to quarters and given their stations at the guns. A heavy fog all day. Mail a letter for Mrs. Co.

Tuesday, Oct. 20th.

At anchor off Gloucester. About 3 bells heard firing to the seaward. At 3 bells A.M. all hands called to quarters and given their stations by divisions. About 2 bells a strong steamer came in sight showing the American ensign with strange signals. We showed our numbers and the shot to sea. We immediately got up steam and commence to get up anchor but did not go to sea we hauled back our guns all ready for action last night it rained very hard. A very fine day late this evening again heard heavy firing seaward.

Friday, Oct. 16th.

Off South Boston. Morning very foggy. commenced raining at four bells. P.M. all of the crew of the Sabine came. Saturday, Oct. 17th.

Off South Boston. raining very hard this morning commenced preparation for sea yet under way at four bells, and steamed down the bay, arriving ten and a half knots off Gloucester we collected with a schooner and carried away our standing sail. Soon the ship would very heavy came to anchor of Gloucester, there was a great up-heaving among the crew.

Sunday, Oct. 18th.

At anchor of Gloucester. Holy hour. clocks for the first time. we mustard at four bells and a quarter, and stood fore and aft and raised fore and main topsails. We have very fine
Wednesday, Oct. 21st.

At anchor off Gloucester. All day. Morning very foggy. A number of visitors came aboard. This evening the Commodore and several gentlemen went on a fishing excursion, we lato aboard wood for sea to day, about 7 P.M. two boys were brought up to the mast for fighting; they both were put on extra duty for punishment.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd.

At anchor off Gloucester. A very fine day. At two bells, we loosed sail. I received a letter from Sir at 4 bells, we furled sail. A number of visitors came aboard to day this morning. A man that deserted the day that the ship went into commission returned. A man that deserted from the Army and signed in the Navy was re-claimed by the Provost Marshall. Yesterday the engineer stood out as a shore but failed to return, he was reported as deserted at three bells, P.M. all hands were called to quarters with a letter to S.W.R.

Friday, Oct. 23rd.

At anchor off Gloucester. Day very fine. At four bells, called to quarters, stationed at the foot of short to pass empty powder boxes to day. A man that was caught dealing was locked up in his hammock for three nights. Then he was made to walk up and down the deck with a bag tied around him with a flag card attached with the word thief upon it. All hands put down for clothing at three bells. All hands called to quarters, mailed my letter to S.W.R. A great many visitors came on board to day. We shipped two recruits. The commodore went fishing latest & beaten every night at eight o'clock.

Saturday, Oct. 24th.

At anchor off Gloucester. Morning cloudy. Called to quarters at four bells. It commenced raining at 7 bells A.M. and continued all day. I commenced to study French in company with E. Rose.
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Sunday, Oct. 25th.
At anchor off Gloucester. It rained all night and cleared off this morning quite cold. All hands called to muster at 9 bells. A.M., quakers at 9 bells. P.M. cold. This evening received a letter from Boston. This evening we had music for the benefit of the crew.

Monday, Oct. 26th.
At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very cold. Thermometer down to (33) degrees. Quakers at 9 bells. A.M., several viziters came on board to day. Quakers at 9 bells. Received a letter from Capt. Smith. A.M. Jose also one from Capt. containing the good news that I drew A ticket at Chelsea, which I took a chance for before I left the hospital. Very cold all day. Write a letter to Jose and one to Smith.

Tuesday, Oct. 27th.
At anchor off Gloucester. Very cold all day. Our Paymaster and first Asst. Surgeon left to-day for Boston. They served out clothing to the men. Quakers at 3 bells. A.M. and 3 bells P.M. our first Lt. Ensign's wife came on board this evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 28th.
At anchor off Gloucester. Still very cold. Quakers at 9 bells. A.M. Two of our Ensigns went away on liberty this evening. A new Ensign joined the ship. We heard that we are to return to Boston to remove some of our guns. Quakers at 9 bells P.M.

Thursday, Oct. 29th.
At anchor of Gloucester. This morning more moderate. Quakers at three bells exercise in extinguishing fire. Shifted one recruit to-day. Received a letter from Capt. The Commodore and Surgeon went ashore to dine. A number of ladies came on board. Our Paymaster and Asst. Surgeon returned to-day. Sent A picture to Capt. R. Quakers at 3 bells P.M.

Friday, Oct. 30th.
At anchor off Gloucester. Quite moderate little cloudy. Quakers at 3 bells A.M. A schooner arrived.
Saturday, Oct. 31st
At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very foggy. Quarters at 3 bell A.M. A general overhaul of baggage and marking clothing put down for small stores. To-day our hospital steward was discharged for incompetency. Another was appointed in his place. Three men were sent to the hospital. In Fox left for Boston. Quarters at 3 bell P.M. Our master arrived to-day. This evening about 9½ O'clock the schooner Annie ran into us. She struck me on our starboard quarter and lost her jibboom. No damage to us.

Sunday, Nov. 1st
At anchor off Gloucester. This morning clear and cold. To-day there was a fleet of about 200 and a half sail in the bay. Inspection at four bells. Quarters at 3 bell P.M. This morning our sick man conducted to the Ward Room. (Register) Burnt.

Monday, Nov. 2nd
At anchor off Gloucester. Quarters cool. Quarters at four bells. We shifted two men to-day. Return of our Surgeon and Chief Engineer. Quarters at three bells. Our Chaplain sent aboard his baggage this evening. Received a letter from Mrs. Be. maid. A letter to J. Tucker. To Boston. Letter cloudy morning.

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd
At anchor off Gloucester. Rainy very hard this morning. Cleared off about 8 bell A.M. Quarters at 4 bell A.M. Received a letter from Mrs. Be. We shifted our Landsman. Received orders to return to Boston. Arrival of the Pilot to batle 110 up. Quarters at 3 bell P.M.

Wednesday, Nov. 4th
At anchor off Gloucester. Day very fine. Received a letter from New Orleans. Quarters at 2 bell A.M. A number of visitors came on board to-day. Quarters at 4 bell P.M.

Thursday, Nov. 5th
At anchor off Gloucester. Morning very fine. Fire quaters at three bells. Workmen on