

Tues. 28th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. sent A mail across the shoals. by the "Mystic," sky overcast quite cool.

Wens. Oct. 29th

Off. New Inlet. fine day. cruised as usual. after supper. we had Rifle Target Practice

Thurs. Oct. 30th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. overhauled A Brig. Bound to Beaufort. about 2 o'clock the "Daylight" arrived. with A prize in tow. captured on her way down. she brought us A mail.

I received two papers. from my Nephew. G. L. M.

Fri. Oct. 31st

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. weather fine the "Mystic" communicated across the shoals to day. we learnt that thirteen. Rebel. soldiers that was on Picket. came out and surrendered to one of the vessels. to day we had Target Practice. in the evening we had A Boat Race between the Gig. and Ranger. distance six miles. Time Gig. 37. Min. Ranger. 39. the Gig winning by 2 minutes.

Sat. Nov. 1st

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. weather fine all hands were mustered to hear the sentence

of A man by the name of. Hambleton to six years Hard Labor in A penitentiary for strike or Offence of of the Victoria with A Broom.

Sun. Nov. 2nd

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. fine day. we had Divine Service at 4 bells. after service. read the Articles of War. and inspection

Mon Nov 3rd

off New Inlet. The "Mystic" sailed for repairs being condemned. by A survey. heard firing this evening. got under way. ran up to where it was. the Steamer Daylight. firing upon some Rebel. soldiers upon the Beach. weather fine.

Tues. Nov. 4th

off New Inlet. the weather is becoming quite cold. this morning we heard firing up the coast. dispatched the "Mount Vernon." to ascertain what it was. the Daylight had driven A Barge ashore. (the Sophia of and from Liverpool) and was destroying her. they (Mount Vernon. and Daylight) boarded and captured some of the crew. (the others escaped to the shore) and brought them off. then returned to set the ship on fire. It then began to breere up. and soon the surf was rooling so high that they could not get off

they attempted several times, but each time they were driven ashore. night coming on the Gun Boats fired an occasional shot. to keep away the Ghories.

Thurs Nov. 5th

Off New Inlet, we sent up our Life Boat and A lot of spare Rope. to try and get the men off. but when Daylight dawned, so and behold the Rebs had made them all, and A Battery on shore sent the Boats word not to come near. there was 14 men from the Daylight, and 6 from the Mount Vernon. the Rebs sent out A Flag of truce, to inform us of the situation of our men. we sent them (from the Daylight) their clothes Bedding, and some provisions. The Mystic returned from the shoals, with the mails of the Fleet. she exchanged Boats with us one of our Lieuts went Passenger, in her. she had also, thirteen Rebel deserters, and several colored Refugees, among them several of my Acquaintances. heard from my people. Mrs. S. M. Ly. was among the many that I saw. she sailed about sun set. for Hampton Roads, wind from the southward.

Thurs. Nov. 6th

Off New Inlet, about 9 O'clock. all hands were called to up anchor for Beaufort. the wind have changed, to the eastward, quite fresh. heavy sea about dark we arrived off the Bar. of Beaufort no Pilot appearing, we came to anchor, quite cold and Raining

Fri. Nov. 7th

Off Beaufort, about daylight the wind hauled to the West, and ceased Raining. we up anchor and stood in about 7 O'clock. took A Pilot we anchored in the Harbor about 9 O'clock. we Received A Mail from the "Montecella" who was just starting for the Cape Fear, in the Afternoon. A coal Schooner, came along side and we began to Coal ship, quite cold and rainy

Sat. Nov. 8th

At Beaufort, very disagreeable cold and Raining we had A snow storm, to day which lasted several hours. we Coal ship all night

Sun. Nov. 9th

At Beaufort. It cleared off during the night much warmer. we finished coaling this morning. cleared ship, arrival of the "Penobscott" heard that the Union troops occupied Weldon.

Monday, Nov. 10th.

At Beaufort. very fine day. went ashore, to day. three men Deserted. one of them George Pice. I am very sorry for it. searched all night for them but found them not.

Tues. Nov. 11th

At Beaufort. fine day. about 7 O'clock a.m. we up Anchor. and stood out for sea. bound to the Cape Fear. we arrived off our station at New Inlet. about 5 O'clock. all well.

Wens. Nov. 12th

Off New Inlet. fine day. we communicated across the shoals. sent the Mails of the other ships to them. one of our Men was transferred to the "Daylight." served out Cloathing

Thurs. Nov. 13th

off New Inlet. cruised about until 8 O'clock anchored day very fine. about 4 O'clock. we got under way ran up to Masonboro. Inlet we had Target Practice.

Fri. Nov. 14th

We remained off Masonboro. all night returned to our anchorage this morning. fine day. all lovely.

Sat. 17 Nov.

off New Inlet. strong winds from the N.E. in the afternoon we sent down yards and Topmast. A heavy sea running lost several Barrells of Potatoes over board. all the Boobles. were driven out of the Galley. by A shower of spuds. down the Galley. Sky light. about 5 O'clock we got under way and ran out to sea. blowing A Gale.

Sun. Nov. 16th

The ship brooding very heavy. still blowing A gale raining hard no signs of abating

Mon. Nov. 17th

About 7 O'clock last evening to began to moderate and we stood in for the land came to anchor in 7 fathoms of water. about 6 miles off of New Topsail Inlet. it ceased raining about midnight. and by 4 O'clock we were under way. bound for the Inlet. the sun rose clear and tis^{now} very pleasant. about 1 bell. A sail was reported close under the land right ahead. we gave chase. when within range of our Pet. we told them good morning. in the shape of A shot. for her to heave to. to this they took no notice. we sent another. which fell under her stern. at this she about ship and stood for the Beach. shot after shot. was sent after

her, but they heeded not, she pills high and dry upon the Beach. We immediately made the first Cutter, and sent her in charge of Act Master, Mace, to board and destroy her. we also sent two other Boats to lend assistance, the first got into the Breakers and was capsized. Men, and Boat, was thrown upon the Beach they boarded the schooner and set her on fire the crew having escaped to the shore. Now they wanted to come of the surf, being very high, their Boat could not get through. We attempted to float a line in to them with Bouys, but that failed. Act. Master Mate. Wells, attempted to swim in with a line but when he got into the surf he was obliged to cut the line. then Act. Masters, Mate. Osborne, took a line and was successful, in reaching the Beach they got the Boat already, to come out, when a Body of Rebel Soldiers dashed over the Hill at the double quick, and all were prisoners we could see them ~~pass~~ from the Ship marching off our Men, and dragging the Boats after them, we lost ²⁵ eleven Men and three Officers, rather a bad days work. We took on board our other Boats, and started down the

coast for our station, where we arrived about four o'clock. here the "Daylight" had drove a Brig ashore, on Zetles Island, too near the Rebel works to board her.

Tues. Nov. 18th

off New Inlet, got under way, at five o'clock, cruised until 8, come to Anchor at our usual anchorage, arrival of the Mount Vernon, we received a Mail I received three letters, very fine weather, we served out small stores.

Wens. Nov. 19th

off New Inlet, cruised as usual, morning cloudy, about 2 o'clock the "Massachusetts," arrived, from the south, our Gunner, (Ferguson), will pass age in her, he is ordered to the "St Lawrence," also, a corporal of Marines, whose term has expired. The "Mount Vernon" fired at the Brig this evening without hitting her Raining lightly this evening.

Thurs. Nov. 20th

off New Inlet, cruised as usual. The Mount Vernon fell in with a schooner, that had run out, she was abandoned, took her in tow, but it being very rough, she capsized she was loaded with naval stores, the weather is very unsettled.

Fri. Nov. 21st

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual, about four o'clock. A sail was reported which proved to be the Flag Ship. ("Chicon") with Admiral Lee, on board she came to Anchor. our Captain, went on board and there remained the most of the day the "Daylight" sailed for Beaufort. she took A mail from us. - I sent three letters.

Sat. Nov 22nd

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. about 8 o'clock the Admiral sailed for Hampton Roads. weather fine. wind North west.

Sun. Nov. 23rd

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. The Mount Vernon picked up A Boat with two men and one Woman (Refugees) from Wilmington. The "Maratourca" arrived this evening she took our mails and the Refugees. on board and sailed about 5 o'clock for Beaufort. weather very fine

(Mon) Nov. 24th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. about 5 o'clock we saw A sail close in shore. we tried to head her off. but she being too close to the Fort. she got in. wind N.W.

Tues. Nov. 25th

Off New Inlet. we cruised all day. we saw several

the Brig. we fired three shots. at them when they all left. we had target practice. we anchored for the night.

Wens. Nov. 26th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. blowing very strong from S.W. Rained several hours this morning then cleared off cold.

Thurs. Nov. 27th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. the "Daylight" arrived from Beaufort. she brought the news of the ~~removal~~ of McClellan. and the appointment of Burnside. and that he was marching on Richmond. quite cold. wind N.W.

Fri Nov. 28th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. overhauled A sail. A schooner. bound to Port Royal. quite cold. very thick fog.

Sat. Nov. 29th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. weather still very unsettled and foggy.

Sun Nov. 30th

Off New Inlet. cruised up the coast. Met the "Mount Vernon" with A Prize in tow. captured the evening before. she was in command of A captain that was A prisoner before. she is loaded with salt and Coffee. A schooner about 150 tons. very foggy.