

Sun. Sept. 27th

At Beaufort. N.C. We coald ship all night and until ten o'clock. we then up anchor. hauled alongside of the store ship (W^m Badger.) for the purpose of taking more coal. and stores on board.

Mon. Sept 28th

At Beaufort. finished boaling to day. took in stores. fine day.

Tues. Sept 29th

At Beaufort. taking in stores. all day. made preparation. to convey some paroled prisoners to Wilmington.

Wens. Sept 30th

At Beaufort. finished taking in stores. we were visited to day by Major General. Foster and Staff. (Commander of the Department) fine day.

Thurs. Oct 1st

At Beaufort. fine day. made preparation for sea. about 1 o'clock a steamer came alongside with sixty seven. Paroled. Rebel Prisoners for us to take to Wilmington. we had them stowed on the Berth Deck. and about 3 o'clock. we up anchor and stood out to sea. bound for our station off. New Inlet. N.C.

Tue. Oct. 2nd

Off New Inlet. we arrived last night about 11 o'clock. We came near being fired into by the Mystic, mistaken us for a Blockade-Runner. we learnt of the capture of the Sun-Beam, by the Mystic and State of Georgia, about 9 o'clock. we hoisted a Flag of Truce, and ran in lowerd a Boat and sent it to meet one from the shore, after consultation, our Boat returned, and we anchored off Fort Fisher about 11 o'clock. About 1 o'clock, a Steamer came out from Wilmington, anchored close to us, we soon transferred the Rebs and their Baggage to the steamer, we up anchor and stood out to our anchorage, and the other steamer returned to Wilmington. By the by, the State of Georgia, and the Mystic, collided last night, damaging each other considerably, made preparation for painting.

Wed Oct 3rd

Off New Inlet, got under way at five o'clock, anchored about 9 o'clock, we painted ship the State of Georgia ~~Board Oct. day~~ for the north, all of us, shipped to day for three years, first battling the oath of Allegiance to the Government of Uncle Samuels.

Sun, Oct 4th

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, am about 7 o'clock, made out a Boat, picked her up contained four men from Wilmington, about 8 bells, we picked up another Boat from Burns-wick with four men, at the same time a sail was reported, we gave chase, proved to be the Yacht, Hiawatha, from Wilmington, with twelve men, heard from my people, all well.

Mon Oct. 5th

Off New Inlet, cruise as usual, communicateed across the shoals, sent home a corporal of Marines, term expired.

Tues. Oct 6th

Off New Inlet, cruise as usual, sighted accounts the Blockade, Running steamer, (Tate) is now lying under the Fort, found an expedition to destroy her.

Wens. Oct 7th

Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, our Expedition did not leave last night on account of the weather.

Thurs. Oct. 8th

Off New Inlet, Cruised as usual, our Expedition failed to burn the steamer got lost in the fog, they will try again.

Fri Oct. 10th

Off New Inlet. Rained very hard last night the expedition did not go. cruised until 3 O'clock P.M. cleared off. made preparation to make another attempt at her. wind strong S.W.

Sat. Oct 11th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. about 7 O'clock. we got under way and ran in as near as we could to the shore. came to anchor. the Boats then left the ship. (two in number.) one in command of Lieut Strong. of the Cambridge the Lieut. Brannon of the Penobscot. when approaching the steamer. they were discovered by the Boats when the expedition returned but resolved to try again. I began to rain in the evening with light wind from the S.W. last night I kept Boat for the first time at sea.

Sun. 12th Oct

Off New Inlet. Raining all night. and all day. about 7 O'clock. the "Mahaska" arrived with recruits for the Squadron. after transferring our men on board. she took on board all the Colard men that came out along the coast. and sailed for Hampton Roads. about 4 O'clock P.M. the wind strong from the N.E. Sea. High

Mon Oct 13th

Off New Inlet. fine day. cruised around as usual. arrival of the "Mount Vernon." we transferred men to her for the "Penobscot." she sailed for the mouth of the Cape Fear. heard of the Battle of Sheperdstown.

Tues. Oct. 14th

Off New Inlet. Cloudy. and windy. the "Mystic" communicated across the shoals. brought us A Mail.

Wens. Oct. 15th

Off New Inlet. Cloudy. and windy. last night Rained and blowed. all night. "Mystic" sailed for Beaufort.

Thurs. Oct 16th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. quite cool. we feel the approach of Winter. To day all hands were mustered to read the dismissal from the Navy. of Commodore Preble. for allowing the Rebel Privateer. Florida (alias Cheta) passing through the fleet. into Mobile served out small stores.

Fri. Oct 17th

Off New Inlet. cruised as usual. fine day. about 8 bells P.M. A sail was reported in the offing we soon up anchor. and gave chase. but night coming on. we lost sight of her. and returned to our anchorage about 7 1/2 O'clock.

Sat. Oct. 18th

Off. New Inlet. blowing verry hard from the Eastward. Bathurst. (Boatswains Mate) was to day transferd to the "Mount Vernon" about 4 bells. we sent down yards and Topmasts.

Sun. Oct. 19th

Off. New Inlet. cruised all the morning. and ord about 8 bells. the weather have moderated so much that mid day. was quite pleasant. we had Muster and inspection at 4 bells.

Mon. Oct. 20th

Off. New Inlet. Line day. Painted the main Deck. Rattled down Rigging. make preperation for painting outside

Tues. Oct. 21st

Off. New Inlet. quite chilly. the Mystic arrived from Beaufort. we received A mail. A sail reported at 4 bells. Mount Vernon overhaul her. A schooner of and from N.Y. for Port Royal.

Wens. Oct. 22nd

Off. New Inlet. quite cool and chilly. painted the ship outside

Thurs. Oct. 23rd

Off. New Inlet. got under way about 2 bells. discovered A sail gave chase. overhaul her. A prize to the Gulf. Squadron. bound north in

charge of A prize crew
Fri. Oct. 24th

Off. New Inlet. got under way, about 2 bells. about sun rise made out A sail. overhaul her. the Sloop Goguet. with stores to sell. (Butlers. after furnishing all the ships on this side she left for the Mouth of the River. about fine O'clock we made A sail gave chase. it proved to be the Supply Steamer Massachusetts with supplies for the Squadron. we in company with the other ships of the fleet. were soon verry buisey. transferring our stores on board the ship. after supplying us. she sailed. Bound South verry fine day.

Sat. Oct. 25th

Off. New Inlet. cruised as usual. weather fine light winds from the southward

Sun. Oct. 26th

Off. New Inlet. about midnight it come on to blow and rain verry hard. cleared of about 4 P.M. wind from the west.

Mon. Oct. 27th

Off. New Inlet. cruised as usual. blowing verry strong from the westward. quite cold sea jacket. quite comfortable;

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