Nautical Time

Remarks on board Ship Gov Troup Capt Ashby

Thursday May 25th 1865

commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.W. Ship under three close reefed topsails & foresail at 3 P.M. took the reefs out of the main topsail & set M.S.S. & sail. at 4 shortened sail and hove to the wind heading to the S.E. wind about West. at 4 hove to the wind heading to the Sd. at 2 P.M. now ship heading S.W. about the same time raised land made sail and stood in until we came to the ice. saw a number of Divers at 9 P.M. furled sails at 10. 7 sails in sight passed with the Europa Mercury. heard of a Park striking three days ago but lost them & their taking the line

Latitude 59° 45 N
Longitude 171° 00 E

Friday May 26th 1865

commenced with light breze from the Westward under topsails. lying off the ice. steering the fore part passed with the Europa Mercury & Henry at 6 P.M. lowered for a bow head the first one we have seen the season. middle & latter part much like the fore part. passed with the Europa at 6 A.M.

Saturday May 27th 1865

commenced with a light breze from the S.E. & E. easy sail. lying of a point of ice the fore part passed with the Haw Hawaii & Gratitude Capt Herendeen at 4 P.M. heard of the surrender of Lee & Joy. at 3 bent my gaff topsail. middle part thick fog & light air from from the S.S.E. at 2 A.M. wind shifted to the N.N.E. now ship headed to the S.E. latter part strong breze (from) N.E. & Sail & flying jib set head to the Ed. with a company of ships. about 11 P.M. the Eastern point of the ice and there it was off to the Nd as far as could be seen from aloft

Latitude 60° 00 N
Longitude 173° 22 E

Sunday May 28th 1865

commenced with a good breze from the Nd & E. heading to the Ed at 1 A.M. wind on the lock at 1 shortened sail furled topsails & at 4 lowered the Larboard boat to tow in heavy weather swifed [illegible] board. the boat proved heavy [illegible] heavy boat although the [illegible] when the [illegible] board. at 6 now ship heading to the East

Note: I shall now keep Civil time consequently the day will be thirty six hours long the first 12 hours being Saturday 27th Civil time or 20 Nautical time

Civil Time

Sunday May 28th 1865

commenced with a fresh breze from the N.E. & E. heading to the Nd & Ed. under reefed topsails jib & spanker. quite thick. middle part rainy. and freezing all the time at 7 P.M. the rigging one glare of ice. One sail in sight the John S Ward. latter part moderate with rain. the ice thawing of the rigging. latter part heading to the S & Ed.

Latitude N Longitude

Monday May 29th 1865

commenced light from the Ed. and thick fog. under easy sail. at 6 A.M. cleared up. at 8 made sail steering N.N.E. four sails in sight. during the day passed with the English Park Hebers Town of ~~Sydn~~ Sydney N.S.W. (owned by John A Parker of N.Y.) & Corinthian. at 7 P.M. came up to the ice tacked ship and stood to the S.E. at 9 thick fog & moderate breze from the N.E. at 6 lowered the Larboard boat. (saw grampuses) at 4 put the cutting (stage) stage out latter part much like the fore part.

Latitude 61° 05 N
Longitude 175° 36 E

Tuesday 31st of May 1865

this day commenced with a moderate breze from the N.E. under easy sail heading to the N & E. most of the time. Thick snow storm. middle part wind to the N.E. latter part wind from the Sd & W steering N.N.W. at 10 A.M. came up to small peices of ice. three sails in sight. P.M. after retiring to night I read a small book entitled Agnes Elliot. who departed this life Dec 20th 50. when reading it I wept like a child. how beautifull must have been that death bed. and yet how solemn. it seemed as though I wanted to be there. instead of giving me pain to behold such a scene. it fills my heart with gratitude to God. to look upon the pale face. althought the body filled with pain. to enjoy the presence of those departed and it made me feel as though I was not trying to win souls as it is my duty to do. In speaking to a friend to day I think I smile [illegible] which by a small stream of water gushed out. but oh how sweet I be good for I can not read the [illegible] heaven [illegible] Some days I enjoy a very calm and through Christ [illegible] be saved and enter into that rest which [illegible] for the people of God. I do not offer to [illegible] at home or when I can attend [illegible] hymn singing it fills my [illegible] ashamed for my shipmates to [illegible] being a Christian. it was a cross first [illegible] the attitude of prayer by my roommates the cross [illegible] I embraced the cross and my roommates helped me to raise it. Whoever reads this page please read the track in the book entitled Agnes Elliot, and see the consolation a Christian has in death