

Journal on board

N.A.C. 11 August 1870

Monday Aug 22
Good weather. now and then we would pass a turtle asleep on the water. but nothing more was to be seen except the A.C. and we gannet him after four o'clock.

Tuesday Aug 23
Pleasant, nothing in sight during the day neither was there any work going on was steering a course N.N.E.

Wednesday Aug 24
Good weather in the forenoon but not so pleasant in the afternoon. we had to take in sail down to double reefed topsails.

Thursday Aug 25
Had clear weather again this afternoon and we begin to think about Fayal again and our letters as we did not get any then the first time. I hope we shall not be disappointed.

Friday Aug 26
Good weather and a good breeze one sail in sight and that a Merchantman.

Saturday Aug 27
Good weather during the twenty-four hours course N.W. nothing in sight but a merchant bark saw a shout but could not tell what it was. got out our small stores and that completed our deep work.

Sunday Aug 28th
Becalm'd again. it makes it seem dull to be in a calm and it has not been very lively at any time.

Monday Aug 29th
Another calm day. was busy getting onions ready to pickle some work and more pains a disagreeable job to say the least. nothing in sight.

Bark Alfred Gibbs

N.A.C. September 1870

Tuesday Aug 30th
Good weather course V. by E. nothing in sight.
Wednesday Aug 31
Slight winds but pleasant clear. a real Summer's day but this is the last day of summer in my New England home.

September 1870

Thursday Sep 1st
Nearly calm. nothing in sight but one sail. at night had a light breeze from S.W.

Friday Sep 2nd
Fine weather with a fine breeze from the S.W. this is truly the "dull monotony of a seafaring life" for there is not excepting the sea and sky a thing to be seen, and no work.

Saturday Sep. 3rd
Fine weather and a good breeze from the S.W. was under main to gallant sail. and at four saw Fayal and Pico far to windward.

Sunday Sep. 4th
Had some rain in the morning. and could just had for Fayal but the wind soon headed us off two sails in sight. no work.

Monday Sep. 5
Very fine. but wind ahead I would really like to have a fair wind so we could hear from home I never was away so long before.

Tuesday September 6
Strong breeze. had to take in everything except close reefed maintop sail and fore staysail last night as I lay in my bunk asleep the side light was open and as a large sea broke up against the ship where I was I had the pleasant sensation of getting wet all over. "quite an adventure was not it?"