

Journal on board

In Port March 1871

Monday Mar. 13th

Three libertomen came off this morning, when the boat went in for them, but the others came off soon after except two girls and a coal-stoker. Said Ben Sullivan sailed for home today no shore tonight on account of wanting to sail by the steamer tomorrow.

Tuesday Mar 14th

Stowed coals for water today a strong breeze so no shore for us, give her a little more chain and let her ride.

Wednesday Mar 15th

Neither work or play going on today and it is dull enough, and I think we all feel about twice as lazy as out to sea.

Starboard watch ashore at night.

Thursday Mar 16th

No work today either. The Bth Martha sailed and the Mary & Susan came in both of New Bedford. M & S is six months out & 40 lbs. watch ashore tonight.

Friday March 17th

Another day liberty for the starboard watch and I don't think I enjoyed myself much better than the first day. Bth Greyhound of N.B. came in today & was out 160 lbs.

Saturday Mar 18th

The Port watch was on shore on liberty. The watch on duty did nothing. A British American brig came in in the forenoon.

Sunday Mar 19th

My watch ashore on liberty again. Mark or Louis of us took a trip ashore the hills but did not see anything that would pay us for our walk and walking is not so easy as it was before we came on board.

Bth Alfred Gibbs

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Monday March 20th

The Labaud watch ashore on liberty again. The watch on duty did nothing. Had an icy kind of a swim just for amusement.

Tuesday Mar 21st

Had another liberty day probably the last we will have. Had a walk in another direction but it looks the same in all places. Houses thick with straw and made of mud, were all that could be seen and what of it.

Wednesday Mar 22nd

Port watch ashore on liberty. A boat crew of us went after Quabogs gunning and so on. A Collier transport came in and discoursed some excellent music at least it sounded so to us.

Thursday Mar 23rd

A Norther, but not very bad weather took water what the water boat here could carry. The starboard watch ashore again at night.

Friday Mar 24th

A Norther today in earnest. took water and that finished our day's work. no watch ashore.

Saturday Mar 25th

Dull. a North wind dropped the second anchor, and turned in to sleep.

Sunday Mar 26th

Good weather in the afternoon and night. Then no one was stirring then sent a boat ashore but no watch.

Monday Mar 27th

Two or three men came on board, and some few jobs were done that looked like sailing. Well the sooner we sail the better it suits me for if anyone was ever sick of Tehuana I am and much prefer a seafaring life to living on shore in such a place as this. Port watch ashore.