

Ship Daniel Wood in the China Sea 1854.

Sunday, March 5

Commences with fine SSE breezes and pleasant weather. By the wind to E. employed in ship's duty. The ship in sight on weather quarter. middle light winds. A.M. Fine clear weather. on the wind to ESE

Monday 6

Commences with light S winds and pleasant weather heading by to ESE. The southern cape of Formosa bearing B. distant 40 miles. A ship on the weather heading by to E. and a brig steering to W. probably bound to Hong Kong. 7 Tacked to W. middle a dead calm. A.M. light S winds, by to E employed in the rigging. A ship in sight on lee bow, to E. a Bark steering W.

Lat 24.42 Lon 120.39 E

Tuesday 7.

Light from S.W. by to SE. 3 P.M. the wind hauled from W. course E. set Studding sails. passed between the SE point of Formosa and the Beke. Rete. Rocks. middle and latter ditto. 10 P.M. passed the Islands of Botel Tobago Ximal. sail on larboard bow. course ENE.

Lat 23.33 Lon 123.40

Wednesday 8

Fine breezes and pleasant from W. course ENE. Studding set. Painting &c. A.M. do wind SE. 6 P.M. S.

Lat 23.40 Lon 125.20 E

Thursday 9.

Commences with fine breezes and pleasant weather from SSW. course NNE. Blocksmithing. Painting &c. Nothing in sight. A.M. do. do. cut off the spanker. 6 AM passed the Island of Typhoon 12 miles distant. 11 raised a school of sperm whales.

Lat 25.14 Lon 125.47

Friday 10

Commences with fine breezes and pleasant from W. flowered 4 Boats, the larboard boat course N. whales bound N.W.

Ship Daniel Wood bound to Japan Sea. March 1854.

Friday 10.

Struck and was stove got her alongside and got out a new boat. The Waist Boat got 3 whales. the Bow Boat killed 2 but the last one stove her and was obliged to cut. saved one of them. The Starboard Boat got one. The Larboard Boat got the 2 first alongside. 6. got the others alongside. Getting ready to cut &c &c &c. Daylight began to cut.

Saturday 11

Fine weather. Cutting 3 finished. cleared away the Heads, and started the works. but a heavy rain squall coming on, cooled down. 11 started them again. A.M. thick weather and fresh from E.N.E. under double reefs to N. Finished boiling Head and commenced on body. WATCH BE

Lat 25.18 Lon 125.48

Sunday 12

Commences with light winds and pleasant from E. by the wind to N. A heavy swell from N.E. Boiling. Mending larboard Boat. A.M. wind worked round to SE. course N. blowing on. we cooled down and luffed to the wind to E. furlled the Fore Topsail & fore sail. Mx Tps.

Lon 126.00

Monday 13

Commences with strong S winds with heavy rain squalls. lying to under close reefed main Topsail. 5 made a fire and began to boil. middle raring and thick. A.M. fine weather and strong breezes. 12. set E. & N. 12.

Lat 27.27 N.

Tuesday 14.

Commences with fine weather, and fresh breezes from N. under double reefs to W. Boiling. 4. furlled the Fore Topsail & 5. A.M. daylight set them. 7 finished boiling 75 lbs oil. Mending Bow Boat &c &c &c.

Lat 27.40 Lon 125.20