

21 July 1862

Remarks On Board of Ship Meringe of New Bedford

Tuesday July 1st 1862. First cloudy & foggy with moderate breeze steering East. Started 2 1/2 bbls Beef. the remainder part of this day foggy.

Wednesday July 2nd Throughout these 24 hours foggy.

Thursday July 3rd First part of this day the fog lifted for about 3 hours saw the Land. Gulf of Mexico & what they called a R.W. but it came in foggy and closed every thing up again & remained so until about 10 AM then it lit up again saw the Land.

Friday July 4th Commenced light breeze from the Eastward steering by the wind to the N. E. at 4 PM. commenced raining. Middle and latter part light breeze and Rainy. Only weather heading to S. E. this is about as much as I have seen this long time had a fine Chinaman & Co. & Co.

Saturday July 5th Continuing the same. Middle part likewise. Latter part passing fog but ending fine clear weather heading to the E. by S. 7 AM while hoisting Mizzen Top Sail. haulyard parted let the yard down by the run and carried it away. Employed in repairing it the rest of this day.

Sunday July 6th Fine pleasant weather and gentle breeze steering E. N. E. & 3 PM finished Mizzen S. Yard and sent it up, & bent the sail and set it. Moderate & clear through the night. Latter part fresh breeze & cloudy steering N. E.

If this is not hard Luck then I don't know.

Henry Eldredge Master in Japan Sea

Monday July 7th 1862. First part strong breeze and foggy from the Westward steering N. E. at 4 PM double reefed and buffed by the wind to the N. W. It remained foggy the rest of this day until near Meridian.

Tuesday July 8th First part of this day clear weather and fresh breeze from S. E. steering E. N. E. & E. by N. 3 PM saw the Island of bearing S. E. dist 15 miles and 2 Russian Men of War Steamers the one towing the other bound as we suppose for Hakodadi. Middle part clear steering E. N. E. Latter part foggy lying aback at Meridian saw Land & the breakers astern. E. by E. Dist from 14 to 6 miles. Suppose the Island of Moneron.

Wednesday July 9th First part foggy head to the Westward. Started 1 1/2 bbls Beef. Cooks filled 16 bbls Mush. Middle part much the same. 7 AM saw the Island and steered East and E. S. E. the main Land and the Island in sight. heavy breeze & clear weather crossing it through the straits. So End.

Thursday July 10th Continuing fine breeze & clear weather steering S. E. 3 PM passed the Dangerous Rock. Middle and latter fine weather & light breeze steering through the straits. Saw a ship & the Land. Ochotsky Sea.

Friday July 11th Light breeze & cloudy steering N. E. 4 PM spoke C. W. Morgan. Hamilton. 1410 bbls since leaving Sandwich Island. Middle and latter part light breeze steering East in company with the C. W. M. Employed in breaking out Shocks &c for her. Sold her 6656 Gall of Shocks & 2 cutting spades. So End. Saw Kufibuck.

Where we are 35 months out and the more oil than we had 10 months ago.