

Remarks on Board Ship *Minerva*.

Sunday, Dec 21st 1844.

This day commenced with fine weather and light winds from S.E. & S. Steering S.W. by S. watch employed in working on the rigging. at 7 A.M. took in fore topsail & fore topgallant sail hauled down & and hauled up fore sail closed up main topgallant sail and misen topsail double reefed main topsail and laid to standing boats crews watches called all hands at daylight and made sail watch employed in reading mending &c &c ends these 24 hours Lat. 31.52" South.

Monday, Dec 22nd 1844

This day commenced with fine weather and light winds from S.E. Steering S.W. by W. at 7 took in sail all hands went in a swimming broad the boats and practiced the crew. Came on board and took in sail standing boats crews watches called all hands at 1/2 past 4 P.M. and made sail watch employed in ships duty so ends this day.

Tuesday, Dec 24th 1844

This day commenced with a dead calm took the Round house off and drove the bands of the head of the ladder on watch employed on rigging so ends this day.

Wednesday Dec 25th 1844

This day commenced with a fine weather and a light breeze from S.E. Steering S.W. killed a hog for Christmas and exchanged signals with a French Barque took in sail and set the Boats crew watch, called all hands at 1/2 past 4 and made sail mended the masts heads 2 sails in sight Christmas watch hauled to work making spun yarn so ends these 24 hours Lat. 32. 30.

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Thursday Dec 26th 1844

This day commenced with fine weather and strong winds from N. N.E. Steering N. S. W. at 7 A.M. took in sail and stood Boats crew watches one sail in sight on weather quarter called all hands at 1/2 past 4 P.M. and made sail and set the Spinnage Lining to going. watch employed on Rigging and making spun yarn so ends these 24 hours.

Friday Dec 27th 1844

This day commenced with fine weather and moderate winds from N. Steering W. running towards mouth Rio de La Platte at 7 A.M. took in sail and set boats crew watches called all hands at 1/2 past 4 and made sail under Single Reefed topsails at 6 commenced breaking out for water. mat. Bread & Vinegar Stowed off at 8 and commenced making spun yarn so ends these 24 hours.

Saturday Dec 28th 1844

This day commenced with fine weather and strong winds from N. Steering W. watch on hand making bread and spun yarn. So ends at 7 A.M. took in sail and hove to with boats crew watches blowing a gale of wind at 7 P.M. sent down rigal mast and hauled up fore sail and furlled it. and set the main spinnage. So ends these 24 hours.

Sunday Dec 29th 1844

This day commenced with strong winds from N.W. Ship hove to at 3 A.M. set the fore sail and set the Bow and raised boats on upper cranes at 4 A.M. Ship to a sea and filled the