

Bast. Isabella Arctic Ocean 1862

Wednesday 13th Aug

13th Fine wind 16<sup>th</sup> Sun of ESE all the ships going to the NE at 3 hours off 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 see a whale going to the forward. Searched & chased till dark all the ships going off NE. Middle part fine at 5 see whales. Searched & struck. Fired Store & Boats hoisted in Boats at 10 took along side. In forward & made sail running off the ice at 11 went on.

Thursday 14th

14th Fine wind 15<sup>th</sup> E heading E fitting at 5 got through cleared decks & compass near 10. Middle part fine. S. to the W. heading E about. See whale departing. Boat. Abandon. Sat. 175.52

Friday 15th

15th Open wind N E. Searched about. See Whales along the ice. Searched & went in 3 Boats. Struck. Bombed. Fired. Bombed another. Lost in the ice at 3 came on board. Middle part. Strong gales double heeled. Suffered loss & greatly damaged. Searched. Boat to long 175.43. Saturday 16th Sat 69 m.

16th Hard gales at N E. Rose to the E. double heeled. Boiling. Setting up blocks, very damaged. Middle part. The same. Suffered loss. Very damaged. Boiling.

Sunday 17th

17th Hard gales at N E. Heading E. double heeled. Boiling very damaged. Middle part same. Suffered loss to the E. Took in fore top sail back out steaming oil after hold.

Sat 68.55. Sat 175.57

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Wednesday 18th Aug 1862

18th Four gales at 5 E heading E. Main topsail set. Very damaged. Steaming oil at 12. Knocked off. Broke. Sail took to the N. thick fog & rain. Suffered loss of men.

Thursday 19th

19th. Calm. Heavy sea & running dense fog, at the light airs at 10 cleared decks. all close, bow-filled. The last ground tie. Middle part same. Fell in with the Maltese all sail working of. Suffered loss of men. past the same heading to the N.

Wednesday 20th

20th light airs from the S. heading to the E. calm & heavy swell. Sick. Desires, oh god bless me & return me to my family. Middle part. Wind at light sun of 20. Searched. See nothing. Searched to the E. all sail set. Thoughts of home would stick on my mind.

Thursday 21st

21st. Wind N. heading E. all sail set. Sick. Desires, what shall I do. My poor family will starve. Middle part. Strong gales. Double heeled at 7. See a whale. Searched. Short tasks. Very damaged. did not search. See 2 whales.

Friday 22nd

22nd. Strong gales & damaged wind N E. S. to the E. double heeled. Searched. Suffered loss. Searched past the same. See 2 whales.

Saturday 23rd