Sunday Feb. 23 ½ 1863

Off Donaldsonville. Washington's birthday celebrated by the gunboats in flying flags and on shore a salute was fired. Messrs. Mannheim & Brown visited by a lady acquaintance formerly on shore. Read during the forenoon. In the afternoon went ashore & attended the Catholic Church. Much amused. Laurel Hill arrived on her way to Baton Rouge at 3 p.m. Obtained papers and learned of the Ella Marley leak by the Steamer North Star running into her on the evening of the 9th inst. Pilot of Mr. Golbourn had a lively discussion on early marriage.

Monday Feb. 23 ½ 1863

Climbindy about 6 A.M. and steamed to Plaquemine where we arrived about 12 ½ o'clock. Came to anchor astern of the Albatross. Was on deck most of the way. Mr. Golbourn went ashore during the afternoon with steward & boy. Were unsuccessful in foraging. Messrs. Bartole & Falton came off with a sheep which they shot. Steamer St. Maurice went up & Steamer Ocean Queen came down.
off Plaquemine to Feb 24th
Steamer Callatras went to Baton Rouge
this AM. Mr. Colburn went to Plaquemine
+ purchased supplies while Mr. Rodgers made
a call. Steamer at Sterville arrived from
New Orleans about 11 o'clock bringing our mail
Received four letters. Two from Maria Feb. 9th
+ 10th Auntie Feb. 7th. Mr. George Butler Feb. 10th
+ two New Haven Palladiums Feb 6 & 7th, 8 & 9th
Received Maria's likeness for which I was highly
flattered. Wrote during the afternoon to Maria,
Leidy & Dr. Tyler. For Sains answers to go
to New Orleans

Wednesday Feb 25th 1863
off Plaquemine. Day windy. Studies found.
Wrote a letter to Mr. Butler. Steamer Callatras
arrived. Informed that the Queen of the West
arrived at Gorgons.
Thursday Feb. 26th 1863

Off Plaquemine - Day Stormy & showery - Sent our mail to New Orleans on the "Franklin Mumford." Laurel Hill paper up - obtained papers - Had a pleasant conversation with the captain. Messrs. Leblanc, Brown, Edmundson & Rodgers disposed to be polite & agreeable all day. At evening Mr. Leblanc & the pilot had a discussion on the best Plaquemine. Mr. Davis very anxious to get to the city. Felt very hopeful all day. Meditated on the absurd studies the usual amounts.

Friday Feb. 27th 1863

Got under way after breakfast and steamed to Donaldsonville, where we arrived about 3 P.M. stopped on our way at New River Landing. Steward went ashore to obtain poultry to Mr. Davis transferred to steamboat "Laurel Hill" toward evening, to be sent to James Sanders New Orleans (his uncle) for 4 1/2 Kegs, Mr. Evans accompanied him, taking along requisitions for money for the paymaster. Rained during the evening - Studied as usual. Health good. Meditation...
Saturday Feb. 28th 1863

Off Donaldsonville. Rainy all day. Slighting during the afternoon. Stories during the day. Had a small argument after supper with Mr. Brown on capturing Port Hudson & Vicksburg. Mr. Brown in favor of starving enemy to death by cutting off supplies.

Saw our store removed out of the ward room yesterday.

Sunday March 1st 1863

Off Donaldsonville. Read during the forenoon. In the afternoon wrote a letter to Auntie & in the evening a note to Maria. Day pleasant.

Received last night a letter from Auntie Feb 12th & a Palladium also a package of New York papers from Mr. Bragg.

Meditative. Sang a few tunes in the store after supper.
Monday, March 20, 1863

Slept chilly last night. Off Plaquemines. Transferred our letters to steamboat Laurel Hill about noon. Don't aboard the boat at the time. In the afternoon took a long walk (alone) into the country. Weather very pleasant. Studies came during the day. Had quite a chat with the captain this evening.

Tuesday, March 21, 1863

Off Plaquemines. Arose at 7. Attempted to study some, but felt indisposed from a cold. Took a short sleep before dinner. Several steamboats going up and down during the day. Felt chilly all day. Temperature about 68°. Beautiful sunshine.

Had a chat with the captain again this evening and the N. Y. News Feb 19th and N. O. Picayune of yesterday. Feel a little better this evening. Very clear evening. Moon shining brightly. Reflection of light on the water splendid.
Wednesday March 15

Off Donaldsonville. At noon Mr. Evans arrived from New Orleans on the Steamboat St. Maurice bringing our mail but no money.

Received a letter from Mr. Feb. 17th. & an Independent & Palladium. Studied bench during the forenoon while in the engine room where I had resorted to keep warm as the air was chilly, and I was some afflicted with a cold. In the afternoon took a walk ashore and went into the woods to meet Mr. Haunee who was gunning. First one shot myself at a robin and only succeeded in bringing to the ground a few feathers. Mr. Haunee was well laden on our return with Dave, Partridge, Robins & blackbirds. Enjoyed the stroll very much and much improved this evening. Day was very pleasant, the sun shining brightly.
Thursday March 5th 1863

Off Donaldsonville. Steamer Alturas arrived during the afternoon and ordered us to proceed to Baton Rouge. She returning to Plaquemine wrote a letter to Mr. Bost the comrad of blew the whistle for all officers ashore to appear on board. Mr. Evans did not come until sundown. Got underway them steamer slowly up river. Troops at Donaldsonville gazes anxiously at us thinking we were going into action.

Friday March 6th 1863

Off Baton Rouge. Transferred Mr. Evans to steamboat St. Maurice last night while off Plaquemine. Took our mail and intends going to New Orleans to try & get some money arrived at Baton Rouge this AM. Stopped last night at New River Landing for some provisions. Unused steamed down river for Plaquemine. Kept steamed along side a coal vessel. Going to do any coaling. The only armed vessels were two mortar boats.
Saturday, March 7th, 1863

Off Baton Rouge. Coal'd the vessel all day. Had some amusement during the day with a tame raccoon on the coal vessel.

Messrs. Rodgers & Brown went ashore during the forenoon - went ashore myself in the afternoon and walked all around but not fortunate enough to meet any old friends.

Troops arriving quite rapidly to-day and yesterday. Some additional regiments and batteries said to be here. An advance expected soon.

Dint survey called to see Mr. Rodgers this A.M.
Sunday March 8th 1863

Off Baton Rouge. Day very lovely. Had severe griping pains last night for which took a Camphor Comp. Felt unwell all day & kept nearly all the time in bed. Did not feel very devotional. Read some but felt worse from the sickness. Mind dwelt much on the dearly loved one. Some of the officers went ashore this A.M.

Monday March 9th 1863

Off Baton Rouge. Finished coaling vessel before breakfast. Had the carpenter fit the newly made bateau in my own during the forenoon. Indispersed for able or operation all day. Steamed to the railroad's depot on the opposite side of the river, and came to anchor for the day. At evening returned to the dinner to signal. Came finally to anchor off the Mississippi's Starboard quarter.
Tuesday March 10th 1862

Took on board this morning about forty five soldiers and steamed about twelve miles up the river. Destroyed a signal station for the enemy, capturing their flag & Captured two out of the five who deserted into the cane brakes. The Soldiers ordered to remain at said place. Stumbled the current during the day & at evening returned to Baton Rouge.

During the evening a signal light up river was understood that the enemy was coming Mississippi & since both got underway and all hand remained to quarters during a heavy shower. Studies none during the day.

Went on board the Mississippi during the evening.

Wednesday March 11th 1862

Every one in last night. About midnight got underway and steamed up river and remained all day off the place where our troops were stationed. Stumbled the current all day. Looted land is arrived bringing an officer to reconnoitre ashen. Wrote a letter to the

At evening steamed down river. Albatros
came up to the turn during the afternoon to search for keepers. On our return to Baton Rouge we found the Hartford, Richmond, Memphis, and Genesee all to anchor. Received a letter from Mrs. Davis, Sept. 25, informing of Claris's marriage to Oliver Jones on the 25th. Wrote a letter to the captain during the evening recommending his case as one fit for a medical survey.

While up river Dr. Good came off (a resident from this place) one of the decks took passage down over (army) on account of sickness. Sent the letter written above.

Thursday, March 12
Off Baton Rouge. Received provisions from the Essex during the day.
Genesee steamed up river with two mortar schooners in tow. Steamer Sacket arrived from New Orleans bringing our mail. Received a letter from Maria, Feb. 21st, with indirect note from Auntie. One from Brown, Clara 4, and one from
Mr George A Butler & Mr. Clara sent me his photograph and some bits of his wife.

During the afternoon Surgeons Henderson, Maccom & Kindberger came on board to hold a survey on Captain Haxton whom they recommended to be sent to Pensacola.

At evening Capt. Commander Ratten called on Captain Haxton.

Wrote a letter to Envin & Mr Cross.

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Friday, March 18th, 1863

Off Baton Rouge. Capt. Commander John Ratten came on board this morning with his baggage to select or act temporarily as Captain of this vessel until Captain Haxton's recovery. Captain Haxton & Mr Evans left the vessel during the forenoon the former going to Pensacola hospital for medical treatment. The latter intending to remain at Baton Rouge.

Went ashore during the forenoon and sent my watch, eighty-five dollars in specie and $100 in Treasury notes by Adams Express.
to Easton Pa. in case of father. Came on board in about an hour. Mr. Colburn went ashore at 2:20 P.M. with liberty for one hour in order to purchase provisions for the boat. He spent his liberty for about 1/10 an hour, and received a slight tip-off from the Captain as the whistle was blown twice for him and the oarsmen hoisted during his absence. Bought and bought on board one month's provisions. At 4 P.M. the vessel got underway and steamed slowly up the river in the following order to wit; Harpers, Richmond, Knic, Honan's Island and Mississippi. Came to anchorage about 20 miles from Baton Rouge, at 10 P.M. Got ashore slightly about 15 miles above Baton Rouge. Wrote a letter to father and sent it away as also the letters written last evening. Steamboat Laurel Hill steamed ahead of us this afternoon with four mortar schooners in tow.
Below Port Hudson, March 14th 1863

Came to anchor last night about 10 miles below, got underway & steamed to upper end of Profits Island where all came to anchor except Genesee, Sacram & Albatros with the six mortar schooners to anchor on left bank of the river above Profits Island.

Prepared during the day the vessels for the forthcoming engagement. At 2.30 the mortar schooners opened fire and continued until towards evening. At 6.30 Albatros, Genesee & Kings got underway. The Albatros put to come along side of the Hartford. The Genesee
along side of the Richmond, and the times along the port side of the Monongahela.
all hands prepared and arranged matters and things for a severe engagement. after supper most of the officers dressed themselves with a clean suit. All seemed cheerily with no forebodings of sorrow. Wrote a letter during the evening stating my wishes to those who might be saved in case it should be my misfortune to be killed. Put all my photographs in my coat pocket during the evening.
Sunday March 14th 1863

Below Port Hudson. Took a nap last evening from 8 to 9.45 P.M. At 9.45 the fleet got under way in the following order vs. Hartford & Albates, Richmond & Cincinnati, Monongahela & Kineo, Mississippi, also the Essex & Sachem. Though the two latter were not expected to steam by the batteries. After steaming slowly we arrived in reach of the batteries. The Hartford opening fire about 11.15 P.M. Mortar schooners opened fire also, and continued until the action was over. On arriving at the point opposite the last battery the Monongahela tiller scopes were carried away and a solid 32 Pdr. struck ourрудь head and buried itself within, wedging the sudden so tightly that it is incapable of being moved. Owing to the steerage apparatus being disabled the Monongahela ran aground. The Kineo tearing from her by the sudden stop. She not drawing so much water. The Mississippi also grounded astern of us but fought her battery bravely for about an hour after which from the Sherman destructive fire
The officers and crew were obliged to go on shore who survived when the vessel was set on fire.

The Monongahela fired her battery bravely while aground, but the enemy getting to range plugged her quite frequently. The times being under her lee escaped being hit while there came once or twice. The times having been suddenly disabled and her propeller entangled in a hawser could with difficulty move through after working for about an hour succeeded in getting afloat herself and in pulling off the Monongahela. During this time one of her Master's mates was shot over board, while plying a hawser to us, but whom we subsequently rescued. On the Monongahela's getting afloat with us we drifted down stream with the current while she tried to paddle though finally came down also (her keel was getting hot). The times fired on the west bank of the river in going up, and after getting above the lower batteries used a stern gun (32 Rd.) but on drifting down ceased firing.
At about 2.30 we came to anchor below the mortar schooners by which time we could not use either our machinery or steering apparatus. The Richmond & Genesee had come down before us, the former having her steam pipe shot away. The Monongahela came down a little after us. After we came to anchor we could see the Mississippi which was commencing to burn & subsequently drifted down stream her guns firing as they became heated. At 3 A.M. the paper was ash at 5.20 she blew up about 5 or 10 miles below. The Times had her bulwarks considerably smashed on her starboard side when she broke adrift from the Monongahela, her cathead broken and the anchor thrown on deck. The officers and men acted as men and are deserving of consideration. The Executive Officer Lt. Rodgers and the sterno boy were considerably below. The latter frightened and the former droving the shot as they screamed overhead. Paymaster was frightened and the hospital nurse was very much agitated.
During the first part of the engagement I passed my time on deck overlooking the firing on both sides, which was great. While when we grounded I kept in the wardroom to avoid unnecessary exposure - no one was injured on board though the Bermugabella had 7 killed and 21 wounded. Our Captain John Walters acted coolly and is deserving of credit. The Hartford & Albemarle alone fared

A Confederate two master side wheel steamer was destroyed and perhaps others, though of this alone we are informed, as the Richmond & Monongahela fires while broadsides into her, making the men on board call out for mercy as she was in a sinking condition.

The Mississippi's men came down river on the opposite bank, where many of them were brought off. The Essex, Sachem & Iron boat Reliance steamed around the Mississippi as she was afire, seeing what foot they might accomplish. The enemy seeing them first on them.

At 3.45 A.M. I retired.
Wednesday March 18th 1863

Below Port Hudson, Lieut. Schley and Mr. Chadwick came on board this morning. Mr. Schley is acting temporary captain of the Monongahela. Mr. Colburn went to the west bank for forage - came off with some beef & a sheep. About 3 P.M. Steamer Genesee towed us to the opposite west bank of the river.

Worked (men) during the day in freeing the propeller from the hawser.

Gent ashore at evening and took a look around the residence of Mr. Winters & boys ashore many little disciples.

Sent our mail on board a Steamboat this evening.

Prisoners arrive this evening.

Studies surgery this A.M. & some French during the day.

Quite a famine for Tobacco this evening.

The officers purchase "Killingworth" at a very low rate from the soldiers, who seize it in a house opposite Port Hudson batteries.
Thursday March 19th 1863

Below Fort Hudson. So Mathewson of Gunboat Nocona called this AM. with whom I took a long walk after some more books arrived. Wrote a letter to Clara this afternoon.

Chinese & Monongahela practiced some with their guns on the batteries at Fort Hudson. The first fired very accurately. Took a walk this evening.

Boops marched up the levee this PM. Batteries from the opposite side opened fire on them wounding one man.

Dudley's Brigade the only regiment men employed all day in attempting to fire the propellor. Men butchered a beef during the day. Weather pleasant. Collected a bouquet of flowers this evening.

Messrs Collum & Farner had quite a discussion this evening in reference to the purchase of tobacco. Nearly all hands interested in the tobacco trade. Home satisfied.
Friday March 20th 1863

Zirona came alongside at daylight and took us in tow. Ran aground several miles below Port Hudson during a dense fog. Steamboat 'Morning Light' was hailer during her upward passage to tow us off. Owing to her being important, dispatches she could not comply. Zirona finally got adrift to tow us off. Obtained some food from the central and while aground. Went toward to Baton Rouge and while proceeding to come to anchor the hawser parted and we drifted down stream. Here taken a second line in tow and placed in a favorable place to anchor. U.S. flag arrived at Baton Rouge towards evening with two coal vessels in tow.

Has about some provisions for the Navy & a small amount of time only received our letters. Steam 'Try Loy' came alongside near dusk to tow us to New Orleans.
Saturday March 21st 1863

Came to anchor last night below Plague venue. Empire Parish fastened astern of us having on board Maj. Gen. Banks & Staff. Sat during the afternoon forward of the flag pilot house viewing the country. Day beautiful. Arrived at New Orleans between 4 & 5 P.M. & came to anchor below the Memphis landing. Everything quiet. Mr. Rodgers to visit ashore this evening. Felt somewhat indignant at the slow progress of the army. Mr. Brown went aboard the U.S. S. Pensacola to see about our mail. Returned empty. Steamer Columbia arrives to day with dates to the 12th inst.

Sunday March 22nd 1863

Rivco dragged anchor last night giving the Colum considerable anxiety. Steamer Bis Bis arrives at 11 P.M. last night and this morning took fire and burned. Considerable portion
was made to save her but all to no avail. The ship finally sank after several hours burning after being scuttled. Received one letter from Auntie March 4th from Maria Feb 27 from March 11th one from Rev. Mr. J. Enslow and one from Cousin Kate. Day rainy. Reas my 21st Sunday and the Independent March 5th. Palladium 7:35 9:35 At evening Mr. Bolton and I went ashore and dined at Mr. Beales family. Enjoyed quite a pleasant evening. Had quite a long walk on our return as we missed the cars. Came on board at 10:45 P.M. Steamer McClellan from Brunswick sailed for New York this afternoon.

During the burning of the Big Bio the British Man of war at anchor in the stream sent a launch containing a force pump and assisted in extinguishing the fire. It was the first to play a stream of water on the vessel.
Monday, March 23, 1863

Off New Orleans. Day rainy. Fog fog came along side this afternoon and towed us to pier 20 alongside of the wharf. Studios came during the forenoon. Carpenters working at the vessel endeavoring to get the dimensions for a section of a dry dock - very disagreeable to have the carpenters disturb us in the ward room. Received a summons this afternoon to appear to-morrow at 10 A.M. on board the U.S.S. Pensacola as member of a medical survey appointed by Com. Morris. Took a letter to the steamer Tennessee this afternoon for Capt. Sury Wells. Got work on the way & made a quick return. Paymaster obtains $7000 from the U.S.S. Pensacola this afternoon.
Tuesday, March 24th

off New Orleans. Went on board the Pensacola in obedience to orders & held a survey on the gunner of the late Mississippi after which I left Capt. Surgeon Robinson & Wells went on board the Steamer Kensington & surveyed as a Master Mate. After finishing Drs. Robinson & Wells came on board the times & surveyed Kearney, Murphy, O'Brien & Smith. In charge of the Kensington. The 1st member of the survey came on board about the time the survey was over & the papers made out. Went ashore during the afternoon & called on Dr. Avery at the St. James Hospital. Wrote a letter to Mania, one to cousin Kate & one letter to Clara.
Wednesday March 25th, 1863

Off New Orleans. Went ashore this morning and sat for my carte de visite. Purchased some cotton socks, came on board at noon. In the afternoon Messrs. Colburn & Maughlin & I went ashore and went to a grocer at Camp Club and settled a bill indorsed to be twice collected. Carried my letters to the Post Office. Mr. Colburn & Mr. Maughlin were shorn & shaved this afternoon.

Went ashore this evening with Mr. Rodgers and called on Mr. Heales Cor. Chemist & 1st St. Had a pleasant time with the ladies. Dr. Smith & wife called while we were there.

On our return Mr. Rodgers wished to go to a restaurant for a supper from which I persuaded I brought him on board.

Received a letter from Maria March 4th this A.M.
Thursday March 26th 1863

Off New Orleans. Went ashore this morning and went to the Photographer and obtained some Cartes de visite. Took a warm bath in the St Charles. Purchased "Life of Washington" June dollars worth of Morphia sulph. A bottle of Burnett's Cocaine. Came on board and shampooed my head. Took a siesta this afternoon. Received a letter from Mr. Cray. March 7th 1863. Mr. Beales came on board and invited Mr. Cowburn and I to call at his house this evening. Went ashore at 7 P.M. and called on Mr. Beales. Met several strangers there. Had a good sing with Mrs. B and Miss Delia. After the best left. Mrs. B and children expecting to go North to Morrow on a visit at Gardiner Maine. Expect to take passage in the Eastern Queen. Miss Delia presented me with a bouquet of roses.
Friday March 27th 1863

Off New Orleans. Meditated a great deal about in this morning and finally commenced writing a letter which I completed during the afternoon and enclosed my Carte de Visite for Mrs. Hojes. Note a letter to Erwin enclosing my Carte de Visite & a letter to Mr. G. H. Butler to a survey sent on board the Pensacola to day as member.

Saturday March 28th 1863

Off New Orleans. Day cloudy. Rainy at evening. Went ashore after supper and called at Mr. Beales. Had a pleasant sing with Mrs. & Mr. Beales & with Mrs. Mc Donald. Miss Delea played on the Piano forte. Called also Mrs. B. played some sacred tunes on the piano & I assisted in singing. Heavy thunder shower came up on my return to the vessel.
Sunday March 29th 1863

Off New Orleans - Went on board the "Eastern Queen" after breakfast in order to bid good bye to Mr. Beale's family. Enjoyed their society for an hour & upwards until the vessel was ready to sail when I had an affectionate parting. Felt sorry to see or have the lately formed friends leave us & longed for an equal period to go North. Mr. Hodge & Mr. Campbell called on board this AM, with whom we had a pleasant conversation. Though myself detained so as not to be able to attend church. Read my Bible during the day.
Monday, March 30th, 1863

Off New Orleans. Manuel Smiley deserted last night. Went down street & obtained some more cartes de visite & paid the bill. Day pleasant though somewhat chilly. Strolled some more than usual during the day.

Tuesday, March 31st, 1863

Off New Orleans. Carpenters employed in getting the sectional dry dock into position. Studied during the forenoon French grammar & read in Rambles in Eastern Asia (by Dr. Ball). Took a walk toward evening. After supper wrote a letter to Maria & sent her Admiral Farragut's photograph. Wrote a letter to Mr. Davis & enclosed my photograph.
Wednesday April 1st 1863

Off New Orleans. Rose at 6 a.m. and took all our letters on board the Steamer Columbia which is sometimes earlier for New York this forenoon. Set at 9 and a half of to day. Wrote up my New York Journal this forenoon. Carpenters engaged in pumping out the dry dock. Went ashore this afternoon & called at the St. James Hospital, after which I took a ride to Ridge & cemeteries in the horse cars. Strolled through all the cemeteries and then returned, coming on board after sunset.

Thursday April 2nd

Off New Orleans. Went ashore and took a ride in the cars with Mr. Brown. Went out in the magazine cars & returned in the Pytania. Stopped at the St. Charles 1:40 & stowed luggage at 3 a.m. before coming on board.
Friday, April 3, 1863
Off New Orleans. Went ashore during the afternoon and took a ride in the cars via bayou Bridge Ridge cemeteries. Came on board at sunset.

Saturday, April 4, 1863
Off New Orleans. Went ashore in the A.M. to the Medical Director's office for approval of requisitions, after which I went to the Medical Purveyors' office in Canal Street. Found the med purveyor absent. Went to St. James Hospital & from there to the Med Purveyors again. Wrote a letter to M.
Sunday April 5th 1863

Off New Orleans. Rose at 6 and took our letters on board the Steamer Roanoke about to sail. Sent in to day's sea-proceeds on my way to the French market from the Roanoke and found there a large assemblage of persons and an extensive supply of meats, vegetables, and poultry. Was well pleased with what was to be seen before having took a cup of coffee and purchased a French newspaper. Came on board some time before breakfast with a keen appetite for a walk. At 11 went ashore and attended the Presbyterian church in Lafayette Square. Coming on board immediately after the service. Took a siesta. Read my Bible some and meditated. Paymaster sick with Diarrhoea, probably the resultant of his debauch. Receivd on board medicines this forenoon. Mr. Beale done with us.
Monday April 6th 1803

Off New Orleans. Went on board the Pensacola this A.M. for some Gunshot and while there was informed by Surgeon Kindleberger that I was member of several surveys with him + assist Surg. Hilles, the latter being absent. Went on board the Katahdin in the Aberronachulas Songy and surveyed two foremen with Surgeon Kindleberger, after which we returned to the Pensacola + found Dr. Hilles whom we surveyed six men. Three belonging to the Pensacola - 2 to the Oswese + one to the Kinsman - condemned all and ordered them to be sent North.

Returned on boat about 2 o'clock just in time for dinner. Took a siesta. Mr. Colburn sick with Diaphore + Mr. McConnell sick with fever. Steamer George Washington arrived from New York March 27th.
Tuesday April 7th 1863

Off New Orleans - Went to U.S. Sanitary Commission during the forenoon & obtained some Zeinafe - in I ordered some I promised to send for it to-morrow.

Purchased Books & familiar astronomy - Pair $2.00

Wednesday April 8th 1863

Off New Orleans. Took a walk this A.M. Steamer Pocahontas arrived with a mail to the 22½ ult. Went ashore this evening - Mr. Colburn purchased new stores & brought them on board. Things ordered at U.S. Sanitary Commission were also received.
April 9th, 1863 - Thursday

Off New Orleans. Went ashore last night and called at McAlleys where I was invited to a party at Mr. McCollum's. Found quite an assemblage of better sorts. Music and dancing occupied the evening. Did not come on board till 12 1/2 AM. Mrs. Kinderberger & Liburn came with me to the levee. Steamer Circassian arrived this AM. Went on board with Mr. Rodgers & inquired concerning a Surgeon's Steward. Did not get any. Mr. Rodgers met an old shipmate, 1st command Jewett who seemed quite lively.

Received a letter from Auntie of the 17th ult and one from Mr. March 18th with two Palladins of about the same date. Went ashore after dinner. Called at U.S. Sanitary Commission and ordered a number of deeds & Surgeon reports after which I took a ride to the battery in the horse car. On the return enjoyed a pleasant conversation with an army captain.
Write a letter to Auntie after supper & a letter to father. Felt very well all day.

Friday, April 10th, 1863

Saturday, April 11th, 1863

Off New Orleans - went ashore in the Am. A.A. Paymaster Train reports on board for passage to join the Gunboat Arizona.

Bought quite a large quantity of hard-room stores & $10,000 on board. Received a letter from Swin March 15th also a Palladium March 12th. A.A. Paymaster Painter reported at noon for duty.

Wrote a letter to M. during the evening & sent enclosed therewith Captain Ransom's & Mr. Davis photographs.

Called to see Mr. Colburn during the afternoon.

Gunboat Belleville was sunk this evening by the Tugboat Indiana coming in collision with her. Several lives no doubt lost.
Sunday, April 12th, 1863

off New Orleans. Had muster this A.M., after which went ashore and attended the Presbyterian Church in Lafayette Square. On returning to ship a shower came up and I did not go aboard in the boat sent for me. Mr. McConnell went off & got wet. Remains myself on board a steamboat until the shower abated after which came off in a skiff. Paymaster came assisted one Harper in making up his accounts. Read some during the day.

Monday, April 13th, 1863

off New Orleans. Expecting to leave at any moment, but merely detained on the paymaster's account who is making up his transfer alter. Staid galping abdominal pain to day & rested in trunk reading re
Tuesday April 14
off New Orleans - aboard ship all day - little worthy of mention - transpires - day pleasant

Wednesday April 15th 1863
off New Orleans - on board the vessel all day. Received a letter from Marga April 1st from March 31st - dubious with colic considerably during the day. Was much consol'd by my letter

Thursday April 16th 1863
off New Orleans - on board all day. Studied & read some - Paymaster occupied with his accounts at which he kept employed nearly the whole day & night - arrived at New Orleans & went Rodger Took a sail with some ladies to Chalmette & on their return they
called on board and partook of a collation in the cabin after which they had a dance on deck. Music was supplied by the men. Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Chadwick insisted on my being more social than I have previously been & invited me to call. Attempted to write a letter this evening but was cut short on the arrival of Captain Hatters & his party for some of the officers were invited in the cabin.

Friday April 17th 1863

Off New Orleans. Received a letter from Mr. A. W. Rice, Chaplain 129th Pa. Vol. March 31st. Letters arrived on the steamer Blackstone. Wrote a letter to Mr. M. to marry, & to deed, from the latter of whom I also received a letter today.
Saturday April 18th 1863

Off New Orleans. Went ashore before breakfast and took our mail on board the Steamer Rockahontas—ready to sail. Remained on board all day.

Sunday April 19th

Received orders last night to go to sea, got ready at 4 A.M. Took paymaster's money, provisions with us. Paper the forts at about 10 1/2 A.M. Were brought to by a solid shot being fired across our bow—after which an army officer boarded us to learn our whereabouts. Captain very much incensed at being detained & spoke quite sharply to the boarding officer. Arrives at the S.W. P.R. Pap at 1 P.M. Papped the Steamer Continental below the forts on her way to New Orleans via New York 15 1/2 M.N. Obtained our bulwarks &c at Pilot town and by about 6 P.M. we started for...
outside – Our Galley purchased some oysters this afternoon some of which we had steamed for supper & very palatable they were – though some of the officers commenced feeling the pitching of the vessel & was not extremely anxious for any supper – ate heartily myself but commenced feeling a little gastric distress some time subsequent. I have not forgot ten her old tricks at sea.

Read my bible during the day and some in "Rambles of Eastern Asia" intended to enjoy the privilege of divine service on shore to day but unfortunately was disappointed. Surgeon Stewart left behind was in liberty for the night & our sudden leave was unknown to him.
Monday April 20th

At sea. Retired early last night—felt quite nauseous from the vessel’s motion & did not recover from the effects to day. Ate no breakfast but ate a small dinner of fresh oysters & a light supper. Rested most of the day in bed reading & sleeping alternately.

Our distance whither we are going is 230 miles westward of South West Paph.

Officers quite sober to day.

Tuesday April 21st

At sea. Met the gunboat Cayuga—sailing eastward. Three sailors beyond her destination. Followed the Cayuga which the captain detained to assist in a boat expedition up some river in order to capture some cotton stations. Said to be loading these by a telegraphic dispatch from Gen Banks.
Captain Mr. Dormet of the Cayuga was killed while on shore at Sachinepafs and his body obtained by flag of truce. Lieutenant Commander Best of the New London was also injured.

Boat expedition consisting of two boats from Kanes and two from Cayuga sailed at 4 PM for their destination some eight miles hence. Was ordered to accompany the expedition by the captain and prepare everything for the canoe when the order was countermanded. The Surgeon's steward of the Cayuga ordered in my place.

Mr. Rodgers commanded the expedition. Officers from this vessel were Lieut. Rogers and Mr. Tanner, Mr. Colburn and Mr. Keen.

Expedition returned at 9 PM after having sailed for about eight miles in the interior, seeing not a human being at that battle. Pelicans, alligators, etc., were
report to be membership. Mr. Brown compared our chronometers with the Cayugas this evening and while there brought off Mr. Bogard who wished some refreshments. Captain Matternes shotgun oversaw this evening. Some tubes in our port boiler burst this while we were to anchor. Cayuga sailed on the return of her boats. We remainder.

Wednesday April 22nd

Homeward bound alias New Orleans Mississippi River. Got underway during the night.
Thursday April 28th

Sailed the greater part of the day
with the assistance of the Starbust
boiler at times. Tubes continually
bursting in port boiler, which are
plugged up with pine stoppers.
Starbust boiler came with exploding
the evening or afternoon through the
negligence of the engineer on watch.
Mr. Hollingsworth, water got so low
that the fires were hauled.
Some of the officers discussing a
great deal about our position
Slightly nauseous still though able
to move around very well. Studied
Surgey. Finished Rambles in
Eastern Asia & during the day.
Friday April 24th 1863

By mistake arrived at Smith's pap last night. Came into the Mississippi via S. W. pap during the forenoon. Steamed to heat of papp with the use of one boiler only. Papp the papp at evening were boarded at Guarantee by the surgeon. Informed that six vessels ran the victor batteries. Day was pleasant. Meditative. Wrote a letter to Maria.

Saturday April 25th 1863

Arrived off New Orleans near noon. At evening received three letters + two papers. One from Mr. March 23d with papers same date. Leidy April 1st. Dr. Lyer March 23d. Messrs. Gould + Beale came on board during the afternoon. But did not receive any later letters as those obtained were those from the Channel.
Sunday April 26th 1863

Off New Orleans. Mr. Colburn took our letters on board the "George Cromwell" which sailed this morning. Attended divine service at St. Palms Church in Lafayette Square (Presbyterian). Nearly one half of the congregation contemptuously left the church on the Pastor's commencing to read the President's proclamation in reference to the 30th inst as a day of fasting & prayer. Felt indignant at the ovation & lack of good breeding. After the close of service came on board ship. Wrote a letter to Mr. during the afternoon.

Paymaster Clark reported for duty this morning.

Monday April 27th

Off New Orleans. Day pleasant, felt meditative. Wrote a letter to Leidy, to Dr. Tylor & a note to Auntie which I enclosed in Maria's letter.

Union sentiment in New Orleans more prominent.

Pay & Painter suspended from duty for going ashore & remaining over night without liberty.
Tuesday, April 28th.

Off New Orleans. Mr. Mills, paymaster, painter's clerk, took our letters on board the steamer "Continental" before breakfast, which sailed for New York about 9 A.M. Don't ashore with Mr. Rodgers in the afternoon and stopped with him at City Hotel where I renewed surgical aid came on board at sunset. The boat sent from ship, I was obliged to procure a skip. Felt displeased.

Showery during the afternoon. Walked with Mr. Rodgers while he was purchasing clothing.

Wednesday, April 29th.

Off New Orleans. Meditative and thoughtful all day. Don't ashore at sunset and called at "Heald's" Ladies nearly all away to a party. Met Mr. Gould who called at same place. Left about 9 P.M. and called with Mr. Gould on Mr. Beale's. Came on board ship about 10 P.M.
Thursday April 30th
Remained on board ships all day. Read Bible + Josephus during forenoon + in Afternoon wrote a letter to Marion + to Father. Sent Mr. an "Ero" This morning by the Morning Star. Did not fast very much during the day. Thought a great deal about M. for the past few days and am feeling anxious to receive a letter. Sent Dr. Tyler this Morning's Ero and the letters written to the Post Office by Mr. Pannei.

Friday May 1st 1863
Steamer Columbia sailed this morning for New York.
Saturday May 25, 1863

Received six letters this morning viz. Maria, 10th Inst. Father C.F., Ensign Mr. Crass, Clara, and S.S. Sanitary Commission. Very much cheered by the news. Letters to my bunk to read letters. Rejoiced to see Maria's chirography & glad to read what she wrote. Felt all day happy. Mr. Rodgers returned on board this Am. Lipsky—Sorry for him. Studied French today & this evening sat in portgangway meditating. Mail steamer arrived.

Sunday May 26, 1863

Had muster this morning & reading of articles of war. Attended Episcopal Church in canal street with Paymaster Clark. Came on board immediately before dinner. Received two letters this evening from Maria, dates April 14th & 21st. Two papers of same date—During evening commenced writing a letter to Mrs. & wrote until 11 P.M.
Monday May 4th 1863

On board all day. Wrote Medical and Surgical Journal, prepared the 1st Quarterly Report 1863 to forward to the Bureau. Informed this A.M. of Col. Grierson's cavalry raid from Tennessee to Baton Rouge.

Tuesday May 5th 1863

Off New Orleans. Still repairing engines. Rained some during the morning. Pleasant at evening. During afternoon finished Maria's letter and enclosed a Carte de Visite. Went ashore after supper & called at St. Charles. Met Mr. Rodgers & called with him at Mr. Burbankes. Enjoyed a social evening. Returned to St. Charles & heard the final of Col. Grierson's sermon after which came on board.
Wednesday May 6th 1863

Attended a flag presentation at The Ladies High School. Exercises consisted in music, speaking and reading. Lastly by a flag presentation from scholars to teachers. Subsequently speeches were made by members present among which was Col. Greenough - late from Tennessee. After flag was raised over the institution hearty cheers were given. After this a collation was given finally dancing to the music from the band - Left with Mr. Cool and called at Mr. Beale, but finding him absent took possession of the house for recreation called in the evening at Mr. Edwards with Mr. Howard and enjoyed quite a gathering. Met Dr. McCallum much to my surprise. Came on board at 11 P.M. Day cool and windy. At evening Pilot intended having a party on board the Renio, but the wind blowing too freshly the ladies could not come off
Thursday May 7th 1863

Wrote a letter during forenoon to Rev Dr M. Rice & to Mr S. M. Craig.
In afternoon called on Dr McDowell at University College Hospital. Had quite a lively time in the dining hall with several surgeons. Alligator, pigeon & dog afforded amusement after dinner was over. Called at St James Hospital. Took tea with Dr Avery & intended to call on Dr Braden (sick) but finding him asleep did not awaken him. Had severe pain & hurry on boats.

Friday May 8th 1863

Off for Orleans - quiet
Saturday, May 9th
Wrote a letter to Auntie.

Sunday, May 10th
Attended Episcopal church during the forenoon. Steamer George Washington sailed for New York this morning.
Wrote to Maria during the evening.
Read some during the day, but felt badly.
Steamer Peabody sailed north with late United States prisoners. Salute fired on their departure.

Monday, May 11th
Sick all day with Dysentery + colic. Confined in bed.

Tuesday, May 12th
In bed all day. Sleeping & turning from side to side.
Wednesday, May 13th

Steamer United States arrived from New York this morning with dates as late as the 30th ult. In bed all day. Had considerable pain, but better than yesterday. Incurred a great deal. Anxiously to hear from M. Steamer U.S. reported by some to have brought a mail and denied by others.

Thursday, May 14th

Off New Orleans. Wrote a letter to Maria during the forenoon while lying in bed. Received a letter from Brown & a New York Independent April 23rd.rawler 21st. 28th. Disappointed in not receiving a letter from M. Rose before dinner. Washed & asleep and at 3 P.M. went ashore. Deposited letters in the office after which called at University College Hospital and say to McCallum he came on board at 9 P.M.
Rain during the afternoon. Succeeded in getting port anchor during the forenoon at which all hands were at work yesterday. Hoisted the remainder of the day on starboard anchor which likewise sank several fathoms into the mud.

Friday May 15th 1863

At work all day trying to weigh starboard anchor. Had a powerful purchase. Day wasn't salt. Steamer Creole arrives this morning with her York dates of 7th. Brought in mail. Propeller Dunay an old tub has the mail. Sailed on 6th. Creole made passage to the bar from New York in 6 days 23 hours. Convalescent. Good appetite, indisposed to make mental or physical exertion.
Saturday May 16th

Succeeded in securing Starboard Anchor during the forenoon. Came to anchor again. Received on board 100 riflet-skulls for the saps & fuses for the mortars. Mr Rodgers received an album from his chap this afternoon from a photographer at Annapolis.

Sunday May 17th

Off New Orleans - day cloudy and rainy. Read during the forenoon and morning in my Bible & Josephus. In the afternoon wrote a letter to Maria & Captain Bentworth. Of Marine Corps direct with captain. Went ashore this evening and called on Healds - enjoyed a tolerably pleasant evening. George larsen will arrive late this evening bringing new York dates of the 9th mo. Rodgers & Magulish's picture enclosed in the letter. Messrs Essey. Mackens.
Monday, May 18th

Got underway early and steamed to the coal pile on the Algiers side. After Breakfast drew $5.15 from Paymaster after which Paymaster and I went to New Orleans. Took letters to the Post Office and sent $5.00 by Adams Express to the Secretary of the Treasury to be invested in a coupon Bond of same denomination. Paid freight & insurance on money $8.75. Ordered the bond to be forwarded to Mrs. O.H. Woodford, New Haven. Wrote a letter in St. James Hospital and sent it with the money.

Went on board the Steamer George Cromwell with Paymaster Clark and obtained New York papers. Returned on board the Lines about 12 M. Finished coaling about 1 P.M. when Lines got underway and steamed up the river to Steamer Landing where we came to anchor. Received the letters which came on board the
George Croswell—obtained one from Maria May 8½ with enclosed note from Auntie. Maria + two Baltimore papers from Mr. Craig. Got underway near sunset and sailed up the river. Wrote a letter to Auntie + to Envoy.

Tuesday, 19th, 1863

Arrived off Donaldsonville at 73/4. Went ashore with darkroom steward and obtained our washing which was five several months. Brought off ten dozen pieces. Continued in our course on my return—pasted the Monongahela coming down a short distance above Donaldsonville. Arrive on board. Sent a boat ashore at Dr. Stones plantation to procure poultry + pasted the crinoline at Plaquemine where she was laying to anchor. Arrived about sunset off Baton Rouge + came to anchor. Wrote a letter to Maria during the
afternoon and sailed with Austin. McConnell took letters ashore and deposited in post office on arrival.

Wednesday May 19th

Stewards went to market this morning. Got underway about 7 A.M. & steamed up river arriving at Port Hudson at 11 A.M. Communicated with Captain Almon of the Richmond, after which steamed along side of the Isaac and transferred her ammunition. Steamed down behind profits Island in search of a crop knee but not seeing it and the pilot nearly runnning the vessel aground we came to anchor temporarily. Pilot Mr. Bartell re- went ashore on a reconnaissance. Came to anchor after weighing anchor at the head of the Island & in the rear of the mortar schooners. Intended
to protect artillery from attacking the mortar schooners. Capt. Alden brought us some papers, as he & Dr. Anderson were steering around the river in the gunboat. Received an old Independent & Palladium. A. Paymaster Sherwood came on board at evening.

Thursday May 20th
Below Port Hudson. Messrs. Clark, Maughlin & I went ashore in the forenoon to take a walk. Sun very hot. Called on board the Horace Beales. Met Dr. Edes & Mr. Sherwood. Came on board before dinner. Botanized some but felt too tired to analyze. Attended my French lesson with Mr. Rodgers.
Friday May 21st

Below Port Hudson. Went ashore in forenoon to take a walk + botanical trip. On returning to vessel was ordered by Mr Rodgers to go on board the Horace Reels and attend a fire, survey. Reels went down river to Springfield Landing to protect the landing of troops. After survey on board Schooner O. H. L. 2nd went about the Richmond with Dr Henderson. Captain Alden promised to send one to the Times by the first opportunity but sniping the first opportunity he was detained until evening when Captain Alden + took an excursation in the Ing Idea and returned one to the Times.

Gay rainy at times. Hartford + Richmond trying to signalize across the point but did not succeed. Had a pleasant conversation with Surgeon Henderson while on board the Richmond.
Saturday May 22nd 1863

At Springfield Landing - Troops landing & advancing into the interior - Monongahela arrived from New Orleans with Admiral Farragut

Sunday May 23rd 1863

At Springfield Landing - Communicates several dispatches to the Admiral during the day - In afternoon steams up to the fleet and participates in the firing at the Port Hudson batteries. All the vessels big Monongahela, Richmond, Susquehanna, Texas & Essex engaged at long range - Some of the shots were well directed.

Enemy fired but little & without doing us any injury. Mortars fired slowly all the time. Returned at evening to our old station.

Wrote a letter
Monday May 25th 1863

Left underway and steamed to the Flagship Monongahela in the afternoon, with dispatches from Gen. Banks to Admiral Farragut. Received on board a small mail, 20 letters for me. Ran foul of the Richmond's just before on our return carrying a fore-yard, mainmast &c. Mr. Rodgers had his shoulder dislocated. Reduced it after coming to anchor, by the assistance of Dr. Fisher. Accident occurred as the Captain states through the error of the pilot's judgment. Cleared the vessel for action immediately after the catastrophe. Without mainmast &c now. Mortars fired some during the day. The Army skirmishing.

Wrote a letter to Maria & Marga during the forenoon & after dinner in company with Mr. Clark went on board the steamer George Cromwell.

Mr. Hills came on board on our return & took a good washing in my room.
Tuesday May 26th

Pilot dismissed this morning. Rather critical at the information. Captain (Pilot) - Steamer between 7 & 9 AM to the fleet with dispatches. Mortars firing occasionally.

Steamer Nassau came up this evening with provisions. Mortars at work during the night. The army firing also. Called on Dr. Fisher this morning & had quite a pleasant interview.

Wednesday May 27th 1863

At Springfield Landing. At 6 AM the fleet moved up in concert with the mortars fires on the batteries. At 7 steamer to flagship with despatches - Ordered to take some prisoners from Sallie Robinson & bearer of dispatches. Antonio agreed at head Porfits Island - Sallie Robinson trying to tow her off. Returned to our
station & took on board some prisoners after which went to Baton Rouge. Purchased more stores while there. Returned about sunset.

Thursday May 28th

Requested at midnight to come on shore & assist in taking care of the wounded. Worked diligently until 7 Am. About 150 wounded arrived during the night. Drs. Fisher & Lynch treated out. By request the Admiral detached two Assistant Surgeons to take care of the wounded. Assisted during the day also.

Received a letter from Maria May 14th. Bounded coming in rapidly. Clean Sherman wounded.

Friday May 29th

At Springfield Canton. Bounded & cotton coming in. Received news of Admiral Porter's sweep on the James & rocket last night at the wounded until midnight.
Saturday May 30th
Springfield Landing - took dispatches - Day warm
Assistant on shore - Dr. Murphy returns to the Richmond this
evening - Dr. Baumgartner returns to the Monongahela yesterday.
Both tired and wearied.

Sunday May 31st 1863
Assisted some on shore in attending to the wounded. Steamers to the
fleet at noon with dispatches. Received from the Monongahela a surgeon
+ Lieut (prisoners) - Steamers Shreveport arrived with siege guns.
Motor vessels at work all day - Dr. Whitehead arrives from New Orleans
to volunteer his services to the army.
Monday June 1st 1863

To anchor all day at Springfield Landing. Took a walk ashore with Lieutenant Commander Terry of the Richmond with a detachment of Marines & Sailors were ordered to take charge of the heavy siege guns. About 8 PM several soldiers came to the river's bank and serenaded us with beautiful singing.

Wrote a letter to Maria.

Tuesday June 2nd 1863

Steamed to the flagship in the morning & afternoon. Received the last time several rebel prisoners transferred this afternoon. Dr. Smith & Confederate ladies to the Sallie Robinson for passage to New Orleans.

Day warm but pleasant.
Wednesday June 3rd

Thursday June 4th
Rose at 6. Studied some Chemistry and took a walk before breakfast. Received a note on horse from the tug "Leo." Obtained four letters, two from Maria April 29th and May 19th. Mr. Butler April 29th. Acknowledgment of received quarterly report of European Meet and Surgery Club. Very much pleased with Maria's letters, with contained likeness of her sister Carrie. Influence of reading "Hager the Martyr" not entirely.
Friday June 5th 1863

at Springfield Landing. Got underway during the forenoon & steamed up to the fleet. Witnessed the mortars while doing some accurate firing. Wrote a letter to Maria. Returned to our station about noon. In the afternoon Mr. Clark & I went ashore and took a stroll in the woods. Carried our mail to Dr. Fisher's tent on our way. Enjoyed a pleasant time in walking & glimpsing underneath the verdant foliage. Came on board at sunset.

Saturday June 6th 1863

At Springfield Landing. Dr. Fisher came on board during the forenoon, for passage to the flagship. On the way he further endeavoured to secure a flat boat, but to no account, as she had too strong an attachment.
for the bed of the Mississippi River. Returned soon to our station. In the afternoon Mr. Clark and I took a stroll on Profit Island. Had a lively time while walking along the river's bank, and among the thickets. Enjoyed ourselves with cane in hopping off the branches of small trees, in a medley of songs and on our return in catching lizards and frogs for the special amusement of our ship associates. Saw but few wild flowers along the several miles we walked. Came on board before sunset and commenced training lizards and frogs, while strings to their hind legs gave us control over them. Mr. Maughlin not interested as accustomed in the insect species. Consigned our Zoological specimens to the Mississippi, after exhibition. Day very warm with little if any air stirring. Thermometer 90°. Received several prisoners from the flagship.
Sunday June 7th 1863

At Springfield Landing - Slept on deck last night. Steamed to flag ship with dispatches after 12 M. Received on board 25 confederate prisoners from the Monitor gakela. Returned to our station about 3 P.M. Went ashore on coming to anchor to bring off Dr. Fisher who was invited yesterday to come off & dine with us. Our dinner was delayed from two till 3 1/2 - Dr. engaged & could not come. Had a good dinner of chicken, real too. At evening transferred our prisoners 31 in all, to the Ulysses American. Major Vignes was our guest.

Day very warm - Thermometer 90°. Read but little during the day.
Mr. Rodgers & Mr. Maughlin took the letters in boats the Cherute this evening.
Monday June 9th, 1863

At Springfield Landing slept on deck last night. Annoyed by mosquitoes, Messrs. Rodgers & Maughlin returned feeling lively from the effect of the Sutters ale. At anchor all day. Very warm. Sicks moisture to cool the air. Studies Chemistry, French grammar. Employed lately more at study than usual.

Mississippi River fallen fifteen or more feet during the last three weeks.

Tuesday June 10th, 1863

Off Springfield Landing. Day warm. Engaged at study. Did not go ashore. Rumor that Johnson was attacking Gen. Grant in the rear of Richmond. That Gen. Kirby with a large force intended crossing the Mississippi at Natchez with the design of engaging Gen. Banks; investors furnishing.
Wednesday June 10th, 1863
off Springfield Landing. Day very warm. Air clear. At evening took a walk on shore with Messrs. Mangfall & Clark.

Thursday June 11th, 1863
off Springfield Landing. Day cloudy & showery. Quite a change in the atmosphere more refreshing. Heavy clouds of dust on shore subdued. Came with army in the rear of Fort Hudson, firing slowly during the day both by the army & fleet.

Friday June 12th, 1863
off Springfield Landing. Day warm. Studied Chemistry, printed. Received of the capture of the tug for by the Confederates at Pau a l'orbe.
Saturday June 13th, 1863
Got underway during the forenoon with the intention of participating with the fleet in the firing. Got aground while going out of the shoot at the lower end of Poofits Island. Received a mail on arrival to the flagship, which came up by the Antonio. We obtained three letters from Maria May 4th, 6th, and 25th and also several papers. Much interest in reading the news & glad to hear once more from the friends of my affection.
We returned to the lower end of Poofits Island & came to anchor. More air stirring than where we previously were. Gen. Weitzel’s forces attempted an assault last night but was repelled with a loss in killed & wounded from 7 to 800.
Steamers Crescent & St Marys clash. Down river this evening with the intention of towing off the wooden gunboat at Branche...