

The Colorado and we manned the rigging and cheered ship. the Delaware manned yards and returned the cheers. she was a splendid sight steaming out of the harbour. the news of a war between Prussia and France reached us here.

Aug 23rd A boat race came off between our 1st and 2nd cutters the latter winning easy.

Aug 24th A boat race came off between our barge ^{12 oars} and 2nd cutter ^{6 oars}. Whalebait ^{4 oars} and Gig ^{8 oars}. the barge came off winner hard pressed by the Whalebait. the Gig third. the Gig 4 fourth and 2nd cutter last. in the afternoon a boat crew of the main guard commenced practising in the 2nd cutter. Saluted the English Flag with 21 guns the salute was not returned.

Aug 25th The French Consul came on board and received the usual salute on leaving.

Aug 26th Left Singapore at 12 Meridian and steamed up the China sea. past Singapore light. hauld fire and made sail.

Aug 31st The weather has been exceedingly hot these four days. yesterday and today before a almost perfect calm prevailed. to day we had a few heavy rain squalls.

Lat. N. 4.36. Long. E. 106.36.

Sept 2nd Lat. N. 5.56. Long. E. 105.42

3rd " " 7.10 " " 106.05

4th Land reported at 2 P.M. and sighted the Condore Islands.

Sept 6th A very light breeze and a strong current against us. dropped anchor at 8. A.M. hove up anchor at 9.30. A.M. beating all day off little condore island without hardly gaining an inch. let go the stream anchor at 6.45 P.M.

Sept 6th Tried to weather the island without success and finally dropped anchor at 10 P.M.

Sept 7th Edward Williams a bold seaman died to day. after having been confined in the sweat box on bread and water for 48 hrs. at 6 P.M. all hands called to bury the dead. spent the day in getting up and dropping anchor.

Sept 8th Making our way by inches. again evening a breeze sprung up and we were at last able to weather the condore island.

Sept 9th Got up steam and commenced steaming at 7.30. A.M. Passed St James lighthouse at 2.30 P.M. dropped anchor at the mouth of rigon river at 4.30 P.M.