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Guide to the

Journal of a cruise on board the U.S.S. Congress

1846-1847

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Summary

Creator: Parrish, Joseph

Title: Journal of a cruise on board the U.S.S. Congress

Date: 1846-1847

Size: .21 linear feet (1 volume)

Abstract: Joseph Parrish was a midshipman in the U.S. Navy stationed aboard the U.S. frigate Congress, Commodore Robert F. Stockton's flagship. The Congress traveled the Pacific coast from San Francisco to Mazatlan during the Mexican-American War. Parrish's journal, dated October 8, 1846 to November 11, 1847, contains a list of officers onboard the Congress and describes events in the conquest of California, such as assumption of command of American forces by Stockton, July 23, 1846; occupation of Los Angeles, August 13, and of San Pedro, October 27; and capture of Guaymas and Mazatlan. Commodore Stockton returned to the U.S. on June 28, 1847, leaving Lieutenant John W. Livingston in command. The latter was succeeded by Captain E.A.F. Lavallette on July 20, 1847. The journal contains 71 leaves

Access: Advance notice required.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Journals (accounts)

Subjects

Mexican War, 1846-1848 -- Campaigns -- California
Midshipmen -- United States

Names

Parrish, Joseph

Congress (Frigate : 1841-1862)
United States. Navy