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July 28-13 - Monday.

Today I begin my diary, having finally come upon that Elusive Box containing diaries and note-books and dug this book out, discovering incidentally that the whole lot of books was damp - perhaps from the wetting received during the unloading of the stranded Diana - So dried them out and repacked the box. At daylight this morning we were alongside the Erik and no time was lost in transferring cargos. It seems that everything has gone smoother here during this work today than in any of the previous operations of loading cargos. These Scandinavians have more life & them and things move along with a snap. I feel that McNeil is showing up mightily well as a leader in the way he has handled this situation. Tonight I shall sleep in my old berth but on a new ship - our box cabin having been picked up bodily from the Diana and set on the Eriks deck. Do and then have been tallying coal. Tonight that almost seems like the navy - only the "mess cooks" haven't been around with hot coffee & sandwiches as they would have been were this a navy coaling. Nay! - in fact we're all been a حسين.
our steward because he didn't leave even a little plain aqua for us! I might add that I sat up till midnight writing letters—fully an hour after everyone else was in bed, and sitting in the after cabin was startled by what I thought was an approaching thunderstorm but my suspense was but momentary for upon investigation I found the sky clear and atmosphere still, and came to the conclusion that the terrible noise had emanated, not from the sky but from the door of Judge Spriggs stateroom, No wonder all those after cabin roomers sleep up on deck!


Unloading of Diana proceeding nicely. Storemen work well. By 11 p.m. only a few boxes remained in Diana's hold. Rainy weather.

July 30-13 Wednesday.

Loading from Diana finished today. Erik's loading has gone very nicely but his crew is now drunk and may delay our sailing tomorrow. Orangemen celebration in St John's today and sailorsmen are drunker than usual. Hunt, Green and I go uptown for supper. Weather quite warm.

July 31-13 Thursday.

Diana moved away from Erik this morning. Drunken crew ashore delayed our
sailing today. moved away from dock and anchored in harbour.

August 1st-13 Friday.

Started north once more! At 10 quarter of ten this morning we sailed out of St John’s harbour. Fine weather prevailed. Much discussion between us as to the accuracy of statements of several people that the “Cirk” is a better sea-boat than “Diana”. Ck and Judge Sprigg contend that the Cirk tosses around more.

August 2nd-13. Saturday

Sea smooths down in afternoon - day & night fine weather. Hoisted foremast, topstay sail, main top mast, staysail and spanker. On evening Mac gave us setting up drill and we played games. Decided that it would be advisable for member of expedition to be on lookout, so Ck takes 10 to 12 watch, 2 to 2 and Hunt 2 to 4 a.m.

Aug 3-13. Sunday. Arrive Batele Harbour about 8.30 A.M. Moor to Couriers dock. All the boys writing letters home. Mac, Green, Tank, and Fred Patterson go up on the top of a hill for bath in natural bathing pool. All of us visited up to Dr Walfords’ home to sing. The bunch of us who went had a most enjoyable time – the hymn singing and picturesque house and
furnishings, the charming Mrs. Wakefield and the young American nurses served to create a lasting impression as most of us realize that more than likely these are the last white woman's faces we shall see for years.

August 4th. Monday.

All hands up this morning at 4:00 A.M. and work of loading material from warehouse began at once. Most of it aboard by 7:00 A.M. Have to stop work for some time because sailors not clearing decks as fast as we loading. Judge Sprigg and Fred Patterson worked very hard with us. Store all aboard in afternoon but fog delayed sailing. Jot Small arrived aboard today and encamped in his power boat. Green moved his sleeping bag in boat with him. Small displayed his handiness well today in the way he secured our deck load with spruce pilings and ropes—in mighty glad we have a capable man like him.

August 5th Tuesday.

Erik sailed at 5 A.M. for Cape York. Course set for Diskertoppan Greenland. Moderate weather today. We are getting away from the ice bergs.

August 6th Wednesday.

Rough weather. Ship gyrating.

August 7th Thursday.

More rough weather. Most all hands sick.
August 8th. Friday.
Sea moderating slightly.

August 9th. Saturday.
Smooth today. Everybody up but Tank. Sun came out today for short time. Jot clipped my hair today so I feel like a full-fledged arctic explorer.

August 10th - 13 Sunday.
Nice clear weather today till evening then very thick fog. Sailing thru Davis Strait seeing no ice.

Saw Ks! Early this morning we saw the mountains and glaciers along coast of Baffin Land. A most beautiful day - sea smooth as glass, sun shining, even Tank out of bed. We were all out on deck in the sunshine all day and could hardly believe our eyes at seeing temperature only 46°. Thousands of little birds followed and passed us today. Judge Sprigg and Fred Patterson had target practice with them. Don't think any were hit. Several group pictures were made today on deck and in the rigging. Numerous icebergs today. No pack ice sighted yet. Bright twilight all through night.

August 12 - 13. Tuesday.
Sort of rough today. Rainy and foggy, not much doing. Everybody sleeping or writing.

Fine clear day. We bag coal all day today.
Till'd about 400 bags. Saw our first pack-ice, just narrow strips which we got through easily. Fred Patterson worked down in the bunkers with us shovelling coal.

August 14-13 Thursday.

A thick fog is hanging over the sea and in necessitating our diminishing speed to about four miles an hour. This morning we finished bagging coal, but did not hoist the bags on deck. Mr. Newbery, the 'Eriko' first mate saw some walrus early this morning.

August 15-13 Friday.

Fog cleared about ten pm yesterday and the beautiful Greenland coast could be seen about 25 miles off our starboard beam. Sighted Cape York this morning and had quite a hard time getting thru the drift ice and to the Cape. Saw in half a dozen ships on the hill, and four Eskimos came out to see us as we entered. "Myah" and "Kioko" came aboard and Mac talked with them and found that the boys he wanted were on an inland about 20 miles South. We started down there but gave it up as the ice was too thick.

Left Cape York for North Star Bay about two p.m. Judge Spight traded four plugs chewing tobacco to Myah for a Narwhal tusk.

August 16-13 Saturday.

Erik arrived. North Star Bay early in morning—about 2 o'clock—Mac went ashore.
and got Panikpaa, his wife, Jimmy, & Buster Green and I helped them break camp and move aboard ship. Sprigg Patterson & Happy went with Panikpaa in whaleboat to get Stockasho. had long row and returned late for supper. "Buster" went Pibloko when whistle blew. Fog prevented our sailing.

August 17th Sunday.

August 18th Monday
Arrived Kongit-Lukeseak about 12:10 a.m. Headed out Mac's boat and Spriggs. Got go with Murphy up bay after some eskimos. Trouble with Sprigg's boat. Shot at school of white whales. Got returned about noon with the eskimos. Loaded two families with dogs and belongings. Sailed for "Nerky" twelve thirty p.m. Arrived Nerky.
About 2 p.m. Mac negotiated with Eskimos and as a result loaded two families aboard. Sailed for Etah 4 p.m. Met whale-boat full of Eskimos from Etah. Took them in tow. We are towing Mac's power-boat and punt astern. Making good time. Open water.

August 19th. Tuesday.

Green, Small, & Hunt in power-boat got a walrus this a.m. Ship start for Flagler Bay about 9.00 a.m. After running about an hour meet solid ice pack coming down from Kane Basin, and had to turn back to Etah. In afternoon bunch of us went rabbit-hunting and got 16.

August 20th. Wednesday.

Green and Small in power boat got two walrus and a baby walrus this a.m. In afternoon bunch visited Brother John Glacier.

August 21st. Thursday. First Snow last night.

This morning Hunt, Green, Small, Ship, Sanguine, Murphy - second mate, and I climbed over to Cape Ailsen to look at the ice conditions around. Cape Caline, Green and Ch made sketches of ice and leads. We reached ship at two p.m. Got fresh water from steam men ship & sailed from Etah at 3.45 p.m. Ran along edge of ice pack till 7 p.m.
August 22 - Friday.
Battled with ice in Smith Sound all day but could not get thru. There are leads running nearly up to Cape Sabine but Capt. Keeler does not seem willing to risk entering them.

August 23 - Saturday.
It was snowing this morning and a strong northerly wind was blowing. The Eric ran for Etah Harbor and arrived about 11 a.m. The boys went rabbit hunting and bagged 18, and after supper we went out in the whaleboat and got a walrus cow and two calves. John Small & Sprigg got a seal.

August 24 - Sunday.
We landed all the dogs this morning on an island in Etah Harbor. Got moving pictures of the landing. In afternoon Mac and a bunch of us went out in the powerboat to look for a possible home site. Found likely place on a peninsula three or four miles north of Etah. Got a fine sow walrus and a calf. Mac and Hunt went up on Cape Chileen at night to have a last look at the ice.

August 25 - Monday.
Loaded the dogs aboard again this morning and afternoon went out for last try to get ship thru the ice. Unsuccessful. Returned
The ship left us this afternoon. We began work on the house site immediately after leaving and dug till about 12-30 when we ate supper which Mac had prepared for us in the cook tent, and all went to bed. I think every one of us slept more soundly than we had for months—sleeping in the open air practically—and dead tired too.

Mac called us this morning at six o'clock, and brought us all to with the information that the motorboat had sunk in the night. Low tide had grounded and swamped it. I went out and rowed out to it later in the day and bailed it out enough so that at next high tide it floated. It is a perfectly beautiful day.

I worked for a while today in a light undershirt and was perfectly comfortable. We worked hard and long today. Mac does the cooking in the cook tent and the rest of us and some of the Eskimos pick
and shovel.

Mon Sept 1 13.

Today we finished the foundation work and began laying the floor timbers. After work at ten p.m. I went up to the top of the big hill southeast of the camp and looked over the country to see what the prospects for tin aerial were; and found that prospects were very poor. There are no steep hills around, and the hill on which I was standing was too far away to be of any service even if it had been steep enough.

Hal shot a rabbit and we had rabbit stew for dinner today. We’re hungry mortals these days and eat heartily.

Tue Sept 2 13.

The floor is laid and walls are nearing completion. I went to the point today with some Eskimos and brought over a load of electrical machinery, some of which needed to be put in the house before the walls were
finished. We work till 10-30 or 11.00 at night.

Wed Sept 3-13
Hal went up in the hills today and got three rabbits. We have the outer walls on the house and the frame up for the roof.

Thur Sept 4-13
A beautiful day! I got the advantage of it by pouring out the motor boat and doctoring up the engine and draining it, and finally starting it. Mac seemed to have been relieved of the big load when he saw the smoke of the exhaust from the engine and realized it was running again.

We boarded the roof and quit work at eight p.m. They say we "went some" in the roofing.

Fri Sept 5-13
Another beautiful day! Mac calls all hands every morning at six o'clock. Eh is usually the most responsable and I fear I am the least because...
the bunk feels most delightfully good in the morning about that time.

We're putting the rubberoid roofing on today. There is quite a pitch to the roof and Mac slipped off it today and seriously sprained his ankle. Hal and I were over at Provision Point at the time and Green signalled to me with wig-wag to bring over a crutch.

Sat. Sept 6-10.

Still another beautiful day! Each morning we examine about the beauty of the day and think we've never been its equal, and each day seems prettier than the one before.

Jank and I are working in the main room putting on the ceiling. We quit at 7:30 p.m. because it was too dark inside the house to see the pencil marks on the boards more fitting. Towards the end of the day Mac amused the Eskimos by singing their songs, and ETHE
soon developed "pibloke" and was
imitating various animals. When
last I saw him he was up in
the valley on his hands and knees
barking like a walrus, - with Ahkeka,
and another man trying to quiet
him.

Sun Sept 7-13

Shaving the main room, putting
in windows and floors. I am wearing
the green cowhide boots which I bought
in St. Johns and they freeze stiff as
bricks every night, and have to be
thawed over the oil stove before I
can get them on.

Mon Sept 8-13

Today Ian and I have been putting
on the rubberoid and second ceiling
in the main room, and I dug a ditch
from the house to the beach in which to
lay the ground wire for the wireless.
The sun melted the snow today.

Mac's ankle is better, he is not using
the scrutches.
The Sept 9-13

Today we finished the main room, set up the stove, lighted the fire and started cooking in the new house. It seems very good to have the fire going in the big room.

I laid the second floors in the two northwest rooms and brought over a load of electrical goods from the point.

This morning before any of us were awake Alakashingnuk came to Mac's tent and woke him with the startling news that the motor-boat was not in sight, had probably drifted to sea! Mac called Joe and Green and told them to go around the shore and see if they could see anything of it, and happily they soon came back with the news that they had found it. A big berg had drifted in and carried the boat in front of it right close to the beach.


Our first breakfast in the new home! It sure tasted good.

I finished the floors and partitions
in the rooms, and in the afternoon Green and I began work on the electrical room. After dinner we all made a trip to the point for stores.

Thursday Sept 11, 13
Green has been doing carpenter work on the electrical room today while I, with the Eskimos brought over the engine and nearly all the electrical equipment in two big boat loads. The Eskimos are splendid workers.

Fri Sept 12, 13
Green and I doing carpenter work in the electrical room. I built my bunk in Hal's and my room and moved from the tent to our new room.

Sat Sept 13, 13
I made two trips to the point today bringing over household goods, little patches of young ice here and there between our home and the point remind us that soon we will be able to walk the distance which we now cover in the whale boat, and this is a pleasant thought, it will be much nicer to sledge
the goods over.

Sun Sept 14 13

Ran the engine today for the regular weekly battery charge. Started at eleven a.m. and shut down at ten p.m. Used eleven gallons of kerosene and one gallon gasoline.
The pipes being well drained, thawing was not difficult this morning. The engine is running perfectly and at a fraction more than normal load. Shifting over to kerosene from gasoline usually requires an hour or more, and lots of patience, but once shifted the running is splendid. Factory tests could want no more perfect results. There was two inches of ice on the top of the engine cooling tank this morning - the radiator outside is frozen so hard that it seems useless and not worth while to attempt to thaw it. The 300 gallons of water in the tank had a temperature of about 165°F after 11 hours running. The house has been quite hot since noon when the heat from the engine had circulated. The batteries are making a good showing for the adverse temperature conditions under which they have to operate. The temperature in the battery locker at the beginning of charge was +25°F. The first few hours of the charge
It seemed to be used in raising the temperature of the batteries to normal, 70°F., without imparting any energy which might be reconverted into electrical energy. Green and I split the watches in the electrical room when the generator is running.

It's Kashin, Alephina, and Jimmy built an entrance of dog-biscuit boxes for our front door today. The roof was made of an old blanket. This should aid a great deal in keeping out the cold—and incidentally in sheltering the canine population of Utah.

Sun Nov 16 - 13

A quiet day in camp. We sang a few hymns and songs in the morning, and read in the afternoon and evening. Silly, Tank & EK walked over to SunTag's grave just before dinner. They found that the wind was quite high on the ice, although it had seemed calm at camp. Mac is getting ready to leave early in the morning for Nimesh with Paticia & Pembrooks.
Mon Nov 17-13.

I had the watch from four A.M. on this morning and had the pleasure of cooking breakfast for Mac and the Eskimos with whom he was going. They left camp at about six thirty and Mac riding with Panicpa - with whose team this was united, making fourteen dogs in all. Pulling Panicpa's komatik - Peonahie had about ten dogs. Neither komatik was heavily loaded and they should make good time today. The weather looked rather threatening - the temperature had risen from -16 to -3 between three and seven A.M. and it had snowed a little, but the barometer was steady and indications were that the storm, if any, would not break today.

We amused ourselves today by showing the Eskimos an electric magnet and an arc light and a small motor. They were all "ignited" to them, but yet they were not so impressed as I had expected they would be.

Eh Bank, I sorted out the flour and dehydrated food today and after checking I found that there were
forty three cases of flour left, in-
cluding the Brand. I
made some more tin pots
of oil-cans, and soldered some
cans for Doc, who is going with
the Edkinses tomorrow. Reckon I'll
be a real tin-man when I have
finished my course. Green cut
a bench-mark for his tidal ob-
servations in a big rock several
hundred feet north of the house. He
did this at about 1-30 p.m. and the
lantern which he used shone out
as brightly as any lantern ever
seen in a dark night at home.


Doctor Hunt arose this morning
at five, and dressed in bearskin trunks
and a sheepskin kulelah, and bustled
around with Ahpilah and Stockerash,
getting ready to go on a long hunt.
I got breakfast for them and they
left about 6-30, going south. Chwida-
phigwa and Tontid also left today; I
don't know where they went.
The new watches were begun
last night, Green taking the 10 p.m.
to 2-30 A.M., and I the 2-30 to 7 A.M. I attempted to sleep after 7 A.M. but did not succeed.

I began assembling the sixth MacMillan sledges at 2:15 p.m. Green and Tink walked up to the thermograph to change the record; and coming back Green put his foot thru the thin ice near the shore and nearly went down. His foot was rather cold when he reached the house, but not seriously so. The temperature was about -12.

Eck and I are studying Rhetoric and German together and making good progress — or rather, I should say he is teaching me German and reviewing Rhetoric.

Wed Nov 19:

I worked on my komatik during the day.

Green has been adjusting the tide gauge edge, bit him on the cliff bed in the tiddle igloo tonight, - with no provocation.
Thu Nov 20. 13.
I had the morning watch this morning, and slept during the forenoon, worked a while on my komatik in the afternoon. Fritz is sleeping in the shelter he built for the magnetic instrument in his sleepskin trousers, kuletah, and kamikha.

Hal and Akshela returned about two o'clock this afternoon. Akshela had killed two seals. Stookasha did not come, he stayed at the hunting ground hoping to get something. The doctor seems to have enjoyed the trip and to have been comfortable except perhaps in his feet which were cold part of the time.

Ek and I worked on the komatik; it is nearly finished.

Sat Nov 22. 13
Changed batteries today. Started engine at 10 a.m., ran till 7-30 p.m. The plant carried a greater overload this run than it ever has, running for
Some time with 11 o'clock, this result on traverse is greater than has been obtained at the factory.

Mac, Parniea, and Peowah's arrived at camp at 3:50 p.m. Mac brought two new dogs back with him, and says the Eskimo sledges suffered many breakdowns, the runners splitting easily.


Very quiet today. All hands rested, and retired early in the evening. Mac got Parniea, Jimmy, & Peowah's to build a snow igloo outside for him to sleep in.

Mon Nov 24-13

I arose early this morning and worked with Eke (who had the morning watch) on my sledge. I finished it about 9:30 and named it "Victoria" for my wife. This is the sixth and last of the MacMillan sledges to be built. As soon as I had moved out of the workshop with my sledge Peowah's brought in his, which he had nearly wrecked on the trip to Nanke. Eke has named his sledge the "Vega".

Mac's pet dog, a white bitch, added six
Doc and I moved all our belongings out of our bed-room today and brought in oil stoves and thawed the ice which had accumulated on the ceiling. For a while there was quite a rain-storm.

I moved back into our room today, which had thawed and dried nicely.

Two komatiks arrived in the afternoon from Nerke, Okomadingunah and Enaloj, Shnights and Tookee, and a little boy Oslee. They had sledged up to see the "kablanacks" at Etah, and to bring the news of the death of Ahteetahe's mother.

Wed Nov 26th 13.
This morning after breakfast we went to the point and sorted out from the cases of oil some one gallon can cases to take on the crooker sand trip. When we came back at about 11:30 a.m. there was light
enough to walk without a light, but when we went over at 9:45 it was too dark to walk with safety.

Five more kamikas arrived today. Ten Eskimos from Igloolik camed up to visit us and we now have quite a number of visitors. All the women are dressed in their "Sunday Best"—new kamiks and kafetkas. They have had an interesting day investigating all the mysteries of the place.

Thur. Nov 27, '13

"Thanksgiving." With our big house-party the day has seemed a real holiday. Iottie cooked a very good dinner and all of us did justice to it. Judge Spigoe's champagne "just hit the spot" too. Even the Eskimos knew that today was a feast-day and the whole crowd was here waiting when we had finished. Two more tables of Eskimos were served. I think in all jist must have served over 30 people at dinner. Mac took flashlights of the dinner on the table and we satied. During all the feasting the Victrola was kept busy, and the music helped to make everything more enjoyable.

After the last table was cleared, games were played, principally card games, and when
there were tired of the Eskimos started a "mumuchto" boing-feet. In the midst of this latter I went to sleep, as I had the second night watch and needed sleep.


Two Komatiks left today, reducing the number of our visitors somewhat. It seems remarkable that these people would set out on a long trip over uncertain ground when there is no light.


The rest of our visitors left today. They were gone when we got up for breakfast and with the early start should reach Neneka before late tonight. Stockashoo and Ohnea started with the visitors but before they had gone far Stockashoo found that his kerosene can had a hole in it and all the oil was gone, wetting the rest of the food in the box. So he and Ohnea returned to Etah. Neliika and Mukshang went south with the visitors.

I started the plant at ten A.M. and began charging the batteries. Refilled all the cells and tightened crank pin bearings after we shut down in the
evening. This tightening of the crank-pin bearings is the first time a wrench has been applied to the engine since it was first assembled last fall.

Sun Nov 30-13.

The wind has been blowing some today and everyone has stuck quietly to the house. I have been getting the meteorological data every hour.

Mon Dec 1-13.

Stokakesos and Obnea left for south today. I had the morning watch and started them off early. We got up at 3-30 and came in and we studied German for a while. I tried to take a nap today in Ch's snow igloo; I was not cold out there but did not sleep very well.

Mene Wallace, the English-speaking Eskimo, and Ootah arrived today. Mene is an interesting characters to us - he has talked a great deal and we have learned a great many new things about the Eskimos from him. He has mastered the Eskimo language and is now as
much of an Eskimo as any of them. He says he would like to get back to New York, but says also that his health was never good there and he doesn’t want to stay there always. It seems very funny to us to suddenly have this man in appearance no different from the ordinary Eskimo, suddenly come to us and talk to us in our own language and with us about our own land— for Long Island is as familiar to him as Elah.x

Tue Dec 2 13

I have been outside nearly all day. Fitz, Tank, and I went up over the hill back of Provision Point to read the minimum thermometer up there. It was rather dark for walking but we had no difficulty.

Akhatingual finished my deerskin hulelah yesterday. I suppose it is warm it looks and smells like it.

Wed Dec 3 13

Today I wired a light out in front of the house and put a reflector
behind it so that it shone way out over the bay. This makes it light as a summer day in front of the house and is fine for loading hokomakes. The Ebkins kids seem to think it was put up especially for their benefit and have been playing football on the ice in the light from it, and sliding on their small sleds down the bank ever since the light was turned on.

I saw today that the ice at the ice foot had broken off the ground, wires for the wireless, and this is another reason for our inability to hear anything over the wireless, although even with the best of ground I could not hope to hear any long distance with the low aerial we have.

Thu Dec 4-13

Today I began making some small oil stones out of corned beef hash cans.

Fri Dec 5-13

Working on tin oil stoves all day. Hal, Kitz, and Tank getting ready.
for a sledding trip tomorrow. At two-thirty ten Eskimos arrived on four Komatikis from Kukan and Dgloodahony. They had been so anxious to get up to see us that they did not wait for the moon but came in the dark.

Sat Dec 6-13

This morning all hands turned out early to help make excitement for the departing Explorers. Fitz & Ek have been "getting ready" since last Monday morning for this trip. They left about seven A.M. with Iritka, Akpehla, Ahweaginuqah, Sipu, and Reswahlo, with five Komatikis loaded with kerrera, dog and man pemmican, and biscuit, for "Annarok" - a distance of about thirty miles up the coast. The supplies will be cached there for use on the Crocker Sand trip. "Mena", "Botah", and the doctor also left camp this morning. The latter party is going south to Daminoski, where Doc will visit several sick people. Panicfa and Ahluwonguqah went south with them, altogether eight Komatikis left.

I started the plant early in the morning before breakfast, and changed the batteries all day. The engine consumed 13 gallons of kerosene.
this large amount of oil required to run the engine is due to the decreasing efficiency of the batteries with decrease in temperature. The cells are supposed to have passed the lower limit of operating temperature when they get below 40°F, but our cells are working right along at temperatures ranging from 60°F to 20°F, most of the time below freezing. The 300 gallons of cooling water in the big tank gets very hot on a long run of the engine and raises the temperature of the engine room and workshop sufficiently to melt the frost on the ceilings and the water runs down the walls and drips from the ceiling in dozens of places - but re-forming ice as soon as it strikes the floor. A long run always results in a severe headache for me, since the air in the room is as full of the fumes from the engine.

Sun Dec 7th.
I had the 4 A.M. watch this morning and have the watch again till 1 A.M. tonight. MacTunk and I are splitting the watches now while the other three boys are gone. I wrote a letter in the morning, and went for
A walk on the ice with Tank. I wore my durskin kuletak, sheepskin trousers and Eskimo kamiks and was neither too warm nor too cold but just right. We walked about two miles straight out from the house—the electric light gleamed brightly from that distance, like the street lights of a distant city.

Mon Dec 8-13.

Queen and Ek with their divisions arrived home about 12:30 p.m. They report having had a very successful trip, smooth ice all the way from here to Ammassalik, and smooth ice out across the sound for a long distance—where they saw numerous bear tracks. The surprising thing we learned from their trip was the great difference in temperature between Etah and the coast farther north. There seems to be about 20 degrees lower temperature there than here; the boys had it 39 below and said they felt it was much colder than usual. We drew lots for the night watch, and I don’t have one till Wednesday morning. Finished the small oil stove today; there is a reduction in weight of 1/2 pounds.

Rather quiet in camp today. Mac
brought over some stray dog-biscuit boxes
from along the shore. Tank and EK went
up the hill to read the thermometer, - finding
the minimum for the past week to be 25
below zero. Peowahkt brought in his komati
k to repair it, - he had broken a cross-piece
on the rough ice in the sound. I went
to bed early. Tank has his whiskers trimmed
like a butcher's nose.

Friday Dec 26th 1913.

I have been sick since the 10th. Something
happened to my kidneys and Doc was away
visiting and neither I nor anyone else knew
what was wrong or what should be done. Doc
finally arrived, after having travelled all day
and all night, and he soon had me on the
road to recovery. While I was sick several
interesting things happened. Green and EK with
a party of five Eskimos went across Smith
Sound and placed a large cache on
the north point of Cape Rutherford. They had quite
a successful, though rough trip, and had
the good fortune to get five bears, - two big
and three little ones. Both Green and EK
are anxious to make another trip. They
had a minimum temperature of fifty below zero - while our minimum at Dall was 19 below.

Tank and Jet made a trip to Nako, Igloolik, and Sick middle, and got back just in time for the big Xmas dinner. EK cooked the dinner, Pres. Osbornes present, and it was good. After dinner EK distributed presents to the Eskimos, and Xmas spirit was in the air. The distribution of presents lasted till midnight. We had singing and Victoria music during the entire evening. EK had arranged some appropriate records in a concert.

All the Eskimos seemed to enjoy Xmas immensely - especially the children. The dolls were our innovation, both the big and little girls made much of them.

Today coieur and Akpadingnak left for their homes to stay till next moon, and Panicpa and Aktekuingwal returned.

Cirkle is building his Peary sledge.

Sat Dec 27th - 13.

I got up early this morning and started the engine and charged the
batteries. The engine ran splendidly until the latter part of the charge, carrying fifteen percent overload for a while. Did not finish the charge because the engine began missing badly and I had to shut down.

Three Eskimos arrived today: Essays, Kudluks, and Tswchingwa. With their kooners: Annahwee (Mrs. Essays) and Evaqva (Mrs. Tswchingwa). Kudluks came to take Eh down below Cape York to see a meteorite which he has found. Essays is suffering from some peculiar infection and came to see the doctor. It is interesting to note that this affliction is the result of disease contracted from the crew of a whaling-ship, before the Peary ship Roosevelt came up. After dinner Doc operated on him, giving him ether. A number of the eskimo men were allowed to remain in the room and see the operation, and they were duly impressed with the sleep-producing ether.

Sun Dec 28 th, 13.

Mac and Moe have been cleaning up the workshop today, and Mac succeeded in running five or six nails in his foot too.
ehiqluah began work on his sledge when they had finished. He is to have charge of the workshop and help in the work, and Doc has volunteered to wash dishes to help in the work. Tank and Xern went for a walk up towards Sunrise Point, and saw that the ice north of there was all gone, the wind had broken it up, and the sea was dashing up on the ice foot in great shape.

I repaired the engine and ran for about an hour today. We'll run again tomorrow. Essafoo seems much better today.

Mon. Dec 29th '13.

I ran the engine today for several hours and got the batteries up into good condition again. It was so windy this morning that Ch and Hululukito did not start on their trip. I had the morning watch and had quite a time with the dogs who were trying to eat the skin lashings on the kumakaks, which the wind had blown down from the boxes on which they had been placed.

Doc stayed up till nearly five a.m., and got me started on chess. Everybody else is playing it, I think I shall have to get in the game too.
The Dec 30-13.

All hands were called at 5-30 this morning, because several of the Eskimos and Ck were planning to leave on their homelicks, and we were to help get them off early. After breakfast, which was at six o'clock; however, the eskimos decided that they wouldn't go, it was too dark to travel. Green went to bed after breakfast and Doc. also turned in after she had washed the dishes. Tank, who did not get up for breakfast, slept till two p.m. Mac calls them the "midnight club."

I ran the engine for one hour to boost the batteries. I am trying the scheme of running for an hour every day in order to keep the batteries boosted and the water in the circulating system from freezing. The rest of the day I have been mending, getting grass and kuskatik bags ready, and mending my clothes.

It is very dark outside today. I went out on the ice for a short distance and was afraid to go farther in the dark.

After dinner Doc performed another operation. Antikunguwa, Panakfas corner, has been having trouble with her big toe for a number of years, and tonight
Die amputated it. The operation was performed on the dining table, and ether was given by the doctor and nurse. Some of the Eskimos wanted to see the operation, but the majority of them were glad to leave the room when the cutting began.

Wed Dec 31 13.

It remains surprisingly warm. The average temperature for the past week has been only about 12 below. I, and we doubt all the rest of us too, expected to be having 50 and 60 below at this time of the year. There has been practically no snow, at least so little that it seems there has been none. Ch and the rest of the travellers started the morning again, but were back in a few hours, having found it too dark. We had a dandy dinner of "Inuit" steak.

I ran the engine for an hour. The scheme seems to be working nicely.

About 11 p.m. we had a New Year's Eve celebration. Moe had a bunch of firecrackers and distributed them among the Eskimos—mostly the children—and the air was soon filled with smoke, noise and fun. They
thought it great fun, and the children played
practical jokes on one another with the smaller
firecrackers. Tank topped the celebration by-
treating to fruit-cake and chocolate - which
was unanimously voted the most delicious
treat we had had in a long time. The boys
were up till 3 a.m. I had the watch and
was up the rest of the night.

Thursday, January first, 1914.

Everybody was sleepy this morning. Green
and Tank did not get up until two or three p.m. and
Doc and I turned in at ten-thirty and slept until
nearly four p.m. This was unusual for me, I seldom am
able to sleep in the daytime. Mac and Ed never do, but the
rest of the boys do not appear to have any difficulty. I
too felt sleepy, and had a headache, and as Ed got
the New Year's dinner, which was a dandy good
one, with caribou roast, mock turtle soup, rice,
potatoes, green peas, cranberry sauce, mint sauce,
plum pudding, fruits, nuts, champagne, grape juice,
and lots of similar delicacies. Tank put us all
to shame by appearing in a silk and satin
military suit with white shirt and collar, with
his side whiskers; he resembled nothing so
much as an English tourist, his attire certainly
seemed strange and out of place. After
dinner we had many games with theatives.
They seem to like the games we have
introduced very much; and played till midnight.

I ran the engine for an hour in the evening. We have an average of 7 to 10 electric lights burning all the time except for a few hours at night, and this is quite a drain on the storage cells, which are operating under a great handicap in the low temperature. By running the engine for a short while every day we keep them in fair condition, and the run has the added great advantage of keeping the water in the big 200 gallon tank from freezing, and this water would, in case of fire, prove a life-saver, as there is no possibility of getting water from the icecl band, and if we no available supply for a possible fire the house and all our goods would have little chance.

Friday Jan 2-14.
The moon came back to us today, and at three p.m. I noticed that there was a faint twilight-like glow in the southwest and as it was a clear day the light was not bad for walking.

I ran the engine for two hours today.

Green is working on the foundation for the seismograph, and I wired the room under the
have for a light and the clock connection. Doc, Ek and Izen have been testing their stoves. The blue flame hummers today. Up to date there are 27 electric lights connected on our circuit.

Saturday Jan. 3rd - 14.
Ek and Tindikets, Ton-chi-ni-qual and Evalo, and Arkles and Ahnmai-wah left this morning for the south. Mac and Reuvahto started for Anmaratok but were back in a couple of hours because they found open water to the north.

I ran the engine from eleven to four. Reen and Tank took Mac's dog team and went to the point for a load of oil. It is rumored that they travelled five or six miles getting there.

Esayas and Ahnaivek are staying with us for a while in order that Ahnaivek may help with the sewing at which art she is very proficient. Mac has cut his Komatik coping so that they fit down in between the sider with an upper overlapping edge of three or four inches on each side, which results
in a strong fit with no danger of the boxes slipping off.

The whitewitch is raising a healthy looking sextette of pups which did fail to be splendid sledge dogs. They are quartered in the shed outside the workshop.

Sunday Jan 4th 14.

I had the morning watch today and played a game of chess with Hal, who did not turn in till 4:00 A.M. Mac was up from midnight to 4:00 too working. He left after breakfast with Peowahats for the settlements south.

Monday Jan 5th 14.

After breakfast this morning Jack, Green and I turned to on the deserted igloos in our shed. They had become too wet for the Eskimos to live in, and we are going to take out the linings and melt the ice from the roof by putting two big oil stoves in the igloos, and eventually dry them thoroughly; after which we will fill in the linings again, cover the roof with snow and use these igloos...
to house the visiting eskimoes.

I ran the engine two hours today,
and am gradually getting the batteries
up into good condition. Doc slept
from breakfast till dinner. He had
stayed up all night.

Jan 6th, '14

Last night we dried the linings of the
eskim's igloo, and kept a big oil stove
burning in the igloo, but it only resulted
in the melting of a small round
spot on the ceiling just above the stove.
I ran the engine from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00
p.m. with a light load, to doctor the batteries
for sulphation. At light load the engine
does not run well on kerosene and a
great deal of unburned gas leaked from
it and filled the house, giving everybody
a headache, and making Doc very sick.
Tank stayed on watch all night.
The eskimoes are moved into their new
igloos under thehouse and seem to like
it fine. Ahkebla and family are living
in a big snow iglourab down on the ice
foot.

Wed Jan 7th, '14

Tank and Doc slept all day. Tank
getting up at dinner time and Doro at five. At five thirty Green and I went out for a long walk in the pretty moonlight and clear cold air. It has been down to thirty one below today - our coldest yet.

I ground the exhaust valves on the engine and ran for one hour. The batteries are getting better all the time under the treatment they now receive.

Sat Jan 17, 14.

I have got behind in my diary again and don't remember day for day just what has happened during the past week, but there has been nothing startling. I have been working on the battery locker and engine, and succeeded in constructing a locker for the battery which will allow them to operate at a normal temperature, about 70° F, by having an opening into the kitchen. Here folks they have had to operate at a temperature very near zero, and at such a low temperature they are very inefficient. The gas from the engine got so bad that it became necessary to quit attempting to run on kerosene
and I took the producer and fittings off. By running on gasoline the cause of the trouble is eliminated.

In its original construction the engine was so designed that the inevitable leakage of gases past the piston rings into the base of the engine was rendered inoffensive by the carburettor taking its supply of air from the engine base, which also resulted in relieving the pressure within the base so that the oil would not leak out at the various cracks. But, by fitting the engine with the kerosene gas producer, and attempting to burn kerosene, the carburettor action is changed and the permanent air is taken in through the producer instead of from the base, and consequently the leaking gases permeate the room and house and make everybody sick. Perhaps we wouldn't notice it if the rooms were not so airtight. As to running on gasoline we have such a short while longer to run that we can well afford to use gasoline. I believe.

Shelinguah and Posislongah have been building their Rowmack this week.

Mac, Mani, and Peanutbo left Wednesday.
Night for the south, I don't know where. Panicpa returned from Saldkwahtie and brought the news that the ice had gone out down there while they were hunting walrus, and had taken two captured walrus, and almost some of the men with it.

Thursday and Friday I got out for long walks and sure enjoyed getting out again.

Sun Jan 18, 14.

I played the Victrola for several hours this morning, with all hands listening to the concert. Green, Doc, and I went for a walk up the fiord. The wind was blowing down from the glacier quite hard and made walking up the fiord difficult, but coming back we were fairly carried along.

About two thirty P.M. Mac and Mike arrived from Nushke. They had had a windy trip. We had a big dinner of caribou steaks, vegetables and mince pies.

Monday Jan 19, 14.

Today Mac sent Panicpa, Melark, Ahpeela and Toita with sledge loads
of biscuit and pemmican up to Little-
ten Island. This will be stored there
until the party starts, and a possible
delay due to the ice between here and
Littleton Island being gone will be avoided.
I ran the engine three hours today.
The plant is in fine shape now.

Jan 20, 14.  29-32

It is cold and windy today. Jake
and Green and I went for a walk up
the fiord. We had all that we could do to
walk, the wind must have been blowing
65 miles an hour, and the temperature
was 33 below. The excelence of our
 clothing was made apparent to us
on this walk, for even in the severe
wind we were perspiring. And developed
a big appetite for the "ahwick" stew which
Doc., who is officiating as cook while
Jet makes Komach bag, had cooked
for dinner.

Wed Jan 21-14.  32-34.5

I ran the engine four hours today
with so many women serving in
the various rooms and was much
work going on we are using a great deal of light. The batteries show a markedly greater efficiency now that they are in a warm locker.

About 3 p.m. four Eskimos arrived and there was great excitement for a while. The arrivals were Ek, Kudlukts and Koonee and baby. Oflanya, Stookash and Rustef. Klapashen and mother and Hendrick Ohlsen - an educated south Greenland eskimo who is in the employ of Rasmussen. Ek says Rasmussen treated him with splendid hospitality, and went with him to get a piece of the meteorite below Cape York. Ohlsen was educated in Denmark and speaks no English, so Ek is the only one of us who can talk with him, except in our broken eskimo.

Some of our men took more provisions for the Crocker Land trip up to littleton Island today and brought back a few loads of oil from the point.
Thur., Jan 22-14.
I've been unusually lazy today. Turned in about one p.m., was called for dinner at four, but remembered that "potje" (real) was the main constituent of the meal, and being rather deeply entangled in the web of Morphine anyhow, did not get up when next I awoke it was one a.m.

Fri., Jan 23-14.
I wrote letters from one a.m. to Ten a.m. as Hendrick Ohken planned to leave today to carry the mail south. It was rather wind and dark, however, so he postponed his de-parture.

Today I ran the plant for several hours, and again a number of people were made sick by the gas.
must acknowledge that I was surprised and disappointed, for this is the first trouble we've had with gas since the kerosene atomizer was taken off. It now is very evident that the reason we get headaches is because there is a gas-engine, (the same would hold true of any gas-engine) running in a tightly closed house, and there is nothing wrong with the engine; altho' there was a defect in it during the time it was run on kerosene.

Later in the day Doc and I went for a walk up the fjord, and came back and all hands had a "sing-fest."

Sat Jan 24-14.

Up at five this morning and found Mac up working. He had been up all night. Called Doc at six to have breakfast by eight.

Olsen left with our mail this morning for the South. He also carried some oil and biscuit down to Rasmussen at Cominjack.
Ziglos, Oblanyu, and Panikpah left at the same time, the two former for their homes, and Panikpah for Saalkwhalee to hunt walrus.

Sun Jan 25-14.

It had the intention of Doc, Tank, and Green to leave quite early this morning—Green with spies for Saalkwhalee; and Doc + Tank for a trip to Annarathok; but then some misunderstanding the watch was not informed and we did not have breakfast until the usual hour, 9 A.M., and the sledges did not get away until about eleven, which said delay caused several to get rather excited and there was some busting for a while. With Doc and Tank went Kudluhto, driving Mac's fine dog team, Thkapingthah, and Kudlah, and Ishpalah. The party carried up milk and pemmican and biscuit for use on the Crocker land work, and are to stay and hunt bears if any tracks are seen.

Green, having his clothing outfit practically all ready for the big trip, wanted to get out in the field as Mac sent him down with Spock to hunt walrus.


Doc and Tank came back
from Amnivatok today. They had delivered their stores, and I found no bear tracks, so they did not stay up there.

I ran the engine today, and there was not the least bit of gas.

Tue Jan 27 '14.

My cold is causing me some discomfort; it seems different from any cold I ever had before. The eskimos are quite sick and have had spells of vomiting.

Jemile and I counted the condensed milk today, and found that after the Crocker land trip milk has been taken out there are left 66 cases of milk, with a few cases of evaporated milk.

Wed Jan 28 '14.

After breakfast Mac sent EK and me up the coast with Kudillete and Makapinquah to open the pemmican boxes and bring back the empty boxes. We had a grand ride—the sledges were empty and the going good. The sea had broken up the ice north of Sunrise Point and we had to
fellow the ice foot, which was quite narrow in places. I drove Nickapinnguak's team back.

Green, Panripe, Isita, and Metak arrived at six p.m. from the walrus hunting grounds. Green had killed two walruses, Metak one, and Isita one.

Thurs Jan 29, 14:

I ran the engine today for five hours. There was no gas.

Mene Lattos and his kooner, Teddylingnang and kooner arrived about 4 p.m. Mac had been out walking and met them and rode with them from the glacier.

Fri January 30, 14.

Taqunary and I went up to the cache by Littleton Island today and opened up 49 boxes of pemican, bringing back 32 of the empty boxes. The wind was quite strong, and we had a cooler trip than we did the other day. Ahpelah and Metak drove for us. When we started from the house Mac was just starting out with his
team for a little exercise for them. Ashpotch and Metal both tried to catch him, but whilst they wielded the whip vigorously Mac soon got as far ahead of us that she was lost to view in the rough ice around Dog-Biscuit Point. He sure has a splendid team.

Sat Jan 31-14.

After breakfast this morning we cleared the main room and improvised in it an operating room. Nevatanguah, Kangas' kooner was the proposed victim of Doe's relentless knife, - but Doe soon made the unhappy discovery that she was suffering from canceri for which she was powerless to help her.

It was the intention for men to go to Anmaratak in charge of eight men carrying loads of provisions, but on account of the wind the trip was postponed.

Sun Feb first 14.

Charged the storage battery today, running eight hours at light load. Mac called us all in.
room after dinner and we had a talk on plans for the field trip, and a new system of watches was instituted whereby the men who are to leave soon on the Crocker land trip are given practically all night in which to sleep, and Mac urged them to get out more and take long walks in the daytime.

Mon Feb 3-14.

After breakfast today, and after doing a few odd jobs around the house, I went for a walk with Doc. Doc has begun training for his wind, and I had to go some to keep up.

The eskimos came back from Anmatak and Mac says that it was the coldest they had ever known it to be at Anmatak. Mene shot a rabbit on the hill back of the house today.

Tue Feb 3-14.

Mene built a snow igloo down on the bank today, so that we will have a little more room to house
the big number of people that will be up soon from the south.

Tank and I gathered up a bunch of sledge material which had become scattered and which was in danger of being blown away.

Dinner tonight was unusually good, with roast bear as the main dish and a nice big fruit cake which was supposed to be for Tank's next Xmas as dessert.


Ran the plant for six hours today. Stookashoo, Arkla, Ahbling-wah, Eeayos, Annah quale, Touching-wah and Evalos, Ahpading-wah arrived today. Our gang is coming.

Our ten pm social talk was held in Docia's and my room tonight, with hot chocolate and raspberry jam to help make the occasion delightful. EK gave a very interesting lecture on the geology of the land to be gone over, and instructions as to geological work...
Thursday Feb. 5, 14

When I got up at 1 a.m. to go on watch today I found a big seal on the dining table. A surprising thing to see when yet half asleep, but it is also a good thing because it means good fresh meat.

At two thirty p.m. Sijan, Cqingwah and Imuaks, Possidoonah and his son Ankel, Apelinguah, and Ahmusetingwah arrived.

"Hotel Igloo-wah-meel" is becoming popular.

Teddylingwah, Koilatinga & Klem and their little girl came later.

Friday Feb. 6, 14.

On my watch this morning (12 to 4 a.m.) there was an explosion in the igloo next door. Touchingwah attempted to fill an oil stove with gasoline and was badly burned in the face as a result of the explosion which followed. Doc went over and treated him.

Otalak came this morning. He was the only arrival today.

I ran the engine from noon to five p.m.

Walked over to the point and dumped a case of lubricating oil back.
Sat Feb 7-14.
Green and Abjebah left with their dinners this morning - the first seven sledges on the way to Cape Thomas Hubbard. The day was clear and there was practically no wind - a fine day for a start. They left here with empty sledges and will load up at Rahnamointz and at the Littleton Island cache.

I have been working all day on a sounding machine for use on the Komatsuks.

Ejinguwhu has developed a case of lumps, and Panicpa believes he will not be able to travel. Kudukutsu is sick - seems to have the grip.

Sun Feb 8-14.
Today I have been at work on the sounding wire, getting the tangles out of it and getting it wound on the sounding reel. This was no small task as there is about two miles of the wire and it was in a badly tangled coil. Several of the
children helped by turning the reel crank. When finished the reel with the wire on weighed 30 pounds.

Okamadingniah & Enaioo, Nekush, Oblaypi's daughter, Kislatiningniah & son, Abweeayu, and Kangah came today, four komatika.

Tank got away this morning with his division komatika. They had a splendid day, only 14 below and no wind.

Mon, Feb 9-14.

Eck got away with his division this morning in a stiff easterly wind.

He has not been out much since he has had the mumps and I don't envy him his sudden plunge into the long trip.

I ran the engine a long while today and it was so warm in the house that we had to keep the front door open to keep cool.

Rasmusen came very shortly after dinner and we all found him to be a very likeable man. We talked and played the Victrola until 1 A.M.
Tue Feb 10-14.
Doc left with his division this morning. Touchinquah's face was really not well enough for such exposure but he showed good grit and went. Quite a fresh wind was blowing from the east; the day was clear.

I ran the engine all day at light load. Am giving the battery the de-commissioning charge and must run several days in succession.

Wed Feb 11-14.

Breakfast at usual time this morning, but those of us who were at the table were rather a sleepy crowd. Reemussen had sat up nearly all night with jet learning how to bake bread, and Mac and some had both been up late, and I had not slept well. There was no much wind that nobody attempted to leave today. It comes down in gusts off the hill and tries to carry boxes of food and all with it.
I ran the engine for a few hours.
Kidlukto is not getting well very fast and it is certain that he cannot go on the trip with the rest.

Woe Woe, the South Greenland woman in running the kitchen now under Jots supervision and is doing excellent work. She is very different from in temperament from these northern Eskimos.

Thursday Feb 12-14.

Breakfast at nine this morning and immediately after it was over Mac, Mine, Flee-wah-to began packing their sledge, and at noon started north. Rasmussen, Joe, and I were down on the ice to see them off. There was too much wind and broken ice for travel to the southward. Mac has a splendid team of eleven dogs. I started the engine immediately after they left, to give the battery a final charge, but in about two hours they were back - having found the ice gone and water covering the ice-foot near Littleon Island. So I shut the plant down.

We moved Egingwah into my room, in Ose's bunk today so that I could doctor him and he would be better housed. He is very sick with the mumps. Kidlukto
has the Arctic Fe-grippe.
The Victoria has been working overtime the last few days. Rasmussen seems to enjoy it, and of course all of us here do.

Friday Feb 13. 1914. Mean Temp. -23.08.

A rather "conspicuous" date for Mac to start out, but for me the date signifies the best of luck. On it last year — Friday June 13, 1913 — I married the "only girl". We had breakfast at 7.00 and everybody got started by nine. Mac, Mene & Beewah for Anmaratok — and Crocker Land. I hope; and Rasmussen, "Pinagool" Elinuqah, Koolatinah and family, and Metak for the south. Panippah and Ah- tukrunghah also started south but came back in the afternoon. I noticed that he had three rabbits on his homath. Dawn was just breaking when the party left; the sledges were packed by electric light. I immediately started the engine for the final charge and ran until midnight. I advised and attempted keeping the doors open during the day to allow the gas to escape, but got dreaded
the cold more and did not record my move. As a result he got very sick and had to call me about 6:30 A.M. to give him some morphine and take the watch. Drumhoy had a severe headache which lasted two days. Both she and I had been indoors all day while the engine was running.

One thing I think has been definitely proved and should be apparent without proof, i.e., it is impossible for a person to remain in this air-tight house continuously during a long run of the engine when the storage cells and gas engine are both giving off gases which the average person cannot breathe without experiencing ill-effects. The case is very similar to the navy submarine boat plants where men as often are overcome by the gases from the battery and engine which in the confined space they cannot help breathing.

Jimmy and Sammy spent several hours making dog harnesses for the team of "lift" behinds which they are to use in bringing ice, etc. We-Wee-Wee is seeking for everybody now, has full charge of the kitchen and shows remarkable ability. She is, moreover, neat as a pin.
in her work as well as personal attire, and the kitchen and EK's room (which she is occupying) fairly shine in comparison to their usual appearance. I should like very much for some of the writers of the past who have so magnified the uncleanliness of the eski-moes to see this woman and her work - and in fact our whole crowd of eski-moes. No one, I believe, could deny that some of these women are pretty, and just at present "Evaloo" with her new red flannel shirt which she has just made and which is very much like the smart mannich shirts our girls at home sometimes wear - is so attractive that it would not be going too far to say that she is really beautiful, and this is not a mere fancy of mine - a fascination, but the concensus of the opinions of several expedition members. Several others are "sporting" new cotton or flannel shirts made from cloth mac has given them for sewing, all wash daily and are without a doubt neater than got or 2.
Sat Feb 14, 14. Mean temperature -25.8

Today Eginegwaht is a little better and Kudlekte seems much better. I got up about three p.m. feeling fine. I turned in as soon as I had eaten dinner and wound the chronometers. Pimter is sleeping with Odie, we have a little boy in Ch's room. We like the lower bunk. Kudlekte and Ahnaddosah are in Mac's room. Evolok, Onna, and Ahbningiva are in the dark- room iglos. Panicphak, Ahtukkmingwah, Evolok (Isitas tsonni) and Ahbhteh are in the iglos under the house; and Ahkatingwaht with her children are occupying Lipo's old iglo. Tumaht is sleeping in Kesan's bunk and Eginegwaht in Doc's. Sammy and Jimmy are for the time being sleeping wherever they happen to be when they get sleepy. Ahkuda phaks and family are eating with us.

Ann Feb 15, 14. Mean temp. -23.8

I got up at breakfast time this morning and got turned in at noon. Kudlkte is much better was up for breakfast. I advised him to stay in bed for a couple of days. Eginegwaht too is better has no fever. Jimmy and Sammy drove off with their
komatik for rabbits, and Aidé went out with this gun for a while but got none. I have been writing up back diary and meteorological work.

It is certainly a great loss not to have the electric lights, and one hard to get accustomed to. The contrast is so great that the women seem to have great trouble sewing, and reading is certainly very much more difficult.

Mon. Feb 13-14. Mean temp. -30.6

Oh! good-by he with his wife and child left this morning. They went to get biscuit and sugar, which got gave them. Kindlukto is nearly well; has been up all day, and Eginguth is much better. He too was up for a while today. Panik-pah has the mumps and I have cautioned him against going out.

Jimmy and Sammy brought over four cases of oil today. A little over five gallons a day is being used now.

Tue Feb 17-14. Mean temp. -21.7

Samra had an attack of heart trouble last night and got gave her some
I gave morphine to ease the pain. I don't know that this was a safe thing to do but I was too sleepy to fully grasp the situation when Jet woke me up to find out where the morphine was. He put her in his bunk and she was alright this morning. He cooked a nice invalid's breakfast for her and when he went to look for her found her eating raw little apples in the igloo underneath the house.

Kudlukte and Sammy went out for rabbits today and Kudlukte got two.

Ahkuingwah and Akealingwah (Oklandy's wife) went up the fiord on a "grass-ing" trip. They packed a komatik all the way. Evalos, Ahkuingwah and Bokter have slept all day. They're more irregular in their hours than the doctor. Cgingwah and Dmafo are going home tomorrow. I asked them to stay over another day.
so as to be sure he was well
enough for the trip, - but Duvaly
told me that he was craving
meat all the time, - and in the
face of this I could say nothing.

Wed Feb 18-14. Mean temp. -25.25
A strong northeast wind averag-
ing about 30 miles an hour has
been blowing all day and no
one has attempted to travel. Kudlukto
says he may go to Nulilk tomo-
row.

All the women and babies
are sporting their newly made
red shirts and seem quite proud
of them.

Thursday Feb 19-14. mean temperature 25.6
Kudlukto and Egingwak went
out for rabbits today but said when
they came back that there was too
much wind. The wind certainly does
blew steadily here.

I received the biggest surprise
of my life today at five p.m. when
Mac and men came up over the
bank with their komatik. Mac told us that he had caught the rest of the crowd and found half of them sick and the dogs all played out. Mumps and vomiting had attacked the crowd and disheartened the eskimo. A fresh start was decided upon and so the well people of the crowd started back except Green and the doctor, who are at the camp in Ellesmere land looking out for the sick ones. Mac, mine, Peewahlo, Toilet, and Stokos arrived tonight. The rest of those who started back are at Annarathok tonight. Green, Doc, and the rest will come home as soon as the men get well. I woke Joe and he cooked up a supper for the crowd, and in the evening we heard from Mac the interesting particulars of the trip. We turned on the lights tonight, for since so many of us are to be here it is well worth while to put them in commission again.

Friday, Feb 26. Mean temp. -

20 and one bunch came in at noon from Annarathak. Tank and the rest came about
An hour later, several of the men were quite badly frostbitten. Janske, however, looked like it might have been scratching with a hot soldering iron. Eck's cheek and one hand was frostbitten and Eck said it was the coldest he had ever experienced. Dotah looked in the best condition of any of the men. The dogs did not look very sick or exhausted. There was a great session of negotiating and preparing to go away on the part of some of the Eskimos. Some are to be dispersed with and others will stay to go again later. I cooked dinner today, scrambled eggs and corn, and think I showed up well as a cook, (but no one else said she thought so!) got up bright after dinner, and made some bread. Eck and Jank turned in right after dinner. I've got 'em—yes, the mumps. I'm not the least surprised of course.

Toucheingwak & Evalie slept in Doc's bunk in my room tonight. I have been drying out my mildewed clothes and packing them away in dog-biscuit boxes.

Saturday Feb 21-14,

My mumps are occupying my time
now. My right cheek is swollen badly.

Sunday: My fever 103.5 today. No fun in mumps!

Monday. My fever still high, both sides of my face swelled way up. I can't eat anything and I feel like -x! Green T Doc came into camp today with hipe and Abpeilingnuk.

Feb 24th. The sun shone thru the front window today for the first time, and lighted the room so that for an hour we did not need a light. This is the first time we have seen the sun here at the house this year.

Wed 25th. In bed all day. I'm sure having me light attack of mumps.

Thursday Feb 26th. I have run up all day today. The mumps have about run their course. I can eat now but not without difficulty. Made some repairs on the engine preparatory to running tomorrow.

Doc went for a walk back of the house and came back in several hours with the surprising news that he saw and almost captured a dear. Perhaps we shall try to get it tomorrow. Light snow.
Fri. Feb 27 - 14.

I ran the engine from 11 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. today, with the front door open so that gas might escape. Mac and Green cleaned out the shed in front and scraped a lot of frost off the ceiling. Mere and Ek went out for deer but did not see any. Mere brought back four rabbits. We put up the punching bag and all had a punch.

Sat Feb 28 - 14.

Mac walked to Littleton Island and back today. Doc started out before breakfast for an all day hunt for deer he saw the other day. The snow was blowing in gusts all day and the men couldn't help having a good day. Just and Mere started rabbit hunting but came back before they had gone far. Doc came in at 4:30 P.M. having seen no further trace of deer. I went on watch at noon to stay on till midnight. Mac is planning to send Green and Ek south tomorrow.

Sun Mar 1 - 14.

This has been the prettiest day this year. The sun shone for...
several hours and as there was no wind it seemed very much like spring. Mac and Doc got the small boat on a komatik and took it to the edge of the ice, launched it, and went rowing around for sea pigeons. In a very little while they came back with 19, from which Mac got some very good specimens. He and Green started south with Mac and Peewahto in the morning but were back for dinner because they struck open water near Cape Alexander.

Monday, Mar 2-14.

After breakfast this morning I went with Doc to the ice edge to see if it would be worth while launching the boat for sea pigeons again; decided it would not, and I headed for the southern side of the fjord while Doc took the northern side for rabbits. I saw a white wolf and chased it for several miles before I finally lost.
it. Then I hunted for several hours but saw no rabbits. Doc came home with a black raven. Nghala saw walrus sleeping on an ice cake, drove to the house got his harpoon and Mene and he started out for them but came back in a little while with the news that the ice was too dangerous to reach the walrus. We had sea-frogs for dinner and they were very good. It has been very warm today. Doc made some "Jack-way" in the evening and while we were eating it and chocolate Kudlukts, Touching-givaal, Myah and his family came. They bring the bad news that and meh have killed no walrus and the dogs are in poor shape.

Tue Mar 3-14

Breakfast at 8:00 is now in regular order. It is getting so light that it seems like winter is over and so we get an earlier start in the daylight by having breakfast at 7:00. Jet and Mene went out on a komatik this morning to see if there was a chance for walrus and if not they planned to go rabbitting. Mar
and EK went to Brother John's Glacier to make some observations. Doc cooked breakfast and dinner. I am still laid up with a bad foot.


After breakfast this morning EK, Thkapingualak and I went rabbit hunting up by Brother John's Glacier. A light snow was falling and there was no wind, an ideal day for rabbits. We separated. I going up on the south side of the glacier and they hunting up nearer the mouth of the fiord. I didn't see a rabbit; they saw scores of them and got five and one fox. I saw seven blue jays and heard others barking. Doc walked up to Littleton Island and saw fresh wolf tracks, evidently that wolf is hanging around. Ahpikiah quit us today because of his dogs. I am sorry to see connections severed in this case. Mac brought the small boat to the house today on his komatik. I weighed 156.5.

Thursday, Mar 5-14.

After breakfast I started the plant and ran till five p.m. By keeping open the front door the house was cleared of gas and no one felt any ill effects. Green, Rudolph, and Mere dug a four...
foot hole thru the ice in the bay just south of the old tidal igloo for the re-installation of the tide gauge. Th ice was five feet thick. Doc went up the fiord for rabbits but did not see any.

Early this morning, Myak & his family and Kudlar and his family left for the south. The rabbits we had for dinner tasted much better than usual - perhaps because they were fresh killed. Doc saw the tracks of the wolf very near the house and we believe he is liable to get a dog. Today and yesterday were marked by an absence of wind, and indeed all of March thus far has been very quiet.

Fri March 14.

Mac and Doc walked to the ice edge this morning. Doc fished and Mac followed wolf tracks and found that the wolf has been living on an island at the entrance to the bay. I dug open the back door.

Sat. Mac and I nailed up a flag pole and the colors were hoisted. Joe was sick today. The wolf was seen very near the house in the evening and Mehe went out to chase it.
Sat Mar 7-14.

Mac organized a hunting party to go after the wolf this morning. Green, Joe, and I took a bus north towards Sunrise Point and Mac, Ekh, Peswah, and I went out to the islands where he has been eating. Mac and I went on the south side of the islands and Ekh and the eskimos went to cover the north side. While Mac and I were beating the islands Ekh saw the wolf which had come off the island and started north. It ran towards Sunrise Point and Joe and the others were waiting for a shot but it got their scent and turned and ran up the fiord towards the glacier. Ekh and Peswah both had two long distance shots at it but the hunt was given up on account of the high north wind which sprang up and besides making walking difficult obscured vision by blowing the snow. However, we are glad to see the wind come again for we want the snow blown off the ice as sledge- ing will not be so hard when the expedition starts.

Last night six komatiks came up.
from the south, Stockachoo, Arkli'o, Kyt-o, Elingwah, Ablampa, and Akipud-ashabo, each with a load of walrus meat. Akipulha, aitewah and baby; and Kundlahs, Ablnadoakah and baby, left for the north this morning. Toncha's, Kundlah's igloo and Akipulha' iglooyeh on the ice foot are now deserted. Green received a nice present in the form of a pair of mukh-y kamipuhk from Sipun brought up by Ablampa from Balthwate.

Tonight Karks and the other Stockachoo came up with loads of walrus meat.

Sun Mar 8 -14.

In the house all day reading. On watch till midnight. All the eskimos went rabbit hunting and got quite a large number. Toqeeah and Inenta came up from Balthwate in the evening.

Mon Mar 9 -14.

Doc went way back into the valleys today looking for deer and came out up by Littleton Island. He wore snowshoes and must have walked 25 miles. Got went rabbit hunting but his gun jammed and he didn't get any. Green cooked dinner.
Tue Mar 10 14

Touchingwah, Yukapingwah, Kyote, and Ooquah left this morning with komaiks loaded with walrus meat for the cache in Britain's Fjord. I got out the moving picture machine and got pictures of the leaving. Green and EK each hitched their teams today and made practice drives around the fjord. Adomadingwah, Ahweatingwah, and another eskimo came in after dinner from the south. Chocolate "mug-ups" in the evening about ten are very enjoyable.

Wed Mar 11 14

Mac, EK, Green, Mene, Peeahnts, and 2 too hoss left at about one thirty p.m. for Kamovining and Crocker Land. I mounted the moving picture machine on a pressure ridge and got a few feet of pictures before the camera froze and refused to work. Doe is left in charge. He, Tank, Jet, and I are to stand 12 hour watches and each man gets the meal that comes on his watch. The eskimos who came up from the south and Oblagoe left for Petrahwick later in the afternoon.
A north wind has been blowing all day and it is getting colder. The men went out today. Everybody got to bed early tonight.

Thu Mar 12, 14.

I got breakfast this morning and also made three pies and a chocolate cake on his watch. Later he and Doc brought the "flatty" into the workshop and got repaired it. We had the back door open all day because I started the engines and ran all day giving the cells a decommissioning charge. The door open kept the gas out and prevented the heat from melting the attic floor. Doc cooked dinner. Wee Wee and now eats at the table with us four - after which she superintends the feeding of the Eskimos. The sun has shone brightly all day. Towards evening a strong N.E. wind began blowing great clouds of
snow off the hills. This increased and by dark the air was so full of flying snow one could not see fifty yards — and the thermometer reached 36°. I reckon winter is not gone yet.

Fri Mar 13, 14.

I had the watch from midnight till noon and cooked breakfast, cream of wheat and pan cakes. I ate the next watch and cooked dinner. The wind has been blowing the snow from the hills out across the bay all day and night and the flying snow obscures vision. I ran the engine all day continuing the de-commissioning charge.

Sat Mar 14, 14.

The wind is still blowing today, the snow much as yesterday, and the sun has shone brighter and longer today than ever this year. The snow-drift back of the house is up to the top of the side wall now.

Sun Mar 15, 14.

The great event of today was the
killing of the wolf. The wolf which has been hanging around here for so long ventured up to our very door this morning and startled all Elah, Jot and Doc with their trusty rifles and five bullets put an end to her career. Jimmy, Sammy, Doc, and I were a volunteer team to pull the Komath with her dead body on it to the house and after several photographs were taken the women got busy skinning it. Only a few hours before Doc and Jot had been planning a trip out to the island to get a shot at our visitor, but she saved them the trouble by coming to them instead.

I ran the engine all day again today almost finished with the decommissioning charges.

Mon Mar 16, 14

I ran the engine all day again today at very light load. Am bringing up some low cells by this method. Finished with decommissioning tonight. Cells are now in very good condition. Jimmy brought
I cooked breakfast today – fried hominy.

I went out and cooked up some rabbits and turnips for dinner. The sun shone brightly till mid-afternoon, and our canine family was mustered and divided into three light teams to haul three komatiks out hunting expeditions. Sammy and Joe Ori and Ahluniquwah, Jimmy and Evadot were the parties, and the result of three or four hunting was four rabbits.

I put the engine, switchboard, wireless, and batteries in shape for the summer;

after which I began work on the tide gauge.

By dinner time I had succeeded in getting the weights and pipes thru the ice, and shall now wait for the pipes to set.


After breakfast this morning the three boys went out on three komatiks and came back in the afternoon with three rabbits. I went up the fjord, shot at a rabbit which was running up the cliff, and in trying to
get it got caught in a dangerous place on the precipitous hill-side from which descent was impossible and I spent four tortuous hours going straight up the cliff which was at an angle of about seventy degrees. With my gun I cut steps in the snow and in some places had to dig my bare fingers into the sod where the covering of snow was thin to get up a step. I have learned a lesson, "Never Again!"

Fri Mar 19, 14.

Today I got the tide gauge working and connected it to the wire in the lobby. It started O.K. but I shall probably have to adjust it for a day or two to get it working properly.

Fri Mar 20, 14.

Got moved from his room today to Eck's bunk, so that Wee Wee could have a comfortable place for her confinement. The boys and I went on two kamatiks and hunted rabbits all day towards Cape Alexander. We saw a number but they were so wild we got none. Coming back we stopped at the point and loaded
up with kerosene.

Posidlooneah, Peninsula’s brother arrived about five p.m. from the south. Rasmusson had sent him up with some letters for Ekh and Green which were mailed in July last and brought over by Peter Frenchen. Posidlooneah also brought the news that Ahjupakaha, the one who was paralyzed, is dead.

Sat Mar 21, 14
It has been a gusty day, and we have all been indoors, except for a while when I was out adjusting the tide-gauge.

Sun Mar 22, 14
Adjusted tide gauge again today. It does not seem to run well in the cold.

Meno and Touchuqphot arrived at six p.m. Meno has quit and so has Touchuqphot. A note from Meno says everything is progressing nicely and they are at the glaciers with the loads carried up on the ice.
From Monday Mar 23 to Sat Mar 29 inclusive is in field notebook no 46.

Sun Mar 30 14 to Wednesday April first Mr Frenken was with us and I have been working on his theodolite. I was unable to entirely eliminate the error and he has given up going to Peary Land. Today Wednesday he left for Vernik. He has offered us many things and will assist us in many ways.

This is 9t's birthday and we had a big mush-up dinner to celebrate. The mush of meat is very good.

Fri Apr 2nd 14.

The thermograph is out now and recording temperatures which are about zero. We have been having very warm weather lately.

Fri Apr 3rd 14.

Mac's white bitch killed two pups belonging to the brown bitch wine gave us today. Yesterday one of Chk's dogs nearly killed one, now there are only four good ones left. It has been snowing a little today.
Everything was quiet about Utah, Tank, and Jet were visiting in Akatingua's igloo, and Doc and Ch were asleep when ten kamikiks suddenly came into view from the south. Doc got up and I put on several pots of tea. There was one of the arrivals, bringing up meat from two walrus which he had killed; and Mr. Frenchee brought up kamik sole material enough for twelve pairs of kamiks, and also brought a pair of musk-ox kamikpunks for Jet. Doquesh brought up more kamik material and we need a lot of it because all the women and children are walking on holey kamiks. All of the men brought walrus meat to trade, and it seems that the walrus hunting has been good lately. Several of the men brought their wives and children and there are several new faces. Ohkudashak came and will go with the doctor if he wishes to go into the muck-ox country. We cooked up some beans for Mene and Mr. Frenchee, and gave the eskimos only tea and dog-biscuit. Mr. Frenchee told us that
he had overheard Mene sticking up for Mac and the expeditions several times, - especially when Kjots thought he was treated badly about the gun, - and he thinks that Mene wishes the eskimos to help us and does not think he would try to influence them the other way.

Wee Wee and the baby were put in Doc's bunk and Doc slept in the attic.

Sat. April fourth '14.
Up all night on watch. Cooked breakfast and dinner. For breakfast we had sausage and german fried potatoes and cream of wheat and tomatoes. Dinner, baked beans, brown bread and pineapple jellies. Doc has been trading all day for meat. We have a great deal of walrus meat now. It has snowed some today but got had the pleasure of sailing his ice boat a little.

Sun. April 5th. '14.
All the eskimos who came up to trade meat went home this morning. I got and Doc on the ice boat sailed.
out to the islands with the komatiks.

Mon April 6th 14.

Doc., Peter, Nipudashah, and Peter's, boy went north this morning. They are going only to Ellecmor Island to get Chi's musk-ox skins and to hunt musk-ox.

I have been cleaning up the book-cases today. - seems like we have an awful lot of books. I read, "The Chairs Invincible." Today.

Tue April 7-14.

Chi foot seems to be improving a little but it is certainly giving him a great deal of pain. Tank is dressing it for him while Doc is gone.

There is no more darkness now. At midnight last night there was light enough outside to read the finest print of a newspaper. Nothing of importance occurred today.

Wed April 8-14.

I weighed 164.5 after supper tonight. This is the most I have ever weighed.

Tank and I walked up the fjord to the glacier.

Thu April 9-14.

After breakfast today I went for
A long walk, and carried a gun but as I didn't see a rabbit all day I could hardly say that I went rabbit hunting. Jimmie and Odie who went hunting in a different place got one and three respectively.

Fri April 10-14.

On watch tonight all night. Kulu-tingniah and Emenie came up about midnight from Nenek. I made tea for them and gave them a place to sleep.

Sat April 11-14.

Men and Panikpah arrived about 5 p.m. They are going north on a hunting trip... Olphedingniah and his family left this morning. Jank and Sammy went on a komatik for a long day's hunt up the fjord. Jimmy, Emenie and Odie Zack brought in a rabbit today.

Sunday April 12-14.

Men and Panikpah left this morning for a bear hunt, and Kulu-tingniah and Emenie went back south. I went back in the hills rabbit...
Hunting, Jimmy, Sammy, and old Jack brought in a rabbit today.

Mon, April 13, 14:
Temperature for the past week has ranged between 0 and 10 below.
Doc, Peter, Alpundashka, and Dags came in about eight o'clock this morning. They left Ream's old quarters at Cape Sabine yesterday afternoon.
The wind has been blowing hard all day from the northeast, and Iri and I have been making some new speed records with the ice-boat.

Tue, April 14, 14:
Up all night on watch. Cooked breakfast and dinner. Very windy.

Wed, April 15, 14:
Today Mr. Muir has been developing pictures for us and showing us how. He also cooked salmon liver for dinner and showed us how to cook it so that it doesn't taste much worse than beef liver, provided of course that plenty of mustard, salt, pepper, ketchup, and horseradish is added.
Moe and Paulpah came in about mid-
p.m. They had killed nothing on their hunt. Sikan and Oblanya came in about seven p.m. They had killed two bears each in Clevermore Land.

Doc and I played with the base-ball a while today. Mene lost the ball down a crack in the ice foot; I dug out 250 cubic feet or more of the ice to get the ball, and incidentally to cut a path thru the rough ice for komatches.

Thurs., April 16, 14.

Still windy today, but not so much as yesterday.

Mene And Bags and Ahpauachak started for Nenek this morning but came back from the glaciers because there was too much snow blowing on top of it and they dared not risk it. We had bear steak for dinner.

Fri., April 17, 14.

It has been quiet today; there is about three inches of snow on the ground. The water is dripping in the sgoal in the dark room and Ahluungwah and Obre are
moving into Jet's room. Wee Wee and the baby are in my room with in the doctor's bunk. Dee and Tank are sleeping in the attic.

Sat April 18, 14.

Munc, Panjesh, Ahrudashahi, Dog, and Oblawy left for the south this morning.

Tank has been cleaning out some of the frost in the attic over his and Chis belongings today. I have been on watch and cooked breakfast, but Wee Wee helped me cook dinner, frying some very nice rabbit. I found our theodolite in the attic today - apart from all the other instruments. Mr. Huchten said it was just what he had needed, but that it was too late now for him to make the ice cap trip. His entire plan is changed - and Ek and Tank are going to go south with him this spring - all because we couldn't find the theodolite when he first came up here. I did not know that we had such an instrument, and certainly did not think that it could be stored in some other part of the attic away from
Mr. McLean's collection of instruments. The finding of the transit, which we thought were substitutes for a theodolite seemed to settle the proposition.

Got cut my hair today.

Sun April 19. 14.

I went hunting this afternoon.

I made a survey of the hills back of the house with a view to building a new aerial this summer in case the kits cannot lift the aerial wire high enough. We haven't much chance of success on account of our low power and the unfavorable topography but of course we are going to make every possible effort to connect the expedition by wireless. Mr. Trencher tells us that we have the only electric lights in Greenland.

Mon April 20. 14.

Doc and I made all preparations today for a hunting trip back in the hills. We carried several loads of paraflannel up the valley back of the house on our backs, and made a toboggan load of it. After dinner we hauled
the toboggan about four miles back into the valley and came back to the house. Tomorrow we will go up and camp a few miles farther back and hunt for a few days.

In the evening the boys got a piece of bear skin and one of them would put it over him while the other boys would get the dogs to chase him. This is their method of training young dogs for the bear hunt.

Two April 21-14.

Snow fell today just enough to prevent Doc and me from going hunting. We put in the time working on the frost in the attic.

Wed April 22-14.

Doc and I left the house at four p.m., went back to the valley to our toboggan, picked it up, and carried it north, looking for caribou. After travelling for about ten miles we decided to go down to the ice and descended the cliffs a little north of Littleton Island, seeing nothing better we decided to camp on the island, where we arrived about 10:30 p.m. We pitched our tent and made
tea and after drinking this and eating pemmican and taking a walk to the top of the island we turned in in our sleeping bags. The sun did not set.

The April 23, 14, Littleton Island.

Doc was up before five and out chasing rabbits. He came back with one and we made tea and started for Lifeboat Cove. Here we kicked around "among the ruins" and got one or two souvenirs from the "Polaris" winter quarters. We hunted rabbits on the way back to our tent at Littleton Island and lay down for a nap when we got there. It was 17 below zero and a north wind made sleeping rather uncomfortable. About 10 AM we decided to start for home so we reloaded our toboggan but left the tent, stove, a little oil, a little pemmican and a pair of snowshoes on the rocks on the northeast end of the
inland. The ice was young and our way home was not an easy one. The snow had drifted in irregular lines and was soft so that we broke through the crust continually and in some places along the ice foot wallowed in drifts four and five feet deep. After dragging our load for seven or eight miles we had to leave it and get home the best way possible. The wind had increased so much that we could hardly stand against it. It was a little after two P.M. when we reached home and we were both mighty tired.

At the house we found Sannick, Toita, Etukwsk, Tjikbo, Annawana, Innahos and one of Mr. Furneuxen's eskimos had arrived yesterday.

Fri April 24-14.

Toita left this morning. I slept till noon and got up feeling fine.

Sammy, Jimmy, Odie and Mr. Furneuxen's Eskimo (I forgot his name) went up the fjord this evening and
succeeded in bringing back
a raven's nest complete with
five eggs.

Jot has had everybody out
for a ride on his ice-boat.
The skeletons are appropriately
awe-struck.

Sat April 25-14.

E.K. and Zink have been
photographing the avalum embryos
and bly hedd and tusks, and the
raven's nest today, and E.K
blew the eggs.

Akomaddingwah, ophelah,
and Ahweeagingwah arrived
this afternoon from Ellesmere
Land, where they have been for
three weeks. Deer hunting,
they had killed only one seal
and one bear during the entire
time and nearly all of their
dogs had starved. They came
in with only two komatiks
- ophelah's and Akomaddingwah's,
and five and seven dogs to
komatiks respectively, and their
arrival was conspicuous by the absence of the usual home-run dash of the dogs. Between the three men 21 dogs were lost. Ahwecagingwah, ahmadingwah was left along the Ellice curve coast may south of Cape Sabine.

Mr. Srencher has been developing pictures today.

Ahkakakalingwah and Ahkbingwah have been skinning and preparing walrus heads and limbs.

Odie got a rabbit each today.

Sun Apr. 26, 14.

Ek, Tank, Peter, Annawana, Smaks, Sammik, Stokhash, oblahuy, Eweek, Giglo, Ahwecagingwah, Ahmadingwah, Ahkutscha, left this morning about eleven o’clock. Ek and Tanki belongings were distributed over four komatiks. Tank drove Ek’s team. Nuike is their destination for today. The crowd had a good day to start, no wind and temp 5 above zero.

The frost in the attic has been melting today and we spent some time in throwing it out.
About six p.m. Essaya, Kanglah, Nudlahsooah, Sally & Luma, and Kaysha arrived from the North to track. Sally and Luma slept in Doc's bunk, Nudlahsooah in Green's and the others also slept in the house.

Mon April 27-14.

Doc finished trading with the visitors this morning and they left about 11 a.m.

We three - Doc, Joe, and I, eat at the table with the women, and the younger members of our family eat at a second table.

Odie, Sammy, Jimmy, Obna and Ahnag went rabbit hunting today. They used two komatiks and went with the crowd this morning, and returned about three thirty p.m. Sammy and Odie each got a rabbit.

Tue April 28 -14.

Jimmy & Sammy took the komatik and went north towards Littleton Island to bring back the toboggan today. Joe went rabbiting and triumphantly returned with a rabbit. I have been cooking today
The snow, or frosty weather, has been melting in the attic today. We have thrown out tons of it, it seems.

Jimmy and Sunny reached home about seven o'clock. Sammy had a rabbit, Jimmy had "nearly got" a seal.

Later in the evening five kamutikas came up from the south. Kulutingnaah, Erinie, Ogwee, Makiee, Sroatah, Nelika were the arrivals.

Wed. April 29, 11.

Kulutingnaah brought with him & letter from CK asking that some forgotten things he sent down to him. Kulutingnaah's wife is sick at Mutee and he wants the doctor to come down to her. From his description Doc thinks she must have an abscess of the breast. Two embryo seals and some seal skins were brought up by the bunch to trade.

I went rabbit hunting today but did not see a rabbit. For the rabbit which Sammy brought yesterday twenty fit .44 cartridges are gone. This is hardly profitable and it seems that we had better do without rabbit rather than pay for it so dearly.
Thursday April 30, '14.
The visiting eskimos and Doc left for Nabke this morning. Doc took his own komatik and six small dogs. Jot was out hunting last night and got a blue fox. Jimmy and Sammy got a big seal today out on the ice. They drove back to the house for a line to pull it up on the ice and got went with them to help them.

Friday May first, '14.
Sunny this morning. Jot made a harpoon for use in walrus hunting this summer. I cooked and studied today. The weather cleared and the three boys went out seal hunting about two p.m. They returned at nine thirty - Odie had got a small seal (googel).

Sat May second, '14.
The sky has been overcast and air filled with a faint trace of snow all day. The boys drove out to the ice where they killed the okook day before yesterday and
brought home the meat.

We had to renew part of the fire-boy
lying in the store today.

Sunday May third, 14.

Snow all day. Nothing happened.

Monday May 4-14.

Snowy all morning and part of
afternoon. Doc came driving home
about three p.m. Said there was
a wild blinding snowstorm on the
glacier and he had an exciting
time coming home. He landed the
smaller breast of Kulutingnak's nearer
at Naka.

About ten p.m. we were somewhat
surprised at the arrival of a big crowd
from the south. Kudlukta and family,
Myah, Ernagats, Tuku, Cwek, Kyats,
Touchchingwah, Stockasha, Oblonger and
Akatungnah and their children, Zafong-
wah, Aqudasahabs and family, Eging-
wah, Ahnadoongwah, Akurat, Inski,
Ahnatingnab. They brought meat and
seal-skins to trade.
May 5-14.

Great excitement at home today was caused by the arrival of Nuklappingnak and Askis. They came in on one patched-up komatik with six dogs, bringing a note from Mac saying all was well. The day has been devoted to family reunions and general enjoyment of the home-comers. Nuklappingnak seems to have grown a few inches around the chest since seeing his three weeks old son.

Wed. May 6-14.

The visiting eskimos left this morning. Oblanyu went them to get his tent at Keske, his family as living in Lipse's right next door.

The little girls are playing dolls eskimo fashion, carrying fox skins in a handkerchief tied around the neck, like their mothers carry babies in the hood of the kapetah.
Thursday May 7-14.
A high northeast to north wind all day has kept everybody in
the house. Arklis skinned an
embryo seal and Akatingnah
prepared the skin.

Friday May 8-14.
High wind all day again, moder-
ating somewhat in the evening.
Women cleaning wolf skins
and seal skins. I sold some
a number of empty oil cans today
to use as salves boxes this summer.
Fred skating on the ice in front
of house today. Too rough for
pleasure.

Sat May 9-14.
Nukapingsnaah brought in four
rabbits at two o'clock.
Doc and the boys got over
about 25 bags of coal today.
Got it out with his ice tongs
this evening. Sailed down to the
glacier once and brought back
two rabbits which Nukapingsnaah gave
Seagulls here today  (May 9)
Eider ducks May 11.

Sun, May 10, 14.
The wind is still with us
and ice-boating is in favor.
I broke a speed record
and a runner besides, this evening
by jibing too quickly.
Doc and I got down about
two tons of coal today to be
sledged over.

Mon, May 11, 14.
I climbed the hill above
Lumtag's grave today and
could not see the ice up
the sound at all - nothing but
open water everywhere.
Nukapinguial, Arklis, and
the boys brought in five
rabbits tonight. We got
our thirty sip bags of
c coal today. Wind went
down about 11 p.m. and a
light snow fell for a while.
Doc saw eider ducks today.
Mon May 12, 14

We have had a very heavy snow today, the most we've had all winter - with a light south wind. I and I got 36 bags of coal down from the point.

Nukapiniquah and Arklis were to start for Cape Sabine tomorrow (via the land route to Kamowitj) with walrus meat but there is as much snow now that perhaps the trip will be postponed.

Six sea-pigeons were shot out at the ice-edge today.

Wed May 13, 14.

The snow yesterday continued till midnight. Today a light wind has been blowing but not enough to blow the snow away. There is not much excitement here now.

Thurs May 14, 14.

Arklys and Nukapiniquah started for Cape Sabine today about two p.m. They went overland to clear the open water between here and Kamowitj. There is enough snow in the ravine back
of the house for the komatiks to go up that way, and this was done, - the loads being "tumped" up by the women and children. I got several pictures of the iybweq going up.

Dog and the boys carried a kayak out to the open water this afternoon on a komatik. The boys stayed to hunt ducks. They shot at a seal several times without result and came home finally with two sea-pigeons.

I developed pictures this evening. The punching-bag comes into play quite often here lately.

Fri May 15, 14.

Nothing killed today. The boys saw one seal on the ice and fired at it but without result.

Panickpak with all his worldly belongings, wife included, arrived at 10:30 p.m. this.

Sat May 16, 14.

Panickpak and Ahtuksunguak set up their tupik today; the
Little Ankes first seen may 16.

of the year at Etah. Arklis and Tukokingswah arrived here about five A.M. They came over the hill between here and the bad places near Littleton Island, but said that the round ice was splendid as snow. The boys saw the first little Ankes of the season up the fiord today. They drove up and looked for some to catch but couldn't get any.

Sun May 17, 14.

Four Komatisks from the south this morning, - Oblayn, Ahpudashahs, Okomadingwah and Ahweawawah. Ahpudashahs and Ahkadingwah brought up their traps and are to stay here this summer. In the evening two more came, Kudlah and Ahweaqingwah. Kudlah's wife Ahkatingwah accompanied him, and Klayaha the widow of the lately deceased paralytic accompanied Ahweaqingwah. They say that Petachwaki is now deserted, the people having left the hunting ground for their summer homes. A letter from Ch by the Komatisks today states that they reached Osmand's after a week's journey, and found
Pete's supply of food badly depleted - the women left an charge having used it indiscriminately.

The thermometer reached 38 during today, everything is wet from melting snow and the sun is pleasantly warm outside.

Monday, May 18, 14.

Toita, Tahpelah, and Ahwagingwah came in last night. Quite a number of people slept in the big tepee of Ahmadingnah.

It began snowing about one and stopped at 8 p.m. - a heavy snow.

I was up in the hills hunting and says that there was no snow up there.

Tuesday, May 19, 14.

I bought a pup from Ahmadingnah today, and traded some old clothes and personal things to Okatingah for a kopelah to be delivered next winter.

Alpudashaho and Oblangu started for Bay Fjord today.

Wednesday, May 20, 14.

Toita, Ahwagingwah, Tahpelah, Kundleh.
and Akatinguak, and Klayohn, who came up with Ahweaginok, left for the south this morning, over the ice cap via Brother John's glacier. It has been snowing all day. — — I excavated the six sections of the wireless masts from under about five feet of snow. I want to get them up the hill before the snow in the ravine melts. — — Wee Wee gave the floor the weekly scrubbing this afternoon.

We were just beginning to wonder if it wasn't time for something to happen when three komatiks came in thru the snow, Schmann, Posingloonah, and Harrigan, — the latter two with their wives and babies, came up from Comanak and brought mail from Ed, Tank, and Peter. Schmann's wife and son are very sick with some malady which Peter fears is a contagious bought up from South Greenland and which may be an epidemic. They want Dr. to come down if possible. We gave these people food since they came on our business. Supplies are needed at Comanak, the women left in charge there having raised hares with the food stores.