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Temp. to night: 29° F.

Dist. 16,4

Barometer: 29,34

Camped 16½ miles out from Base & surface was excellent and both men and dogs did fine job & At 11 PM. Happened to see a seal straight in my track as I was sking ahead of the 5 Teams, so we decided make camp, & An open hole was shown by through the ice, and as we are many miles away from any sign of leads and ice bergs, this hole seal must have kept this hole open the whole winter & We got away from Base at 3,25 PM. after a "is: long" with the personal left & Dick and I skied ahead of the Teams talking for ½ miles, or until we could see Red Rock Ridge & A final Good Bye with wishes we were on our way and to wait until disappearance behind a huge ice-berg & A mother-seal with a small puppy turned over and with huge open eyes looked at us as we passed by so as wondering what strange caravan that could be young by & This speed was good and at times I had to step out to prevent the lead-dog of first team stopping

on the heels of my ship & Jan 2 1/2 hours
we had skidded 18 miles which must
be considered good with our heavy
loads up to 1100 lbs per team. & Passing
through some low Refs we came
over a penguin rookery, the first I
saw since Jan. These must have
been 1000 of them standing there in pairs
male and female. Next and there
a straggle was running among them and
as he passed these penguins they invited
for a fight if he should happen to be
pushed with their female & the soon
as we stopped the teams, one straggler
came walking towards us and not slow
he came close in front of my camera &
stopped but for one hour and I heard
that some 12 of them placed (dead) in a
box - buried in the snow and marked
with a small trail flag & for Bergant to
pick up later as per radio-schedule &
It's now 12:45 PM and all boys have had
their morning meal - ready to turn in &
Told them all to sleep in until 9:30 AM
as all teams are in bed need of rest
rest &
Temp. inside = 26° F.

Nov. 7th
Dist. 35.5

Temp. 32°
Bar. 29.353

Got started at 11 AM since I let all hands
have a good rest the first day & Radio
schedule at 7 this morn. Found water with
poor availability at 9 AM and stayed so whole
day & Jan morning saw broke through for 300
a short time & Had made 8 miles by 3 PM
and since going was so heavy decided to
rest the dogs and get going at 5:30 PM - &
Made horse in that time and for first
time today in tonight had decided to
not hushon & stick ahead for over the
I had and get best photos on both
Lytle & one better tonight & Passed Terra
Firma Island & Bay - Ice was crummy
with old pack ice frozen in ice now
drifts full of saws in cracks & Dogs
and men all worked well and Kullton
knives are doing a fine job in separating
us & We are all tired tonight and
the fellows have disappeared to the
only comfortable spot here is on the
beach, the sleeping bag

Temp. wind = +19° F = Bar. 8 AM = 29.27

Sight on Terra Firma = 325, Red Lt. = 8, Black Thumbs = 28

Cape Berdeaux = 173.

Nov. 8.

Dist. 488

Temp. 32 F.

Bar. 28.6^m

All hands wire up for contact at 8 AM.
Good radio-contact & Glad to see Muzzey learn
from Ekland so he will be competent when
they leave us & I skied ahead for two hours
before train caught up with me and men-
tion at Cape Bortau & layed several stages
and found huge pressure ice with tunnels
over isbergs frozen in place & went through
on skis but found surface too rough for dogs
Marked that for track near steep cliff &
Crossed a 3 ft. wide lead at Cape Moby
westward & Ekland's trail sled was almost submer-
ged in water as thin sheet ice broke loose &
Slipped to what I thought was error of way.
ied and passed over a number of more leads.
leads coming right indistinctly steep slopes, too.
King in place to ascend the smooth sheet
forming in front of the high mts. & were
disheartened and unsuccessful with many
broken up ice in all directions & huge ice-
bergs in the making already broken off
forming some places soft. crevasses & de-
sides, therefore to trace our track to
a low place we had passed a mile previ-
ous for better luck & went over present
ridges and some narrow leads and

sure enough, I was on the other side in
a 45° slope & steep, but otherwise we
could manage & left the train 1/2 m
away and now want them to come after
me & unhooking trailers does it took 22
days to get to top with all effort from
four men & for two hours we were
with all our heavy loads too for you
Lucky over not having more delay in getting
on sleds & as soon as we went up it started
snowing heavily so we in the thick air could
barely make out the mountain & moved on for
another 1/2 mile and made camp & the dogs
are all in; but they did a fine job in pulling
up so many times that steep slope &
Now camped underneath the high mt. &
Hope for better visibility in mtg. & all
hands had turned in before 8 PM. & they
are all doing a good job & working hard &
Thin Temp = 28° F.

Nov. 9th

Temp. 32

Bar. 29.16

65.8 Dist.

Camped to night close to mountain at beginning of the most heavily crevassed area on Wordie Shift Ice. Left our camp at Cape Barton this morn. with sun occasionally breaking thru x We climbed slowly for a mile until terrain becomes wavy x Passed some huge crevasses close (open holes) later down a 1/2 mile long hill, seemingly being at almost sea level again x Mostly milky visibility and dangerous to ski ahead x Climbing gradually until stopped at 2 PM. by crevassed area ahead where we stopped for hooch for two hours and gave the dogs some rest x When resting, the sub broke thru and illuminated the whole landscape with crevasses ahead x Skied one and poled the other pole through one x Got a shock by seeing the huge hole underneath disappearing into black darkness x This one was unbridged and undoubtedly a dog team would have broken through x Could now see the surface well, so decided go ahead again x Over rolling plains with high 3 to 4 hundred ft. anomalies with split open crevasses on either side of us x Seemed like this was the only way to get through this mass of holes x Dogs had now lots of pup again and steep were some of the hills they pulled the heavy loads up x We were getting

near to mountain nearest crevasses which now seems a familiar sight from my 3 light over this area x A steep hill now took most strength out of the 55 dogs so another 1/2 m. over a smooth plateau found us a good camp site overlooking the mass of crevasses ahead x From Chart our distance should be only 23 miles to Wordie Cache x Hot Saultain and biscuits was evening meal x Our latest addition to our party proved today to be exactly what has been predicted previously x He is neither mentally nor physically fit for a journey of this kind x Particularly so as each person gets so close in on the other, fellow x He has held us up now twice by being late getting going in morn. and night before last explained that we had to camp right away as he could not go any farther x This 3rd day out I gave him order to get up at the same time as Eklund and Murray at 7 AM, and start breakfast at the time when they were writing radio x At 7:30 PM. having taken down our tent and loaded all our gear on sleds, walking to cook tent and learn that primus had not even been lit yet, breakfast started x Dyer in next tent just getting up starting a row that he was here as surveyor and navigator and not cook x I told him he has to do cooking from now on as he has no other duties x Still more argument x He was x Made oatmeal and hot lemonade for bottles and called the fellows for food and also told

Dye that we do not need him as cook & Dead wood
passengers to carry & Have written message to
Dick at base explaining he is unfit, and reserved my
decision until supporting party returns after with
us for 7 days & I knew I was somewhat loose
by sympathizing with him in his sorrow not getting
out on the trail, but ~~that~~ never had expected to
find myself in such predicament with such a
disregard w/out any prospect for the other human
beings in this whole world & Finally, I shall
give him another chance &

2.1 M. 67.9 m

Nov. 16th A view outside tent opening at once
convinced me that it was unsuited for
travelling & could not see more than a few
ft. ahead & Had breakfast 10 A.M. & and spent
the day plotting, writing my etc & at 5 P.M.
it started clearing for a while and earned
then got a good view of crevasse ahead & Had
hovel and probed cbs. & as soon as that was
done it (the fog) closed in again so thick that
it was impossible to even see a sledge length &
Waited around until 7 P.M. and got a slight

View of the mt. we were headed for as crevasse
ahead & suddenly I saw a huge hole in
front of me so unexpected that it really
shook me as the surface was smooth and
seemingly level; but the haze prevented
from seeing objects on shadows on surface
Found a snowbridge running 45° on an
course 195 true and with rope & 2 men
holding I went across safe & Dog Teams all
followed over in order, & Now, came down
indemnity mt. 600 ft. where the worst mass
of crevasse started and with that poor
hicle & decided to camp & Skid with
Knots over to some rock formations 1/4 m
back on the mt. side where I got some
valuable information on rock collection
which will help me later when we get
south to the secondary mts which I
saw on our flight around Alu. I. Sand &
Had a good ski-run back to Camp.

Temp. 32°.

Bar. 29.22

Bearing on Cape Barlow = 327
" " Mt. Edgehill = 208

Nov. 11th

Temp. +9°

78 am.

Bar. 29.56

This morn. found sun up bright and with
excl. visib. x Was first called over to
radio or Dick spoke to me direct and had
that until 8:45 AM. x 1/2 cup oatmeal and
1/2 cup black coffee was all x Took tent
down and then started ahead scouting for
passage thru x Skied over long hills and
worked my way to high elevation where
I got a good view over the situation x
Over the strips between crests. I found
safe passages and after some searching
I always located snowbridge connecting
x That has been 2 m. ahead with safe
route for teams to travel and course for
mmatak at upper part of Shell Ice x At
some places it was dangerous with
large wide pits as deep as 200 ft. and most
enorm. but was 10 to 30 ft. wide x the
whole hillside seemed splitting open in
cracks and stretching some places as
far as 2 miles x Skied back and found
all teams on a steep hill and they
had a tough time ascending x With
some help I got them started again

and at 2:30 PM. we had made only 3!
m. x Not such a hot dist x But we
were always going up hill x Stopped
and made same hook x security
again and later found crests to be
fairly smooth where travelling was
good although this was sticky body x
Dogs took a hard turn when we
camped at 8 PM. x Close at the
mmatak and we feel lucky tonight to
have less than 10 m. to doche x It
was rapidly getting colder down to
90 F. and Bar. rose x Day elev.
is approx 900 ft. x Hope to make
cabe before noon tomorrow and
have Hilton and Knowles return x
They have helped us considerably
and done a good job x They are off
course again to get started on Hill
over top south along the Weddell
crest and they should be able to get
into the unknown x Cold to turn in
to the bag tonight and my fingers
are stiff cold x particularly the
hand holding flashlight x Carl is
sound asleep already x
+4 - Bar. 29

Nov. 12
88 m.

We all had a tough day with lots of hard work x Steep hills and cravasses took hard on both men and dogs x Got going at 8:45 this morn., skied ahead the long depression valley we started an early night and in which we made our camp x Surface was excellent that early in morn. before the sun gets warmth and it x Later in the day around noon it usually starts to get sticky x Rub some dry paraffin and it helps for an other hour. x Climbed long rolling hills and was a mile ahead before Teams finally left camp site and located early a number of crev. ahead on the steepest slopes x Four passages but it took twice the dirt, skiing x these crev. were the largest I ever saw, some more than 50ft across with walls straight down to min of 200ft, as far as I could see x We were zig-zagging for 1/2 m. in either direction where I found snowbridges that would carry the Teams over x After I had crossed one of these snowbridges safely, a team (Kawty) had four dogs falling through x Four of us got them on the surface again x They

were a bit shaken up after such an exp. Could not see bottom in this must have been 5 to 800 ft. x A man on this continent by takes great chances in this continent and particularly where there are ghins x Stops for lunch around 2 P.M. x and I decided to let him and Hilton return to Base x Had them come to eat with us x But this morn. did not get out of his sk. bag before I had breakfast over. x Made crampade x and for any hands to fill his trousers x We had some tent's down (except cook tent) and he was stuck in that x Now giving a hand with breakfast, crawling generator or looking up dogs x He is only concerned with himself that he gets what is coming to Dyer x Shows no cooperation, and acts like he does not have anything to do with the progress of this party x Had a minor with him 3rd day and when he refused to make breakfast and instead started an argument with recitations that Dick and I had people to wait as us at Base etc. x In fact he took for granted that because he was the Dyer he should be in a class by him self x Trail work is not arranged in small a way x Every man has to carry his share of the

load x He does not x so when Joe
and I were looking up the whole
anytime of days to the sled and im-
cable to do it alone, he was just
standing near ganking, at us x which
I told him, to come and give a hand,
He got sore at my remarks and
galled us x I told him he could
arrange to return to base with, Kohn
Lee and Hilton x That way it struc-
ured aft, took time x I also found
him the map hanging on a hill betw-
the dogs pull him up a steep hill x
His explanation to everything I say
and arguments are some more issues
why he is unfit for trail work x
He is temperamentally unfit x I
read him the act and took him an
again providing he turn out with the
breakfast and is ready by 8:30 AM.
He said he would x So that's that x
There was a sight of relief when I
saw a smooth plain stretching out
in front of me towards onto I had
seen before and to which I had
hearings for locating the cache x
but many miles did we travel before

We finally came to the site with
all needed bearings for locating
the cache x Can see no sign of it
Slept for 1/2 hr. in direction of
best sight and within its radius,
tent it must have drifted over x Not
even the bamboo pole was visible x
Card is trying tonight an emergency
radio signal, with request for coor-
and new cache to be placed before we
go any farther x Our elevation is
approx 1600 ft x
Wtd. temp +18
Night mjin +3
Nov 13th

Bar. 27.50

Visib grew early this morn. x Card
and all hands set up for radio call at 7 AM.
We were all too tired after such a tough day
coming on the last stretch x started
swearing around 10 AM and no chance to follow
our track back in what was intended
bringing the glacier foot cache up here x
It is approx 7 mi. to where Kohn's and
Hilton turned back x Tried to get Base
an Emerg. schedule at 12 PM. x They were
widentally not listening x Also tried at
2 PM. x 6 PM. x 8 PM. and Card & Murray
will be trying at 12 AM to night x

A more rigid check should be kept on
rad. dept. & we can not go on before
we either locate the cache or having
a new one flown down here & further
we have only one cooker (primus between
us) so it will not do & strongly believe
that the 2nd Supporting Party are not
capable of travelling over the words
Shelf Ice alone in middle of Dec. &
therefore I believe it would be a more
safe procedure to have each fly picture
sent here now (which they do doubt
took on the 11th) so the first returning
party could travel via the trench &
have prepared a radio gram to that
effect which Carl will get off earliest
opportunity to Dick & Alan which
we must stay here and wait & as
soon as it clears the cache at
glaciers will be brought up & Dyer &
I will try to locate cache here to
the pt. & But I consider all that
equipment and food for lost & it
should have been placed at or close to
rocks with properly laid marks iden-
tifying it & Played cards this aft-
noon to kill some time & And now
it is 10 PM and body to turn in bay &

Nov. 14th

Bar 27.30 ←

→ 8 AM Temp: 23

Min. night +6

" 27.20 (8 PM)

The day started of cloudy at 7 AM when I
went over for radio schedule & heard Dick
giving us all kinds of information for
leaving Base with only one (1) cooker. He
must understand that I impossible could
examine each slope and each man
taking on what he is supposed to
take & Macey got my instructions to
take one too. I led the cooker in the
machine shops and which Dyer used in
Navy Valley & also the large primus I
told him to take, which would give
give us a total of 4 primuses, incl.
the small one I had in my pack &
Dick said this was that earliest approx.
they would fly 3 primuses and one cooker
down to us. & Prepared a msg. Tonight
Carl will send in msg. stating that as soon
as our airway work completed here we will
leave for the south with my small pocket
size primus and two of Rymills pots &
Have spare parts and sh. & Do not wish
to jeopardize quote Explorers of the air,
unquote & Blowing and blowing whole
day with even temps of 23 to 26 °F.

Got rd. sched at 7:30 PM. we gave weather x
Talk came up on cooker from Base x
Linn conveyed through Dick: Why can
they not go on with the one cooker
they have? x We want spend his glory
when he is afraid to take a chance
Landing away from base for that benefit
of a surface party x As soon as we
I got away he was gone on flying
Gasoline caches out to head of sound x
We shall have to stand by them x
It shows cooperation: He mentioned
around camp after Alex. Low's flight
when Dick and I suggested we move
after. Linn landed in the Bay Ice to
get the dog teams out in the field x
Hill and dog porties are getting spoiled x
Eldred and Speck wanted to sledge down
on the glacier for the equipment left
there by Knowles-Hilton, but I advised
against it due to a change may come in
weather and not any too good vicinity x
As predicted, around 9:30 PM, wind came up
again from a more westerly direction and
with barometer falling to 27.20 x It is
now also snowing a little x

8 AM

Nov. 15th

Temp 22

Nov 27. 33

Wind night - 46

Had rd. sched at 7 AM. - Dick was not called
so there was no comment on my msg. x It
closed after about 12 AM and Lynn & I started
moving. x Got fire, also shots to ad prominent
mtn. range. x Made base line 2 av. base x Took
new shots to mtn. x Sent Eldred, Speck & Morsey
down glacier for eq. x They left 1:15 PM and
returned 5 PM. x A very fast and fine job x
We tried place used possibly fly to night, so we
have emergency, sched at 11 PM and turn definite
then x they intended having cache here and we can
help them get off x After supper tonight we
built a hut between 15 ft. with flog on top
we intend to place here dog food - awanford
and Kerosene x for return journey of southern
Party and Supporting Party x This all over this
age trying to see sizes of the cache log is
over way at St. but to see how x it must
be a sword and be completely out a sign of it x
Also and out to a mound which looked like
it may have been the cache 1/2 m. to the south x
Strongly enough these were pressures with
caches some of them shot up in the
air x The area all around here is
very smooth, and suitable for landing
field all over x A wind has started

8 AM. 27.34

Temp - 10

mins. - 3

Nov. 16th

up to night with velocity of 15 to 18 m.
just starting picking up drift & it
was a cold job building the beacon so
we had to take team going into that evening
up. -

From Mt. du Smith which on first World
Crahe Lavin flight pictures showed 1790.
we called broo, and on that peak I
took picture #1. Then went to 60° - and
they took 11 pict. total around camp 30°
these are on reel #1 (Important &)

So cold in tent now that my fingers are
getting stiff so I better quit. Life
on the trail is interesting when weather
is nice and warm days; but this
trip at present is not so enjoy anyone &

Our sched with Base at 11 PM. indicated
that they were already on the Bay Ice
loading & put out the signal for landing
at water around in radio tent & listen in
an conversations Candor had with base, and
it certainly is a great thing to have a radio
when it works & We also sent from base
advising where they were, and they came back
immediately & this work & They said from
plane they could see us and shortly after
we could hear the two motors roaring &
Arrived in one and then came to a

landing & That was the joy to see the
fellows Dick, Ashby, Puel, Jones, Sorkbaum
They stayed here for an hour & had very
interesting chat and got good instructions
with pictures consisted only to return from
here in jam, & they brought every cache
also cookies to us (two of them) Ting the
was so kind as to send a bag & lemon
pie which tasted deliciously here and
on the trail & Our food on trail is
same dry in and dry out so think
for that Ting & Penguin eggs which
we had fried afterwards tasted also good &
Exchanged that with plane on the one
last and that was torn and badly
patched & So now we live in a new home
& Head was new from Dick and this all
highly moral victory what I think Sorkbaums
able work in harbor & Carry to base of
Country bombing & stops they established &
It was about 5 AM. before we turned in
and instructions to eyes was to start & fact
at 11. & Our sled loads have to be
rearranged from here & Will call two
I mean ration for Supp. I and I want
for Sorkbaum Party & Dog food left
here for two 11 dog teams &

It is now 10 AM. impossible to sleep as tent is rather hot as sun shines upon it & so will instead start some work on paper &

Nov. 16th at 10 PM.

Bar. 26.56

Dist. 5.75 m.

Temp. +16

The sun shone fine when we started to work on our equipment - Building Barracks. Reloading sleds etc. & It was past 3 PM. before I left ahead on skis for the South & Surface was good, but the loads were too heavy & particularly when we came to some snow hills & the total dist. today was only 5.75 m. and we travelled until 7:45 PM & our electricity tonight must be approx 250 ft. & It is blowing steady but with some drifts and there is very light as we are close to 70° South and the sunlight seen is with a beautiful color cast illuminating the whole horizon & Stars worked over the body to night and found that we saw without reducing any dist. any cut our loads on 250 ft. & The terrain we travelled over was very smooth but crossed a couple of crevasses & they were a continuation of the present

I sighted yesterday and which I thought caused here been the words Cañon & Some crevasses were avoided tonight coming up but they ran from the Mt. due west & are now camped 1 mile from Mt. Numatak almost due South of our previous camp. & 8 AM. -
Bar. 26.64
Temp. 32

Nov. 17th - The day started brilliant weather, just like the days always dreamy about in the tropic, not a cloud, no wind, fine warm sun, and most of all, a glorious scenery with mts, glaciers, icefalls, crevasses, they are dangers & All hands slept until 7 AM. & breakfast of the usual menu. Then

Due to too heavy loads we had to cut the days for supporting party to stay with us only 16 days after leaving base, instead of 19.

Also cut their time in field from 16 to 10 days & we have to make some speed to get into the unknown & Will be going & course of 184° true this way. & Are building a beacon this way, and depositing 6 gal. of kerosene and 132 lbs. of H&S to mark this well as do not depending on it for our return journey to base.

at 8 PM.

Bar. 26

Temp. +16

Wed. 5. 8 am.

After 1 am. on 16th I changed course to 195° true I order
to avoid crevasses, and skirt west side of 100 ft. snow
mound. The surface was the best I have seen on
this trip. Firm and icy so the runners did not sink
so deep. Snowmelt going was slow and we made only
8. 8 am. Our loads are too heavy due to taking Dye
slay and letting them go east for 10 days. The
change in taking them along certainly slowed us down.
They will be with us now for only four more days. Twice
we had to play the 2 sled loads approx. 2 am. x it
obscured in an ice for a while and no visibility so we
had to make camp. The dogs, our well in with
so heavy load. After noon to night it started
clearing and sun broke through with a beautiful
setting, and since we now are in lat. 70°, we
should at this time see the anti-midnight sun. We
have a mound - 3 more miles before changing
course to 177° true, and in few days I hope to
make 100° x Quite some help before supporting party
turns back. Elevation of this camp 3300 ft.

At 10 AM. Nov. 18.

Bar. 25.86

Temp. 28° Feb.

Min during night

Feb. 11°

Nov. 18th

The wind was blowing during the
whole night and some drifts. The wind
at 7 AM was good, so the whole gang was sleeping
in. The dogs needed the extra hours rest x
4:5 break out at 8 AM x Quitted the tent
to clear sufficiently to make over the mound
ahead of us x

Temp. 10 PM. = +16

Bar. 25.38

We had a tough day with total distance

only 7.15 M. x Were climbing from last
night's camp of 3300 ft. to 4150 ft tonight x
The visibility was good and we were just
for one mile travelling on a course of
220° true x Then the rest of the dist. going
on course 180° x due south x I was
slimy ahead with Brewster Campos gone
in one hand x Trying contourline parallel
with my skis I was able to go a very
straight course x Saw for a minute
only some mt. rocks 450 ahead of us
and starboard bow x A high shoalward
45° on port x but it closed in with
heavy snowfalls x Relaying the two
double sled teams a number of times
so gang got too heavy x Muesy did
well with his heavy team although
had considerable lighters x Found best
when stopping at 8:30 PM. tonight -

We got away from camp 1 PM. noon, that
Moby had thrown her beams and
tent which we exchanged from the
airplane at Wordie. Shey Ice Cakes x
How he did it I still do not know
for he said only that the cloth must
have been rotten x He patched it
until 10:45 PM. tonight but it is a
poor job and we will I am certain
have trouble with it if we get out
in a real storm blizzard x He is
very careless and indispensable at
times x Shey shows these days a very
distrusted face x At night he chatters
with Glean giving all kinds of entre-
sours of the way Dick and I
are running the base x Shall put
him where he belongs before I let him
get out for 10 days on this snow x
Writing a message to Dick tonight - the
first one since we saw him at Wordie

Nov. 14

Temp +26
mm +16

Bar. 26.34

Nov 19th
Miles 12.6 m.

Temp +21
Bar 23.34

Went up for rad. sled at 7 AM and got away at
9 AM after a tough and quarrelsome time with
Dyer x He was supposed to be up at 7 AM, the same
time as rad man x I wanted he started previous at
7:30 and we had returned 8:30. He wanted him
to start cooking again something, also said he had
to make water for drink x I volunteered to do the
rest of the work get his sleds on so we could
get started x He told me then to mind my own
business x I answered back that it was my busi-
ness to get going in my and not hang around until
it pleased him with his fancy dishes under his
belt x Anyway before long he came out in
time to have an early start x Never again
will I take a chance with a person having such
sour grape disp. in my and egoistically x Even
with the one part of the tent he prefers, do he
show his own ego, as he wanted it put that way
from the wind x Went ahead on sleds for 12.6 m
and had good going on surface just like the
Ross Sound x We are camped tonight at
4750 ft. elevation in a round valley that
prevents us some shelter for the 25 to 30 m
wind now blowing x Deposited 22 cokes
of dog food 22 m. south of each other we
absolutely 132 cokes, so there should be

plenty for our return journey & we are now going due south and past 90° and have many identifiable landmarks to head back to Wode's Shaly Crabe & Nevil's deserts. That elevation here was so high when I flew here on return from Alex. Schmidt's & a steep hill ahead of us we will have to follow the road; it must be 20% grade & the wind today travelling was noisy from north-east with surface drift, and it helped us some & Hovoch tonight taste good, all hands hungry & the sun I can see pretty high over the horizon and it is now past 6 PM. So this is also the last of the midnight sun & I stopped travelling at 5:30 PM, the earliest day since we left the 6th of Nov. & by checking on the chart 10-might we are now in Lat. 70°-08' & Long. 67°-00'

Nov. 20. 8 AM. Bar. 22.78

Min Temp. 16 Temp. 20

8 PM. = Temp. 11.

Bar. 26.57

Nov. 20th. The day was cloudy with snow most of the time and wind 9:00 & from an 8:00 we climbed at 8 AM up to 6400 ft. and had no landmarks, sliding ahead with Bunton, starting due south & the dragging was heavy for the dogs but surface at that elevation was excellent & wind 11 am. total in 7 hours & from top another 4 was slipping down and with good speed we dropped 700 ft. for 20 to climb to 6300 ft. again & 4:45 and down smoothly mainly, and now camped at 6250 ft. 10:15 & Bobbing had no vis. & Dyer news to continue so we stopped at 3 PM & found from my airplane flight south here that we are now over the edge of the plateau & from picture in my possession we have to get down to lowest level to a rough running sandy direction & Dyer asked me today to provide him and returning supporting party with more dry food for them to stay in field house; by picking up some supplies for us at Bathhouse Mt. Deche & Toy Can and he done, however & that scale is placed there in every of the place needing rescue method & further more we would have a hard job getting down the snow-filled glacier to the level of the sand & the should be anticipated with the today's supplies to us being provided with now & the cooking problem is now solved

in Dyer being killed from all evoking
duty x Muddy evoked in camp and I do,
the same as what I had done for almost
two weeks made the evening meal x
Had special good luck tonight with plums
can, hot drinks, biscuits, and apples etc x
Drove as high as possible and with hunting
what a life x All hours turned in early.

Nov. 21st

Temp 16, Min +6

Bar. 24.56

It was blowing hard at 7 AM. for radio shade
But as usual nothing could be heard x Fairly
we are camped in a hollow on the glacier
600 ft. so that may be the reason x Had
actual ground 10 AM and after an observation
by which we got this camp located at 70°-16' S.
67°-03' W. it had cleared so we got a good
view around x I at once located our position
from pictures taken from plane upon return of
each laying flat and a steep glacier went
down in south direction x Ekblad and I in the
handcuff walked a trail down to the 5100 ft
level and found that if we could get our sleds
down we could strike southward from here x
Returned to camp and I decided to let supporting
Party return to East Base x However, in order
to make it worth while for Dyer, I let them

have dog food for 18 days with sufficient man
food and because to sleds was to Community Party
We selected the 15 best dogs let them have
11 and killed 5 x Muddy was the man x Very
cold blooded x It was Blackie I, Blackie II,
Tora, Tiza and Jimmy x I gave them orders
to kill Sitka and Zeis in the next few days
as they can use them for pulling load out up
glacier x Wrote a note of appointment as leader
of return party to Dyer and reloaded our sleds
took same picture and with Healy, Dyer, &
Murray's help 500 we got down 1200 ft. to
level surface x Said Good-Bye to them and
with Ekblad's 10 dogs pulling 2 sleds, I followed
after with 5 dogs in front of Murray's fresh sleds
Had a load an of 800 lb dog food, man food and
Kerosene and our sleds grooves up they had some
hard times x We left the Camp at 9 P.M.

and sledged until 2 P.M. a total of 13 mi.
A low pass close to the eastern side of the
mountain looked suitable for entering through to
the south, but we were greatly surprised to
find it falling off steep at least 1000 ft. and
too dangerous to go down x That fore sledges
retreated to a wide open space and were
camped close to the pass in the middle of
this wide plateau x Below us Southward
it appears to be a large fresh water lake

when I easily can see the shoreline and
had level blue ice & some rock also from
the shoreline in many curved places & 11
at 4³⁵ AM on Nov 22 as we are ready
to turn in.

Jan. 25.08

Temp +1

Nov. 22

Turned out at 12 AM found bright day
Breakfast and then an observation, line of position.
Got away at 2 PM and sledged down hill with a
few crew. One place that looked suitable for
getting down from the high level I skied over to
which the two teams were driving were
waiting on a plain & coming over the pass
in front of me went up a deep hollow
with sides 45° from N to S and glacier in all
directions & hard blue ice formed the sides
just like ice Hadden & On bottom was one
of the lakes. Similar to what we saw from
flat over & Rock piles seemed to form the
shore hills & impossible to get out from this
place so we went further on course 195° &
Hug's crevasses opened up and on the
steep slopes we had difficulties with sleds
topping over for Carl & Twice on the hill I
saw hummers in the air and with united
efforts we got them on rapid led with
chains for hooks & The hummers on the

Trails did split slightly, but I hope it was
easy as my trail is farther & Got better gain
and a few miles further I took pictures
remains of 11 shots which as all identifiable
from Cornell's pictures & Had lunch, it was
7 PM & Decided to sledge on to 10³⁰ PM &

Near the large mineral on picture
#26 enormous crevasses encountered, but
most lucky for us were snowfields & Depressed
in crevasses marked with our largest beacon
flag 65 degrees, one snow nation and
3 gallons of kerosene & Down and up
steep hills and we were on level surface
with good view of Bothice out tonight
south of us & Set course 164 True which
will take us east of those mts as I am
afraid of high passes and glaciers that
have the air looks quite possible to pass,
Heat looks entirely different from surface &
Got radio set up past 12 midnight just
to come in when snow heavy led to West
Base & Had sledges 18, 2 m. and best
20 per &

Temp +6

Nov. 23rd

Bar 28.90

We were on our way at 2 PM. and had a
long level stretch ahead of us & Surface was
excellent and we made very good time &

With the heavy loads we managed to make 3
miles per hour. x Visit was poor, could see
the lower parts of the highest mt., and mountains
to the
took bearings on some which I could identify
He for four Corwells pictures x Layed down
can another canoe with dry food and some personal
The gear x the loads get lighter every day by
will depositing every 20 m. for 11 days, and by
feeding 15 dogs every day x We shall travel
with 15 dogs for 2 days and then kill two x
Then Later on we may kill two more in order to
return to Base with 11 dogs x We were passing
between two mountain tops was a long's when
it broke off, and now right fore in layers
the most wild out. pronounced anyone could
ever dream of slanting his eyes on x it was
by the Batterbee Mt which I could remember
640 having seen from the air x We selected a
via pass to go for an course 175, which looked
for feasible to pass over x Traveled total
60 dist of 20.4 m. x The best one so far and
down very good with heavy heavy loads, x
Two Plotted the course to mid and D.R. it
has places we past 71° South x We both
descended for road. sled at 7 AM. - but
du tried at 8 AM sled but no answer x
Pi found out that there is no entrance
to outport, and since I am not familiar

with the set we are at a loss what to do
in order to get contact with Base x Carl
did not get sufficient instructions before
Leaving x Believe there should either be
no radio with trail parties, or they should
know how to fix in any emergency x
The receiver works excellent as I got a
long needed trim tick from London x
We had the whole thing set up at 12 Noon
in hope of getting something out of it, and
also transmitted an emergency sled at
12 noon tonight x Time is now 1 AM. and
we will be up at 7 for road sled in morn.
Wish there was some way to contact base
not to worry about us, at least not
before Feb. 15th x Hope Dick does not
come out with the plane looking for
us x We are tonight camped on a
fairly level glacial runway down to
King George VI Sound, and I would
like to spend some time here tomorrow
doing survey work as this is an area needed
for better mapping x Corwells pictures show
most of these peaks x Will have to pray
for better weather as it is thick overcast
now at 1:5 AM. x It was cold sleeping
today because the sun failed to come
out x Could see clear weather over Alyeska

With the set we use at a loss what to do in order to get contact with Base x Carl did not get sufficient instructions before leaving x Believe there should either be no radio with trail parties, or they should know how to fix in any emergency x The receiver works excellent as I got a long needed time back from London x We had the whole thing set up at 12 Noon in hope of getting something out of it, and also transmitted an emergency shed at 12 noon tonight x Time is now 1 A.M. and we will be up at 7 for road shed in morn. Wish there was some way to contact but not to worry about us, at least not before Feb. 15th x Hope Dick does not come out with the plane looking for us x We are tonight camped in a fairly level glacial pumice dune to King George VI Summit and I would like to spend some time here tomorrow doing survey work as this is an area needed for better mapping x Carroll's pictures show most of these peaks x Will have to pray for better weather as it is thick overcast now at 1:5 A.M. x It was cold sledding today because the sun failed to come out x Could see clear weather over Alps. Found

With the heavy loads we managed to make 3 miles per hour. x Visibility was poor, could see lower parts of the highest mts. and mountains. Took bearings on some which I could identify from Carroll's pictures x Lay^{ed} down another crease with dogfords and some personal gear x The loads get lighter every day by depositing every 20 m. for 11 days, and by feeding 15 dogs every day x We shall travel with 15 dogs for 12 days and then kill two x Later on we may kill two more in order to return to Base with 11 dogs x We were passing between two mountains up over a hump when it leveled off, and was right for in fact the most wild mt. panorama anyone could ever dream of starting his eyes on x It was the Battobee Mt. which I could remember having seen from the air x We selected a path to go for an course 175, which looked feasible to pass over x Traveled total dist of 20.4 m. x The best one so far and very good with three heavy loads x Plotted the course tonight and D.R. it places us past 71° South x We both overslept for road shed at 7 A.M. - but tried at 8 A.M. shed but no answer x Found out that there is no antenna output, and since I am not familiar

Nov. 24th Were up for radio sled at 7 AM, and
that left us away until 9 AM. x Just a
waste of time x listening to radio from the
base, when really there in the field are
more competent to judge what to do, and
how to do it x How long we left the
field, and also after conversation with Dick
at Wordie Cache that I should determine
Cape Rymill and get in as much survey
work as possible at head of sound, —
before going due south x He also gave
me the Solomon promise not to fly
over us when we were southward, as his
plans were only west-coast and east of
Cape Rymill x This morning the pipe work
an other seemed as he wanted us from
his present position to get down into the
sound to the Batterlee Cache which
was placed there at such a location
and at such a time that it is entirely
useless for us x Yes for place they
can place ~~anywhere~~ x We are already
fully loaded up with supplies to last us
for 9 days x If planes as planned had
been kept - doctores and all should
have been flown out into the field x
To go down into the sound from here
means a drop of approx. 4000 ft x This

hadn't change from Powers at Base
makes us feel as being stymied x There
are numerous over-alls, but since orders
are orders we will "Comply"
It seems like when my radio trip to
Antarctica makes a — out of me x Always
told that Dick would never keep me harassed
x But such is life x Hope their flight
goes through satisfactory and we are by
that time I hope at Cape Rymill x Will
then be "south" orders of our orders" x
We have not had this sleep a night yet for
many days so our legs are pretty stiff. Then
we red out for those red sleds in way at
7 AM x Today is hazy and about 10 m wind x
Will try to take paratrooper.

It is: Lat. 71° 05'
Long. 65° - 56'

At 10 AM.

Bar. 24.94

Temp +22°

Hum. +16°

Temp +23

At 10 PM.

Bar. 25.98

It's now 10 PM and am just inside tent
with primus going fuel blast and torch soon
coming up x Camp to-night is in the worst
possible spot between two huge snowdrifts
and that is close to one of them, so for a
sleep week this is not the place x

Oct 12 to night tried to get Base on radio, but failed. Evidently those emergency skedi are on paper only x It is now 3 times we have tried contact x Pathy disheartened with outlook of getting down to sound from here x More we look, the more crev. shows up x

Nov 25th

8 AM. - Bar. 26.08 Temp +34, Min +9 Monday mry. (the day after) were up at 7 AM. x Awaited clearer weather with better visib. in the hope of finding a way thru this mess of crev. x Meanwhile took a circle of pictures and survey sights on some of the mts., both on this side and also other side of sound x Later Carl and I with Alpine Rope - trail flags etc. went through some places for openings; but as we went on with no idea of seeing where the edges of the crev's. nor surfaces were, more broken up the whole area appeared x On skis in this white sheet I went over the edge of one crev., but luckily for me it was hard snowfield approx 3ft from edge to level x A funny sensation as the ski tips went downward, and only afterwards did I realize in what danger I was in x 15 ft. to the left and I would not have seen daylight again x One of those things only fate decides upon x It reminds me of huge skyscrapers (buildings) with planks to walk from one to the other and efforts down below up to 1000 ft. so it is easy to realize how dangerous it is to fall around in this part of Antarctica where

glaciers and mts meet x Approx. 2 m ahead of us in direct 90° of sound I can see the most broken up area ever sighted around here x They are broken in two directions and shaped like diamonds with the smooth sound and Alex. Law's Mts. in back ground x Have a good view of Mt. we were headed for on our flight around Alex. Law's and which is also shown in Ellsworth's picture (A.G.S. magazine) A triangular shaped Mt. of Shyphied Rock and nearest location is 71° 10' South x North of our camp are 3 mt. peaks on our island in this bay of crev's., and which makes it impossible even to think of getting down to the sound in this area x

After looking at aerial-photos there was nothing else for us to do but start climbing the hill x Elevation from approx 1000ft. up to 5000 ft. x Loads sleds and had a tough job turning around on this little ice island with our two dog teams x And back the trail we went and came to vicinity of our previous camp where we pitched anew x The pack up took us twice as many hours as getting down and both dogs and men are pretty tired tonight x Disgusted also for being interposed with in our trailwork x

I always thought that Dick Black knows better not to try direct a trap party out in the field x Try alone and only can judge as to whether or not it is possible of passing our mts and crev areas x From my observations on plane flight around Alex. Land, I could see it would be impossible to get down on west side to Sound x Crev glaciers and mts were too bad, which Rymill also stated in his book from this area x Further south it may be possible which we intended to investigate x And as oral agreement with Dick and myself goes they were that if no passage down to Sound could be found for us to stay at high elevation skirting mts and from the south in vicinity of Sound Mts, try to locate what he would like to call Cape Rymill x As of see it now, that will be exactly what we will have to do x Last sled we got a direct order to load direct for Battarbee Cache, which portable cache was placed after we were on Nordic Shelf Ice Area x I and also Carl have made up our minds not to change routes to areas that look ^{impossible} and dangerous to pass over x After all it is our lives endangered and luckily for Dick my fall in crev. 11 m down

(also my luck) we are back on more safe ground again x The blue berries (fruit - mind yeh) which he had had the day before and from which he had slight stomach ache, according to his radio speech, and caused him to get mad at us when informed of our plan to go east of Battarbee mts. showed not constitute a reason for people dying our lives in ordering us over a route which was against our better judgment x Leaving base I was given free hands to travel, arrange parties with Sven etc, and do as I saw fit, which could show credit to east Base and U.S.A. After all we are no lay-abouts and experienced in this kind of work behind, so now trying to lead us folded down over. Area is entirely against our wills x Camped a couple of miles south of our camp No. 23 bet and close to an area shown on Carvels picture full of crevasses x Sven was up for a short time, but it soon clouded over with some light snow with visib. zero x Bar at 10 P.M. 25, 02 Temp +16

Nov. 26

8 AM. Bar. 25.02 - Min +9 Temps
Temp +16

Went up for radio shot at 7 AM and
tried to contact for more than an hour,
Something must be wrong at the base for
nothing has changed at this end. Better
Peace seems best how to contact the
trail parties. We could receive from
any well, but they see not hear our
calls. Jim came through at 8:30 PM
and I was not slow in getting toward us
for an ob. Had got everything set when
it chattered thick and started swirling. X
Dressed for sleeping bag again and had
a couple of hours sleep. At 11 AM
Carl called me and said sun was
out; so in underwear only and milkbark
I got 2 complete sets of shots & figured
them out. Right then and have spent
the whole day inside plotting courses
and caught up on writing notes & Outside
it has been blowing, snowing and no
vicib. So my second shot for a fix
I'll have to wait until 9 AM.
Tomorrow so we can travel rather
early. Tent overhead of my side
leaks badly due to some gasoline

or air spots which eliminates the water -
proofing. The snow lays heavy on top -
side so once in a while we have to
shake tent cloth to prevent weight
being too heavy. The primus has
been going most of the day to keep
fairly unpleasant temperatures when
working. Drops comes in Carl's hand
once in a while but I still keep telling
them that his hair is getting thicker and
the time. Will have another try at
the rad. to morrow morn. at 7 AM. X
Hope to be able to tell Dick that
his order did not turn out so well and
asking him what we shall do now. X
He turned down flat my plan of going
east of Batterbee Mts so gives I can
side it is entirely up to him. One
plan of getting as far south as to 80°
slightly skinned away, but as soon as
flight is over we will head straight
south. I consider it as much
geographical value as anything else
them undertaken on this Expedition. X
The only difference is that Dick
does not want any one but himself
to make anything worth anything. X
Bar 25.02 Temp +16 at 8 PM.

Nov. 27

Bar. 25.03 (8 AM) Min Temp +16

Temp 26

Bar. 25.00 8 PM

Temp. 23 It was snowing hard the whole night through and when the sun broke through the clouds occasionally it melted the snow on top of the tent and it was dropping fast so our sleeping bags were pretty wet. Took an observation before 8 AM in order to determine the magnetic variation at this spot. Shall figure it out tonight. We had the radio set up at 7 AM. for trying to contact Base when supporting party was making them. We kept an eardrum, but no answer for us. Every time they were trying to pick up Muzzy's reports, we cutted in. Something must be wrong with our transmitter. The receiver works ok. Heard from base in conversation with Supporting Party that we had taken One Man Ration that they were supposed to have. Nothing doing. They got from us. One Man ration + what was left in food-box enough for 7 days for 3 men which should last them 17 days. They received 18 days dog food, enough to take them back to Cache - 5 m south

of Wonder Shell Ice Cache x Of course they had 8 gallons sufficient for 32 days. So I can not understand what they can be complaining about. Had course mounted this way and took 12 pint, also a series of bearings to Mt. peaks, so this area should be well tied in.

Dogs broke up and started off. Gairy was heavy as 8 to 10⁰⁰ of new kind had fallen and after a couple of miles he 5 drops in tent sled could pull no more. Decided to abandon the 3⁰⁰ sled, and re-arranged the whole load on two sleds. The snow got softer and deeper so after a while we had to start slaying. Total distance to night was only 6.4 m. Had we not been interbedded with from base we could have travelled for 4 days on hard good surface averaging 20 m per day. We had well digested to night with no plan and reason for going on this trip. Since Dick so completely disregards others interests and feelings. As long as he can do all the exploring he is satisfied. Breaking words and selling a friend down. The "piss" came to me as a warning from former

Expedition was before departure, as the
the news I was certain to expect from
him if his postage was ever through
Can now see his reasons for not
having sent to work. any business interest
shows as he not very easily could
have written anything about himself x

Nov. 28th

Temp +54

8 AM. Bar 25.00 Min +16.

It was a bad day we turned out for
at 6³⁰ AM. x It was warm and sunny
heavily, with out just dripping heavily x
Surprisingly enough we got contact with
base and told of our predicament and
for further instruction and orders x He
blew us up as expected and told us that if we
wanted to we could get down this glacier x
Later on he started to tell us that he
left it to our hon to get down on the
ground even going east of Battersee x
He even went so far this morn. as to
tell me that he was commanding
officers, and friends or no friend or
promises what he has given me
which all to be forgotten x This is he
said another Baya Expeditor regard
to plans and telling what to do x

He got our answer back: Ok Commanding
Officers x What has got into Dick since I
spoke to him at Horder. I do not under-
stand x Snow has, I know, influenced
him and brought Dick straight against
the only path he has had at base
all the time x It is very discouraging
and lack of enthusiasm that can
be the only result of such treatment
and lack of understanding x

Spent the whole day in Camps due to poor
visibility and heavy snowfall x The sun
broke through after-noon and I took
the opportunity of taking an observation x
We try take the other 06 from here before
departure in order to get a fix x
Thanksgiving today, so Cal said, for he brought
out a small can of oysters and we had
oyster stew x hoveh and milk x Our
course now is 170° true which will take
us east of small mt. x Hope from there
to be able to descend to south x To
the cache layed down by plane x

Nov 29th Got away at the usual time and had a tough time making 5 m. x Had to take our load so progress was slow. x Took our sled ahead, set up the tent and ready to make beach when I discovered water and matches were among the other sleds. So I took the opportunity to ski 4 m ahead to top of the hill to a pass to find out if it was possible to traverse other side. x I never reached the top but judging from the appearance of the smooth land and its connection to the mountains, I took for granted we could come down again. x Was told when returned to camp that I came up with the other sled shortly. And beach was an hour. x At 12 PM. we tried base on snow. Sled, but as usual no snow. x Believe the frequencies were out to easily in this mountain country. x Next day I spent in taking fixes and a series of pictures. x

Nov. 30th Don show light when we was away. x Climbing with our loads and blazing. x Estimated height of pass to be 4000 ft over sea level and 1500 over camp. x Our trip recognized from Carrolls picture and 209209 by plane covers

We camped on a ledge overlooking a valley at Alex Land. x Had some steep down hill runs where our sleds turned over. x Fell through a crevasse and was lucky to stretch across and not rolled over on side the safe way. x Was a little jumpy after this exp. - The greatest danger being only two men in a party is if one should take a fatal accident. x The other person could have never make those alone. x A fog covered everything underneath us - just like a wooden blanket sprung out. x Got chills towards evening but the surface was fast down hill. x It looked rather disgusting the terrain we would have to travel over reaching sound. x From air a person can never get the right perspective as to heights of hills etc. x

Dec 1st Took kit in camp and pictures circle with bearings to all good points around. x So this land is well fixed in. x Went down trail in good speed over crevasses but the dogs were doing poorly. x Slept at places so we had to have all chains and for breaks. x Skits crevasses and came down

to more level going and tonight we
are camped close to the last pass
entering into Sound & As I write these
lines is 12 P.M. but the Sun is shining
bright on the tent as the brightest days
I hope to be able to get down to Sound
by tomorrow eve. x

Dec. 2nd

It was cloudy in morn. so we slept in for
a couple of hours until 9 A.M. x The last few
days we have been very strenuous in passing
mt. passes and up and down hills x As I
was making oatmeal, Carl suddenly complained of
violent pain in his left side with the kidney x
He was in agony far more than we have, so I
had to give him a morphine tablet x He continued
to suffer and perspired and at times had difficulty
breathing x Gasping for air x He tried eating but it
did not taste at all x Got as hot water as possible
and with a footboy soaked I kept constantly changing
keeping left-side warm x After a while he complained
of cramps in stomach and I attended to warm that
part also x About two hours from it just started
He said he felt better x I had the radio ready
to try contact base on Every shed x He later
told me that in foothold of one ever he was
kicked so his kidney was loose and he urinated
blood x This odd thing suddenly came back on him

due to too much hard work passing over, ant. x
In fact, he refuses to return the same way
back to Nordic Cracks x I do not feel like
starting from sea-level to top again either x
It has got our thinking for some time the
danger is only too near in a party x For
one a fatal accident etc. the other person
would have negative chances of travelling
200 m alone x Luckily I manage also
radio so could probably get aid from base x
At 4 P.M. we moved up a steep hill re-
taking the glacier valley down to Sound x
On this first the view was poor so I
had difficulty making out surface x Down
all the time x Passed over a couple of snow-
filled crevasses and came to rock pile in
front of mt. x These high piles must have
been broken thru by glacial x Set a camp
for mt. on other side of Sound almost
due south and at 10 P.M. camped. Close to
where the Butterbee creek evidently must
be located x It surely has been a long
and troublesome way of getting down on the
Sound ice, so now had wind as well
travel at this low elevation, even back to
where we can get up to Nordic Cracks x
It means following Rymills route x

Dec. 3rd Went up for radio sled at 7 AM.
Reception was excellent and we heard every
word spoken of in Dick's msg. to us & was
very glad to have to have taken the signals
although we understood there was a gear mis-
understanding and all was friction of teeth was.
The plan and our will for both the main in-
struments he said and glad to have so & I was
cranking 3 times but Lamp could not re-
ceive us on 7500 & with they could not
completely the 4000 band as we could then let
our transmitter in same position and not touch
it at all when we do get contact & The time
tick was well approached as I got a good st.
to-night only .8 m. from D.R. position &
We will try transmit on emergency sled at
12 PM. to-night but it seems hopeless of getting
through & The going was heavy with soft
with snow from sun & Windy like to have
been not to have plane land but in day.
Time, but wait until sun is down at night &
It then gets a hard crust &
Skidged for 4 hours and with sights of peaks
was able to spot the cable & This helped
as team goes more straight line and
better time & Shortly after stopping at cable
took a couple of observations and came
very close to our D.R. position & Also

took a series of pictures with bearings to
net peaks on both sides of camp & will
travel 5 m. tomorrow in canoe and repeat
sights on mt's & Hooch tested OK after a
after hard day & Both Enlow & I feel
a kind of stiff in our legs after hard work &
Tramp is below freezing tonight & Enlow
that Dick has forgotten to include circuits
with main return at his depot & A great
loss as the quantity could be small.
larger & for two p.m. they last 10 days
will rearrange loads tomorrow and shove
for Cape Rymill & hope to get radio
contact soon & We are working now as
a for an that account &
Dec. 4th Took at in my and have now established
a fix of this cable & Lat. $71^{\circ} 45'$
Long $67^{\circ} 50'$
Sun shone bright all day as we were varying
sled loads & Took only 7 cans of dry food from
here & Also one can of sugar from one of the
three men for return & Left the cable with
45 days man food and 42 days dog food & We
will therefore start to head to this cache before
Jan. 15th & Strange enough after many
crankings the lead sled has on the radio &
Dick thought it was definitely missing radio.
sled that has made us unclear from for

a number of days x I can assure him that the opposite is the case x We have listened on every sled, also tried them on emerg. sled x Have been in last need of time field, though a number of ab. have been too far out x Howard's suggestion of pressing down on the transmitter contact switch was I believe the reason for our signals getting out x Can also hear the clicking in air phones when signals go out now x

Started all loaded up from cache at 6 PM x The surface was then getting hard and crusty x Skied ahead with course for lowland south east in Clear Ice x Stopped for red sled at 12 and towed them covered 15 mi. x a good distance considering and loads x Stopped with tent up for evening events and at it again x Dean noticed

as I was skiing along that packed a large stratified rock here was a huge ice wall just like the edge of barrier in Ross Sea x Changed course to more easterly to avoid as it seemed lower there, but found huge ice pressure stretching in south easterly direction x Coming close up I found open water with snow-petals flying about x Behind pressure towards cape the surface

looks 4 to 600 ft high and forms an escarpment running in same southeasterly direction x By following this pressure for a short distance I slid into a place hoping to either get across than going so far south east off our course x Cracks and crev. with fresh ice cover. went everywhere so it seemed pretty active x A place looked rough and we took a chance with dog team (one sled at a time) the first one passed ok, but the second one snow heavily loaded and with the radio not securely enough fastened slid down into water as we were going down an open pool a couple of 100 feet long x Radio was completely submerged and so was most of the rest of the sled as it tipped over x Some struggle and over and down some rough eastingies and we were on the edge of the hole x Decided to camp right away so we could drag out the red. and gun. x So Carl did x Tested it and found it in good working order again x We tumbled in at 5:30 AM. x At 11 AM found dogs looking and looking and found them in a tree for all night tangled up x The following

Stake had gotten loose x Carl went out
and separated them x Slept until
3:30 P.M. x

Dec 5th Ready to leave at 8 P.M. and
will sledge towards mt. hoodland x

Sledging was good x That headland came
on top of ridge and looking down into a
valley rhine eastly from mt. x Elevation
possible ice raised high in air so there
must be some kind of movement although
that was no sign of glaciers x Skinted some
fresh water pools evidently melting from
stratified mt rocks x Passed two moun-
ants. one sedimentary and one igneous as far
as we could see when passing x Expect to pass
here on our way to base and will then stop
for further examination x Stopped for radio:
Slept at 12 P.M., but base could not receive us, so
we then decided to sledge until 5 A.M. x

Dec. 6th - As we were sledgeing alone it was
noticing sledgeing and turning over after
changing course and gone on for a while x Could
see small pieces of metal on night land side and
since we have had frost and possibility of glass latterly
I took it for granted that under which had
burst by sledgeing and condensing x After tent

pitched for radio shed, I took mites apart,
and found so to be the case x It is a great
loss but to have a mite as I will have to
take fixes so more often x We were pretty
tired after our sled at 7 A.M. and turned in
for highly needed sleep x These sled have
kept us up overn - overn and night x
At 8 P.M. I took an ob and got a fix x
Another at 6:10 P.M. and found mag. var. x
to increase x now 25°. 26.5 x Sledged
until 11 P.M. as the dry sledgeing is essential
again due to observation x Our latest
find here do I believe determine the
extent of Alex Ld. and the end of
George VI sound as we were
travelling on high ridge estimated 900
to 1000 ft. over the sound ice x Later
by check from Dorsey it was found
to be 1125 ft high x This ridge runs due
south from "hat" mountain and will
follow that south for a couple of days
to find out if the sound turns west -
ward or stops x Wind brought 18 M. with
some drifts x

Dec. 7th It was blowing pretty hard today
and some drift & cloudy overhead with
a short break at 11 AM. Took the opportunity
of an observation. We are very close to an
S.R. Position. Waited around until 5 PM.
for second sight, but the break in clouds
never came. Instead it thickened up and
I barely managed to get a series of sights
on Mt. peaks towards north & also a series
of pict. It seems clear that Alex. Sel-
steel stops right north of us with what
is called prominence of an elevation of
more than 1200 ft. and extending south-
easterly direction, or parallel to pressure
ice we passed through from the summit.
After leaving camp at 5 PM we headed
due south & grade was upward climbing
for 2 miles, then slowly downhill where
Several mts could be seen due east.
Over another high - land and down
to what appears to be extension of George D
Sawnd. Passed a large crevasse which
indicates land underneath. It was open
but a small snowbridge looked secure
enough for us to pass over. Visib. on surface
was very poor so I decided to camp for the
night in order better to get a full view of
land ahead of us: determining extent of

the land. One crevasse very seldom comes
alone, and a mishap with a sled or a man
into one would mean our loss; so it is not
worth it. Plainly speaking our lives
depend on the dogs and sleds to stay on
surface & towards south west can from
camp to night be seen a out peak partly
snow-covered & there before for any human
being was gazed on this I believe, and
straight south and southeast from us
lays the entire unknown. Hope we can
get party into this area before turning
for base: We have 45 days supplies with
us from Gatterers Coche and should be
back there before Jan. 15th. We still have
15 days in time in forest, but when loads
get lighter that them will have to go.
It is fun as we sleds along, but with
the "G" Pole and J behind watching the
Camps. He will yell at the lead-dog
Gaul all kinds of names such as you
S.B. & so, and that way. You C.S. &
"For Christ sake Gaul" & I'll come up
and give you a hall of a looking etc's
All most serious. Radio shed it
12 tonight was very good. at 2 AM.
at this writing it is clearing & hope for
good weather to get good view around here

Dec. 8th Traveled due south as we saw the high ice bank ahead & a mass of snow. When I doubt we could even get up with our sleds & Camped approx 4 m. out on the sand & could see the whole coastline bearing slightly north of east with Beard into in horizon & A huge Ice capped mt appears to the south east of us, showing well up over the adjoining flat terrain &

Dec 9th Took two observations and got a fix which shows we traveled slightly further than our methods of calculating dist. shows & Dec. 10th am. off of

Now going westerly direction toward a cape & Took sights on all visible mt. peaks in all directions, but useless to take pictures as we are too far off & Before leaving calculated 830 rev. of sleds wheel for one mile and two a strip of my hanky for marking & Limited as we went on and we covered the first two miles in 40 min which is an estimate did since cyclometer busted & huge open holes we circled around and with rolling surface it indicates progress from glaciers coming from south into their sound & Two snowpetrels flew close to board us & One so close in fact that if I had been quick enough I could have

sought one & This also indicates open water in this vicinity where they find their food & A leaky crevasse area we encountered 14 m. from camp and it took us some time to get through it & It extended for two m. and cracks were in general running parallel to the coastline & We are now headed for a rock summit to left and Ice capped peak to right of a Mt. bearing approx. due west & We may find snowpetrel rookery there which is a rare find in this part & Camped approx. 5 m. from this mt. It is cold and chilly tonight with a B. m. east wind gathering drift & Fog. Shed at 12 P.M. &

Dec. 11th & Weather was fine up to mid. shed at noon but as we were ready to break camp clouds came rolling in and before long mist was almost gone & In our radio sleds we had few hours before storm "excellent" Took a couple of sights for a fix at this spot but some thing must be wrong with our timing as I got 9 m. away from S.R. Coast & It is still blowing at this time 11:45 P.M. and had shed again coming up in 5 min & Hill more over to Mt. ahead first opportunity for rock specimens etc &

Dec. 12th Sledges approx 7 m to nunatak which we have seen for a couple of days x 3 m. east from here entered into an area that seemed to be under heavy pressure but not yet split open with crevasses x Huge rollers leaning northward direction indicated that the pressure is coming from east and ice flow in sound being stopped by nunatak and more than 6 ice capped mounds stretching north in sound x Now camped at edge of worst crevassed area approx 3 m. from southern shore of sound x 7 o'clock tonight skied to 1000 ft top of a mound had look around horizon x Only pressure ice and snow plains west & north, while southern shore of sound extended 10° south of west beyond horizon for not less than 35 m x Hear rad. sked at 12 tonight and will leave about plane flight x Also suggest sledging south for 5 days and rendezvous with plane crew here in case of forced landing west x We will have to return to Buttcher cache 27 days from now x

Dec. 13th Has radio sked at 12 AM and contact was good x Poky's suggestion of passing down antenna clip for better contact surface really was the thing and which he suggested at Buttcher Cache x It has worked fine since then and no trouble with trans

mission x The devil works in most persons, so also in Antarctica, became when regular and good contact was established. Dick expressed his and other ^{opinion} complaints ^{from} Camps (or Base) that we had ^{been} sabotaging and must be because our suggestion of going straight south toward Seeward Mt. has been turned down x This was far from truth x The radio men can verify that they heard a number of times and also said that there was something wrong with our transmitter x Carl suggested this way, that due to the crevassed areas ahead of us to the west, that we be permitted to go south for a max of 5 days while auxiliary plane flight was being down by Dick Lat x He assured deeply, to wait, west is the thing x So that's that! — x An "is" was our reply x He is still in the delirious grandiose that a transponder should be run from base and not by plane actually in the field x Polar exploring is a lot of work for it x With renewed energy we started to work south and south x But wherever we turned after 7 to 8 m. there were more and more turning up everywhere x Southward of the angle black rock cumulated was slicks between the huge crevasses is huge x John's sled for my early cut to size x John's sled for

two hours and 30 min. in one stretch on the
the dog team makes much better time by
having one ski ahead & crossing a crevasse
area between our camp and high two pointed
ice capped out peak but saved us no
serious trouble. At midnight stopped our
team 4 m. away & Carl skied up a steep slope
for some rock & I got a real chill while
waiting & I had prepared heavily sking
ahead. In 20 m. he was back and told me
that he saw a number of swiftnets flying
around up there, so there evidently must be
some rookeries there & Carl skied ahead now for
a while and coming over a level (or lumps)
saw an enormous one of crevasses. Then
along the bank northward for 1 mile but
were stopped by a 100 ft. ice cliff so that
could be no progress in this direction.
Had some time turning slips around on the
steep hill and so I skied ahead with summer
back noticed the scrub sled with summer
in air & another struggle to get it on right
heel again & we retraced our steps the
mile and as time was 12 midnight and poor
visibility we decided to camp & so here
we are again blocked in 3 directions &
thinks that eastward is open so we
can get back to base and catch first

slip's back to civilization again &
it seems plain to me that the scoured
ends here & the elevation of these snow-
covered hills must be 1000 ft. and they
are extending northward an average 340°.
How far I do not know but beyond
our horizon &

Dec. 14th A brilliant day with not a single cloud
on the sky & took a night for obtaining a fix at
this spot & after second sight Carlson & I took 5
dogs snowshoeing to the top of the Thurotak in
order to get a good view over the whole
terrain now ahead of us westward & approx
2 m. to the top on some steep climbing &
left the dog at foot of rock and went on
rock half way up & found whole Mt. with snow
with black moss & this is igneous rock & over a
very steep slope on tabs ice we managed to
get to the very top where there appeared to
be just like a platform mostly bare rock and
with some small fresh water ponds among the
rocks & estimated this height not less than
1000 ft elev. and it took us one hour from
camp to top & this afforded us an excellent
view over this whole area for miles around
& towards the south just smooth snow-
plains with hardly crevassed areas at

Some places and with the sound bank very
closely eroded with crevasses & from our position
camp approx 3 to 4 mi. south appeared to be
more like a point at which place northward
it was slowly eroding northward and slowly
turning to the north & a definite point shown
up here & further north from this point. I can
easily see a long mountain appearing over the
horizon and when we got through this crevasse
area intend to head for south point west and
this mt. & close to this (let me call it island,
because it seems like the sound level continues
westward and the heavily eroded area to
west of us is caused by this island blocking
the expansion of sound ice & on the eroded
areas which stopped our progress last night &
This must be a number of islands but only
one is here and showing rock & The one we are
on now must be not less than 5 mi. east west
and stretching from south (extreme south is the
rock open) to north approx 10 mi. & crevasses I
can also see northward beyond this island &
Approx 1 mi north west from the bare mountain is an
ice capped peak, at least 100 to 200 ft. higher &
On top we built a stone cairn 4 ft high and placed
a note there reading our visit & The climb down
was steep and rather dangerous and was Cooly's
forthright slipped and he slipped 30 ft down an

his seat to Stanshall on the knee of this mt. &
Passing a rock pile I noticed all odd shaped
rock close to edge of the cliff: top it loose and
saw small yellow colored particles & With a knife
I could scrape of flakes and believe it to be
gold & Had this stone weighing 50th lbs to a
rope and drop pulled it to camp & Will try
with geological hammer to break it into pieces &
Have rod. Sled at 12 tonight and will continue
westward in morn.

Wrote out a "Claim - Sheet" tonight to have
deposited in a snowdrift at this camp, of
which I have an excellent fixed position &
Navigation is gaining time and we will safely
sail back to camp with our own boats -

Dec. 15

A terrific wind blowing and quite some snowdrift
buried the sleds & looking for, rearing, rods
kept us in sleeping bags the whole day and most
night & A number of lake in tent seemed to waken,
and it is dangerous as it is the only sheets
we have in this tent placed on continent & Sleds
is always good when they're up and it is a very
Tussock affair to lay day and night just watching
that walls thinning and shaking, expecting to come
down any minute &

Dec. 16th At cleared just before leaving for the west
and south direction to avoid some large

crosses. Built a snow-duncan where I placed
a claim-sheet on this new territory x Left 3 PM.
and the going was rather heavy as the thin ice
crust had not formed x The best surface usually
comes along E or 9 PM. and the thick slide easily
as slings ahead of the docteam x Got a couple
of good bearings on coast south which was
parallel to our course and which south.
westerly direction from a bay x Got eight
and has the whole coastline well plotted x
Camped at 11:30 PM. and had rad. shot at
12 PM. A cape is close to our camp, also
a crevassed ice-cap, well defined x

Dec. 17th Took a shot at sun 9 AM. and also one
at 1 PM. an excellent fix x Took bearings on
prominent features along coast x Left camp
at 4 PM. x Skied ahead for two miles x Out
with the transit and double-shot the before
mentioned landmarks x Went ahead another $\frac{1}{2}$ mi
and was suddenly stopped by looking down into a
lowland and bay over a steep 100 ft. barrier cliff x
There was ice pressure at different places, and in
one place saw a tabular iceberg away from
the brittle wall x Changed course to 80° for
a mile x Then almost due north x Saw sleds
what appears to be a two peak mt. and now steering
for it x Stopped a few miles out and got a fix

from previous known points on coast and got
good bearings on bay south easterly direction x
Now skied out long slopes up and down
these running W-E direction x As Carl was
skying ahead he suddenly came upon an open
flat which gives us an excellent indication
that we have now reached the beginning of
the coastline running westward from this
point x The lead was a typical one that is
found on sea-ice and was from 3 to 5 ft.
wide with thin crust of ice at different
places x Took following chain and reported
to gether and showed an end total length
156 ft. for a sounding but no bottom x
This open lead gives the account of several
petrels flying around x Two miles further
on our course we crossed another wide
lead x Then stopped for rad. shot x By checking
our elev. with bar. at base Darcy gave us an
elevation of 35 ft. in spite of us camping
next to an open sea lead x Luckily we have
single tooth of this sea water x Sledges
after red. bled an smooth sea-ice and
passed what we had seen for days for being
a mt. x The black sides to east indicated
rock x Now we were upon it to find a
large ice-cap with two peaks x Can not
tell as yet if this is an island x Climbed

Dec. 18th

To top approx 150 ft. up an even w. slope x
The visit was poor so could not see far x
We then layed our course more westerward
and camped after 6 am. more travelling x
The coastline was low running parallel
with our course and took a number of
bearings and determined its location x
Camped at 5 PM.

Dec 19th

Pretty tired having covered 24 am
with our sled pretty heavy loads x
Awoke at 2 PM and took a sight at
this cape where we now are camped x
Forgot to mention that we crossed a 15 ft
sea-ice lead over a snowbank which
gave away so the rear sled slid over x
Luckily we were safe, but it cut our
retreat over this lead at this spot x

Took the second shot at 6 PM. and had
fine fox. Our method of recording dist's
seems to work fine as we are very short
dist off when we consider travelling 3 am. on
one bear as an average x A slope meter
would of course have been better x

Deposited at this cape and close to a small
iceberg on top of which we placed a beacon
flag, 144 cubes of dog food and the bag

round drum of kerosene x it will lighten the
load and ease trail party x We had since
having ice-capped Mt marked our trail
with small trail flags 3 to a mile and
can make better time going back this
way x South from this Camp a deep
bay extends but has taken some bearings
to determine its size and shape x
Left Camp at 8 PM and now sledging
slightly north of west towards a cape x
12 PM.

Dec 20th My birthday and at red sled. Did
come on first campsite today x Worked red
until 1.30 PM. as they considered flying
this way and wanted information on weather -
wind etc x It has been cloudy for a number
of days past and only by waiting have I been
able to get sun sights x Tonight it is cloudy
all over with slight clearing on horizon to
south where sun shines through x Low clouds
overhead x Had another sled at 3 PM. and
some weather indications x One Alex Ld and
Arrest Island direction it looks very bad
and local conditions with poor visibility, so
I hope they do not take off under those
circumstances x Was informed by Dick
that he has been guided to present in
plane flying west as they can swim. Three

Carroll) add one more tank of gas for longer flying & This is possible. Evans' idea, and it was he said discussed at Staff meeting today & Committee has also been notified & I do not approve of this idea so without Dick in plane they have no congection afterwards other they have been and so late as this in the season not worth the risk for the zero value of such a flight & After a number of transmissions I suggested that with few remaining supplies we could sledge over to Go-Lang and map measures coastline only if plane could place a cache for us at Namatah 5 days from now for our return to Battershee Cache & It was turned down flatly & Plane pictures are of no value if there is no ground control & So we shall travel without for 5 more days before heading back & Our discovery of finding Alex Rd. on Island was sent to Committee by Dick and showed add to the work by this Dunblumen party & Another sled is coming up at 5 AM. as they are very desperate in getting plane in the air & The Webber Coast Party is into the unknown south of Cape Eielson and we in unknown ground but which problem of coastline

was fully intended for plane to solve & Dick in transmission at Battershee Mt. told us that exploration with dog team was 40 years old and not in any more & Airplanes is the thing, he said & And so west - west is the thing & The cats have now changed considerably as we are in the unknown and discovering things.

Dec. 21st Tried to get sleep but we was too tired after these nighty affairs on the radio & Odlovics and him & proton and at 3 PM we were loaded for cage north of west & Surface was good & The elevation of heights as we go along this coast is from 400 to 600 ft. and very flat, slightly rolling & Passed pressure ice with open lead and found an open seal-hole & Tracks of seals were all over, but none happened to be at the ice crack as we crossed, otherwise they would have provided useful meat for the dogs & Penguin tracks are also around & Some pressure bumps we passed over, and numbered 3 eyes only a mile apart with deep inlets & From last eye which we passed only few feet each & 500 or 8 to 10 m. away a steep barrier cliff and we are headed in that direction & To southward 180° I can see very dark water sky, and would not be surprised if open water is less than 50 m north & Can see pressure ice all along

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horizon to north, probably ocean current coming into this bay and causing the presence of Camped for sled at 11 AM. so also mail bag program tried to work late until 1:30 but they evidently were more interested in shooting the booze with these publicity sick teams. So special work was neglected x Slept from 2 until 3:30 AM and was laying out until 10 AM x Dead bird x

Took observation and excellent fix x also some pictures of trail-life x At 5 PM started for Cape and 3/4 m on course saw enormous pressure ice high in air and beyond it open water x Then a changed course to due south to a low place on the steep barrier cliff x then climbed to an elev. of 400 to 600 ft then started northwesterly for Cape on a gradually west headed line x Quite a strong sight appeared before us and which has never been expected in these low latitudes x A straight line of pressure ice 2 m wide stretched on course 100 ft with absolutely clear blue water beyond it. to our horizon x This was clear to 30° west of north x Only a few huge icebergs in this large sea which must be similar to the Ross Sea blocked with a belt of pack ice around Charest Island and westward x To the northward was a Cape approx 200m away and heavy pack ice all along this coast x A number of large icebergs recently broken off the cliff were in this pool x Will survey this whole area tomorrow x

Dec. 22nd Had rwd. sled at 12 PM. and tied Dick of new lashed devices. And he was surprised the here is being at open sea x We are now camped 1/4 m. from barrier cliff, and in some danger due to open water underneath x This is the farthest westing and sleds build a beacon line include claim sheets etc x Then head for Butterhee Cache x Another rwd. sled at

4 AM. with Base as they are all up in the air for making a flight some where x I believe it is too late in season for a long western loop, and not worth the risk in case forced landings as they could not, over us, be able to make dose this year and get out x

Dec. The sled at 4 PM. 5:30 not turn out well as base did not hear us x I was lucky to be awake at 5:15 PM. and called Carl x Repeated calls to us and 11:30. 2 were not answered from the field x I crawled out the house 6 times after he (Edwin) told us to x University a flight was coming up as an 7500 ft. we could then Dick speaking to three at a distance about claim sheets for him to write and his own etc. - - - Directed after all this crawling in rain, and with steady improving weather we both turned in for needed sleep x At 12 AM we were at it again and contacted base x Plane was in air and else to Second mtg or a word from them x Later they landed at Butterhee

Cooker for Reeboling x We guess x Nothing known
or yet as to where they flew or etc - 3 x
Did some surveying of bay and barrens. Sully
we are on then think a base, as I believe
this is our point furthest west x Would like
to say much to continue for a couple of
more days westward; but I am afraid of all the
open leads we have seen crossing, also the
ice pressure which in a bad storm may
drift out into the open sea x Have then
standing by at the red. whole day awaiting
developments for plane flight x Nothing heard x
At 12 PM Langplank called us only
once: but was came back, a very fine
situation at base in spite of this being an
emergency sled, and open for continuation
base in case of us needing quick contact x
Dec. 23^d

Had a good morning sleep and got to our feet
again after these mighty winds and rain x
Sun was up bright and we decided to go one
more day westward to find out what was over
the hill approx 1000 ft h. For 2 1/2 am we were
going on course 215° x Noone sled ahead of
the dogs followed in my trail from day
previous when I made 1/2 m. base line x We
soon were stopped x 3 m out slightly evening
southward, then turning eastward was an inlet

The same air had swept from camp
and what I considered caps: Between them
this inlet started x Steep barrier cliffs wall
with very thin bay ice so the water was
gyping through x I chis down to the edge
and looking down 100 ft. saw more than 20
seals bating in sun and turning lazily over x
Followed this edge around for 40m from camp
and a deep ravine continued in S.E. direction x
It looked very bad and too long to follow so
we decided this to be. Inverness end x
Now sleds 5m. ahead eastward and hit the
exact spot where we climbed up from the bay -
ice being wet and here found our old trail
x Heads for that camp in bay ice and
continued on until 11:00 PM when we made
camp after 320m. sledging x Found through
pressure without difficulty and saw a
number of seals close by x The dogs are
pulling like fine but they start aim to get
one foot from the hard crystallized snow
which we get in evening of the same time
melted in daytime x Tried road at 12 PM
but no answer from base x They must
consider our mission over and not
worth bothering with x We are able to
see an old trail and dogs follow
very well x

Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve, and the second for
we spent in a trap-tent in this good
frozen continent. That was from
1934 on a journey 150 m. east of L.A. on
our way to tractor-park in neck of spurs
ports for their engine & Q's L.A. I am
again. This is a more interesting
country side in first place and I am
settled off in general than in B.A.T.
We had radio shed at 7 PM & I happened
to be awake then and heard Lamp calling.
Sent him msg. to Dick that our supplies
dictated for us to return to Explorers
Club and Missionary Lodge of our traps.
Still doubt if Dick will allow them.
Will then have to ask for submitted to
Committee and let them decide. We
went to bed from yesterday's 3 a.m. track
and slept until 11 AM. & those oatmeal &
we were on our way. The gang was
sluggish as a number of days have
gathered sore feet from the surface.
When sun has melted the crust it
frogs in us, and forms ice-crystals.
They are just like glass and onto the
paws so they are bleeding badly.
Mike has been on the sled every

day for 10 days on account of a cut he
received from Chief on his paw. It is healing
slowly so hope to be able to use him again
in one to two weeks. He feels quite
comfortable on the trail, sled as we
slide along & helping over in a while as
he wants to get off. Sandy caused
lots of trouble today as he has two sore
feet but will try to save him yet.
Had 6 mi to go to the cache and ice-
berg & filled by 4 gal container broken
and 2 primusses which must load us
until Bathsheba Chole & Took an
80 pieces dog food and now have
sufficient to last until B. Chole -
Crossed the open sea lead 10 1/2 miles from
Iceberg and found a seal which we
hope to kill tomorrow for strengthening
the dogs. This radio on at 11 PM.
and heard news, also Christmas songs
Now ready for red. Sled again at 12 PM.
Dec. 25th

Christmas day and woke up for red
shed at 7 AM. Nothing new in general.
Just got a hint that certain parties at base
are sore because we have not kept our
migli sleds. A great surprise and
in one way expected it in order to put

blame for plane's failure over us
& I think that one is very rare & we
have kept every shed and in addition have
worked them over and won & Am sending
msg. to Dick to night & We were supposed
to find stars by white plane dis exploring &
New things have changed as we have explored &
by charting 2000m. coastline & finding islands
and definitely proved that Alex Ld is an
island & they wanted to eat the cake and
have it too & The wind was too strong
for travelling so decided to stay in camp
and celebrate & Had hoped the deck at
the had was still here this morning so we
eared gin dogs some seal meat & but
Carl could not see it as he went out to
shoot it & Had 3 observations and got
fix & Christmas dinner with claims
Stark and cookies - figs etc & Before tur-
ning in to night had a good hot wash
Washing the body also change of underwear
Now waiting for rad. shed. 13 p.m.

Dec. 26th

Got started at 4 P.M. and headed for Montserrat
Island which we sighted and climbed on our
way west & Believe it to be an ice capped island
150 ft high 100 ft long & 200 ft wide & change
course to travel for coastline southern

side of Alex. Island & Got good fix and could
definitely determine & Had rad shed at
10 P.M. which base could not copy, also at
12 P.M. so that made 3 sheds in 12 hours &
That made it too much so intentionally
of narrow spread and jittery we stopped
shed at 12 to high & We are also in-
terested in our own health & The radio
has broken out spirit completely so I
very seriously wonder if we will be able
to make our journey in to camp &

Dec. 27th

Got excellent fix and point on shore -
true & Rad shed head plane was going on
south. western flight so we flew by
from 12 mid night until 2 P.M. & We
supposed to have shed at 4 P.M. but we
had base had been travelling for 13 hours
and could prob. not keep awake & So it
was extended to

Dec. 28th 8 P.M. and plane had then been
in air since 6 P.M. and was flying
south the sound & at 9 P.M. we heard
planes motor some dist south from
us but we could not see the plane &
In fact we did not even bother look
outside tent door & Had rad shed contact
with them as they flew past us &

Heard motor noise again 2³⁰ as they
were home ward camp x Behave the
plane went approx. as far as we have
been on surface x

The surface is getting worse as the
time for dogs feet x sandy we had to
show two days ago so he did not want
to go any further x His feet were in
a terrible condition just as our hands -
knaps so it is a surprise he came here
followed with us that long x A number
of other dogs are in his party to
follow x We now came to the place
where the sea-ice and Samice meet x
A high cliff 50 to 75 ft over the sea ice x
Steep overhanging with only one possible
place where we could get up and the
dogs struggle as going down x They x
ears sticking across and pulled
westward some of them spaced 15 ft
and seemed 100 ft deep to snow falling
bottom x Along the edge of snow
were pressures and rather steep hill
to get up to escarpment so we decided
to slide on soundless and cross
over at approx. spot where we
went south x Camped only
24 on from edge of snow x

Dec. 29th

Had fixed position before departure
this morn. x Going was terrible with icy
crust that made dogs feet bleed
badly x Chick was the first one to lay
down: would not go any further x A
bullet ended it x Skipjoy 5 minutes aft
refused to move x Same story x We
now passed a bay approx 500 yds wide
with crabs and porcupine all over x
Had dangerous time finding our way
through with visit about 2000 ft
depth of this bay must be 500 yds
and higher elev. further north as we
looked x Prob. 500 ft with less to 1000 ft
close to edge of snow x Many hidden
crabs did we cross x Ahead of us we
could see a snow even slope to water
the escarpment. Mike and Ben had, but
then, hope to follow. We came over
up and camped x

Dec. 30th Has no sled at 9 AM x Dick
came on and had some sleep.

Dec 31st Weather too hot for travel
so we stayed in tents and rested up
aft. a number of days of hard work x
With dog condition every day getting
worse, I doubt even possibility of

Jan. 3rd

The dogs crawl on their bellies & Made to go, and are now covered until surface freezes to make it better for dogs are wavy but impossible for their feet. We will see how it turns out. A herd of 40 now is a lake jammed underneath a stratified sheet, and which we must cross. I skid down and went for and an 1^{1/2} ft ice or barrier ice underneath. Turning back I skid in same old track and broke through to my knees. So we must try a place our rock close to mt. & Even carry the stuff across if needed. Cut skid up to this and for rocks. I am now drying my boots & shoes & moccasins & Grouse to PM. we get dogs going again and played slide around foot of mt. Wray's feet were so bad that we had to shut her. This job took us with sleds to other side until 11:30 so we just got on top of hill. pitches but for and sled. They did not have us. Down hill to pressure ice. I saw got a good view over the extent of pressure ice going south. As far as could be seen & so sleds for crossings. Came to open water where we crossed thin ice. Row sled was com-

making Butterlee Cache & Mike & Ben did not follow us and spent 6 hrs looking for them & Later on 2 dogs from Mike took with claim 10 mi. north of here. We now have only 9 dogs left and 3 of them are ready to drop every minute so our situation begins to get very serious. Jan 1st Tronka's mted rat sled at 12. But something is wrong with our rats again so no contact. We were them badly to tell our condition and ask for pickup up at Butterlee Cache. Jan 2nd Sleds excellent surface but gross vial & Stern's compass 364 by compass only and after 20 mi had and land mark: Minatake south eastern corner of island straight ahead. Stopped here for Carl to get rock samples and led was lucky on top to find rockery and got an egg. Bird was on it. Camped shortly afterwards for road sled at 12 P.M., but still no contact. We were up at 9 and got going after tried contact base on mules. Sled at 12, but still no luck. They did not even come on. The surficial was worst any soft and deep snow so

pletely submerged but luckily for us the dogs
were in better shape and pulled it out
again. It was a dangerous passage with
wide open leads. This passage had changed
considerably since we crossed there going
south. By relaying the 2 light sleds we
we got across.

John ~~4~~ from 3 AM until 6 AM we sledged
toward Batterbee Cache over hard
surface and dogs were working well. A
hot hook and roller sled at 7 AM. Boy
was on and said he was listening on 400s
which frequency by now he should know
does not carry through. The 2 boys abated
us was spent in him listening for us although we
changed our dial setting to 400s. But 400 is
the frequency. Turner in then after hearing
Fletcher since 12:45 PM. and we surely was not
found. It is estimated mid 8 PM at 9 PM.
and now as time nears 12 PM we are ready
for another radio sled.

Jan. 5th Slept until 1 PM and started slogging
at 2:30. Stopped for radio again at 7 PM but could
not be heard. At 10 AM this was. at 1 AM we
contracted bone and Ashley was at hand. We told him
our difficulties with dogs feet and he covered
cooperating in suggesting we stay at cache until
they could fly to us. Dick was asleep with his

slept for nights so I told them not to call him now.
We reached the Batterbee Cache at 11:30 PM.
Tonight and immediately turned in. Tired as we
were. Over-slept sled in my 7 AM but they were
Jan. 6 not on from 2 AM after 7 AM.
Later for road at 12:00.

Slept until 3 PM. And rested well.
Did different navig. with our first primers before
sled at 12 PM. Dick was an and surprising he
seemed to hear we were in tough spot. Little do
we know about conditions in field. First of all
he showed readings that we are 60 days behind
original sled, but to be good scouts, we took
the chance of going into the field just the same.
Tom got too strong and melts surface to loose
slush in day-time so deep and slick sink in
at least 10" x. At night it freezes and forms
ice crystals just like cut glass. and dogs
feet get cut up badly. Wray's paws were
just open flesh. The original plan was
for plane to fly us out in the field. It just
means that plan reverted. We can with
safety reach base without plane help. But it
will take us much longer time than necessary
even miss the ship. We have completed our
job satisfactorily and since all plane flights are over
and with plane still in Commission. I can see no reason
why they should not fly us back to base. Dick's tone
reminded Betty and probably, but anyhow.

Jan 7th Slept until noon and have made up plan for our sleeping bags to box without plane help. We should after 4 days make up canvas sheets for all dogs, take one sled early and add 3rd man and limited amount of equipment such as sleeping cooking and food. Rad. and Tom and we will have 100 lbs. 12 days for food and 15 days man food ration to make Wodee Cache 140 m. away. The weather was excel. but last night and also good for flying today, so there should be a possibility of making reaching us early in morn. after red sled with base at 12 PM. again.

Jan 8th Base could not leave in this morning at 12 PM. We tried for 1/2 hr. and Policy stuck with it. Turned in at 4 PM. - for more sleds we will both sleep, as the sleep up to 8 AM was very poor. A strong wind started up just as we were turning in and hammering of tent cloth kept up. Woke up at 4 PM. + turned tent around to new place, and although wind is 20 mph. it is very quiet in tent flapings. As with this arrangement we will be able to get some sleep night to come. Weather here is very nice and clear with few scattered clouds. Sun has made surface very soft and soggy, so it would be impossible for us to travel now. By Sunday shape of plane not too yet, we can leave with dogs in shape about enough for 110 m. travel over sand as Carl has been scraping commutator and brushes on gen. unit today, and they work in bad shape. Trying

it and it sounds like signals going out much stronger than before. That means contact tonight. X
Jan 9th Cloudy and wet with few rain drops have been the order of the day. Temp has been around 32°. It has been very nasty and unpleasant indeed as well as outside the tent, our only abode. Heard Policy on road at 12 PM. and Dick said they would come for us first left in weather. Carl has completed a number of canvas bags for the dogs, so if surface is only 1/2 decent, we intend to slings from horse late sat. night. The snow and surface is very wet and soggy, so the dogs will sink in to their bellies. However, we have to try making 110 m. to where we can hear sounds for Wodee Cache. 7 dogs should be able to pull out load if surface good. The dogs are getting long and passing slow. Jan. 10th Wind and cloudy when I packed outside tent at 9 AM, and it has stayed that way whole day long. Cooled too 3 times, fired my sleds and otherwise spent time making spans. If we ever get back here again, though, we will listen in on road sled at 12 PM tonight; but it is of no use for us to try sending on the signals, we can hear, does not go out. X
Radis should be foolproof for parties in field. X
Started snowing heavily around 4 PM. and now at 9 PM. is still coming down strong. X