

## MEMORANDA

JULY 1

- 19 Enjoyed the holiday. Was working an  
 — slide whole day. In afternoon at 4  
 o'clock broadcast from W. G. W.  
 Reeling letters, none to me. They all  
 19 want: movies, gave a special one  
 tonight. When woman support men a very  
 bad picture 800 years B.C.  
 It was drifting tonight and 30°  
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JULY 2

19 Can not complain about sleep sleep  
and dream whole night thru. Very nice =  
Must be getting use to the darkness I  
suppose. In horizon to the north Tom

19 see it lightens up, heaven light  
blue. It is cold today  $60^{\circ}$  below zero,  
but no wind, which does not make it  
feel cold. Worked on the sleds

19 this morning for a while.

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JULY 3

19 Still blowing hard. got sleds  
started for trolleys.

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19 Celebrated a holiday, so we enjoyed to take it easy. Breakfast as usual 8 to 9. Supper at 4 P.M. Shut out radio at 2<sup>15</sup> I said some few words. Had a special fine dinner turkey, also a drink to each man. Carbone got mine. The weather is cloudy. Temp. was 61° below zero, and 10 m. wind which makes it go through your skin. Had a good movie in evening - The Smoking Lieutenant.

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19 Worked in galley for a while in morning. It was nasty cold, with noise. Had radioclass in morning afternoon. It is now well settled I am going to be radiographer. 19 rates on the potatoes. Find it well interesting. Spent the evening in B.H. -

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RONNE What about the Norwegians. You have an Englishman and an Italian celebrating American Independence. What about the Norwegians? 19

Carbone Never mind the Norwegians. We got too much independence now.



JULY 6

<sup>19</sup> Started this morning to lash tractor-  
sleds. By the way: Wrote Murphy an article  
on tractor sleds. They will be fine.

Had Ideman - Pete and Peter take  
<sup>19</sup> pictures while Ellissen & I were  
working on them. Bill on message will  
Murphy - Dunk took only 6 cups today.

<sup>19</sup> Lots of fun. The platoon party is  
going next latter part of month.

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ARE YOU ALL WELL FROM BACK INJURY PLEASE LET ME KNOW I AM GOING TO PITTSBURGH ON VACATION  
SHORTLY AND THING YOU WANT ME TO DO WILL CABE YOU WHEN HOT HERE EVERYTHING IS FINE  
REGARDS FROM NASH'S LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON

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YOUR LETTERS ARRIVED TODAY THANKS FOR PLAIN STRAIGHT TALK GOD BLESS  
YOU

JULY 7

<sup>19</sup> We were supposed to feed dogs today, but  
Stew & Stan took care of them. Abbott & I worked  
on sleds. With Sr. Morgan I must have supplies  
we will have to get. Had ridiculous, non communi-

<sup>19</sup> eating with each other. Movie in evening, Don't  
bet on Woman. Pretty good. Barrier Bull came  
out in last edition. There is much dissatis-  
faction in camp, and animosity concerning the

<sup>19</sup> trip south this month. Sr. Paul & Murphy  
seems to be the center. -

It is getting cold 49° below today. Lots of  
anorva. Display. Dressed my head in blanket

<sup>19</sup> sleeping bag is filled with ice every  
morning. Cold at night

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July 13, 1934

To:	Dr. Foulter	Murphy
	Haines	Peterson
	Noville	Perkins
	Blackburn	Rawson
	Clark	Ronne X
	Corey	Schlesback
	Demas	Siple
	Herrmann	Taylor
	Morgan	

There will be a meeting of the Staff in the Science Building  
at 7.00 P.M. tonight, July 13th.

*Harold I. June*  
Harold I. June  
Chief of Staff

JULY 8

<sup>19</sup> Last night was chilly even in the bag. Ice all around me, from the breath. Doors are all open at nights, so the Antarctic winter gets you right in the bag. Last night and this

<sup>19</sup> morning we have 59° below. Sent that to Lathi. Sent many radiograms the last week, but few are coming back again. People like to get, but not give. Fine aurora display up now. Big

<sup>19</sup> curtains going across horizon. Have developed my films today, they come out good. All though quite a number were very poor, overlapped etc. Had special movies tonight

<sup>19</sup> very good High Pressure, William Powell. Your gave me a line about trouble with 2<sup>nd</sup>. Quite

some difficulty. There is no discipline, all hands more or less do what they please. -

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JULY 9

<sup>19</sup> It was cold 58° and at 10 AM. 61° below zero. Fine to work indoor on sleds. Finished the first tractor sleds, strips around etc, but I don't believe it'll hold up. Started on the "G"

<sup>19</sup> pole and he sleds in P.H. Went to radio-class, had copying. around 13 words a minute. have made good progress.

Movies in evening was good, Nancy -

<sup>19</sup> Carroll - Chief of Manhattan - all hands enjoyed it. Had Dr. Test tonight was in fine shape. - Weight 155. lbs & pressing ok. He fixed my teeth and believes he

<sup>19</sup> made a good job. Went to make them over again in Wellington. Sent a radiogram there, received a nice greeting and sent one. -

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JULY 10

<sup>19</sup> The temp still holds cold -  $49^{\circ}$  below this morning, and a 20 mile wind; which made, it feel damn cold. Started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> sled. Did not turn out before two o'clock, <sup>19</sup> that's the time the mess hall is available. Did not turn in before 2 PM this morning. Taylor wanted to send a msg. to Agot. Gave him a hand, made up ans. Hope she does not get mad. Spending the afternoon <sup>19</sup> Went to B.H. now making good progress on sleds. Hope to be done in a few weeks. Cold at night with <sup>19</sup> the door open, and draft straight in my back. 55 to 60 below zero.

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JULY 11

<sup>19</sup> Now usually sleeps to 9<sup>30</sup> Dresses and then to mess hall, started on the 2nd tractor sled. Half finished - Radio school is now progressing <sup>19</sup> good. can copy 12 words a minute and have good knowledge of procedure in sending and receiving. Movie in evening Kiki, Mary Pickford not <sup>19</sup> so good. In dog tunnels quite a number of dogs are dead. One dog got Spruycies today, but she layed herself on top of them and 7 died. The remaining one is now in <sup>19</sup> Taylor's house, where there are two from before. My dogs are growing big, hope to get a good team. The broadcast today was a flop, so bad that New York cut <sup>19</sup> it off after 7 min. Noville & Taylor were the cause of it, Bunk about dog, ladies on Broadway, etc.

JULY 12

<sup>19</sup> Nasty and cold this morning,  $50^{\circ}$  below zero. Albert & I worked down here, as carpenters used messhall to cut up big sheets. We fixed tents. Photographers took pictures in sealanting house, then they have a tough job making pemmican. Admirer Stev, Stan & Russ. Dan & Moody are making trail flags.

<sup>19</sup> Finished 9 Poles on my sleds, and then had a good bath, nice and warm, with new clean cloth on. Fixed some paper under my mattress to night, surprised to see my leg was frozen solid. No wonder I feel cold at nights.

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JULY 13

<sup>19</sup> Had a good night's sleep, the best for a long time. The temp this morning was  $56^{\circ}$  below.

At noontime it was quite daylight, the horizon to the north is beautifully illuminated. This

<sup>19</sup> white and clear. Finished sled today. Was in old messhall where they took pictures of navigation & radioclass. Have staff meeting to night, to decide of trips to the Adm. Tent out

<sup>19</sup> in favour of the trip now. Too risky to do now. The meeting was a flop. - nothing came out. Responsibility was lifted off Jim's shoulders, and thrown into the staff. That's all.

<sup>19</sup> Coming up to-night, I witnessed the most beautiful aurora down here, from one way to the other, the sky was stretches with fine curtains changing rapidly. At noon it is

<sup>19</sup> quite light now, don't need flashlight outside. It is not cold tonight.



JULY 14

19 a new record low this morning. 64° below zero, It's calm clear and nice weather. Fixed tent for Natam Party, Joe Peter took pictures one of me with sled in messhall. A new meeting was called of the staff. Was mostly for information what is going on, but nothing was decided. Just arguing and parting in a friendly way. A big joke. - Did not

19 turn in before 12<sup>30</sup>. Thomas played a trick. Quentin new, went a mile south, imitating it was the adan. Slept so. by flashlight. - The majority of camp went out. carried him in in

19 to Morice's shack, thought it was Regd. Stayed in bunk. There has not been any communication with adan. for two weeks. They think some thing has happened to him.

19 Peter's birthday today, he gave me a plate of chocolate also all men two cigarettes. I Lucky strike, Morice tonight not so good. I asked what meeting was called for. Social gathering.

JULY 15

19 Enjoyed the Sunday, slept until 10<sup>30</sup> and spent then some hours in Hutterheim. -

Radiomessages for expedition from WGY. - None for me. Listened in bar in BH. -

19 Had extra movie in evening. John Barrymore Tarapoga. - French, not so hot. Lots of argument around camp. about everything. Glad we have this

19 place to usself. Peaceful all the time. The Dr. takes them all for being a joke. - Cold today 60 below zero.

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JULY 16

19 Temp.  $46^{\circ}$  below zero and 15 m. wind. it makes it like go over here. Albt & I were out taking sleds inside, cold job. They took pictures in Radio shack today, we were in Marshall working. The Movie tonight was very good Ronald Colman and Kay Francis. All hands enjoyed it - Name of it was "Cynera"

19 Spent until 10<sup>30</sup> down here.

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JULY 17

19 Around noon today or 11 AM. it is quite light towards north. Moon is coming up and clear weather.  $44^{\circ}$  below today. One tractor is leaving for south Friday.

19 The bets are now an Peterson & Fleming weather. I will speak Nov. or P. speak looking - English after two months. Odds are even. They are taking pictures in Ad. Bldg. today. They miss a good one to shoot. Dave Paige, wanted to paint Pete's since he now believe he will be famous. - Pete said no. - Radioclass went good, Bill sent to us & we received 15 words a min. - He sends best of all. Skis break all the time, Memphis Id. firing tonight. Corry gives away our skis so I am going to take care of them from now on. - Wind & strong drifts tonight, quite dark.; but looking forward to summer now.



JULY 18

19 From 9<sup>30</sup> to 12 took two sleds apart, rest in B. H. They are all busy preparing for tractor trip to Advanced Base. No Radio hrs. today - Waite busy. Peter packing up

19 preparing to get away. Movie in eve - evening, not so hot John Boles.

Weather was fine, so after movies Moody Murphy & I went on a skitrip down

19 the pressure. M. has ambition, he tried at least 15 times before he made the slope. But he did not give up. Moon was shining bright, enjoyed the trip, met

19 Schlossback; he is not every mile alone, man with ambition too. - It was cold coming home; found out then it was 59° below zero, did not feel so cold.

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JULY 19

19 It was a cold mite, ice forming all around on my sleeping bag; woke up a couple of times feet frostbites on my ears; miserably to buy in lead and forage on the cars. - Slight drift, and

19 cloudy. Repaired aviation sleds & manhauling sled, did not finish before 4<sup>30</sup>. Tractor sledge #1 is completely loaded. They hope to get away by 6 to-morrow morning. After supper went

19 to B. H. had a good face wash, and then washed cloth. Found Peter everything packed. -

Be's now going in Peter's favours. - He is going to give Flannery two hrs. to speak

19 out in morning.

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JULY 20

19  $54^{\circ}$  below zero and 8 m. wind. - cold.  
Tractor party ready to leave. They got away 2<sup>30</sup>  
Took pictures with glasses. White had a  
dressing scene. Dumb. - As soon as they left

19 wind increased to 12 m. and cloudy, more  
came up later in evening. at 8 P.m. they were  
only 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  m from base. having travelled in circles  
23 $\frac{1}{2}$  m. Radio working under way. They reported

19 flag almost buried in snow. Adm. says as  
they only made so few miles. - He reported them  
to go there no matter what happens. Here  
is the belief that he is a little bit off. from

19 4 months isolation. Fixed the 2<sup>25</sup> fuel  
sled; made stronger bridge, finished at 11 P.M.  
It was quite cold when I turned in  
at 12<sup>30</sup>. Spoke with June and Dr. P. O. C.

19 Flamingo killed. There is not going  
to be any class destruction out at the outg.  
house.

JULY 21

19  $67^{\circ}$  below zero this morning, found the  
day cold and uncomfortable. Coldest so far.  
Tractor party at 5 P.M. this morning were  
between 40 and 50 m. out, and made 20 m  
19 in 3 hrs. - Good progress. -

Took two sleds apart and caulked it a day.  
Clark and Paige in Mess. - Cleaned B.H.  
up and washed cloth. -

19 Had movies in evening.

Talk that tractor party had been to  
54 miles, but turned back again to  
50 miles.

19 At 7 P.M. the thermometer read  
 $70\frac{6}{10}^{\circ}$  below zero. The coldest  
so far. Did not feel it cold at  
all coming up for movies

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JULY 22

<sup>19</sup> Sunday morning: went there  
<sup>10<sup>30</sup></sup> was told that tractor party  
 was on their way back, and had  
 camped 28 m. from L.A. Outside  
<sup>19</sup> a good blizzard with 48 to 55 m winds  
 was blowing. On way to B.H. beachy made  
 it. could not see 10 feet. In afternoon ally  
 came down, had Ob look, and worked on  
<sup>19</sup> sleds. etc. Went up for supper at 5 P.  
 but the boy the worst wind I have seen. could  
 hardly stand up.; but we fought our way against  
 the wind to tunnel entrance. Allist was lost for  
<sup>19</sup> a minute, but I saw his light, as my only  
 guide was a radiopost. Wind with snow beating in  
 face, so it felt like burning, and beating in to the  
 spine, was scared for a while we should  
<sup>19</sup> not make it, but saw some wires and  
 went on. Told by Haines that wind then  
 was 58 m per hour. Later, <sup>60<sup>m</sup> per hour</sup>  
 to 13 W. again  
 Had movies in evening, did not dare go back

JULY 23

<sup>19</sup> It was calm and clear today when  
 I took two sleds in Temp. was 55 below  
 zero so hands and feet got cold. Have  
 had no comm. with Adm. since saturday  
<sup>19</sup> day when he told them to go on no  
 matter what happened. He must be broken.  
 Tractor schedule today at 10<sup>30</sup> told that  
 motor warming up, and will be  
<sup>19</sup> on their way after next schedule  
 3 P.M. They arrived at 8<sup>30</sup> P.M. in fine  
 weather. Had no difficulty coming  
 back. Spoke with Pete in Mess hall  
<sup>19</sup> until 11 P.M. They were disgusted all  
 of them, and kissed.

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JULY 24

19 A blizzard was blowing today again  
wind between 48 and 55 mi. After having  
worked in Marshall till noon; went down  
in B74. fought my way through the wind,  
it is risky. - Spent the whole evening  
and afternoon there alone; it gets mono-  
tonous. Glad that Pete will be back  
again. It is dripping and blowing down  
19 thru the ventilator.

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JULY 25

19 Fine weather, moon shining thru  
slightly, there was an eclipse tonight, but  
it got cloudy. Helped in morning to take  
snow out of seal cutting house. Later on took in  
19 some seals. cold job. Broadcast did not  
go over at all today, interference. Pete spoke  
to. After a poor show, fiji Dorsey went  
out skiing with. Chley down to the bay,  
19 snowing, but got good slide and slides,  
saw a big Weddell seal laying sleeping on ice.  
Iple went up for gum, got embryos inside. She  
was circular round, and fully  $3\frac{1}{2}$  of  
19 blubber on her. Air was warm, so that  
was reason she came up. Could see water  
sky out to sea, so Ross Sea is open.  
Did not turn in before 12<sup>30</sup> AM.

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JULY 26

19 Today a 25 mile wind blowing and temp. around 25°. Took a sled apart in Messhall. Then told about Pess report sent out. - Hair quit. Those doing nothing

19 gets all the credit. Thus we were working for days on tractor sleds and Master Carpenter gets credit for sleeping. Went to radio school. Now playing with transmitter. Goes well.

19 Spent the evening down in B.H.

19 Quite some drift on topside

Pete started to take press again. Ob-

19 tained a written request from the handwriting bank director execution Officer George Howell. Amundsen and Scott would turn over if they saw that working machine.

JULY 27

19 They are going out on another tractor trip. Had contact with Adm. Byrd today. He said: Come over, and he is going to have light up all the time, and send balloon light twice daily 3 and 8. Taylor's lecture today was interesting. Worked on Mounted Police. Took sled apart, and will finish another tractor sled tomorrow.

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JULY 28

19 It was cold last night, after having had warm weather. Had a warm spell of  $22^{\circ}$  above zero. Today it is  $58^{\circ}$  below zero. Took Albest for help.

19 and worked on tractor sled. Got it almost finished. Movies tonight not so good. Spent afternoons out on a shiving trip to the Bay.

19 Where Paramount took pictures they asked my assistance and held flames in the pressure. Got good shots.

19 Bill Hains drunk again, and very unpleasant.

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JULY 29

19 Worked on tractor sled worked both morning and afternoon.

Had movies 42<sup>nd</sup> street over again. Went shiving with Charles

19 after show. Seems like a good fellow to me; but there is much animosity in camp. Believe they the Adm. is needed badly.

19 Turned in at 12<sup>30</sup> AM. real cold  $60^{\circ}$  below zero. Spring in my watch broke tonight so now I am badly in need of one. Hope

19 to get one of those 44<sup>mm</sup> Hamilton they have for the Expeditions.

Charles is now getting good; almost the best in camp: untalented pupil. Planning to take

19 a long trip around pressure. Was interested about my affair and Adm. in turning and should try to help me when the Adm. is back.



JULY 30

19 Cold night, froze my ears, and had frost all around my bag. Cold place to sleep. was awake most of the time. Had day off today so I have been down in B.H. the whole day, doing things for myself. Money tonight is "Bad Sister".

19 Sent a radio to Mr. Ling of Dept. a greeting. Tractor still has trouble with motor. Show was very good. all hands

19 enjoyed it. Turned in at 10 P.M. then read to 11<sup>30</sup>. 20000 years in Ling Sing. Interesting

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AUGUST 31

19 It was a cold night; froze my hands and ears. Door wide open, 21° below outside, a little wind; and draft direct in my back. my sleeping bag is frozen to the wall. When I wake up in morning all around my head is ice. When stove is lit; it melts and everything gets soaked wet. Slept poor, had to turn out

19 a couple of times to water the front lawn; a good sign that I am cold. Started on the last tractor sled today. and at 3<sup>30</sup> spent the rest of the day in B.H. Tractor not left yet.

19 Sent a message to Directors Christensen or Albert Enger. Tomorrow we start a new month; the sun will be back in

19 lower month. certain all hands are looking forward to the event. as they now get tired of each other.



## MEMORANDA

19 Quite some work has been done this month. Approx 6 ton of dog-pemmican is finished, 10 tons needed. Trail boxes made also 4 tractor sleds. 16 dog sleds ready to

19 assemble next month. This month has been very cold. Lowest  $71^{\circ}$  below zero; warmest  $22^{\circ}$  above zero. which is record recording down here.

19 At the end of this month day for day the lightening in horizon to the north got greater, and at noon the last day it was quite like day-

19 light. The Kohler plant is now running full, using 250 gallons of gas a month. Wonderful.

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AUGUST 1

19 Quite cold this morning  $60^{\circ}$  below zero. Turned out at 9<sup>30</sup>. Slept very good for a change, nice and warm, and a good dream. Had more work on the tractor sled, nr. 4. The

19 trip to the Adm. has not got away yet; they expect blizzard. Spent the afternoon down in B.H. and went to Morris in the evening. Very good show. Fly-Demics.

19 Can't work. - Turned in and finished Warden Lawes book.

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AUGUST 2

19 Days going fast now. The Schlossback, Lieut. Com. in Navy, on Mess duty; with Peltre and what a couple. They are arguing with the Marine all day long. The figures that

19 we have only three months left. Aug. is gone he says. then sept. no October, no Novemb. and in Dec. the ship is here.

I fig. 7 months before we see any new

19 faces. Still working on tractor shed in Messhall. The 2 for made supper tonight. Very good; throw Carbone out.

Spent the whole day in B.H. preparing

19 envelopes as they are cancelling letters tomorrow.

Pete is in a very good humor. it must be that Paige is painting him.

19 Light turned off at 10 P.M. every night started yesterday. Charles fixes it; no more time to be made.

AUGUST 3

19 Turned out at 9<sup>30</sup> as usual and temp. was 39° below zero. They were going to take pictures in the Messhall; so I instead started to collect mat. for our party.

19 Pictures of Post Office was later cancelled. Tractor party is now ready to leave; awaiting good weather. Spent the even. - down in B.H.

19 Tonight when I went to Mess, I saw a fine display of Aurora - hanging like streamers all over the northern sky.

19 Lewisohn came down to model dogs at 10 P.M. and we sat around until 11 P.M.

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AUGUST 4

19 Slept very good again last night, and at 10 A.M. the tractors were ready to leave. Left at 10<sup>00</sup>. First report was from pressure where

19 they were at 12 P.M. The last sled went down in a crevasse. They were still at the same place at 10 P.M. working hard to get up. They must

19 likely lost the trail. Good movie tonight. Afraid to talk. Eric Linden. -

It was warm today and no wind. 3° - Froo. which here is real warm.

19 He made Pie and hot rolls for supper; first he smoked the Marshall out, and he had flour all over except his eyes. They are very good cook.

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AUGUST 5

19 A good wind 35 m.p.h. was blowing at 9 A.M. I was told to stand ready for relief to tractor party out. Still in pressure and now motor turned off; and they want

19 leave before morning. - The and Joe have quit the last Tuesday as cook. The Great Carbone back again.

Went down to B.H. at 11<sup>30</sup>. wind died 19 down 30° below and nice out.

The 7 puppies follows me all over. when I go down here.

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AUGUST 6

<sup>19</sup> It was 31 below zero and a small blizzard blowing. Tractor out 12 miles. Collected more gear for our party.

Nome got 5 puppies. Started to be born

<sup>19</sup> 2 AM. 3 male and 2 female. Rusty has vacated his bunk, so now Nome has the 5 pups there. She takes good care of them

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AUGUST 7

<sup>19</sup> From early morning started in Michael on dog sled. They are tight and fine. The night was very cold, but slept good. Frost all around the bay. Slept solid until 9<sup>30</sup>. Dream very

<sup>19</sup> good. Tractor was 2 1/2 in. out. Clutch broken and new one this way in, came in 2<sup>30</sup> this morning. In afternoon at 3 PM. a beautiful display of aurora, stretching all over heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Had movie in evening Dolores del Rio: the best one: - Very good. Slept at 9<sup>30</sup> Spent the even after show in B.H.

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19 May: I got a radiogram again. Something the matter. First in more than a month. Tractor #3 left this morning at 2 AM. and 3<sup>45</sup> returns. Oil pressure did not register. Left again, and was 25 m. out by 9 AM.

19 Stayed there the whole day. Cloudy and 40° Max. good. Wind today in marshes on dropped. Getting nice and fine. Breakfast changed to 7<sup>20</sup> to 8<sup>20</sup>. All hands out digging tractors. few exceptions. Broadcast went

19 over fine 25°. Listen in in B.H. Heard WXXK. very good. Spent evening in B.H. It is dark and cloudy and tonight.

19 Real warm, only 12° below zero, and no wind. Tractor party out to 50 m today. Going strong. Took pictures of Postoffice in morning, cancelling letters. I was

19 shown in helping bunching up letters. Completed care for camera. Had movies in evening 9 PM. Repeated Melody-Crowse. Very good.

19 Went down here after movies and stayed to 12 PM. Radiogram today again.

19 IM PITTSBURGH HAVING A GREAT TIME GREETINGS FROM THE NASHS SAW MRS STRINGER TODAY HE SAYS I AM JUST AS FINE AS IN FORMER DAYS WE ALL HOPE YOU ARE FINE LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU WHILE HERE LOVE FROM

LIV GRACE JACK AND DOT

LEAVING FOR PITTSBURGH TODAY ON VACATION STAYING ABOUT TWO WEEKS LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO DO ANYTHING HOPE YOU ARE ALL WELL REGARDS FROM ALL HERE LOVE

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<sup>19</sup> Slept late and worked in needles  
forenoon. Fixed tent in afternoon.  
Tractors are tonight 81 m. ant.

The Adm. must be in bad shape,  
<sup>19</sup> as he told them to come as fast  
as possible. After supper went  
down to B. H. until 9<sup>30</sup>. Then  
had a examination. My

<sup>19</sup> weight was 155#. stable. He made candy  
was sitting up until 12<sup>30</sup>. Amusing clip  
of morning short 4 ft 10" height good doctor.  
After I had turned in he came over

<sup>19</sup> and sat down on my trunk sewing  
candy. They had a very nice day  
on the blackboard showing us I was going  
and shoes in slip over a crease. All right

<sup>19</sup> carrying flag, Pete is center carrying drum  
myself with a flute. Some wirey  
drew Sherman's face sticking up of the  
crease, trying for help

<sup>19</sup> 29° below zero with drift, so we did  
not put our tent up. Finished two  
sleds for our party. Then spent  
some time in B. H. We all require

<sup>19</sup> much sleep, more than before  
same way with all hands. Hermann  
Paramount man is the star. He turns  
in at 10 P.M. and sleep until 12<sup>30</sup> and  
sometimes until 2<sup>30</sup> every day.

<sup>19</sup> Movies tonight Camelade. Very good.  
The tractor party came to the Admiral  
at 12<sup>30</sup>. Understand he was overjoyed

<sup>19</sup> now today they are having regular sled  
duty. Like Camelade very much, just  
returned. Heard a good wisecrack from  
Van der Walde. My face is so wrinkled

<sup>19</sup> because I have been using mukluks  
too much. Nice and warm here. Pete  
is coming soon to take bath. My turn to  
morrow. 5 P.M. spoke before show, liquor, etc.



AUGUST 12

19 A bad day, 29° below zero and a good wind with drifts. Went with Murphy on skis down Vesnus Mølle and made a small skijump. Landed 20ft. Did

19 not get much speed, as it was a very small affair. Radio messages in afternoon. Got a greeting from Seely's - thanking me for my message, also asking

19 about and hoping to see Lix soon. Stayed down here most of the day, and went to job 8<sup>20</sup> and got some pictures. Went down to B.H. and

19 with Pete stayed until 11 P.M. Reading the book of Sigalla Am surprised all the radiograms & con- gratulations the adm. is getting from all

19 over the world. The radio is now kept busy. Waite is out there, making a big #. Florman slept 24 hrs. today & new record in the Antarctic.

AUGUST 13

19 Turned out at 9<sup>30</sup> as usually set the tent up outside, and found it ok. That will be our home for 3 months. Finished a sled in

19 the Marshall Taylor took a turn as cook today, and an blackboard we had up Norwegian Menu. First Ops: vaskerands suppe, then: ra. kjøt

19 kakerole, så mais sørpe, for så: Fiskekøtt og fløte. Eftersom Sanderfjord Øll, og Lysholms Agurk

19 Salt Seesface Tonight again very to B.H. moon was just disappearing in horizon towards southwest. Just like a big fire right up on the barrier.

19 Spent down here alone until 10<sup>30</sup>



AUGUST 14

19 Got up at 9. Had house job. Took down coal, and snow. Then went to Marshall and worked on sleds.

Started radio today again. Hutch is sending. Not so hot.

Eyes and self went down to the small ski jumps and tried it out. Came 25 feet. In evening after

19 Supper went over to Sully and helped him until 12<sup>30</sup> to fix pictures. Got some feed in reward. That seems to be the slogan here. You for

19 me I for you.

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AUGUST 15

19 Good wind outside. went out and put up our trail tent. Found it ok. But the Taylor has to enlarge the cooking compartment. Otherwise fine. It was

19 real cold. 59° below zero.

Tried a sled. In evening saw a Paramount picture. The girl-habit. Not so good.

19 Turned in early as I was tired.

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AUGUST 16

19 As usual worked on sleds both morning and afternoon. Spent evening down in B.H. Aramis' room went on sleds down to Val and Michel inlet and tried the skijumping alone. Made fairly good.

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AUGUST 17

19 Started in Messchal on sledge. Outside a good blizzard was blowing. It was a cold job to dig out materiele for sleds up on top. Taylor on mess. He slept until 9<sup>30</sup> and then everything was over. For lunch he played sick. The great Carbone made a fine picture on the blackboard. Four dogs of all the best directors. On top: Hermann, Taylor, Haines, Sturatt, Murphy, Paige, and at the bottom the Champion Noville. Did they get surprised - also Black was on. Hemming with a basket. Waiting for Rawson who was hanging in a rope. Bailey finally sent Liv's radio today

GOING BACK TO NEWYORK SATURDAY IN CAR MR SNELL IS GOING TO MEET MRS SNELL BACK FROM EUROPE

MONDAY HAD HOPED TO HEAR FROM YOU WHILE HERE EVERYBODY ASKS ABOUT YOU AND SENDS GREETINGS

HOPE EVERY THING WELL WITH YOU

John Dyer & I went down to our small jumping hill, got good speed. 26 feet



AUGUST 18

19 Calm and no wind - real cold. Today at noon it was fine day-light again sun is only 4 days away. Finished a lead-sled and went down to B.H. where I spent the time

19 until Radio-Class. Got a trail set down here, so now I hope I can get some practice. The movie "Blind wife" - Conrad Nagel not so good. Movie starts 8<sup>30</sup> PM. before our set

19 time: 7<sup>30</sup>

Volunteered for mess job tonight; as Pete is taking the press. It gave me two hrs. work extra. Dirty job. Taylor not doing

19 any too much.

AUGUST 19

19 @ 20 m. wind with drifts is blowing, rather uncomfortable. Went to Gallery for a chat; then down here; where peace is the best word. Rest of the camp asleep. Spent the day down here

19 making albums. Drifting on top at night. Had Movies in evening. The hatchet man. very good. Turned in at 10 P.M.

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MANY THANKS FOR RADIO RECEIVED TODAY CAPTAIN JOHANSEN FORWARDED KIND MESSAGE FROM YOU OVER TELEPHONE DID YOU HELP IN RELIEF OF ADMIRAL BYRD LOOKING FOR WARD TO YOUR RETURN

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AUGUST 20

19 It was the worst night so far, was laying awake the whole night through. Most of the other fellows complaining about the same thing.  $59^{\circ}$  below zero and  $61^{\circ}$  during the night.

19 Worked both morning and afternoon on sled. Then had radioclass, copying now 13@ 14 words a minute. Listening in on my radio, get many stations.

19 Movie tonight again: Touchdown. Am tired and want to go to sleep. What to do about it, yes. It was real light today, horizon was glowing yellow, two more days and we can see the sun.

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AUGUST 21

19 Finished sled today in Marshall. Took afternoon off., working in B. H. Made a sign for pete. Spent until 10<sup>30</sup> turned in. All hands wondering if there is going to be served liquor.

On our way from here they were sending up flares by order from M. House. One man was on top of the mast, a cold job. 19  $61^{\circ}$  below zero. A fine bright moonlight, the finest I have ever seen down here. Light as a day. Could see distinctly  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

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<sup>19</sup> Holiday declared today. Spent a couple of hrs. in the mess hall on a sled. Outside it was cold  $71^{\circ}$  below zero.

Later on it got up to  $46^{\circ}$  " " but a <sup>19</sup> 20 m. wind started in, and it caused us to get in to the spine. No one was out. side to get the first glimpse of the sun. Too cold. Had fine turkey for dinner to night, and later the dr. went around serving drinks. Quite a number of them have been well all the while day, and now most of them are drunk.

<sup>19</sup> Spent the aft. noon in B.H. done diff. rust things. Got message in bunk this morning. Broadcast went over fine. Movie in evening

your message greatly appreciated reciprocate greetings best wishes from

mrs mcwhannell and molly and cyril preston

no sig

<sup>19</sup> It was cold and clear on top side.  $65^{\circ}$  below zero. Spent some time in Mess-hall. Rest of day in B.H. Was on top side and took some picture with the auto <sup>19</sup> gyro. Fixed photoalbum and listened to radio. Radio went fine this afternoon. we were copying 14 words a min pretty steady. One try at 17. Sent a radiogram to Ross: asking to fix my quarters forward.

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AUGUST 24

19 Sun was shining bright at 11 AM.  
The first time sun I have seen for 4  
months. A welcome sight. It was laying  
like a yellow ball on the barrier to the north.

19 Full daylight again. Spent afternoon  
down here. Had radio again.  
Rest of evening spent in B.H.

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AUGUST 25

19 Saturday, all days spent the same way.  
Started with Morgan on his sounding  
instruments and got a complete know-  
ledge of their operation. He expects to

19 take soundings as far as to 88° south.  
In evening "Street Scene" shown over a-  
gain. Very good. Before movies I went  
over to fix my bunk, because I have been so  
cold at nights. Was surprised to find my  
mattress frozen solid to the bunk and the  
metal-canvas under mat. Mattress was with  
all-ways through, so was bag.

19 Turned in good to-night.  
Gimminger told about how he acted  
when "Bear" left Boston. When the lines were  
off, he went down below and took pills  
19 for prevention of seasickness, and it took  
as 24 hrs. before we got out to open water.  
All hands had a good laugh.



AUGUST 26

<sup>19</sup> What a good nights sleep I had, never  
woke up once. although the temp. was  
 $61^{\circ}$  below, and ice all around me.

Went to B.H. and spent the whole day  
<sup>19</sup> down here. Listened to broadcast from  
Maine the best one sent to us yet. no pres-  
tings to me. Our topside it was cold  
 $65^{\circ}$  below and a 10 m. wind.

<sup>19</sup> Had movies in evening. Private  
Jones. Had seen it before, so I had a comfort-  
table evening with Flemming. He seems  
to get on well.

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AUGUST 27

<sup>19</sup> Slept late today, spinning yarn around  
the red hot stove. Had Dr. fix my tooth, it  
fell out a hr. later. I have cavity in a  
lower tooth in front close to the gum. He  
<sup>19</sup> said he would have to pull it before  
going on the trail. "Resisting".

He 'wont get it as I'll take a chance.  
I've the tooth starts the same way.  
<sup>19</sup> It was bright sun this and  $64^{\circ}$  below as  
I went on top down to B.H. Now working  
on my last set.

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AUGUST 28

19 A good wind blowing today and low temp  
42° below zero. Wind = 35 m. p. h. Went  
to Messhall and tried to work, but it was too  
cold to work. Wind was from West and

19 it was drifting straight in through  
snow-melts. Went down here, and spent  
rest of the day. Radio goes good. I was  
able to pass a test on 13 words today.

19 he is now sending 16 to 20. - Too fast  
for me. Albert came down here and  
we were talking to 11 P.M.  
Sent a radio to Lillerman.

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AUGUST 29

19 All hands called early today, as the  
Auto-Giro was to get out. Worked in the  
Messhall until 11 when we gave a hand  
outside, took some pictures. After

19 we went down here where I had  
a truck of a job to get fire started.  
Draft was coming down, and fueled  
the shack with kerosene. Had to run

19 out and up to fresh air. - Finally  
had to start the primus to get it warm  
enough. Radio goes fine in after-noon.  
Hutch is reading. Rumors now that people  
in 19 states believe Adm. dead. That's not true.

He expects to come in here early in September.  
Had Pick-Up tonight. a very good picture  
by Mrs. Sidney. Turned in at 11 P.M.

19 Read and finished A. Lincoln  
Geological party was on the air today,  
Blackburn, Paul Pine, telling about their  
trips to the mts. They are not there yet.



AUGUST 30

19 Up at 9<sup>30</sup> and finished two sleds to noon. Then Dyer & I went out sking and built a nice jumping place 5000 ft. It was cold 65° below zero, so there

19 was danger of freezing the lungs. worked hard building. It felt to be no such a low temp. Came 20 ft. Radio as usual. Then to supper, and then down

19 here. Have sterilized the sleds. This morning it was cold to turn out. had ice all around my bag. But it is good to be trained for the trip

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AUGUST 31

19 What a cold night, ice all around me, but the temp. hit 71° below during the night. It was 68 at 8 AM. and at that time the sun gets up now. Varished 3 sleds, then called it

19 a day. Radio goes good now at 15 words a min. After supper tonight Taylor outlined the operations south for us. Lots of things not suitable. He later on spoke over the air to Adm.

19 talking about the plans. From to-morrow each man takes over his own dogs. So to-morrow I'll arrange my 7 puppies in the town. Down here we have it quite com-

19 fortable, Pete is very nice and in very good humor. - Usually spends time here until 10<sup>30</sup>. Found two pair of snow-shoes out in the snow tonight from last expedition

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19 Today all persons had to take over their teams. I got my 7 Taco-puppies, Ski & Power. How they liked to run around outdoors. Their 1<sup>st</sup> sight of day-light since April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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19 Auto-Giro took a flight for one hr. today up to 7100 ft. it was 46° below zero, and are going to fly every day possible. Sent Capt. W. Kinsley a radiogram telling about

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19 Ski his dog. I spent most of the time down here. Hear Movies tonight. Arrived Smith. Starting to snow, and feels therefore very cold.

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19 Brought Westinghouse Generator down here, to take pictures tomorrow. The movie was good, Helen Hayes. One of the few pictures I had not seen.

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19 Talk tonight about the baseball game tomorrow. Bill Davis suggested to the Ad Bldg. boys to take fuel oil, and dump the game out, so the Marshall boys will freeze and quit the game.



SEPTEMBER 2

What fine a Sunday, only  $15^{\circ}$  below and  
19 hardly any wind. Marshall says won  
the game 10-0. Went down to our jumping  
hill with Dyer good slide as the snow  
was fine. He came down here and looked  
at 19 the traisset but it was not so good. Had  
a fine dinner to-night, and then went down  
here, firing different things. Started to  
snow and expect blizzard tomorrow.

19 Went over to my bunk at 11 P.M.

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SEPTEMBER 3

19 Had a restless night. Started with Morgan  
to work an seismograph. Had two shots and  
gained depth to be 2200 ft. Used  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. powder.  
Got an idea what I'll have to do on the

19 plateau. Prints for record have to  
be developed right away. There was a  
good size gang who started to work on  
the level plane up on the hill, and

19 from tomorrow all hands will have  
to work 4 hrs. each day. Had fine weather  
today from  $-2$  below to  $3^{\circ}$  below zero.

Fired tonight, had a hard day; spent  
19 down here until 12 P.M.

Labor-day and still work. Should have had a  
movie tonight, but somebody stole Flew-  
man's tent, so he cancelled the show

19 A childish way

SEPTEMBER 4

19 It blew too hard to-night so we could not take any depthshots. Turned in mistas. Turned out at 10 AM and went directly down to the tunnel and made an entrance to my

19 dogs. Have only 4 looked up. The rest are running loose. Had a short radio by this afternoon. Had movies in evening. The Girl in Room 419. Very good. It is warm tonight, but wind and slight drift

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SEPTEMBER 5

19 Nice and warm this morning. Luitell in Marshall saw a trail-sled. Then fed my dogs. Down here and Lutz had a crowd down to the skijump. Cool slide came only 20 ft. It is only 3 heels tonight and no wind, which makes it comfortable. Spent rest of evening down here

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SEPTEMBER 6

19 A radio from home today, what a surprise. Glad to see all is well. Fine and clear weather, auto Gino today went up 10500 ft. Mac. very good. Fixes a

19 sled up, and ready to go out tomorrow. Took pictures down here making album.

Paramount took pictures of eastern part of trail work, radio working. It was

19 cold  $55^{\circ}$  below zero, I was up thin dressed and took a couple of pictures.

A crowd went skiing down here. Instructed 19 them in jumping, had lots of fun.

SEPTEMBER 7

19 Turned out 9<sup>30</sup> as before. it was  $60^{\circ}$  below zero, and no work outdoors. Went to tunnel and fixed up my dogs now have them all placed. Worked

19 saw sleds in Marshall. The last one. Too cold to go skiing. And no work anywhere. After supper came down here Albert and spent a good

19 time until 12 PM. Pitch dark and a clear sky.

Sun was up, shining bright, a beautiful sunset.

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thanks for all your radiograms hoping you are well mother is well gudny rolf ruth has been home for three weeks john still in oslo he has a good job iton ragnar goes his last year in high school every thing quiet about alf best regards from

MOTHER JOHN



SEPTEMBER 8

19 Too cold to work today  $63^{\circ}$  below  
We finished the last sled in quess-hall  
Exaw good it is to work on look at the  
sun, there is no warmth from it

19 yet. The night was cold, had ice  
all around me, and froze last night.  
Pell hasn't had to turn out  $6^{\circ}$  today. Clock  
was out back to h., so now breakfast

19 from 7 to  $7^{45}$ , Ob. 12 to 1. - Supper  $5^{30}$   
to  $6^{30}$  Had movie tonight, The  
Crime of the Century. Pretty good.

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SEPTEMBER 9

19 A blizzard was coming. Had 6s in  
wind during the night. at 8 AM. it had  
died down to 30m. Cold too.  $45^{\circ}$  below  
so the day was cold. Had ice all around.

19 Fed my dogs, and went down to  
thru the wind. Worked on different  
things. Then at 3 PM went down to  
and Skijump. Shortly after wind

19 started up again. came home.  
Letters over radio today, none for me.  
Extra movie tonight. - Palmy days.  
Jane told me Caudor is coming out

19 soon, as the Polar hopes for early  
flying

Turned in after Dr. first gave me  
a dr. examination Weight  $154^{th}$  gain of

19 and pound. Blood pressure: 119.  
jumped from 116-109-112-119.  
Jane July aug. sept

Otherwise in best of health.



19 The night was cold but I slept very good. Ter all around me. Went to Marshall and put iron on runners on my sled. Outside a blizzard was blowing and temp -46 below after Ob. it cleared so at 4 P.M. a bunch went down sking. - Auto Giro came sailing over - had from a height of 10500 ft. We waved to him: Mack said he saw us. - Spent a good evening down L.R. where Dyer has fixed up my radio, so now I can practice receiving again.

Sent Liv a radio again yesterday

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hoping you are all well I am feeling fine making deserts here getting good now something to look forward to in the spring everything well at home and here simbolis visited here sends best wishes hope to hear from soon

19 This morn. got radio from Liv. It was 46 below zero today and a 25 m wind; which made it impossible to work outside. All hands except some few myself included were supposed

19 to take the Pilgrim out. Now they are laying around. I am working alone in M. & all. Had radio 3 P.M. and then went sking with Russel, Dane, Standley, Murphy & Dyer.

19 Have a nice jump. Worked on St. Ptorka's skis today, they get nice. Have movie tonight: Adorable, very good. The nights are cold. ice all around me again. It is now light daylight until 5<sup>30</sup>. Hope we will get warmer weather. A gang took the tractor out this afternoon



SEPTEMBER 12

<sup>19</sup> They are now planning to take tractors on a trip east in this month for gasoline and food. Today it is  $53^{\circ}$  below zero and the gang is digging the Pilgrims. - They come in Marshall to warm up. <sup>19</sup> All iced up. They get it out today. -

Finished sled #3 today, #1 more to go. -  
Spent  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. down here every noon. Are now out my trail set listening to music from W.G.W. Gen. <sup>19</sup> Clear. Clear as home. Westinghouse is coming in too, but not so clear. South American Stations are clear. Speaking Spanish. - Broadcast room here today. Next Wednesday the Plateau Party <sup>19</sup> goes out. Liv will speak from N.Y. Today it went over good.

Spent the evening down here and cut down a pair of skis for Dr. Potoka.

SEPTEMBER 13

<sup>19</sup> I was scheduled to work outside all the Caudor today. But the doctor declared it too cold. He says: when the Anand found it too cold to get in here, it is too

<sup>19</sup> cold for the men to work. It was  $64^{\circ}$  below zero. Took to the last sled in m.H. and finished up. Then spent rest of day down here. Took at noon time some

<sup>19</sup> pictures outside; real cold job; my fingers get stiff. Beautiful sun. -

Developed that in evening; nothing on it. Film did not turn around.

<sup>19</sup> I spent time down here. There was movies: The White Gambi. - Dr. Potoka came down and we went over to sleep m.H. real cold. -

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SEPTEMBER 14

19 Was called 6<sup>30</sup> today, but did not go to breakfast as wife outside can't be called. 65° below. The danger is that a person doing work outside freezes.

19 Ings. and he spits blood. Spent the whole day down here.

Took pictures again, and developed still they did not show anything -

19 Fish pack rolled to tight. Will try some other day.

Fixed some bindings, and spent the evening down here. Dr. Botka

19 shivering his shies. I might make a pair for myself. Afterwards we had a nice lunch, e.g. Dr. is more like one of the European type.

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SEPTEMBER 15

19 One of my best nights sleep. Put a woolen liner inside Woods-Bag, and I was warm, although it was 60° below outside and the door open. Ice all around me.

19 Went to breakfast early, but no work, a blizzard came up. Spent the day down here, where we took a roll of pictures and they all came out well. For Marshall

19 some fellows made verses of Gjosteen. Not so very nice. - Movie with Marie Orsler, "Prosperity". -

On account of Gjosteen quite some animosity is shown towards us. In Ad Bldg. they have us on all the time.

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SEPTEMBER 16

19 Wind and drift today similar, so no work today - either. - Went down here early - made up fire, Peto was in bag, shortly after he copied the

19 Morse. Press, Latest sport-news  
Weather is fine upside, so we'll start dig the Condor ant. It was a cold job quit at 4<sup>30</sup> PM. 30 men took part. Temp. was

19 Now 53° below. Had a good supper and then spent the evening down here. Hope to get the plane out in 2 days.

SEPTEMBER 17

19 It was a fine day when we turned out, 57° below zero, so we were not too but could if we would work. So we digges quite a bit; Maci was at 10 AM. making

19 his usual lightflight with weather instruments. Jim shone upon us, but there is no warmth in it yet. Rained off at 3<sup>30</sup>, but then I was tired, and spent

19 rest of evening making leather-casing for my camera. Turned in tired at 9<sup>45</sup>.

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SEPTEMBER 18

19 All hands called out at 7<sup>30</sup>. Temp. was 50° below, and 8 m. wind. Hoped to complete the "condor"; but quit at 10 AM. as weather was threatening.

19 Now it is decided that Eytson is not coming down again. He is not wanted. Talk that Strom will come instead as ice-pilot. Otherwise Bear

19 will leave Renedin 26 Dec. and Ruppert shortly afterwards.

Spent rest of afternoon down here, was up and took some pictures.

19 Was my turn at mess today, so George, Gimmings & I will take over to-night. - Finished and it went smoothly. Spent rest of evening down

19 here. Dr. Potoka finished his own skis; so now he has also one pair for his "blount". -

SEPTEMBER 19

19 A blizzard was on, wind up to 50 m per hour, so we had to see all our work to get the Condor out. Thrown away. Broadcast today, Plateau Party and I said only few words; was cut off. - Pete spoke to his darling tomorrow his 14 year wedding anniversary - It went over 80% - Better towards the end. Pete takes it for granted that he has 100% to 19 say Sabra here; and I nothing. - He is by no means the biggest child I have met so far. Had movies in evening: "Crowd roars." Pretty good.

19 Took mess job for Braumhall this morning. -

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19 Still we had high wind, only 10° below zero. - no work today either. Went down and gave my dogs a good feed of seal-meat. Then down here; where I am changing my

19 sleeping bag. Had radio today, got the receiver explained. worked down here until 9<sup>30</sup>. It was still blowing good 40 miles an hr. and no drift; which is

19 very rare. Moon is overhead, fine and clear.  
Turned in early to read Schockleton's life.

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19 Sleeping good at nights. - Nice & warm; but this morning temp. was 6° above zero; and a 40 m. wind with drifts. -

Went down here at 10 A.M. and had a breakfast. Pete was still in the bag; so

I made up fire and am fixing my sleeping bag. Now it is a real snow storm on top, and same wind. After radio-

hour we went Stan, Steve, John, Charles, Jimmy & myself down to our jump.

Built up which gave good speed.

John is a peach of a fellow, friendly -

and a good skier. Sent from Columbia -

19 Broad. System. -  
Have movies to-night, Ten of Gunmen, Miss Astor, and Barbara Stanwyck.

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SEPTEMBER 22

<sup>19</sup> All hands called at 7. Had breakfast and went on Top Side. What a wonderful weather. Clear, and sun shining bright, and not a speck of wind. Jim told us out with the Condor if <sup>19</sup> we wanted to continue and be finish to night. All hands said yes. - At 4 P.M. we had all digging done, and tractors started to pull out; but cable broke steady. Finally at 6 P.M. Condor was on the surface, and it surely gave a good feeling to all hands to see her up. Jim felt good; as he had the responsibility. Lots of camera work in action. <sup>7</sup><sup>19</sup> I took many. After supper Albert and I went down here where I first took a bath, and comfortably spent the evening. Tonight a gang is working securing the <sup>19</sup> plane, as Staines gave warnings for Obizans;

greetings and good luck on your trip from all the nashes glad to hear you wednesday night thanks for ~~xxxx~~ sending beatrice greetings all well glad to have liv with us

SEPTEMBER 23

We <sup>19</sup> all enjoyed this holiday it was 4° below and no wind; but it was cozy, misty weather, and hard to see anything on the surface. Went to breakfast at 9<sup>30</sup>; then to B.H. took skis and <sup>19</sup> went to our shipping. It's but 28 ft. No "OB," and are having special broadcast from Indianapolis Ind. Got the radioset I am going to use on the trail. Had movies in evening. Hold me tight. - <sup>19</sup> Very good.

nice to hear your voice on radio surely thanks for cablegram mrs snell back they

enjoyed it all well here hope same with you went out west love

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SEPTEMBER 24

19 It was cold and windy today; the whole camp is busy fixing up for Easter Tractor Trip we Tuesday 20 to Morgan Block & self going a-  
long for 7-8 miles to take seismographic work.  
I feel bad today; turned out fishing had all  
over after hard job on Condor. We took one  
shot for depth today, same result. Spent  
some time down here fixing my bag up

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One year to-morrow since I went a-  
board Bear in Boston; have expe-  
rienced much in 1 year and hope not to  
go thru the tough part of it again.

SEPTEMBER 25 - 1933

It was a rainfull and misty morning we drove  
19 down to the dock to board the "Bear". Did not get away  
before 11 o'clock. Then the Admiral arrived. The visibility was  
poor, got under way. Some press and film people, whistling,  
Rising out of the harbor the Admiral called us all down  
in the salon and gave a speech, mostly complaining  
about the financial condition of this expedition. Went  
around shook hands with everyone, and said he wan-  
ted to speak to me on the deck. Had a chat with him,  
he told me how much I had sacrificed by going,  
and should take care of my wife. The expedition  
motor boat followed us, to take the Admiral back,  
but run out of gas. A coast guard speed boat came  
by, brought the Admiral back. It grew misty.  
Watches was set. I got 8-12 on deck. Finny fre-  
ling first time I went in pilot house, had never  
had that job before, got given course, and it  
went of fine. Stayed to 12, and found a seaman's  
life hard. Was thinking of passenger ships, comfort.  
Black coffee, bread, wash, and went to bed.



19 Was foggy from early morning so our speed was poor, had radio connection with land station checking our compass. Were trying to get home the whole day, rain and foggy.

19 Had my watch as usually listening to officers in pilot house, Commander Simson and Capt. it telling Macy stories. At noon after a good dinner turned in for a couple of

19 hours sleep. The ship was then rather good so in evening watch I felt uncomfortable.

Believe it was seasickness.

Expected guests aboard to follow us to N.Y.

19 Dentist Nelson, Refinery man, Papa Mori, radio man, a niece of the Admiral.

19 Same weather today, about noon 2 school saw Starbuckford passing. Sent a message to Colf and got greeting back again. Got work.

Most of people aboard decided, radio man was layed up. - gone. - Woodbury make even plitely out of order. Got our drink from Talley. Passed Ambrose light ship headed for N.Y. harbor, could not see land yet.

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SEPTEMBER 28

Coming up on deck at 8 o'clock saw land  
 on <sup>19</sup> both sides. Were going slowly up N.Y.  
 harbor, ships whistling. Docked at the Tide-  
 water Oil Co. Pier. Took onboard lubricating oil,  
 in big drums, also gasoline. Liv came on  
 board <sup>19</sup> as soon as we had docked, thousands of vi-  
 sitors, although it was hard with lot of red tape  
 to pass thru main gate. Newspaper reporters and  
 photographers swarming wanted to take pic-  
 tures <sup>19</sup> of everything and everybody. Finally  
 agreed to let shoot me with the skins. They even  
 wanted to take a picture embracing and  
 kissing Liv. What an answer he got. Liv  
 stayed onboard until 8 o'clock. when I sent  
 her to the car. Very good sport, and she kept the  
 spirit up in me very good, so after her riding  
 I really look at everything different. She stayed  
 onboard and got lunch and supper. We were  
 dining in the officers quarters. The Captain  
 very polite, and so was Capt. Johnson. It se-  
 med he could not do enough. Came onboard and tri-  
 ved in 10:30

SEPTEMBER 29

<sup>19</sup> Turned out at 7<sup>30</sup> as usual, and went to work on deck.  
 At 10 o'clock, a tug came in the side, preparing pulling  
 us out. Had to leave harbor before 10 AM. and was pulled  
 by the tug out thru Ambrose Channel. Passed Fort Ham-  
 miller and waved to his skow was standing there. Some  
 trouble with the engine, but left the tug finally, engine  
 going started heaving sail. Land soon disappeared,  
 and we were alone again. Sitting on the pump-  
 deck <sup>19</sup> sun is far down to the horizon. A good  
 breeze in the evening, good progress. Expect to be  
 in Norfolk Sunday. The moon is high up and we  
 have a wonder full evening. Everything is  
 so <sup>19</sup> quite. Now passing Barnegat lightship, where  
 balloon fell down. Most of the boys up on  
 deck. The watch on the deck was easy  
 tonight, fine clear evening.

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SEPTEMBER 30

Brilliant sunshine greeted in the morning,

19 learned my first things about sail-  
ship, splices ropes etc. Was for the first  
time on the board on the upper square sail  
what a wonderful view I had the whole  
morning. Lots of small birds aboard,  
the cat, and even the dog got grip on them.  
Killed of course. They are very tame, coming  
all over to you. Saw a shark this morn.

19 morn. Could barely follow the fin  
on top, dreadful to look at. The 2<sup>nd</sup>  
mate took a couple of shots at him, but  
missed. Engine stop again, 4 bags  
took cloth off and dived in for a swim  
10 min. before we saw shark, he swatted  
them.

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MEMORANDA

19 My first expression was not good. There  
seemed to be to big distinction between those  
who were in favour and not. The Officers  
quarters aft, and to where I moved later,

19 were excellent. The crew had their  
quarters below the well deck. Dark and  
no air-circulation. Very sparsely light, and  
dirty. My spirit sank deep, when I

19 was given a bunk below. Lucky I  
came it found a bunk myself on starboard  
side, on top of stoward. He, Albert was a  
nice refined person and good company. at

19 foot was the cook's helper for this a  
Tahiti who had never been out before. a  
nice chap. only 20 old., and then Eilafsen  
we four had more like a compartment.

19 by us self. Got a piece of cloth, and  
stretch it in front, but the noise  
and snoring from the rest of the  
guys who were sleeping I sleep could



## MEMORANDA

19 We heard 24 hrs. a day. Meals were a shambles. There was scurrying and fighting when eating, spitting and taking the food dishes out of your hand. The

19 whole thing was just a disgrace to the expedition. But the Adm. of course never saw the real conditions. Plates and utensils were all shabby

19 and rusty.

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OCTOBER 1

Sunday

19 Had fine weather as we entered Hampton roads. Many tug helped us in to the coal dock where we awaited coal. They filled the whole night, and

19 I was watchman until 7 AM. in the morning. It was dirty and bad all around there.

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OCTOBER 2

19 Got cold filled and went in morning over to Navy Yard: whose photographers took pictures etc. It started to blow hard as we left there at

19 8<sup>30</sup> in evening. Eddy Rose was onboard an English warship there, and we left without him. Finally a sloop brought him onboard. On watch that

19 evening we were steering true light buoys out for the open. A good breeze came up and we were rolling well when I turned in. Water all the time

19 washing up on the port-hulk.

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OCTOBER 3

19 A terrible rolling when I turned out could hardly stand on deck. Found conditions much better aft where I moved to when we left Norfolk. Got breakfast standing

19 up. Had a tough time taking in sails in that weather. Each one went to Messhall or Galley for food. Tony was very sick, so quite a number of lbs.

19 I felt remarkably good. Left in afternoon, and went on watch at 8 P.M. Got radio picking all along the coast. It was pitch dark as I was standing

19 forward on lookout playing mouth-harmonica. We tried to spot periwinkles or hair, but failed. Saw them shimmering in the weather.

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OCTOBER 4

We were sailing for a good breeze, fine sky, all sails set. Heard firmer in morning complain about water coming up to floor in fireroom. In afternoon it got to 1 foot over floor, coal was wet and they could keep only 55" pressure. Still blowing strong at 5<sup>30</sup> when everybody was called to take in sails. Then started hauling buckets in engine room, later went to fore-pig. But water was getting higher on us so we quit. Good to get food at 10<sup>30</sup> tonight. Went my watch to 12 o'clock. Gale was blowing. Turned in at 9 and after a hard days work fell to sleep.

OCTOBER 5 *Thursday*

19 Awoke in the morning to find we were in the tow by a tug. We were making slow progress at times it seemed we were laying still backing headwinds. We were then 20 miles out. Finally Muddock came in sight and offered assistance; but we were safe. Everybody was on deck, talking around. Took many pictures of this happening.

19 At 6 in the evening we could dock in Southport in S.C. Everybody went to shore first evening. - dance hall.

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First using pumps Muddock

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arrived South Port



OCTOBER 6

Friday

19 8 o'clock everybody was called upon to work in engine room to clear coal-dust from under floor plate and bails. Worked under bails whole morning. Hard work and very hot as fire had been started

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OCTOBER 7

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The pumps were started early in the morning, and by mounting most of the water was out, so it was possible again to work in fire and engine room.

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OCTOBER 8

This being Sunday certainly was not  
going to be a day of leisure, and spend  
<sup>19</sup> what we had thought with trips around the  
country side. - No, there was work, work -  
Everybody called to go down and shovel  
coal. <sup>19</sup> There was plenty of them all over. The  
coal dust having run in everywhere. Spent the  
time under hails, hard work, and plenty of good  
words mixed with perspiration. One thing to do,  
stick <sup>19</sup> it out. Quit at 4 o'clock, when visitors  
started to crowd the dock, so they finally were  
admitted; but not below, only on main deck.  
Was called to gangway for watch, approx 500 passed,  
and all the funny questions given, from woman  
<sup>19</sup> how to etc. to - We don't need heavy cloth as it  
gets warmer going south. etc. Met also Mr.  
John Erickson, who invited us up in the eve-  
ning <sup>19</sup> Comfortable night, played piano, dance.  
Got aboard 12 <sup>2d</sup>

OCTOBER 9

The first man to leave us. Smith was  
<sup>19</sup> really packed up - Told us he had got enough  
of the whole exp.. Got for ride with Mr. Johnson  
Sen & Mr. Groch to Wilmington to have his sailing  
Boys leading him as he was walking in dock.  
Everybody down in the fire room again to  
try and clear boiler & engine for coal dust.  
It certainly looked hopeless. More we  
dig, more of the steaming hot coal dust we  
get <sup>19</sup> up.

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OCTOBER 10

Started working from morning an deck, fixing bow, where big cracks were, above water line. Cemented like fixing up foundation same form. Kept it going until 5 o'clock. In order to get away from Southport, captain English ordered to digways from shore to clear more coal dust out from bottom of ship, they worked the whole night three - 20<sup>c</sup> an hour.

The following morning - Oct. 11. - Captain called us all<sup>19</sup> on deck and gave a speech, explaining what the future plans were. Told us that with conference with the Admiral that we go back to Newport News to go in Dry Dock; which was a great disappointment for everybody. They had found that the ship was in such a poor shape, it would endanger the lives of all to start south. The time element had the Admiral said was not important - Safety for the people first. Was explained about the conduct of some few and found it could not more be tolerated. Preachers and women. etc. / 10<sup>th</sup> Were invited to Mr. Lord and spent a pleasant evening

OCTOBER 11

19 From morning got ship in shape to leave. Spliced ropes & fixed ship in bow. Filled in planks, and made cement to fill in cracks. Did not look any too good to me. Could take out hands full right thru. Lots of people on dock to see us of at 5<sup>30</sup> in the afternoon, and some of the boys had their sweethearts see them off. Was that a sailor has a cut - in every harbor. The<sup>19</sup> engine was working fine we had smooth sea, with excellent visibility. Got my watch again 8 to 12. The dr. Storrit changed to air in engine room. Saw poppers on watch in the eve. mid<sup>19</sup>, diving over & under ship, clearly visible by proper in water. Had speed 2. the ship.



OCTOBER 12

Returning to bridge this morning was ~~suppressed~~  
 by <sup>19</sup> the slow speed. Found then that the fire room was  
 not able to get the steam pressure over 50 lbs. due  
 to poor coal. Were making  $1\frac{1}{2}$  @ 2 knots. It was  
 a wonderful day, bright sunshine. Spent the  
<sup>19</sup> morning with Rose on bridge; got explain-  
 ed navigation, and tried out the different in-  
 struments. In the afternoon I spent until 4<sup>30</sup>  
 on deck, got a good wash, and then washed  
 clothes. <sup>19</sup> Was sitting on prop deck conver-  
 sating with some of the scientist. Had watch  
 as usual, another fine night and day

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OCTOBER 13

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<sup>19</sup> Had heavy sea with all sails set and  
 made good speed, even when engine was  
 turning over only 55 revs. per m. went watch in  
 morning as usual and spent afternoon in  
 fine sunshine on deck. The watch at night  
 went easy in the fine weather.

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OCTOBER 14

19 Early in morning sighted Cape Henry  
where we got pilot on board, and started up  
the channel at Newport News. When we docked

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OCTOBER 15

19 Early morning unloaded supplies  
got many visitors aboard; not many in-  
terested people in the expedition. Went work at  
noon, took it easy rest of the day

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OCTOBER 16

19 *Coaling job*

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OCTOBER 17

19 *Coaling job*

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OCTOBER 18

19 Coaling job whole day. Had to take  
out 240 tons of coal from bunkers  
This evening finally got negro to fill  
in bunkers while we took charge and deck.

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OCTOBER 19

Went to Power station for good shower,  
19 late took trip to town, spent 2 hours in  
movies, and returning 5 o'clock for coaling  
job.

Took my turn on the beat in evening  
19 although I had already signed on  
the Ruffert.

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OCTOBER 20

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19 Ship Jacob Ruggert came in to Newport N. S. D. Co at 12 o'clock. Went aboard there as I wanted to find out about transfer. Yes. I was going over. Told Captain English and signed release.

In afternoon went on my regular job took my truck with goat pile. Left it going to 12 o'clock, when I had turned in.

19 Met Peter, my 1945, and Hermann as I came back from Lavis Station where I had gone taking ~~meat~~ ~~meat~~. He was all dressed up in ~~meat~~ ~~meat~~.

OCTOBER 21

Saturday

19 Transported all my "halegut" over in the morning and later went back to the Bear to say "So long". Got a bunk assigned aft in sailors quarters, but found conditions real terrible so I was looking around for a place, and settled all away forward, on top of a heavy-bis. Started helping storing supplies.

At 1 o'clock moved outside yard, and dropped anchor. to get more work done. In afternoon a motorboat came up, every body on side. Two girls making "five" stunts - Pulling dresses etc. Watched the big "Condor" being taken aboard and placed in 1945 hatch. What a beautiful ship with long floats. Got kind of late before turning in.

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CAPT JOHANSEN WANTS RONNE TO COME ASHORE IN SMALL BOAT FOR PARTY TONIGHT



OCTOBER 22

Sunday

19 Was called at 4 o'clock to start work to  
 hoist. Waited for breakfast. Lifted anchor at  
 7 o'clock, and proceeded down James River to  
 Cape Henry. Dropped anchor again where all  
 hands called to #2 hatch. Worked here the  
 whole day stowing away big boxes of "Bea" and  
 gas drums. Met lots of the fellows and had  
 quite a good time. At 6 in afternoon with  
 the Admiral aboard left again and started  
 out for the south. No ship or anything.  
 Eft in forward mess talked in evening.

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OCTOBER 23

Monday

19 In morning worked on wood deck for the  
 dogs on aft deck. Spent the day helping  
 securing things. Also brought up rowing machine  
 up to Admiral. Heard today that two pigs were  
 aboard, but one left at Norfolk without leave,  
 probably found conditions too dirty, the other  
 died aboard in the stut.

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OCTOBER 24

Tuesday

<sup>19</sup> Water & feeding dogs from 8 o'clock. Went aft for our meal again. Found real disappointing, no milk of service. Everybody of the dog dept are disgusted. For lunch the same story. Pickles & "sitoume" must be, judging from the rust on them, something left over from Noak's arch. Worked on shelter deck securing Lashed crates and fed dogs early as a storm was brewing up from southwest. The suppression was terrible hardly anything to eat, mess boy coming back reporting "no more. Shit" and filthy everything.

At meeting in evening we all complained about candidates, and was promised by boss improvement. My bunk saw some improvement. Looking forward to house plant in. Lots of people for work, seems like dog walkers are starting to be popular.

OCTOBER 25

Wednesday

<sup>19</sup> This morning got detailed work to put down wood-deck for the dogs on portside. Later on started to water & food for dogs. Got heavy tropical rainstorm washed down everything. Many dogs placed outside seemed to enjoy the rain. At noon was <sup>19</sup> 1150 miles from Panama, making 9.4 knots. What a difference from the speed on Dev. Lashed down crates again as they expected stormy weather. In mess aft to-night got visit for supper of Dr. Shirk. Everything did look fine however after I men having worked the whole day cleaning up, so I suppose the <sup>19</sup> report he gives will be o.k. Later in evening were sitting in Capt. Taylor's cabin for meeting, and she talked to next days work. Lots of pilots and others telling stories to 10 o'clock when everybody seemed to disappear for some sleep. Captain first wanted me to get away from my bunk, but promised later to arrange hours different.



OCTOBER 26

<sup>19</sup> What a wonderful morning, bright sunshine, clear making good speed for south. Started fixing dogs, and later cross crates below. Chattering and fooling around deck. Met Admiral, looked at my naked sunburned body and talked about gym. Dogs running loose around, chains do not keep. Got many dogs out on deck today, and stretched sunsoil. Some of the assistants have been working below filling coal bags for fuel to be left in <sup>19</sup> Panama. Passed Cooked Island of San Salva, dor. What a pleasant island it looks like, Central American. Are making good speed, 9.5 knots. Will probably make Panama tomorrow or we have <sup>19</sup> 930 miles left. Moon is up to night. Cows have bent their knees. Retires for the evening. Chickens still remaining around on deck. Dogs yelling so we can hear them up fore. What a good sleep <sup>19</sup> it gives the fellows most nights

OCTOBER 27

<sup>19</sup> Helped put down wood deck for the dogs, as they are now out of their crates. Took crates down in #2 hold. creosoted and stored away. Now start <sup>19</sup> to know most of the fellows. Had long talk with the correspondent & radio announcer today. seems like a square sharp young and good looking. He wrote <sup>19</sup> the book Little America for the Adm.

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OCTOBER 28

19 Passed a couple of islands this morning, as we are now progressing towards Panama. Are now in the windward passage. The trail most

19 ships pass them. Passed Wellhelm. saw ship today, everything looked fine aboard. got greeting

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Arrived at Christal at 3<sup>30</sup> afternoon.

19 We were earlier in day, refused shore leave but we went a big group over to Colan and had a good time. Came aboard alone at 10<sup>30</sup>. A terrible town, everything new.

W. C. drunk. helped him aboard. Good count. 4 Boys spent 80<sup>00</sup>. What a lousy party. Girls etc. Total 112<sup>00</sup>.

19 all hands called on deck at 5<sup>30</sup>. Made sail take and left dock at 6<sup>30</sup>. Was eagerly watching entrance to canal, more slow up to Gate Locks. Had fine weather there, no work, just enjoying the

19 fine view and enjoying perfect arrival at Ballona L in afternoon. Had dog-watched first steam until 1 o'clock, people aboard, met many. In afternoon got outboard Sambo poles. etc.

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19 Worked from early morning on deck with doors. Lots of people crowded the ship, so we could hardly move around. Ship was dirty, with all canvas hanging all

19 around studding for days. Took a number of nurses around; one invited me out in evening to show me around. Met her after 9 P.M. Miss Elvira Filandino

19 In Ballona Club met my fellow Pedro Miguel Lopez. Got Lopez

at 9<sup>30</sup> came and took me night swimming to Old Panama City. Arrived 1.30

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NOVEMBER 2 *Thursday*

Started work in morning, watering dogs.  
19 Also had people onboard, and showing  
around.

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19 Went swimming in A.M. C.A.

Came and drove up to O.P.C. Box 2<sup>30</sup>  
Will never forget the fine atmosphere prevail-  
ing out there. Dancing to Panamerican music,  
19 fine illuminated, and most of the  
Exp. men there. Adm. too; he seemed to  
enjoy himself very well.

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NOVEMBER 3 *Friday*

From early morning people started crow-  
ding ship, most interested in dogs. As we  
19 were sailing time 12 o'clock, it was raining  
hard. Pulled out from dock, sailing, as we had  
made many friends on our short stay. We  
19 were all standing on deck until Pilot Boat  
left us. In evening quietness set over  
the ship, most men being tired lock  
of sleep. Was a good time all hands  
19 had and lounging for Balboa again.  
But before we return have to get some  
hardships in the frozen Antarctica.

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NOVEMBER 4

19 This morning I was transferred over to another div. Made preparations for loading sledges and arranging skis. Started fixing machinery for woodwork, as lots of that is  
19 necessary.

Sent a radiogram to ~~the~~ tonight. Dr. found  
19 it  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr long.

Got my bunk fixed up with good solid floor, so now it is a hangout for some.

19 In afternoon one of the chickens had to give up. Sisy got hold of her and he would not let the jaws open in spite of all efforts. She got a slow and painful death.  
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NOVEMBER 5

Tonight at 11 o'clock we are crossing the  
19 line at  $80.5^{\circ}$  long. Are making speed of 10 knots, fine weather, although cool for this latitude. This day had my turn in mess. Started  $6^{30}$  putting dishes on table, got food and wash dishes, worked from 9 in shop to 11, dishes again. Celebration at  $2^{30}$  Everybody forward. Same had a terrible time. I also went thru  $2^{nd}$  time for him. Got a good tip. Dog mess got their words too. Lots of filming and amusement. Tonight I have dog-watch from 7 to 12. First thing called to find line - surely must have gone overboard. Was in 2 mate cabin. The admiral came around and his play an laujo was good. Home-west home. Have started on aviation slides. They are light and practical.

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NOVEMBER 6

19 Starts the morning by working on sledges with Chetka. Airplane sledges are now in the making, sandpaper and varnish bridges & runners. In evening were practicing radio

19 Starts to cut brass in some form, and little by little realize what result that would bring. They started to cut fancy shapes and later in the afternoon went over the whole ship. Finishes everybody in fore then went midships where they all got their cuts. Did not finish before 12 o'clock. everybody seemed to have had a good time

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NOVEMBER 7

19 Went to sledges from morning. Later was called upon to work in Hole #2 to secure cargo. Was with radio men and chaps. Return Herma - Pal. Finisher at 5<sup>00</sup>

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NOVEMBER 8

19 Started on sledges, secured cargo to  
snow. Then sledges again. Attended a  
lecture in evening 7 o'clock. About 9 A.M.  
Exp. Terrible. Sizzle fairly good. Blockin

19 bad. Unreliable and poor speakers.  
Was notified in afternoon that we were  
going to alter course. Position  $9^{\circ} 30'$  south,  
 $80^{\circ}$  long. Headed now for Wellington.

On account of poor results in Navy tests with  
propellers did not want take chance. Were  
12 noon 5500 from N.Z. Don't expect to  
pass ships on this course. Refd came  
and told us himself. Changed breakfast  
hours to 6<sup>30</sup> & 7. to get more work done.

It was real chilly today, blowing a  
cold wind from south.

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NOVEMBER 9

19 Had some rolling during night  
with quite cold temp. Went to breakfast  
7<sup>30</sup> and then started on sledges. Got  
one lashed together this morning. Overcast  
weather and cloudy. Put on G. Pole in  
afternoon. Fair many funny happenings,  
with checks. People coming asking.  
Spent evening practicing rapids. - Red  
19<sup>1/2</sup> M. G. Peak - Cold. Interesting.

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NOVEMBER 10

19 Fine morning, rather chilly, was last night 9° S. - 84 W. Leads now for Easter-Island were or will land. Expect to slay a day. Will be interesting. Sledgework in morning.

Early time lots of fun, Chas Cox, Cowman a red sea-wolf. - also at table, There are usually Cory, Mack, Moody, Schomback, Dutey, Woods, Stan & Buckley-Dug. At 7 o'clock during regular meeting Byrdau.

Five gave us a talk. Byrd explaining our future, where going, etc. Little Amuric - Jimie about aviation, telling about planes, flight - how carefull we must be around them.

19 Lately had a cozy time in workshop. Usually turn in at 9 o'clock. Sent a radiogram to Liv tonight

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NOVEMBER 11

19 Sledges for aviation today. A.D. A. B. & J. to decide which. Making lightest possible. - Have fun watching Page, painter, put up his own room. He gets snowed. Placed a sign

19 on. For Sale having difficulties with construction. In evening 8 o'clock had rehearsal to N.Y. program to be sent. Leaders spoke, also Cox, Cowman etc.

19 Boy drivers gave a song. Received for first time messages from Schenectady. None for me. - Next Saturday from Pittsburgh. Turned in at 10<sup>30</sup> 150 to

19 12 o'clock

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NOVEMBER 12

19 Brilliant sunshine, everybody up early. Enjoyed this morning, she, clear water. 2100 fathoms, very deep. Also very far from shore either way. A big white bird

19 flew around later disappeared. Was working on aviation sledges to 4 o'clock. Had their coat-dried - later fire dried.

19 After ~~mess~~ support played bridge in messhall. Had calm beautiful sea.

19 Afterwards 10-12 had dog watch. Fro is usually also was on watch. Got

19 a nice long letter are written.

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NOVEMBER 13

19 After breakfast at 7. went on poop-deck, to enjoy with others the tropics. Sun was quite warm. I started sledges where we now have it almost done, of the aviation type. - Noontime again went sunbath. 11<sup>45</sup> to 1.

19 After supper had lecture about Easter Island, where we expect to land to-

19 morrow after-noon. Quite interest. At 9 o'clock scheduled broadcast to U.S. took place from aft. forecast. Byrd also took part. Dog drivers were introduced

19 by names and then gave 2 songs. The whole thing only 15 min. - Cook, cow  
Capt. Com. Mat. Taylor - Shirley - Dr. Paul  
took part Reading to 11<sup>30</sup>.

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NOVEMBER 14

We had long rolls during night  
<sup>19</sup> noticed it forward much. Otherwise  
smooth. Breakfast 7. Fixed up my  
private compartment.

Fixed aviation sledges finished with  
lashing. Had movies taken today, when  
<sup>19</sup> close up view of lashing on the runway.  
Admiral was also there.

Noon time had our regular sunbath  
<sup>19</sup> from 11<sup>30</sup> to 1.

In evening Charles later went to  
mess room for another rehearsal to  
New York which is scheduled for  
<sup>19</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>.

NOVEMBER 15

Had mess today a job nobody  
likes, as it is run from morning to evening.  
Worked on sledges between.

In evening at 6<sup>30</sup> we had first sight  
of Easter Island. It got dark, so we could  
<sup>19</sup> not go further in Cook Bay. But we were  
crewing around whole night and 6<sup>30</sup> in  
morning dropped anchor.

We were sitting on deck wearing shoes,  
<sup>19</sup> when they made fair.

Turned in at 9<sup>30</sup>  
Had a good one: Fell on toilet.  
Ready to take paper. Offer in lost notes  
<sup>19</sup> as he was reaching for it: No-forest  
touch that it is for ice party.



NOVEMBER 16

Awoke 4 o'clock, all hands turned out.

19 Dropped anchor, first party. Boats #1 & 2 went off to shore. Natives started to rush ship with souvenirs. Governor & Hobblychman came aboard. Admiral went to shore with Jim. Life boats went later. Went to shore 12<sup>30</sup>, and had them already tramped much. On shore went along with natives, but did not obtain anything. They seemed very poor. For shirt but had and went horse back riding. Natives crowded dock. Aboard they chanted and sang. Came back 5<sup>30</sup>. Went with Jim in motor boat. Left anchor at 8. Admiral still on shore. We went tonight 20 on. to sea. to be back in morning. Was in mess hall tonight and heard experiences: Quinn got horse, weight 7<sup>50</sup> lb. Aboard horse back. Horse 6-2" legs dragging. Commodore gets very unpopular among everybody. Fellows singing right & left at him.

NOVEMBER 17

all hands called at 5 o'clock. Slept to 7. Approx. 9. Boat sighted. Admiral & board natives rowed. They were aboard to 1 o'clock. Were singing and dancing. Took records, and filming. Lifeboat in tow went on lee side of island to pick the rest 13 men left ashore last night. Had a terrible job, took 2 hours to get in. Was picked. Brought natives back, and they loafed rowing, so 5 of us had to take an oar. Three left on shore had a hard time, some tried to slip in life boat, others walked around. Many things were stolen. They had no food or water. Had to laugh at them. Took us quite some time to get life boat aboard, all men helped. Lots<sup>9</sup> of wooden carriages and junk. No work today, loafed around, meeting 7 o'clock, to mess hall and turned in 10 o'clock.



NOVEMBER 18

The forenoon fine weather spent time  
19 on deck before starting. Colrus, one of our  
best dead dogs fell over the rail during night  
and was found dead hanging in collar. Czecka,  
got sick from Island trip, had to turn in.

19 In evening at 8 o'clock the big broadcast  
went off from forecast in fine fashion. Un-  
fortunately the Radiomen had changed re-  
cords with Finn and dogs for food, so the  
19 report from N.Y. was not very good.

At 9:45 a special broadcast with messages  
was received from Sebecestady. Had a couple  
of letters etc. Turned in at 12 having had  
19 dog-watch from 10.

Next message thru Admiral to my  
mother - 70 years today.  
Heavy sea, big rollers, we are  
19 making only 8 1/2 knot.

NOVEMBER 19

We are now steering straight west in  
19 order to avoid roaring gorges. Made  
my first big washing today. A new list  
came out for mess duty, lucky not to  
be one. Went to library on sledge. Worked  
19 around mess personally as there was  
holiday.

In afternoon in our workshop they  
started to install movies - talkies.

19 Big shoot at 7:30.  
Went over fairly good.  
My first 2 films with Leica was  
developed. No luck, some trouble  
with tank and many reprints.  
19 Turned in at 10 reading to 11:30



NOVEMBER 22

Rain today so it will be fine to  
1958 inside. Running smooth ship  
hardly moving. Are now in midst of Pacific  
13 days left before Wellington.

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NOVEMBER 23

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Same every day.

Received radiogram

HAR DU MORAJ PENONNE JIG SEANT TIL PANAMA HORTE BROADCASTINGEN FRA DEA LOVUNG VIL  
LITTE END IGJEN NESTLOHDAG ER FRISK  
ERA DIG

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NOVEMBER 30

Thanksgiving day, being a holiday -  
Had a splendid dinner, turkey at noon.  
In evening had movies, 42 st. good.

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DECEMBER 1

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19 Friday, being my day at mess, the whole day I more took to myself. etc.

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DECEMBER 2

19 Saturday, worked in morning, everybody  
took easy in afternoon.  
Movies in evening - Targum

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DECEMBER 3

19 From observations we were cross-  
ing the line at 10 o'clock to night,  
Therby losing one day,  
This being both 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>

19 It starts now to be much  
cooler, Dr. Ponety caught an albatross  
tonight, by shooting with a line attached  
to the wing, where it then wound around

19 He made 5 hits, but only one worked  
well. He measured 9 feet between wings,  
and weight 13 lbs. - This was 6 o'clock,  
at 9 o'clock on Admirals orders they  
let him loose, but he seemed to  
dive straight down in the water.

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This day being  
account of crossing  
lost on  
180°

19 Had land in sight from 9 o'clock  
in morning, very far away.

Cool day, lots of porpos in water.  
Took it easy, prowsing, washing and  
fixing up for shore. The old  
uniforms are coming out for a  
shine.

after supper 7<sup>30</sup> a terrible storm  
goes up, blowing very hard. Re-  
gistered 60 m. p.h. Approaching harbor  
to request for pilot to come aboard,  
so we follow him in.

19 Turn in at 11. Played bridge  
whole evening. At 11<sup>30</sup> head anchor  
being dropped. We are in

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DECEMBER 6

19 All hands called at 5. Turned out  
at 6. Got breakfast and fixed cabin.  
We are at 8 still laying outside. There  
a splendid view over town, which lay on  
a hill side. The aviators are busy to-  
day fixing up Conder for being taken to  
Hors, fast wings on, ready to fly.

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DECEMBER 8

DECEMBER 9

19 Public reception in town hall.  
Were guests of honor, Had a swell time  
Got aboard 1 P.M.

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TO: MR FINN RONNE

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DEAR FINN GLAD TO RECEIVE RADIO GRAM ALL IS WELL HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN

UNCLE PETER AND AUNT LENA



DECEMBER 12

19 All hands called at 4. I turned out at 5. Tired, slept only 3 hours. Thru custom etc. we were on our way at 7<sup>40</sup>.

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19 Wonderful view throught channel. Took pictures of last land. Want see it there again for a long time

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4 o'clock boat-drill, #4 boat, light camera

19 found first 3 stowaways. Young boys 22-23 laying on bottom smoking. Putras 8 o'clock night before, hid in boat 9 o'clock, they were intended to give self up 5 o'clock afternoon.

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19 Almost everybody went to bunk 8<sup>30</sup> I stay up to 9<sup>20</sup> reading. They were all tired after these glorious days in Wellington.

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Hired 19 extra men, + 3 stoways = 22 men crowded.

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DECEMBER 13

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WE WERE SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU WE LISTEN TO PROGRAMS FROM SHIP SATURDAY NIGHT STOP  
CHAS OVER WAS HERE TONIGHT HES GOING TO TRY AND REACH YOU BY CODE FROM CHRISTCHURCH HES  
BOY SCOUT STATION WE ARE ALL WELL BEST WISHES AND GREETINGS FROM ALL OUR FRIENDS SINCERELY

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DECEMBER 18

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DECEMBER 19

19 First sight of ice at 8 o'clock in morning,  
ice ice bergs sailing by, got some good  
photos,

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DECEMBER 20

19 Fine view with ice all around us, saw some seals playing in the water. In afternoon ice got thicker showing slow progress, Birth-day today, what a celebration, Went to

19 movies in evening, and saw Clara Bow.

It is daylight at 11 in evening, airplane ready for flight. Shortly after movies ordered for flight. All hands giving a hand in taking motorailer on

19 water, rowboat, and last airplane. It got 12 o'clock then. Had previously got skis and poles ready for 5 men, as one was added.

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DECEMBER 21

19 Her put in Motorsailer and as soon as plane was on water, we towed it away from ship; It was a beautiful early morning, sun shining bright,

19 got some good snap-shots of the whole affair, with big icebergs laying in the distance. Later carefully took airplane up in stern of ship, where it took until 12 o'clock in the morning, to fill 385 gal. of gas.

At 11 o'clock they went off from ship, then taxis arranged before they finally took off. It was a fine view, cruised overhead in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr.

19 took radio bearings, then disappeared. Was 200 miles farther into the unknown. Arrived at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. Reported being open water at turning point, and gas-leads in. In evening job to take it all

19 took outboard again. While flies were away went wal hunting.

Set course out for 120°W - 70°S

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED STOP ALL MY LETTERS ON THE WAY  
STOP RECEIVED LETTER FROM LIV BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY XMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR BEST REGARDS FROM

MOTHER JOHN RAGNAR



DECEMBER 24

19 Christmas Eve.

Work as usual and had moves  
tonight Cavalcade.

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A MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR LOVE

DECEMBER 25

19 Christmas day where we at this  
latitude still were trying to go further  
south. Special fine meal, with  
punch served in salon

19 See all around us.

Moves in evening.

Zoo in Budapest.

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AT THE SOUTH POLE

ELVIRA FILANDINO

Chagnes Lt.

DECEMBER 30 - 33

19 Crossing over South thru heavy pack  
ice, sometimes can hardly see ship moving.  
Get in to open spaces. Seals are laying  
all around us, shot some.

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DECEMBER 31 - 33

19 New Years evening, foggy, and still in  
the heavy pack, awaiting opportunity for  
flight, as everything is ready.

Movies scheduled tonight

19 Saw Sylvia Sidney and <sup>George Raft</sup>  
in. Pick Up

General Eke had special program  
arranged for us, personal messages,  
19 none to me.

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