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Byrd Antarctic Expedition II
Little America

Antarctica
July 23rd 1934
Finn Ronne

MEMORY

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Elusive -- Capture it!

PERPETUAL
FIVE-YEAR DIARY

*Time passes with its magic swiftness.
I cannot stay it, but I can recall it
in memory.*

JANUARY 1 - 1934

19 Lieutenant Robert A. J. English, U.S. Navy.
Captain, "Bear of Oakland" —
to my dear shipmate and friend
Finn Ronne.

19 Stephen D. Rose
Chief Mate, Bear of Oakland

19 Richard B. Black, Surveyor,
314 Belmont Road, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
We've shared a stateroom on the Bear.
May we share a tent on the Barrier.

19 Eric N. Griffiths, Aviator,
405 Kowitai Rd, Castloware,
Wellington, New Zealand.
Both you and I, Finn, got
damned cold together, going South.

Started in evening and finished 2 A.M. - Cloudy



JANUARY 2

19 George Gunninger
Meteorological B.F.E. II
U. S. Weather Bureau
Wash., D.C.

19 J. A. Pelter
Aerial Photographer U.S.N.

I hope you don't see me fall
on my skis.

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JANUARY 3

19 Overcast sky, visibility poor, and low ceiling. Plane went overboard at 100. Dock, and after filling gas, they went off at 11³¹ headed for the south.

19 Plane came back after 3 hrs. flight into the unknown, were 180 miles away. Ice all over, and some big ice bergs.

Perfectly calm weather but the plane

19 we are laying now starts to close in on us.

Had movies tonight: The Greeks had a word for it: Joan Blandell.

19 2 Emperors and 1 Adeline penguin caught and let us look. Had fun with them - took picture

We are now at 70° 8' - south, and laying in

19 an opening in the ice, like a lake 5 miles long, 3 miles wide. Quite today. Huge size ice bergs far away all around us.

JANUARY 4

19 Foggy, overcast, the ice seems to have opened up, and we are now on our way to an opening in the ice 70 miles south, where they intend to fly again.

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Changed course to north, and now on way to Little America, Had to turn as pack got too heavy.

Passing out thru open leads somewhat last
19 to make complete circles getting out.

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THANKS FOR LETTERS RECEIVED TODAY SO GLAD TO SEE YOU LIKE IT SO WELL WE ARE ALL FINE HERE AM SENDING YOU LETTER AND NEWS PAPERS TODAY HOPE YOU WILL GET THEM MAGGI AGOT AND SUKKE SENDS THEIR BEST WISHES GOOD LUCK FINN

JANUARY 6

19 We are now out of the pack on our
course due west. headed for Bay of Whales.
It is stormy and the ship starts to roll
again. Have not felt the ship rolling for

19 more than 2 weeks. as it is smooth in
the ice. Have huge size icebergs all around.
Saturday night with moon, over shown
Lee Tracy, in "private Jones" - Good. - As show

19 started, newspapers came selling their paper.
First number of "Knowhow". James Taylor is
Editor in Chief. Interesting

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JANUARY 7

19 Humbug, foggy, going $\frac{1}{2}$ speed, dangerous
waters, quite cold. So about time to the gods, as
clock was set back approx. 50 min. -

• To things easy today, a good bath and

19 got my clothes washed.

Evening spent played Bridge with June -
Schlesker & Diamond.

Had dog-watch 8 to 12, Beautiful

19 night. Passing huge size icebergs

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DEAR FINN HAVE A LETTER FROM YOUR MOTHER ALL IS WELL. COME AND WE HOPE
YOU ALL WILL HAVE A SAFE AND A GOOD TRIP AM WISHING YOU ALL LUCK FROM
AUNT LINA & UNCLE PETER

JANUARY 8

19 Slept long this morning, as I had been on watch the night before.

Working on G. Pills have made 14-12 more to go. We are going west to 150° where the ^{plane} likely will take off for Little America.

Received today radiogram from Ellsworth that Belchen and Bratton had been up to Byrd's

19 base and found radiomasts there. Also the plane that was left. So the same living quarters will be used.

Spent the evening in saloon, played cards

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JANUARY 9

19 Went to breakfast 7¹⁵, and spent one hour designing front cover for the Newspaper. Accepted the drawing, and will now make stencil. Airplane being made ready for flight.

19 Before turning out got radiogram. The work on miniature sledges are going for word.

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MET MRS SMELL

BREAKFAST WITH HER THIS MORNING SHE SENDS HER BEST REGARDS IS LEAVING FOR NORWAY WEDNESDAY SHE THANKS YOU FOR INTERESTING LETTER EVERYTHING IS FINE HERE HOPE THE SAME WITH YOU HILSENER

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JANUARY 10

19 Strong wind, and sprays washing over.
In afternoon cleared and going south.
Went at 9 o'clock more than 250 m. further
south than any ship before. are now at
1970° S. - 150 W. Still open water. Sun
shining, wind from south, opens the pack.
We are almost certain this leads us to
the Ross Sea, a short way to Little America.
Got Moody today, working up G. Poles. -
Movies tonight - Janet Gaynor in "Adorable"
When $\frac{1}{2}$ thru, Admiral decided flight, most of them left.
save it thru. Got plane and water, and repulsed. Went off
193³⁰ back again 6³⁰. This plane, Petis ant. did see
open water 160 miles in. -

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JANUARY 11

19 Turned out 7- everything quite. Had breakfast
most all still asleep.

Plane returned at 6⁴⁵. After breakfast
took first outboard 400 g. gas, as 800 was on.

19 Then plane and started to pack due
west, had to take many turns north as
pack closed in after.

Started to snow in evening, quite
19 everywhere. as all asleep. Made up
my moccasins. and turned in at
9³⁰.

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JANUARY 12

19 Woke up after as ship was shaking from going thru heavy ice. Lookouts steady steps on top were annoying.

It was rolling good at 7 when I went for breakfast. Barring and frozen decks, rather cold. Foggy so we had $\frac{1}{2}$ speed.

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JANUARY 13

19 Going in open water course towards the Ross Sea. We were this morning following a lead until it suddenly stopped, so we had to back

up for 20 miles. Took a westerly course to open water. Had movies in evening. Bear face, Paul Muri

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JANUARY 14

19 We were now ~~near~~ Ross Sea.
Plenty of work to do to finish up.
Skies for all men needing them
Snow and fine weather changing.

19 Personal messages in afternoon
none for me.

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JANUARY 15

19 We were this morning 450 mi. from
L.A. Going in smooth sea towards
the south. No sight of ice.

People working hard everywhere. On
19 the big Condor was put skis today.
They will be among first to take off.
Are getting issued still more cloths.
A new bag again.

19 Tonight it is blowing up, ship
rolling a little. Ellsworth and Balaban
are now south of us. Passed them this
afternoon, but they were too far to the

19 west of us. Admitted wanted to visit
them. They must be very uncomfortable.

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JANUARY 17

19 Early in morning eight services. Went
In bay 2 o'clock. Workboat out, dog team and 7-8
men. Saw skis. Started for L.A. 2 m. up.

Fanned tent and started to dig out house. Found
everything well. Father's bunk, my name in it.

Admiral told us to find way to bay see, then
pressure ridges. Blackden and I went away 2 m.
Ting back. 2 dog teams came up at 8⁰⁰.

19 Cut up tent and got feed. Then started
to dig for Mess Hall. Got inside, all ok.
Found lots of currencies. Turned in at 1.40 p.
time. Slept in library, Dr. Paulter and I.

19 Cold sleeping bags. Up again at 5: Telephone
5 light. - Marked aviation field.
Plane came,

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JANUARY 18

- 19 Up at 5. - Plane came, flight with stars
back again. Wonderful view. Landed along
side ship - First time up. - Hanging a
round ship, 5 o'clock told 3 of us to
19 find way to the pressure ridge. Saw
this corner whole ridge. Found Balaban
and Prater skitrap. and what they were
then. Now impossible. Went 6 miles up
19 scumbe, and got Henri. Met Taylor
and suggested go back take 2 bears
along and mark trail. Told Adm. con-
ditions, told me to rest and restify
19 obey ready at 12 o'clock Wade and
Paine had bears ready and up. Had
a 1/2. Time told me about almost fatal landing,
while in air skitrap painted down. Spent 20 min flying
19 around getting a way to land safely. face swiveling
Hutch-Bowlin-James - Bill out on wing. Did it well
Admiral asleep.

JANUARY 19

- 19 Had to run fast to keep ahead of dog
Marked trail every 200 ft. for approx 5 1/2 mi.
Tractors passed us. Made a depot 7
m. up. where a crevas 2 ft. wide stopped
19 tractors us went thru. Followed
2 bears within 2 m. of L.A. and went
back on this. Arrived on ship at 5.
Had been without sleep for 47 hrs.
19 Turned in and rested to 3.
The great Carbone went along to take his
duties as cook in L.A. Had to laugh when
I looked at him there he was sitting on the
sled 19 smiling. The dogteams stopped so often
that he finally walked ahead of them.
He did not stay there very long 3 days later
I drove with my team all his belongings
19 back again. We were delayed to Long
on the bay, so our cook was needed in 20

JANUARY 20

19 I felt refreshed after the long-sleep.
Rising on deck & found busy people at
quarters. Dog-teams & tractors were run-
ning sack & fork to a cache 2 m. south.

19 They few dogs were left, picked up
7 dogs around deck and started 7 P.M.
Hauled whole night thru. It was hard
and rather cold job.

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JANUARY 21

19 Got use to my regular night-shift.
7 m evening to 7 m morning. Then it
was to turn in. Slept full hours.
While unloading all hands had mess
19 aft. going on the same day and
night.

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JANUARY 22

19 Show in morning, it was to dive forward to the bunk and turn in. The floor in my cabin was torn off. They had taken ice-anchors out, so all my belongings were scattered all over.

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JANUARY 23

19 Since we landed the sun had been shining fine & bright. Hard to tell whether it was morn. or evening.

Small Adelaide Penguins were everywhere around getting close to the dogs but they were wise to keep off eating distance.

When I had hooked the dogs up and fed them, the Adm came over & said nice words, and invited me to go for a walk with him. I rejected. He probably did not realize I also was.

19 did some rest.

Edin self most of the time stayed in his cabin. Heard many cases where the adm. remarked that men

19 don't need to eat nor sleep when the unloading was going on. Oh-No!

JANUARY 24

19 Took all my belongings & moved up to Pressure Camp. Pitched a small tent and had it fairly nice. Got lots of good experience about clothing and footgear freezing stiff.

Ralph will be in Brooklyn Friday 26 stop we will listen on Saturday night stop Send Ralph radio so he gets it while boat is here

Glad to hear from you stop hope everything ok stop We keep up with the expedition by newspapers stop hope this finds you well stop best wishes from the Nashes and your friends and luck to you The Nashes

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Dear Finn received your message and its made the Antarctic seem very near have read many books about the south pole since you left Panama. and enjoyed so much the parts about your father How happy you must be to see the places he spoke about. How is the dog Finn query of course he is one of the ice party so please shake his lonely paw for me. to bad you did not get the wood you wanted to carve on the long winter night when you cant fish. Please wish Moody happy newyear for me a very happy one for you.

JANUARY 25

19 This morning I got a load to go to L.A. First time since the day we landed. Quite some improvements. Ad Bledy was all fixed etc. Got a good meal and turned back again. Beautiful weather and nice thin pressure ridge

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19 A fine sign greeted us outside Cook-
tent - Rough Outdoor Camping. Boyd
was the inventor. Also the cook although
he had never before cooked a cup of coffee
19 Christian also gave a hand. The
stowaways worked with these days, did
do more work than everybody else.

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JANUARY 27

19 Now supplies were getting ashore
rapidly, airplane flew quite a load
over to L.A. from Bay Ice. It was
cold and sniff. The first bad
19 day we have had. Always
found pleasure to get a good feed,
which was always mixed, before
turned in. Got the bag warmed
19 up and then sleep.

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JANUARY 28

- 19 This morning had to run in socks over to cookout. My boots so hard had to tow them out. Now hauling from pressure camp direct over to the height of Barrie. Starts called East Barrie Cache. Usually took 9 trips a day. All teams working in day time with dogs
- 19 Tractors and Cleatrac going 24 hrs. But they took some load.

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JANUARY 29

- 19 Another day in the west, but now we are quite hardened to take anything. The piles grows high all over with food boxes, Gasoline drums, hay and cow food. The highway thru pressure gets bad, bridges being pushed down by ice moving. - Sun
- 19 Shiny bright day and night, quite warm around noon time

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JANUARY 30

19 We were hauling from Ruppert from 7 A.M. to Pressure Camp. it was clear and cold, sun shining bright. Coalbays started to come ashore and took their for trips

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19 Had a good lunch there. All hands were fine. Took a load up to West Camp and called it a day.

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10 Ralph is here now we herd the broadcast last night was very clear mother sends her regards and best wishes you good luck everything is fine in Horten take care of yourself regards Liv and Ralph

Boy Finn Received your letters thelegrams cant understand why you havent heard anything from us. Several letters and papers sent you august last. All of us in good health. Rolf and Tordis were home for christmas Nothing is settled with Alf Received letter from Liv Kind regards Mother and John

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FEBRUARY 1

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We were hauling to East Cache. The scenery thru passure as it now was a regular highway the 3 1/2 miles to L.L.

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Had a tough time get my ski boots on in morning they were frozen stiff just like bone. Full of frost and a layer of ice inside. socks the same way.

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No wonder I felt my feet cold during the day. Gradually came back to camp for lunch. To night all hands turned out at 10³⁰ to build a bridge

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cross passure for Kohls to go over to L.L. for broadest Saturday. Worked until 2³⁰. Tired turning in

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FEBRUARY 2

19 Were called at 7 AM. but all of us slept until 9³⁰. The interest among the fellows is falling. The expedition spirit is going down. They more realize the big

19 shots make the other as "suckers". - The whole gang took few trips today. Have had hard work and long hours since Jan. 17th. A big party of men

19 from Bear are also now at camp. One gang working at night, and also taking turns at the sleeping bag.

FEBRUARY 3

19 Heavy wind with drifts. Had about along seal hunting. Also Tom Reev. On way back for lunch passed Adur. in Citraim, stopped us, not to ride on sleds. He had it warm and soft. For afternoon Camp got a stove up and had it nice and warm in two boxes. Capt English & Capt Mober stopped there to warm up on return from 19th A. where they had broadcast. Byrd came back via dog team.

DID YOU RECEIVE MY NEWSPAPERS AND MAIL WITH THE BEAR WORRIED THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE IN NEW ZEALAND I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE A HARD TIME NOW WITH LITTLE REST AM THINKING OF YOU EVERY DAY WISHING YOU LOTS OF LUCK TAKE CARE OF YOUR SELF AND TRY TO SEND A FEW WORDS REGARDS TO THE BOYS FROM THE CAMP AND MR TAYLOR LOVE

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FEBRUARY 4

19 The cows came ashore today, as the Ruppert was almost unloaded. They hauled them in big boxes to Camp Pressure and stopped there overnight.

19 Built house of hay all around them.

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FEBRUARY 5

19 We used 6 dog teams freighting from west to East Barrier Chels. Usually made 9 trips a day. bright sun, sunglasses were very useful. In evening after turning in

19 was called out to go down to Ruppert as she was ready to pull out. Capt Virloger had pneumonia brought down 2 gal of milk to him on skis. A gang was down there

19 with a tractor to use her off. Red cold. Before I left a boy (Dustin) went to milk the cows. All he could get out was 2 gal. from two cows as they had not got water for 24 hrs.

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FEBRUARY 6

19 All hands called at 7³⁰ to break camp. Dog Dept to move in to L.A. and the rest to split up to West & East Caches. Got Rose along to

19 go camping for seal and had for two weeks to come him with me all the time. A fine fellow and a grand companion.

19 His favorite sport was to test the seals with a big knife. - Loaded my belongings bag, trunk, mattress etc and sleds for L.A. Had to leave

19 my dog "Buntus" as he was sick. Occupied my father's bunk and settled down for good. Turned in that evening enjoying stayed in hours. good and warm.

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FEBRUARY 7

19 Had a chance to dry our socks and started fresh in morning. Had good breakfast in the Old Messhall. Rose and I went far south towards Cape Manhue sealing. Made seal-caches all around.

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19 Found Bontus laying dead when I came down in morning. He had not touched his meat for two days. I believe it has been too cold for him.

19 He was a grand dog. Really the best one I had. Last him a fine funeral, he had served with honor and placed a flag on his grave.

19 where I'll be able to see it for a long time.

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FEBRUARY 9

19 In morning went down to Ves Her Wer and got some seals. Handed them to L. R. direct. Was told after lunch to stand by for help in case needed as Skinner was going to take a peck

19 chick jimp. In ship & dog team took position on hill with cameraman. Plane circled once, then we saw him fall out, chute opens, and he pitifully sank down. He landed as

19 judgment as best away from me. Good in hand at sled back

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WE ARE GOING TO OPEN THE PROMENADE RESTAURANT BOUGHT IT VERY REASONABLE WITH APARTMENT 85 DOLLARS PROMISED A LOT OF CUSTOMERS ALREADY MOVING TOMORROW ADDRESS 5414 FIFTH AVE THE BEST WISHES TO THE BOY ILL WITH PNEUMONIA HOPING YOU ARE ALL WELL REGARDS 2345 18 gh

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YOUR TELEGRAMH RECEIVED ~~AND~~ GOT ~~A~~ JOB IN OSLO AS A ENGINEER STOP EVERYTHING
OK HERE STOP HOW ARE YOU ~~GETTING~~ ALONG READ IN NEWSPAPER ~~SOME~~ EXCITING
IN LITTLE AMERICA TWO LETTERS~~XXXXX~~ RETURNED FROM VALEPARAISO ~~XXX~~ STILL
HOLDING OUT BEST REGARDS FROM MOTHER

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19 This day was declared a lucky day by
Adm. Worked on digging Shubert's
out. Got fine entrance, and it will be
a fine abode. Petersen and I will
19 occupy it. Had money in evening
later cancelled. as new Mts had not
yet completed. Went skinning with the
boys and showed them some fine points

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19 Early next morning Ross and I
went sealing. Got 24 in morning. Saw
Eats from overhead. scouting for seals.
Back for lunch were told to bear for
19 ~~off~~ pressure ice. Got provision
in East Barrow Cook. Took plenty.

Went 5 m. s. of bridge. and made camp. It
was real cold. 15° below. made a good
meal at 11 P.M. Turned in at 12.

Slept well during night. Had straw in
bottom. At 9 A.M. turned out. Only
15 seals there. Killed two. I then
took a trip on skis to find way
thru to barrier. Followed p.r. south
10 m. Not good. Found one place in
return journey. Hard going. Came back

UNDERSTAND FROM BROADCAST TRAIL PARTY IS GOING OUT TODAY AND YOU ARE ONE OF THEM
PLEASE BE CAREFUL I WILL FORLOW EVERY NEWS I AM FINE AND BUSINESS VERY GOOD NEW ADDRESS
5414 FIFTH AVENUE LOVE

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same as I have to E. as prepare for
J. Trips.

FEBRUARY 16

19 This day was declared a holy day by
Adm. Worked on digging Shubberlain
out. Got fine entrance, and it will be
a fine abode. Petersen and I will
19 scarp it. Had movies in evening,
later cancelled, as new Mts had not
yet completed. Went sking with the
boys and showed them some fine points

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PLEASE 5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or s
5414 FIFTH AVENUE, L.V. in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with it

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FEBRUARY 17

19 Early next morning Rose and I
went sealing. Got 24 in morning. Saw
Auto Bears overhead. searching for seals.
Back for lunch were told to bear for
19 ~~upper~~ pressure ice. Got provision
in East Barrow Cocks. Took plenty.
Went 5 m. s. of bridge, and used camp. It
was real cold. 15° below. made a good
meal at 11 P.M. Turned in at 12.
Slept well during night. Had straw in
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them to barrack. Followed p.m. south
10 m. Not good. Found one place in
return journey. Hard going. Came back
19 after 5 1/2 hrs. Word for me thru
Dane. I return to L.A. to prepare for
J. Trip.

FEBRUARY 18

19 Started to fix skins for more women
and also outfit for all in a party. Worked
at table in front of my bunk. Adas. came
and spoke to me about J. and that same place.

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FEBRUARY 19

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Fixing skins again

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19 Worked on skins and setting poles the whole day.

In evening aft. supper worked down in Blubberhouse. Got hot water there, nice and

19 warm and took a bath. Oh, was that good to feel clean again. The last one was before we hit the ice. As I was standing there outside, Russel came and told me to

get 19 ready with dog team to go down to Pease as the would dock at 11 P.M. I finally

got away at 10²⁰. We were waiting on the ice for some few hrs. before she was moved

19 and then started to bring supplies in to the tractor beyond the awasse. This we did the whole morning then.

FEBRUARY 26

19 We were unloading the Bear in at 9 in am.
 She sailed at 10. Had breakfast aboard just
 before she sailed. Returned to L.A. 10 AM and got
 surprised only all letters and packages this morn.
 19 me. Got 18 letters & 6 pack. Read them in at 11 AM
 and turned in. Woke up at 7. In supper. Then
 worked in Shellfisheries until 10³⁰ PM. Turned in.

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FEBRUARY 27

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19 ... in readiness from my part. Had doctor ex.
He found me ok. Was surprised of my H.
being only 150 lbs.

19 In evening had movies as a farewell
for southern party. Saw Byrd to the S.P.
He also spoke to us all explaining the fu-
ture work this year & next year. Saw 2 more

19 shows so the whole thing did not finish
before 12 midnight.

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19 "Power" as leader, a good log.
Harold, Spring
Skin, Mounty
Hip, Standard

19 Eppy, Moody.

If men we were, Taylor, Russel, Paine,
Black, Moody, Roune. with 5 sleds,
and 45 dogs. Had man food for 3 men

19 in me mouth on each sleds. Also
dog food for 25 days for 9 dogs on each
sleds, Paine navigated, Black radio.

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MARCH 1

10½ miles

-10° below

19 We left L. Area at 7:15. Stopped and
made camp at 10:15. Had then gone
10½ miles. Drove my team. It went fast
as we were light loads. 700 lbs.

19 Before leaving team came over and
saw for a long time, and promised a
trip next year to Queen Maud Mt. and
we will see a mt. named it's my feet.

19 We had too water, some skins, had
some harness, got them without any
trouble. It was cold when we turned
in 10° below. During night it was
15° below. Sleeping bag cold over shoulder
and not sleep.

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-25° below

MARCH 2

15 miles

19 We turned out at 9 A.M. Got breakfast prepared by Russell. Paramount News men were late out. Only got pictures when leaving. They came 10 miles to get breakfast.

19 Camp. When started went ahead on the approx. 10 miles. Stopped for lunch and had tea, biscuit and chocolate. Tasted good. Tomorrow with the worst snow mirage of the

19 See barriers very clearly. A snow view. Surface was hard, difficult to ski. It stopped made camp. Supper good, hovele, biscuit, chocolate - and plenty of water. Had

19 schedule radio L.A. could not get them. Apr not so hot. - Black. It was blowing hard and drifting high. It was 25° below zero, turned in with four

19 parka on, it was good and warm, but bag not big enough, had hard time to turn around

20 miles.

MARCH 3

-25° below

19 It is still blowing during night. Tell shooles, temp 25° below. Drifting high, had to dig air sleds out. Took pictures of camp before leaving. Found a new scheme pitch cook and sleeping tent against each other. Found it fine. It was

19 had going against the wind. Saw sleds ahead for 10 miles on sleds. Stopped then for lunch. Tried Black in front, but too slow.

19 So my dog team took lead. It went all. Had 20 miles 7 P.M. Stopped and made camp. Black again could not connect. I believe they are worried in

19 Camp for our safety. It was 18 below for lunch. Now tonight it is 10 below. Will be good to get in the bag. Had

19 fine sun and then sudden change to wind and drift. Could not see 10 feet.

-12° below.

MARCH 4

5 miles

19 Misty weather as we turned out at 8. It felt cold, 12° below. Finished breakfast, lashed sleds & hooked dogs up. Got under way 1st. I was in the lead approx 1/4 m. ahead, got course by 2nd sled.

At 19^{1/2} we were 50 m. from L.A. Stopped eating & hearse also food for men. Had lunch, and went marking east every 10 yards. On return trip a storm blew up so I could not see easily.

19^{1/2} the flags. As I returned to depot a regular blizzard was blowing from north with snow. Re-sleds to camp. What a Heaven weather as we first stop and pitched tents. Drift is high outside. Paine

19^{1/2} and went & run into crevasses 300 y. Turned back. Horses is ready will eat & then turn in bag. It is 6 o'clock now and will we have a long sleep. Start no evn. with L.A. Dogs are hurried and

19 seems rather comfortable. Tent is shaking but secure. Took pictures outside. Can imagine what Scott must have.

0 miles

MARCH 5

+5° above

19 It was still blowing strong at 7 AM. snow-flurries temp. +20. Could not see horizon. Went 1/2 mile on sleds to west and looked at crevasses, Taylor, Paine & I. Had rope between for safety.

19^{1/2} first and looked down a big crack 15' wide & approx 50-60 y. deep. It was quite full. Misty weather, hard to judge distance.

Taylor decided tonight that Moody, Rowland & I go on south. L.A. & hills top is, Paine & I go on south. L.A. & hills top is, Paine & I go on south. L.A. & hills top is, Paine & I go on south.

Trying out cloth, and just finished taking more load on my team. Hope to make 2000 m. farther south. It is clear now in evening, blue sky. colder tonight 5° above.

-36° below
-33° below
-15° below

MARCH 6

16² miles

19 Was called this m. by auto horn, The Citro had come out from L.A. to see what was our trouble. They gave us 1140# food, and all 5 of us with new food on sleds started south again. Went 1st 5 m. to the east to avoid crevasses, and then 1 1/2 m. straight south. It was heavy going, 8th new soft snow, and up hill most of the time. The dogs certainly worked good.

19 We are now camped on the crest of what seems like a very ridge. Open wide tundra in all directions.

Had a glimpse of the sea at 6³⁰ tonight in

19 an open strait towards south west, and it was a beautiful reflection on the snow. Ready to turn in sleeping bag. It is cold outside this cook-tent where I make these

19 notes.

We have been following closely all radiocomments Congratulations good luck on your trip with tractors Good luck and God bless you all Mrs Nash

-36 below

+18 6 miles

MARCH 7

-36°

+18°

19 At 9³⁰ heard the Citroen blow horn, had come after us to go 100 miles distance. It was heavy and visibility poor. This camp called Louie. Here the supporting party left us, Russel & Moody. They expected to make L.A. approx. 65 m. in two days. We made ready & left 12²⁵. Rained black 2 m. ahead of us & broke trail 30 m. It was heavy going. Blowing after 5 m. caught up with party ahead. They had

19 a delay 2 m. or so. On our way there it blew up to a blizzard. Killed dogs up, got tents up. And was it blowing. Tractors came at its worse. Just estimated wind to be 5500 m.p.h. It was 19, high dogs buried in snow. A good thing it was warm. Received message from Mrs. Nash here, they must follow us. Was in radiant tent to 8 p.m. Then turned in.

-15° below

MARCH 8

Omnibus

19 Spent 14 hrs. in sleeping bag. Good and warm. The
big wind was still going on. drifts high, had a tough time
getting out of sleeping tent, drifts all over, 5 feet high. It is
3³⁰ now, nice and warm in cockpit, drying our cloth.

19 Jim, Skinner, Waite, Black, Paine, Taylor & I, shooting but
have around for birds. Jim finds it more dangerous to drive
in this way than to fly in aeroplane. One that is located
right on top of tractor from last exp. when it came

19 will dig it up. try had a tough going last time from
from here. used 10 days, Brown, Blackie, & Tony. Manhar
the whole way.

Dog for sledge, but could not locate tractor

19 Sat around fire in tent

Turned in at 10³⁰ still blowing strong

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17 1/2 miles

MARCH 9

-22 below.

19 It took us from 7⁰⁰ morning to 11⁰⁰
get ready to dig out everything. It was
buried all over. We travelled 17 1/2 miles
First 5 miles where we built the 75

19 miles depot. Wicket with flogs
on each side. It was heavy going. soft
snow so the sled went deep.
Tractor & Paine by team went ahead.

19 They camped 5 m. further S. than us
Taylor & I camped alone. Turned in 11⁰⁰
at 10³⁰ June & Tractor came back after
100 m. and started the return for L.A.

19 They got there at noon following
day - now stop.

It was a beautiful sunset from
red to gray

19

-22° below

MARCH 10

11 miles

19 Had a short night's rest, turned out at 7 AM. Got going 10³⁰ AM. My team in the lead, good skiing, sledging. Arrived at 100 m. from L.A. Went

19 east marking. 3 miles, Got back to camp and had a good meal, turned in at 9³⁰, as we need rest to tackle the job of 20 m. pr. day. Left sleds

19 here and taking food for dogs & myself for 12 days. Hope to make 200 m. D

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MARCH 11

8 miles

-22° below

19 At 100 m. went west marking for 3 m. Started at 11⁴⁵. Tramping was light. Cars off road. Snow shining. Stopped at 5 P.M. very tired. It was getting cold

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-22 below

MARCH 12

5 1/2 miles

19 Got away 11 AM. The going was heavy so after 3 1/2 hrs. struggle we had to give up. Skis & sled would not slide.

Hitched the dogs up, Built a house.

19 Got extra ration chocolate, and rested up. Turned in at 9 P.M.

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MARCH 13

-47 below

-31 below

20 miles

19 Turned out at 8:30 Had a night of good rest. Got started at 11 AM. Traveling was good went in S. E. direction. Passed many snow bridges where we

19 fell down 3 to 4". Dogs always get scared. Rainbow around sun. Saw mirage of pressure ahead. Beautiful color in horizon.

19 Tomorrow will be our last day of going south. Hope to make 81°.

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- 47° below.

MARCH 14

10 miles

19 Started out last day s. in cloudy weather. 5 m when we made our last check. Marked with flag 1 m. each side. Another 5 m. and observations show we were 81°-03 South - 163°-12 West. What we

19 call "our furthest south".

Stopped at 6 p.m. and had extra much food for the occasion. Has been thinking all day of food, and Mrs. smells fine meals. - Vegetables etc. Had we had the

19 came Hiny - Cabmeal - Sweet - Penmanian - Choo day in and day out. - Hope a good meal awaits us in L.A. Warm as we turned in at 9 P.M. only 9½ below zero. Early this morning was out

19 coldest - 47° below. - No wonder the sleeping bag was uncomfortable cold. The worst is to turn in and out. When there you are well

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MARCH 15

0 miles

- 20½ below.

19 It was cold to get out with a heavy wind blowing - Looks like an other blizzard coming so today we will enjoy our furthest south. Our intensity 0.815 was formed - Doctor's 81 Trail -

19 My lucky pieces I have with me. Mr. Washington Penny - 5¢ from Liv - Tiki - Finger Tombs etc. Hope they bring luck back again. Have spent the whole day in cool. Hunt. What

19 we have been sitting shooting Ruler - It is still blowing out, heavy drifts - Radio - Spent finally at 6 P.M. to morning - startling news Felix cracks - Pilgrim had time 13300 out to 50 m.

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-54 below

MARCH 16

-30 below

15 1/2 miles

19 We left our furthest s. this m. Took pictures etc. It was heavy going no slide, Passes our 150 m. beacon just had lunch. Covered 15 1/2 m. While sitting in tent after all work done waiting

19 for our hook, we heard some noise far away coming near, then suddenly a sharp drop down 3 ~ 4" of our tent. Expect it was snow sitting. It was -20° below

19 when we stopped at 6 P.M. at 7 P.M. it dropped down to -30 below. so we will have a cold night.

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MARCH 17

-45 below

-54 below

154 miles

19 It was a cold night, fought to keep the body warm. Believes my bag has ice inside. Got started at 10:15 - no radio schedule. - Going was heavy, slow west. Saw mirage of ice

19 barrier today again, toward S. wt. Lighted our 150 m. beacon from distance, seems to me, still it took us 3 hrs. to get there. It felt warm, but looking at thermometer showed -40 below.

19 Got camp up, in for our regular hook. Landed in at 9 P.M. Temp. fell to -45 during night One day of sunshine

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- 45 below

MARCH 18

0 miles

19 Had expected tractors to arrive dur. night. They must have had trouble. The night was cold and uncomfortable. Slept accordingly. Feet aching the heavy work yesterday no slide on the skis. We were sitting in tent awaiting

19 tractors, but they did not show up. Heard by radio that they were snowed in at 50 m depot. Spent evening in tent singing and having a comfortable time.

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MARCH 19

- 1366 lbs

- 356 lbs

15 miles

19 Had the most good night for a long time in sleeping bag, good and warm. Turned out at 8 AM. breakfast and by radio found tractors had left 5 pm. depot. Expect to have them

19 here during the night. It was a strong wind from N.E. the whole day, cold in face, had some foot lites. Dogs worked hard, skiing heavy.

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- 42 Below.

MARCH 20

0 miles

19 Cloudy, stayed in tent until noon, it seemed to clear up so started hooking dogs up and get ready. Before long a blizzard got under way and covered everything. Turned

19 in tent what amusement that was. Had no radio connection, whereabouts of tent unknown.

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MARCH 21

52 Below
- 47 Below

10 miles

19 Cloudy could hardly see 10 feet. Waited in tent until noon, seemed to clear, got every thing started. Started by compass, and was lucky to pick up flags. It was real cold so

19 we had to run in skis, and sleds. It was heavy going. Making 100 m. depot. no tractor & tent here. 3 Citroen with all equipment for manure, tankhouse. We were treated a meal by tractor depot.

19 and had P. tr. was spec. for cornucopia. Staff being formed to mile 5.4. Bivouac for tent & Citroen completed. Turned in at 9:30 P.M.

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MARCH 22

0 miles

19 We were called at 8 AM. Told to give a hand in digging holes for Mountain Hares, which was done located at 100 m. Dug hole until 6 P.M. - 7 feet deep. Started help put hares together. Was all done. 1 AM.

19 It was real cold here -56 Below. Adon. B. offered me to sleep this first night. Got it heated up, and in his fur-bag turned in. Slept fine until 7:30. Work again. Breakfast and started

19 dig tunnel for gasoline, what a job, Got it covered before dark. Tractor man finally came to help. He saw how much work alone. Adon. B. treated us to a fine meal of his turkeys in his house. And could we eat it. Slept in his house again. Peterson, Sigle, Tinglof. - Check.

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MARCH 23

0 miles

19 Begun dig tunnels for gasoline and treated to a fine meal of turkey in Adon. hut. The whole day had been cold.

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We were told to leave for L.A. tomorrow

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-51 Below

-60 -11

MARCH 24

-30°

Omites-

19 Called at 8. After breakfast got ready to leave, but before long a blizzard started. Heavy work to dig sleds out of snow and then see it drift over again. Called by

19 Adv. to bring food and supplies from snow-drift in a hour. Could hardly see our feet mostly. The most delicious food. brought down to a food tunnel. In evening had real steak

19 made off by an excell. cook. at.

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MARCH 25

+48 Be/ogs
-38 Be/ogs

13 miles

19 left 1¹⁵ for trip back to L.A. We were now only 3. Black going back on tractor. Radio an abortion. Shiny good. and made 13 mi. before 5 P.M. Packed camp and

19 turned in at 7³⁰ P.M.

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+24 Below

MARCH 26

Omnites

19 Had a fair night sleep, cold and uncomfortable. The bay is full of ice, can't close zipper. Wind is strong, heavy drifts. Spent whole day in tent peevish, going, singing etc.

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12 Miles
45 Below

MARCH 27

-45 Below.

19 Strong wind and drifts. Tried to push team to 75 m. depot. Could hardly see each other for drift. When shot our dog, could not stand it more. 10 min. later. He was my dog for 10 min.

19 was dead. Took harness off. Cold made team depot and camp. Rains that a dog. The cold stay 50-60 below at Mountain House. Took the best part of time. I got a bad

19 frostbite on hand. The nose face is badly cut. Beard protection some. The coldest and toughest day on the trip. See over the whole face.

19 Took 10 min to tear out revolver. Had windproof to protect face properly.

made or the amount of the repair... IS TO MR WADE FOR RADIOGRAM... DS FROM US ALL AND HAPPY... E... his message over the lines of any of... LIV

-24 Below

MARCH 26

Omites

19 Had a fair night sleep, cold and uncomfortable. The bag is full of ice, can't close zipper. Wind is strong, heavy drifts. Spent whole day in tent preparing gear, cleaning etc.

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12 Miles

45 Below

MARCH 27

-45 Below

19 Strong wind and drifts. Tried to push team to 75m depot. Could hardly see each other for drift. Wind shot one dog, could not stand it more. 10 min later Harold my dog (1st team)

19 was dead. Took harness off. Cold made team depot and camp. Pain shot a dog. The cold stay 50-60 below at Mountain House. Took the shot out of them. I got a bad

19 frostbite on hand. Therman's face is badly cut. Beard protects so. The coldest and toughest day on the trip. Ice over the whole face.

19 Took 10 min to tear out revolver. Had windproof to protect face partly.

GLAD EVERYTHING WENT WITH YOU GIVE MY THANKS TO MR WADE FOR RADIOGRAM YOUR MOTHER IS WELL I AM FEELING FINE REGARDS FROM US ALL AND HAPPY EASTER GOOD LUCK TAKE CARE OF YOUR SELF LOVE

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LIV

-34 Below.

MARCH 28

20 miles

19 Left 8 AM. Fair surface drifts were high, but fair wind. Passed Chetras at noon. Left dog there. Checked out of harness. came after. Camped in eve.

19 morning on hard surface. Sun beautiful sundown, Moon coming up. It gets dark early in evening. 5 P.M. Increased to slow during night.

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MARCH 29

25 miles

-52 Below.

19 The best day so far. Hard surface dog made good speed. Went 50 m. in 4 hrs. Boy was cold again last night no sleep. Left Allan's 2nd dog this

19 morning. expect him to follow. Passed 50 m. depot and camped on hard surface again. Sun fine. Hope for good weather tomorrow to go

19 straight in four hrs. 34 m. left.

When we left camp Al's dog was eating sealmeat, hoping him to follow us. I was the last

19 one to leave, so I put over to him; but he paid no attention eating, eating. Last we saw of him. He must have frozen

19 to death. He could hardly walk, cramp of cold water

-25 Below

-15 Below

MARCH 30

0 miles

19 It was strong wind. And heavy drifts
spat the whole day in constant. Snow
have curious sleds and all.

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-34 miles

MARCH 31

-36 Below.

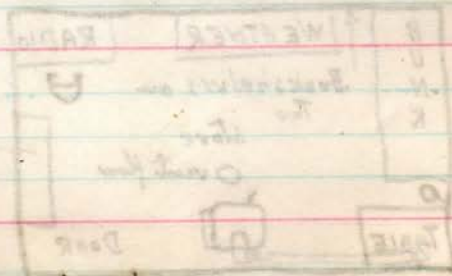
19 We were up early. Left ready packed
- 7⁴⁵. Good going made fine speed.
Passed 2500. depot in few hours.

And cont. on for C.A. Arrived there
19 at 4³⁰ P.M. It was a long time
was greeted by all. 48 hrs. holiday.
raining all. Had movies in evening.
Start home. Estelle Taylor.

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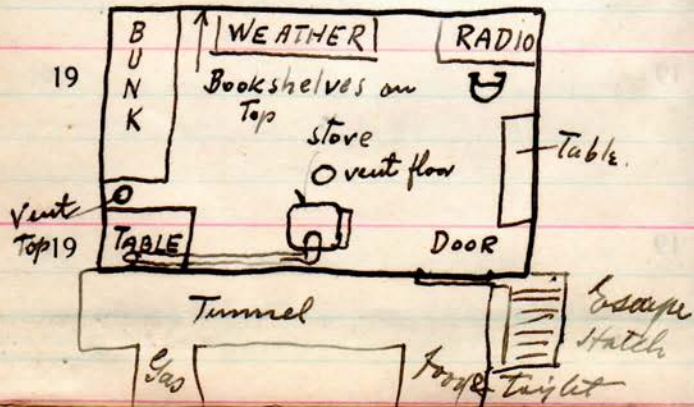


GREETINGS ALL FINE WILL SEND PAPERS FOR ALL NEWS GOOD LUCK
NASHES

MEMORANDA

19 Mountain House:

Length Inside 13 ft. 3ⁱⁿ, Width 9 ft. 3ⁱⁿ
 Height 7 feet. Thickness of wall 4ⁱⁿ &
 consist of from outside: $\frac{1}{8}$ ⁱⁿ fiber -
 Insulating paper, Dry Zero (is cotton
 layers $1\frac{1}{2}$ ⁱⁿ thick and process in place to
 approx $\frac{3}{4}$ ⁱⁿ) Insulating paper - Dry Zero
 paper - Dry Zero - paper - Fiber -
 & 1ⁱⁿ inside covered with Gray
 Canvas.



APRIL 1

19 This Easter Sunday. Holy-day. Wind
 blowing strong. Heavy drifts. Could not
 sleep last night. Prob. to soft and warmer
 thaws in evening. Congress Dances.

19 Not so good. - Many well in. -

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APRIL 2

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Heavy drifts & wind. Could not get much outdoors. Stayed down in Blumberheim for following 3 days.

19 read & worked an Kniv. sled.

Also had a well needed bath.

The previous one took place 26 Feb.

Had not had socks off during the

19 whole trip. Dead skin on feet could peel off. Early this morning a young medical student was found in the snow in pretty bad shape. Could not find entrance,

19 and fell asleep.

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APRIL 3

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Snow: wind & drifts

19 Had my first snow duty which is a rather hard & unpleasant job - Pet Lemmas. Started 6 A.M. - Finished 8 P.M.

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APRIL 4

19 Had my tent hooked up again.

Hauling low-food from E. S. Cache.

Made 3 trips a day.

Two Blubberkins are here just in

19 quite comfortable. Table & shelves -
plenty of coal

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APRIL 5

19 Drift & heavy blizzard. No
work outdoors.

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APRIL 6

APRIL 7

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Blizzard.

You follow Capt. Innes-Taylor

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Ann'cer

The skiexpert of the expedition, and also of the Southern Party²
Finn Ronne, son of the late Martin Ronne, member of the first
Expedition, whom Admiral Byrd described as " The truest of friends

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RONNE

MY FATHER FIRST CAME HERE WITH AMUNDSEN. NEARLY TWENTY YEARS
LATER HE RETURNED WITH ADMIRAL BYRD. I AM PROUD TO FOLLOW IN
HIS FOOTSTEPS. I SLEEP IN THE BUNK IN THE ADMINISTRATIONS
BUILDING WHERE HE USED TO SLEEP. MY FATHER SAID: BYRD IS THE
FINEST LEADER I EVER SERVED UNDER.

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Ann'cer

How did you like the Southern trip, Finn.

RONNE

I LIKED IT VERY MUCH? AND HOPE TO MAKE ANOTHER TRIP FOR THE
SOUTH TO THE MOUNTAINS NEXT YEAR. SO HERE IT IS: SKAAL TO ALL.

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EASTER GREETINGS MESSAGE RECEIVED OK GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU HOPE FOR SAFE
RETURN FROM PRESENT SOUTHERN TRIP NEVER MISS A BROADCAST HAD NICE LETTER
FROM LIV EVERYTHING HERE AS USUAL KINDEST REGARDS FROM ALL

APRIL 8

19 Blizzard & heavy drift, no
work outdoors. Enjoyed the serenity
atmosphere. Quite all over

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APRIL 9

19 Started to haul supplies from
Street Camp. 1 m. south of here.
Everything here covered by 8 ft. snow
lots of things getting lost. Have 7 dogs
and as I think dogs are more efficient
at this time spent in clearing trail
as this good road, hard surface, now
has good trails. It is tough to get a
my system to leave camp. 3 times
we lay did they run around base. Over
towards into wires tangling up. Have
to secure my loads. Packed with the
steps.

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APRIL 10

19 Hauled foodstuf from retreat Camps
Fine bright day, cold and the sun goes
farther and farther down in horizon.

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APRIL 11

19 From retreat camp 5 dog teams
are hauling food and coal. Tractor
hauling gasoline drums from E.B.
Casper. Bath full munge on the
19 West Barricade

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APRIL 12

19 Sent a wire to him today. Our 7 year anniversary. Was coming along slowly from Retreat Camp. Thinking how fast 7 years goes. Another year I will be here again. It was out east 43° heliages.

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DEAR FINN HEARD OVER RADIO YOU HAD ~~BEEN~~ YOURSELF WRITS WRIST PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ALL RIGHT AS I AM WORRIED ~~RAIP~~ IS HERE HE SENDS REGARDS FROM YOUR MOTHER ALL IS WELL LOVE

APRIL 13

19 So today was the day. Thinking of all the things we miss being down here. But it is also an experience. Turned over the mirror. It was nice to look out over the bay see the ice disappear in horizon. We also a funny feeling to know that no one in the world can get us out from here now. Not even the names in the world.

19 We are locked in here. L.A. is now also the capital only poles sticking up. There will be dug all around.

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APRIL 14

19 Enjoyed a Sunday took it easy in
Club bar here

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APRIL 15

19 For the whole week have
been hunting supplies from cache.
Cold weather from 30 to 50 below
zero. The dogs don't seem to have
the strength as usually. They
have had to tough travelling

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THANKS FOR MESSAGE SO GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU NEWS FROM HOME JOHN GOT POSITION

IN OSLO AS ENGINEER BEST WISHES

LUCK

APRIL 24

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TAK FOR RADIOGRAM GLAD OVERALT BARE BRA MIT ARBEIDE HOS GIMBEL VAR BARE FOR JULESESONGEN
IKKE ANGST DIG FOR MIG JEG HAR ALT JEG BEHOVER MRS SNELL HERZLEBS GT 7 OSLO REGARDS FROM
WORTHINGTONS AND SIMBOLIS

LETTER TODAY LOVE

APRIL 25

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APRIL 26

19 It was blowing hard with drifts from
morn. After mass tonight found clear sky
light moonlight so I went over to Ruelles
kitchen. We were working in afternoon to
clear coal away. Hope we have suffi-
cient for rest of winter.

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APRIL 27

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EVERYTHINGS OK HOME ALF IS NOW FRIENDLY RAGNAR TO BE CONFIRMED IN MAY WE HEARD BYRD EXPEDITION
BROADCAST HOW ARE YOU HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM YOU SINCE FEBRUARY WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK
REGARDS BEST REGARDS TO YOU FROM

MOTHER & JOHN

APRIL 28

19 Had detail to sink the big
Turk's Condor plane 8 feet. Carried
snowblocks the whole day.

Started approx. 10 A.M. as it then

19 still dark. Although the whole
day is hazy & dark. We have
bright moonlight when we turn
in at 10 P.M. Also moonlight

19 at 10 A.M. in morning when
we start work.

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APRIL 29

19 Heavy drift & wind. Spent the
day working in Blubber lines.

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APRIL 30

19 Front early morning worked on Lander.
Pit is dug down 8 feet under level. Riser
pedestals & then worked under little by little.
After supper 5 P.M. went out & finished
19 with canvas on top. Bright moon-
light. Beautiful aurora.
Came back in time for movies 7³⁰.
"Cabin in the Cotton".

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MEMORANDA

19 Dog tunnels completed this month.
We have now 119 dogs in crates sheltered there.
The tunnel 7 pups. It is the strangest place
in L.A. If a visitor walked on top outside
19 in a bright April moon-light he would
at times what was housed under meat. The
in bushes tied in their chains can be
heard. Also some lights, but then usually
19 was a lady. That's Jan's house.

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Had house job today. Cleared snow from
latch. Also brought coal in.
The Pillgrim was finished tonight. Revised
and well arranged plans.

MAY 2

19 Clear & bright. Day out into
Cyo. Placed beside other planes. C
Built wall around. Finished 3 P.M.
Went to Bluffton.

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MAY 3

19 Started to dig hole for machine-
shop. Found everything buried 8 ft. under
sand. machinery tools, wood etc.
Find clear weather, but it is getting

19 darker every day.

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MAY 4

19 Digging hole for mechanics shop
& Garage. Finish a job.

Weather continues fine.

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MAY 5

19 Half the Camp is working
outdoor, completing outdoor work
as it is not much daylight.
"Rain" was the movie in evening.

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Work on the miniature sledges goes
well under way. Bridges well com-
pleted. It is slow work, but hope
to get all planned done. -

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MAY 6

19 a sign how sleepy we are in the morning was shown today. The darkness must be the cause. The clock was set back two hours during the night. So instead of the night-

19 watchman calling us at 7⁴⁵. we were not called before 9⁴⁵. Two hours extra sleep. He did not know the change. But not one person in Administration building

19 were awake when watch called. 23 m. Everybody drowsy in morning. All day light here practically gone. Blizzards today. Had first job to cut meat-

19 meat for dogs. They are fed every second day, a good lump of meat & blubber. Radio letter over W.G.P. Got one from Lis. Was listening here in Shackleton room

19 a small aeroplane set. Out floor 17 ft under the surface.

Extra movie: The Half-naked Throat.
Tracy

MAY 7

19 Wind blowing strong. Shifts. Last night Jones & Dr. Paulsen gave us an idea of what work is going to be done both by airplane Traciers & Dogs.

19 2 big flights east. One to Deception Island with a base 300 m. from here. 2nd to Weddell Sea, with a base 700 m. from here close to Thorne Glaciers.

19 Three scientific to Polar Plateau, & Shackleton with party to mt. Peaks. Instructions here. I have been asked to go along in that party. Not decided yet.

19 The sledge party East slightly north. Under Paul Dupla.

MAY 8

19 Blowing hard and drifts. No work can be done outside at all. Spent day down in Blubberheim working on my small sleds. Also spent a couple of hours in Tunnels feeding dogs. It is a tough time chopping a seal as they are frozen hard. My 2nd Turn since May 1st.

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MAY 9

19 This being a holiday for initiation of new members to 78° Club. In morning broadcast to Adm. in his hut 100 m. south. He answered by Morse Code. In day was baseball game.

19 The Missalls: Devils Imps. defeated the Red Rats 1 to 0. The Game went only 3 innings so the Rats give excuse it did not last long enough. Kidding about ball game Archery.

19 Lecture by Standiff had set his point of view. Then lecture about Northpole flight. P. Perry in a heavy chimney way. Of course I'll get applause. Then 4 o'clock. Then 78 Club started 'Was Blindfolded'. It takes in dark mess hall. Off to wait then pants down and sit in icebin pulled around fells pants etc. Lots of fun. Then meeting, mostly drinks. Fording finally called of initial they got sober. Then movies.

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MAY 10

19 Helped work in Garage for tractors, very few there, as they mostly hide away. Have got roof on and ready to slide them down.

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MAY 11

19 Few hours spent in Garage. - Most of the time down in Blubberheim.

Have now reduced our meals to two a day. Breakfast from 8³⁰ to 9³⁰.
2d Dinner from 4 to 5. Most fellows as hungry in between; but they are chissel-eating.

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MAY 12

19 Mothers Day a holy day again.

It was drifting good so spent hours
between meals in Blubberheim.

Before Movies started at 7 had a

19 Had time seeing songs. Levison
had made a bust in snow signifying
a Mother. Very good.

19 This being Saturday had movies in
evening.

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MAY 13

19 12 Goes for 13th. -

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MAY 14

19 A clear day and very cold.

Had my first turn on new schedule of feeding dogs. One week on and two off. Paine is partner.

19 School started. Radio at 12 to 1.

It goes slow to start.

Thru transportation 2³⁰ Taylor.

He must like to talk and especially write

19 letters.

Had movies in evening again.

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MAY 15

19 Clear day for outdoor work. The
so there are digging out machine stuff
carried in snow.

But daylight is practically gone.

Just a fine light in horizon to north.
Sometimes with fine colors. Yellow and
turning to red.

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MAY 16

19 Clear day no wind, some outdoor work
yet Garage for 3 tractors almost completed
Had 2nd turn feeding dogs. Morris
to night. Schedule changed from May 7.

19 Breakfast 8 to 9 AM.

Work starts at 10 and until 2:-

OB until 3. Lecture on Transport. 2³⁰ to

3³⁰ - Radio from 3³⁰ to 4³⁰

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MAY 17

19 17 May. a celebrating day in Norway, but
not like any Monday. Worked on the
Garage in morning 4 hrs. Petr had invited
his friends down to our suburban home.
He was June, Bowlin, Smith, Ellipson &
Larson. Played music & "skating". Rawson
also here. Broke up 4 PM. the
1st of May.

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BEAR FINN THANKS SO MUCH FOR RADIOGRAM I AM FULLY RECOVERED AND FEELING FINE. OUR RESTAURANT
IS A SUCCESS RALPH SENDS YOU REGARDS FROM YOUR WIFE SHE IS ALL WELL STAVANGERFJORD
LEFT TODAY REGARDS FROM REINHART HANSEN HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON AGAIN SPRING IS ALREADY
HERE TREES GETTING GREEN LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU LOVE

MAY 18

19 All bad things usually comes on the same day. Tired on account of lack of sleep. Called at 8 AM. I had also house job in the Ad. Bldg. - Also last day in feeding dogs. So 19 AM. I turned in and slept until 11 AM. Have taken it easy whole day. Heard ceters today again. Find them waste of time.

19 Radio lesson good, notice improvement right along. Can now take 5 words a minute perfect. Was selected to a committee from

19 Ad. Bldg. to work out best way of finishing tunnel from gally. Had a meeting in afternoon. Dr. Paul also there.

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MAY 19

19 It was a very cold day. Temp. the whole day stood around 68 to 64° below. Started again to get frost bites in face. Worked on the finishing job of the garage. Found a good warm shelter in Klüberheim while the fire was going. Went down to an hauler before work, trying to finish the first sledge. Trying work requiring lots of patience.

In evening at 7 had Movies. The dark house. Not so good. After movies on Saturday night, went down to Klüberheim again and with Pete worked and played cards until 12 AM. - Turned in then reading until 1:30. Had a radio set. Took 5 words easy.

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MAY 20

19 It was nice to enjoy a Sunday morning again, sleeping as long as you please. The fog did not turn out before 10 A.M. Went down to Blubberheim where I made myself an early breakfast every where.

19 I had some biscuit- & fruitcake. Played cards & worked. At 2 P.M. a broadcast from the States began. This time from Cincinnati-

19 This. read messages, none to me. Next time it will be from Tgh. Jim Teague; wonder what that will bring. Went to supper 5³⁰, what a wonderful

19 full display of aurora. streaming curtains changing often. I think the best I have seen so far.

Returned to Blubberheim and spent the evening.

Was told the Adm. reported 72° below zero. He must have a pleasant stay alone. Eiliffen came down this afternoon -

MAY 21

19 Made a good start today on the tunnel from Ad. to Marshall. Haines gave Dr. Pollock all working below. Dr. told me about my participation in the plateau party, which I have

19 nothing against. Dr. was afraid of safety of scientist, so it looks like they need some men to pull them out.

Went to radio school & learned more letters.

19 Lives are pretty good.

Went to movies in evening, saw Mary-Buckford. Very good.

19 The James we were told takes the night watchman's job. All hands told to be on deck 7³⁰ A.M.

Went to Blubberheim and stayed from 7³⁰ to 10¹⁵ P.M. Going over from here

19 had a hard time go there, it was blowing and heavy drift. - 36 m.p.h.

MAY 22

19 A regular blizzard when I went to mess at 8:15. Drifts were high. Went to Blubberheim and stayed until 10 A.M. Went over to Ad. Bldg. & helped with the tin snail. Fine

19 a. ski-sledge. not assembled. It will take us another 2 days to finish up. Expected Taylor's lecture to be in aid mess but came there 2:30 and had them changed place

19 To new mess hall - Poor explored, the one was too strong.

Spent rest of day in Blubberheim worked on sledges. The first one is nearer a sledge than a sledge.

19 A remarkable change in temp. from yesterday noon, when it was -53° Fahr. This noon it was $+17^{\circ}$ Fahr.

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MAY 23

19 Had quite a blow today, 40 m. wind - do not work for quite a while. Drifts were building up high. Went to all lecture about camping. Later to radio

19 class. Progress all along. We are now approx 10 men left. Work is pretty good. Went to Movies in evening and saw "All American"

19 Football picture - Very Good. Later spent an hour in Blubberheim. Turned in at 10:30

In Ad. Bldg. everything has to be quite at 10 P.M. Lights out & door open. I get quite a draft in bunk.

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MAY 24

19 It was blowing well, but finish
our end of the tunnel. Have passage
through. Lecture & radio school again.
For evening was shown extra -

19 "Byrd to the South pole" -
Have seen it twice before so I re-
ther spent the evening in Blubberheim
Printed BLUBBERHEIM on cloth in

19 front of table. Peter no doubt doubt
like to see that as he has 100 to name
his place Chetan Charmanic after his
daughter. Sam in here 50% -
Went over to add Abby 1st, then
Dr. Potoka came and sat down in
my bunk talking to part II. -

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MAY 25

19 Went to breakfast 8¹⁵ as usual.
Then to Blubberheim for an hr 1/2 -
New of a Vice in old radio store room
For "Pteropus tui" crate on my belly
19 thru tunnels and got it out.

Later helped the dr. to complete tunnel.
Have see to many who likes to talk -
Professors all over. -

19 After supper spent the evening down
in Blubberheim. Eilifsen came down
there is much talk about parties next
year I am pretty certain of going on
19 one of the southern. -

It was bright moonlight beautiful for
thing. Turned in at 10 PM. -

19 "ingloff was drunk again so he
was not much sleep to get. He
piled all over my clothes, Got aw
thick in morning.

MAY 26

19 It was pitch dark in morning. Some wind - Work around camp is now done - outdoor. Spent working in Plubberheim on my small sledge. Hant two finished.

19 In evening fine moonlight. Some of the boys went out skiing down to the bay.

Went to Movies in evening. Paramount Picture Theatre. - John Herman Mgr. -

Saturday morning we all like to sleep in the sleep at night seems for me to be less every night. I am laying awake for hrs. listening to the bells strike. May for we now

19 suffer from the heat. as the temp most of the time is above zero.

Had a radio test, where our speed now is 7 words a minute. it is gradually

19 coming up.

MAY 27

19 This morning it was blowing hard drifts all over. Most of all sleds are now drifted over.

Spent most of day in Plubberheim

19 in evening it cleared well so some of the boys went skiing. I turned in at 11 P.M.

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MAY 29

19 The demand for skins starts to increase so I am now giving out with boots.

The moon is up bright, clear. - Was sunny for a while. Went to movies and then took a bunch of boys out and gave them instructions in skiing. Went over the Barrier to beach and then down to the sea. They liked it.

Light almost as daylight. Came back

19 at 11 P.M. Was disgusted how poor the whole is party is in skiing. They need lots of practice if they intend to carry out their programs next year.

19 The first radiograms informing us that some of our mail have been delivered in the States was received today.

I am uncertain regarding my mail

19 Believe some of it is still lost. By the way: They all feel like shooting Clark for his mail service. Calone has all his mail in the bunk.

19 I find it difficult to sleep at nights. Laying awake to morning. Am these few not quite waked out.

A meeting took place today deciding on personnel for different parties next year. Platoon Party: Bramhall Morgan, Elliman & Rounce. - Geological Party: Burt, Rime, Russel. - Eastern Party - Duple - G.

19 Wade - Stauchliff. Supporting Party south. Taylor - Moody - Dene.

Two tractors will also support south. Scientific gear weights 1350^{lb}. supposed

19 to be taken up on the platoon. -

Got a visit of Schlessbach today. An interesting guy. He built the bridge between Tromsø and Grondland.

19 Spent evening in Klubberheim

MAY 30

19 It was blowing slightly from morning drifts and pitch dark. Spent 4 hrs. in Shulkerheim fixing skis. Listen to broadcast from S to the States at 2 PM. They seem to make

19 a big story out of us. Lots of bull-shit. Had a talk with Taylor regard. trip south. He is more friendly than ever. Lighten one bridge a couple of ft. Jones was there also. Found it practical to use double widths for two sleds. Talked about trip south.

Had movies in evening. Dr Poltka came down along sitting to 10³⁰

19 Have now finished reading the book of Abraham Lincoln. Was interesting

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Thursday

MAY 31

19 Cloudy in morning; but believe it will clear up for ski practice tonight. - Tried to take a couple of pictures with Leica camera. Lensed 3 mm. in Shulkerheim. -

19 Played cards and retired at 10³⁰. Was told today that the Adm. had recommended I may be pushed forward in radio. My name was mentioned in regard to Platoon Party.

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Work 19 of all time. started last week. The garage is finished as tractor runs are overhanging the catwalk from fore to aft. Bayed in machine shop. hand fuel things is so for all dept. Siple and Linday skinning seals. 19 dog dept. started to fix up harnesses for the dogs. Myself fixing skins. Salmaker making tents & parkies. Camera men taking pictures. Joe dogheim sleeping directing from bank of plane wing 19 how the works can be accomplished next. Peterson taking Pass in Blubberheim
 "Paramount Penguin Theater" in Mess hall. It goes under the name of the "Kookery" with Thurgerson as the Empress and Pete as the Adelaide Penguins. - A flashy sign out thru the Marshall.

Today

19 Had my turn at feeding dogs. Chopped seal meat for Ross his straight. It ought to keep our good practice throughout the winter. Was over to Dr. Painter for conference regarding 19 lying Kitasi Party. Janu. he told me, going to his instructions in Geophysical work of Dr. Morgan. Also Magnetics of Brantball. - so it now seems like I got somewhere. Have fresh stands to sleds. Am going to take Albert with me after a week.
 The Paramount men are taking movies every day of differently things in bldg. Dr. as a student. Allow pulling bath.
 Had my bath tonight clean underwear. Am having that every week Friday night. It feels good to be clean a big difference from the time we were on the trail.

Saturday

JUNE 2

19 North easterly wind and some drift. Moon was bright this morning. Fixing up some skins in Blubberheim. - About noon a strong wind set in with heavy drifts. One 2nd in Command

19th told he is going into the "body" - in A.B. What a surprise. - Making good progress in radio ca. 7 words a minute. The picture to night very bad. The unholly garden Pond

19 Colman. Was intended to take the radio gang out skiing to night, but it is too dark. Glad to receive the radio, have not heard for so long. Went down to

19 Blubberheim and spent a couple of hrs. Lost my way again, landed around Postbarrow. on way to Ad. B. Walked for 10 min. and not see a thing. I have to be more careful.

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TAK FOR ALLE BREVENE SKAL GJORE HVAD DU BER OM. ER BARE BRA HER GLAD
DU LIKER DIG TA VARE PAA DIGSELV HILSEN FRA MRS I NORGE HONFORTALLER DEM LEGGER
V FOLK W HILSEN FRA NASHS HILDA FRITZ HAR BABY

Sunday

JUNE 3

19 Feeding dogs on a Sunday is not in my plan. When I turned out at 8³⁰ all hands were at sleep. They enjoyed the day off. Fed dogs outside as regular. At night was

19 Evening. Spent the day in B.H. Radio for news. Got greeting from Kaufman. It came in late but a reply. Thanks for message and the photo. It gave me to see on the receiving end of your broadcast this afternoon. The program was enjoyed by all. All well down here. Greetings to friends in and around Pittsburgh. P.S.

Got my first instructions in Magnetism and in magnetic work. I'll have to assist in on the platform. Went to B.H. and spent the eve. to 9²⁰. Still blowing hard.

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JUNE 4

19 When I turned in last night I could feel a muscle in the back high up on one side gave me pain, so I told Dr. he gave me a hot pad and told me to stay in bed. Had felt similar before, but not that bad. Telephone rang in morning. Joe Hill answers. What the heck, I'll twist your neck.

Got neither breakfast or lunch, so at 2³⁰ I dressed and went to Messhall. Dr. Paulter spoke to me about Black. I told him the truth. That was what he thought. Turned in bunk again and surprised to find Van der Wahl brought me supper which he did kindly the whole week. I missed movies in evening, but the boys said it was not so hot. Could hardly sleep last night.

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JUNE 5

Spent well for the first time; it must be the disease. Ringhoff cleared out of his bunk today, he had a tough job cleaning up after Clark, everything was so dirty. "Used by god" Clark. But want to come down here as they may take him. Cox threw him out from his bunk. Got a new bunkmate Ransom, a nice chap. In the orderly room of a Chicago Laundry. - Tomorrow Bill & Carbone got well stirred. Call on Taylor for Bill; he forgot all about Class - Taylor's waiting. He did not go, played checkers with Carbone. Dr. Pollock Carbone was talked on the bunk, pretty late tonight. - Taylor paid me a visit this afternoon.

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JUNE 6

19 I can feel I am better in back, they say there is pretty display of Aurora outside and still warm 25° above zero.

Broadcast to U.S. Navy good, June. Morville got in morning with support Albert came over for a while. They are now in old mess-hall taking portraits of all men. They all came back from movies & said the picture was a flop. Slept pretty good after 1 AM.

The Dr. gave me a good massage on the back.

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JUNE 7

19 The message the Dr. gave me last night made me sore all over. This morning still pain all over. Today it was getting colder 25° below zero. Such a long hot spell has never been recorded here before. He reading the whole afternoon "Lives of Lincoln" about Russia. -
Pine, Russel, Pete visited me tonight. -
The Dr. talked to me late again.

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JUNE 8

19 Slept well last night, did hardly notice Van brought breakfast in. Fell asleep again 8:30 and slept to 11 AM. The day went on as usual. Felt pretty good so I tried the

19 Is I was getting up. But he said No. (his favorite word) and I believe he was right, because I had felt pain in the muscle back. Woody came over

and 19 spent quite some time. I had got the Puppy team (7 dogs + Powers Ski) believe it will get ok. "Duke" called earlier in day. One dog they had not 19 know about got 4 puppies

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JUNE 9

19 Spent the whole day in camp. Van as usual brought food over to me. Paul said I could go to movie with him, so in afternoon got up and walked around. After movie he took blood test and found me ok. My weight is now 156#. Gain 16# since April 1st.

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JUNE 10

19 Being a Sunday I slept long
again and spent the whole day
in Blubberheim.

Turned in early in evening. Going
to be careful for a while.

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JUNE 11

Monday morning went to science
class to get some instructions in work
I'll have to assist on the platform.
But they were all asleep.

In radio class I noticed I am
far behind. So in evening I spoke
to Bowlin who promised me help
if night I come over. He is
a real piece of a character.

JUNE 12

19 Am taking it easy, fixing shoes, spends most of the time in Bhabshem.

Radio goes heavy. I was away

19 too long. Not only the students, but also the professors on this Continent are brilliant showing their absence.

19 After supper tonight Albert called my attention to Radio news of Pte who has now got a new name for Bhabshem. Nothing less than his classroom daughter's name. I called his attention to that trick. He got mad. Had a small argument, the first one we have had. I told him he tried to

19 horse - mrs. Being a member of 1st Exp. has nothing to do to our 50-50 in Bhabshem.

JUNE 13

13 Drift this morning from sunset 24 m. wind temp approx 5 below. Had my regular radio class this afternoon.

Movies in evening, but I skipped and went to Bowlin for an extra hr.

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JUNE 14

19 Worked in Blubberheim from morning. Quite warm 16 above zero. Dark as in a bag. 24 hrs. Clear sky above.

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JUNE 15

19 Fine bright day. Lots of stars and the Aurora. Fixed some skies in Blubberheim. had almost all hands empty. Had radioschool at

13:30 to 2:10

Got an extra hr. of Bowlin

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JUNE 16

19 It was blowing hard this morning when I came up. Went down to Klubben as usual. Fitted a pair of skis. Had none in evening. Whiney takes all "James Gey".

19 Very good. Got hold of Black, who does everything to get on the plateau party. Albert and I want go with him. He apologized. - Read to 11:30

19 My 4 years in Germany - German. In radiotest today I was able to receive 8 3/4 words a min. I believe I am going forward.

19 The Barrier Bull came out again with a good number.

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JUNE 17

19 Sunday morning, almost all hands in the camp slept. Went to breakfast, which is from 9 to 10 Sundays. Then went to Klubben & had a good weekly bath.

19 Worked on my Zelede. Albert came down had a long good talk about Norway. Pete is still in mourning. Hope he gets his daughter's name some other in the Antarctic. Extra movie was shown tonight. Had good chicken dinner. Went to Bowlin who gave me an other good radio lesson. -

19 Sent my first radiogram to U.S. last night. But I receive very few. Bigley told me my radio fares are deserting me. Then enough to get first glimpse of the moon in horizon.

JUNE 18

19 "Claude Venus" - Marlene Lederich was shown last night. Bill went to show so I missed the extra hrs. in radio. Was talking with Stan. over there.

19 Today it is cold. 35° below zero. First morning in Shubertshin. fried two pairs of skis for Tugloff & Cox. - Pete still runs. Went over to Bill and got some radio

19 for 1 1/2 hrs. during the movies. There was shown Douglas Fairbank in Robinson Crusoe. Turned in at 9:30 reading to 11:30

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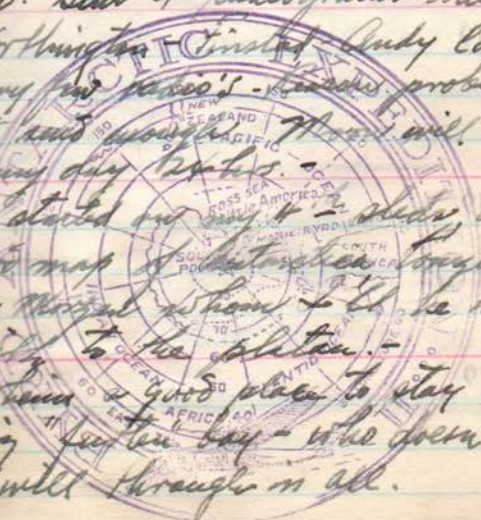
JUNE 19

19 12 m wind and 24° below today kind of nasty. Made a final dig. on the plateau - but which I hope will be made. Do not think duplex arrangement of tents any good. Am starting to cut down weight of sleds. Hope to reduce 15-20#. Got some good instructions in radio today. How to call and connect. Sent 4 radiograms today,

19 to - Worthington - Tinslet Andy Cumming I receive very few radio's - probably but I don't and would like to see if will be high any day later.

19 Has started on my 4 sleds also got a good map of Antarctica tonight from Dr. Mearns whom I'll be in party with to the plateau.

19 Weather is a good place to stay in, with a big frozen bay - who doesn't get his will through in all.



JUNE 20

19 Light gas off all the time trying
to save gasoline. Weather starts to be
fine now, have many after me who
wants to go skiing. Spent 1 1/2 with Ben
19 in radio in evening. Goes forward
very good.

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JUNE 21

19 Moon shining bright the whole day
Have now started to fix sledges
cut down weight of bridges. Went out
with Dr. Paulsen & Murphy to the Bay Ice.
Had a swell time. Charlie takes up skiing
and at 7³⁰ Taylor gave lecture about
sleds, very good. Murphy & Dr. Paulsen
were shortly before about Adm. Byrd's death.
19 is returning to Base with first change.
End month of August, second of competition
and Ellsworth & an English Exp. Finances are
very bad. Wants to blow early.

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BEST WISHES FOR SPEED ~~HEARD~~ HEARD RADIO LAST NIGHT GLAD TO GET RADIO
THIS MORNING RECEIVED ~~THE~~ LETTERS THANKS ROLPH SENDS GREETINGS AND LOVE
FROM YOUR MOTHER THEY ~~WENT~~ WENT YESTERDAY NEXT ARRIVAL IN AUGUST TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF I AM FINE LOVE

JUNE 22

19 This is a holiday, the sun is in
19 in. Slept to 9³⁰ and coming up found
fine moonlight. Went skinning with Chas
started to go across bay of Whales but
19 he got tired so we turned around
He is exceptionally good not scared of
anything. even jumped after me from
Barries edge approx 4 ft. down to Bay Sea
19 Both Chin and Dr. Paulter. Start mess-
duty tomorrow so that pleasure will
stop for a week.

Extra movies tonight

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JUNE 23

19 Today I started my messturn in
the Galley. Dr. Morgan as a partner. He
is all good and we get the work done
shortly. This is a turn all hands have
to take for 6 days. Even Dr. Paulter &
19 had June had their turns. Went to
Cald school as before it is now from
19 5 to 4 Had movies in evening.

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JUNE 24

19 Sunday, thought I could sleep an hr. longer as I believed breakfast was from 9 to 10. But no. 7¹⁵ up again. You really have a helpfull hand of some in

19 early morning birds, so put on the table went quick. Lehlouback-thaw-Quoty helps. They took movies in the galley showing diswashing etc. I did

19 not want to get in on that. I am not to be shown as a dishwasher. Had fine moonlight in evening & took a bunch of fellows out skinning. fine bright moonlight.

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JUNE 25

19 Messjob as before. It is blowing hard outside so I enjoy having this job now. Movies in evening.

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YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED ~~THANK~~ GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU ALSO MANY THANKS FOR LETTERS ON THE BEAR ~~ESPECIALLY~~ TYPEWRITTEN ONE HOPE YOUR BACK IS BETTER NOW NEWS BUD GRADUATING ~~TUESDAY~~ WITH HIGH HONORS KINDEST REGARDS FROM ALL

G F WORTHINGTON

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MANY THANKS FOR GREETINGS HOPE ALL WELL

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JUNE 26

19 Moon is up 24 hrs. and had it very pretty today. The manhauling party left for the Bay of Whales shortly after lunch. Expect to stay

19 away a week.

Went skinning to night down to the bay. Surprised how well Morgan can go on skis. do not expect very

19 much risk to go to with him in the platoon. Bramhall there is far behind.

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JUNE 27

19 The mess job goes well. had a good system of getting dishes away. broke only 2 plates today. Dr. Petula asked me to go with him to the bay Dec. as he had heard seals in the cracks.

So I went on skis with him had a harness. moon shining bright, even below searched for an hour and

19 went home without result.

News - Tom Mix was shown Radio broadcast today. Charlie had to sign a letter for 3 quarts of liquor in 1917. to get Carbone in the air today. As he said: My great American public asks for me. -

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JUNE 28

¹⁹ The last day in mess. are we glad. The hard days are over for a while. Have had a pleasant time with Morgan, everything gone smooth

¹⁹ and fine. The great Carbone gave us a farewell dinner, as he had to-might every pot and pan in use even buckets and garbage cans did he ¹⁹ feel with scrap for us. We were not through before 8¹⁵ as before we were sitting pretty 7¹⁵. But we all like the Station - Great Carbone

¹⁹ Saw the moon like a big ball of butter rolling over the horizon this afternoon and at the same time a fine display of aurora.

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JUNE 29

¹³ Slept longer than usual to get up after the mess. Got Albert and we took down 4 sleds in Meshall to the port and make tractor sleds of them. The manhauling party came back this morning. Wade's face swollen up like a football. One eye completely closed. Could not recognize him. He was in good spirit. Dr. Leber says he will be O.K. They had had a hard trip, but were glad to be in house again. The whole heaven was

just like a wall of streamers. Hanging very often, hanging down the most beautiful I have seen down here. Now told that aurora interferes ¹³ with the radio reception.

JUNE 30

MEMORANDA

19 Today we took two slides apart and hooked two new ones up in mess hall. Spent rest of my time in Blackstone and now working on last slide of mine.

19 Mr. Adin is returning here next full moon, so have to make two tractor slides ready. Pete & Sterrett will probably be sent out to

19 100 m. base. to observe meteors & weather obs. Had movies tonight thru Lonsdale. They just had to get married.

19 Broadcast this afternoon to State Educational Society. Very good, giving shorts from the different classroom giving transportation, Radio Navigation etc.

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JUNE 30

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