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## FINN RONNE

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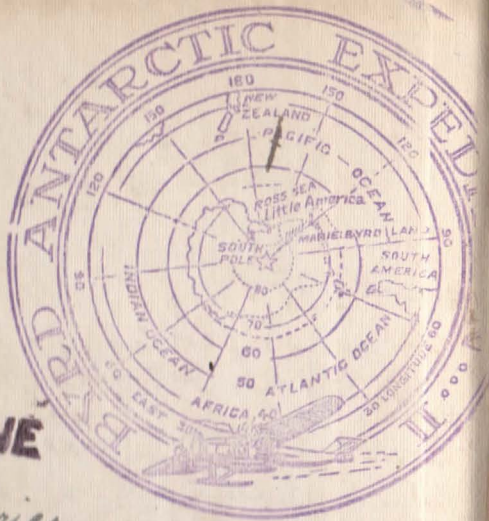
Antarctica

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1934

Finn Ronne

Byrd Antarctic Expedition II

1933 to 1935.



JAN. 1

850 miles

19 Started for mountain peak and  
found interesting rocks. Had  
lunch. Started for Mt  
Wilson, and came to the  
foot at 5:30. Made house

19 and left for peak at 7 AM  
Took in an hour up. Took  
pictures and collected a  
few 7 ft high. Reached

19 to camp at 11 AM  
Turned in and woke up  
at 5 PM and a heavy wind  
50 mph. Could not arrange

19 radioed at 6:00. Expected  
to blow down. Turned  
in again and slept in a  
sailing suit bag until

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JAN. 2

876.1 miles

19 2. When I got on highway what a sight. Looked out at all drifting snow. Morning too cold to eat meal, got Merg-

19 over. at 6 AM decided to go and went down hill. was 4500 feet up. Had tipped over and went in creek. Could hardly

19 see for drifts. Rocks guided us. Over blue ice was tough. Stopped and had a meal at 11 AM. Being got out in afternoon, and we

19 made camp for the night a couple of miles beyond Idson River.

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JAN. 3

904.1 miles

19 Got away at 10 am, and made good speed towards LA. Stopped at 1:30 for biscuits & coffee. Made camp approx 72 mi from LA. Decided

19 not go so well in afternoon. Had decided to-morrow, and learned that Ellsworth is not coming. Bear left M & 30th

19 Cha. and tractor came in wednesday. It was cold to-morrow, with a wind blowing from south.

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JAN. 4

930.1 miles

19 Camped approx. 2 miles from  
L.A. Had good travelling time.  
The day tomorrow good. My  
supper bag is empty with.

19 Stopped at 7 PM, and was  
in bed at 8:30. We started  
the morning at 9:30.

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JAN. 5

960.1 miles

19 Got away at 10:30 and had good surface  
most of the way. Stopped for Ob at  
2:30, and travelled until 7:30. Dogs, working  
fine. Had plenty of appetite tonight.

19 Turned in at 10:45.

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JAN. 6

976.4 miles

Arouse early as today was our  
 19 last day on the trail. Got away  
 at 9 AM and was in L.A. at 2 PM.  
 made good speed the 16 last miles.  
 They were out a bunch and greeted  
 19 us, of course Morgan was the one.  
 He had been away since Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. He  
 told me he had enjoyed the trip with us  
 to the mts. most of all.

19 Pitched the tent up, and arranged to  
 sleep outside.

There was movies in evening, Condor  
 took off on a flight again

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JAN. 7

Monday

19 Slept late, and no work, a bad  
 Blizzard is going on. Spent my time  
 doing here.  
 Boat is now well on the way,  
 19 may be in here in two weeks.  
 Had movies tonight, Bad Sister

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JAN. 8

Still easy going; nobody seems to

19 do any work. Weather is not so good either. Spent time down here making map.

Have not been up for breakfast

19 yet. Always get something down here. Had a good bath this evening and changed cloth.

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JAN. 9

19 Turned out at 8<sup>30</sup>, and spent forenoon here.

After Ol plane came back from a trip to Mt. Hous, where they had

19 taken soundings. All out up before will get a flight. So I got along although it flew from here down to the bay. We were

19 only 8 am had a fine view over L.A. and the bay. Went out over open water, where we could see ice breaking off. Went to East & West Cape.

19 Movies tonight.

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JAN. 12

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JAN. 13

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Jan 13 th. 1935

Mr. H.R. Sticker  
Director Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Harrisburgh Pa.

Thanks for your radio and courtesy extended stop would it be possible to have renewed certificate issued in advance of my return to the states and mailed to me care Mrs. Finn Ronne 5414 6th. Ave Bkln. N.Y. as it will be quite necessary that I have it for use immediately on my arrival which will be about May 1st. stop If you can do this it will be deeply appreciated.

Finn Ronne

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WILL MAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO BROOKLYN ADDRESS STOP APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU STOP ON ARRIVAL MAIL MY PERSONAL ATTENTION WILL RETURN LICENSE SPECIAL DELIVERY



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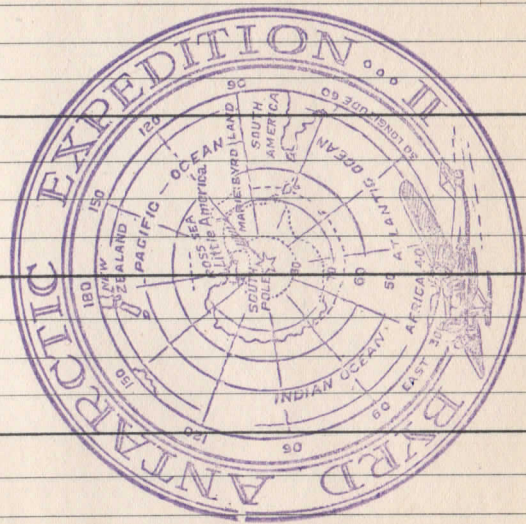
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THANKS FOR RADIO YOUR LICENSE WILL BE SENT TO PANAMA HAVE ALREADY SENT REGISTERED LETTER TO CARE TAPLEY AND COMPANY DUNE IN N Z MISTER CUMMING HAS ASKED TO SEND THIS MESSAGE THE MANAGER AND MEN OF THE WESTERN HOUSE WISH TO SEND THEIR REGARDS AND THANKS TO YOU FOR REMEMBERING THEM AT CHRISTMAS GLAD YOU ARE BACK FROM TRIP HAVE NOT HEARD MORE FROM JOHN BEST WISHES FROM ALL

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JAN. 23

Took the forenoon off and did some packing. Quite a gang worked on the Ford. I went up the rd. and 3 P.M. all the digging finished. Cleaton had the Ford on surface at 6 P.M. It is not snow falling now, we all get

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 19 YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS IN REMEMBERING THEM AT XMAS ALL WELL GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK SOON BEST WISHES  
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FEB. 6



19 Left Bay of Whales for  
Discovery inlet where "Beas" went  
in and got penguins.

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FEB. 7



19 Early in the morn. at 4 AM. left  
with course north for Dundee

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FEB. 12



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NOT TOO LATE TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR I HOPE AM LOOKING  
 FORWARD TO JUNE AND RETURN OF EXPEDITION WILL SURELY BE BOOD  
 TO MEET YOU RECEIVED YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD

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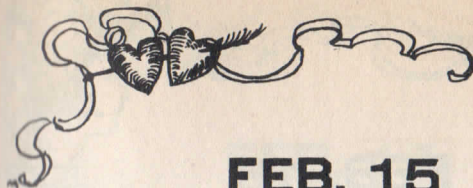
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GLAD YOU ARE HOMEWARDBOUND MAIL AWAITING YOU IN DUNEDIN ALL WELL HERE



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19 Early morning we were at a distance to judge getting in before 2 P.M. and high tide.

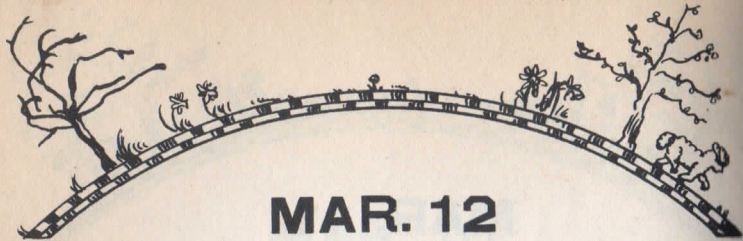
19 Passed Port Chalmers then, and went up the channel to Dunedin. Had my first shave in 14 1/2 months. It felt good.

19 Docked in Dunedin at 5 P.M. Went to Grand Hotel where Stanley gave us a fine dinner and then to window show. Interesting.

19 Came aboard at 12:30 P.M.

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MAR. 12

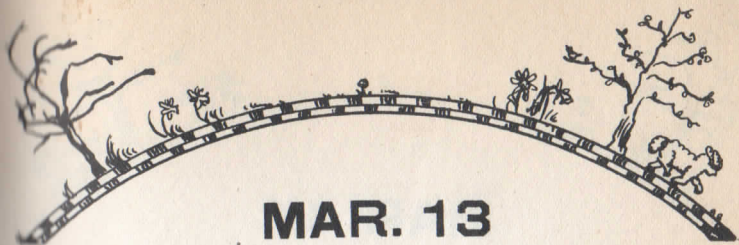
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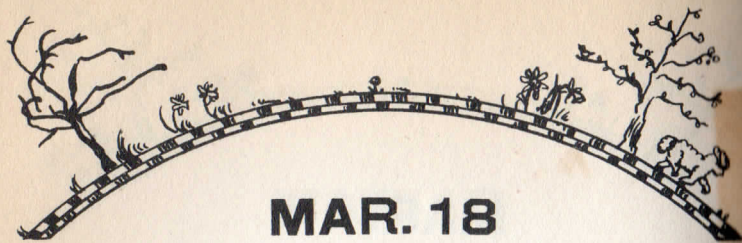
Went to town early in morning and  
19 caught different things. Also went  
up to Galsley's with flowers on  
their hospitality shown me from  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> day we were in.

19 They all went on the dock to say  
Good Bay.

Dock was crowded with people -  
Left a place we all would have  
19 liked to stay much longer.  
People were nice everywhere. -

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MAR. 18

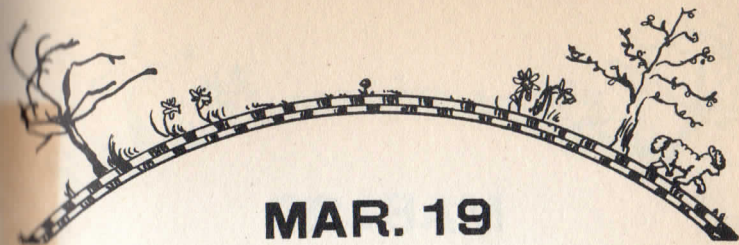
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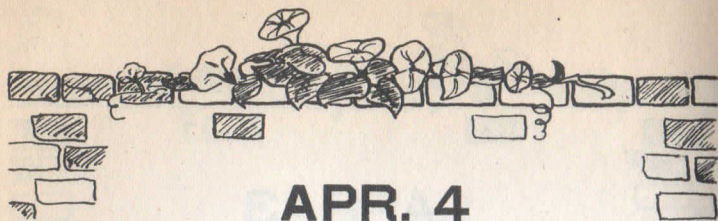
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THANKS FOR RADIO NO WORD FROM JOHN ROLPH HERE NOW ALL WELL  
HOME EXPECTED YOU HOME EARLIER NOT SOLD YET WAIT TILL YOU  
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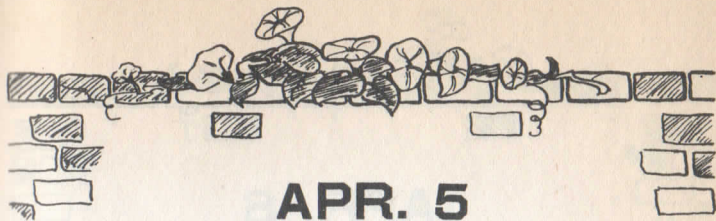
In afternoon at 3<sup>30</sup> got sight  
19 of Easter Island, and came  
up to it at 5<sup>30</sup> P.M.

Bear came up to us at 11 P.M.  
19 Was on watch until 10 P.M.

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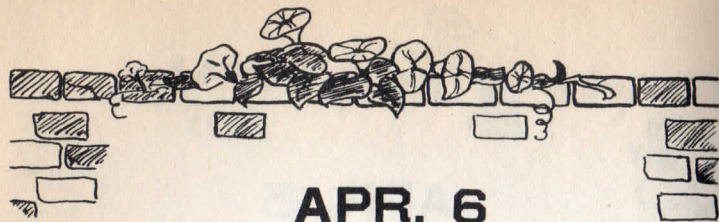
APR. 5

19 Got beams in order, and started  
to fill Bear from #1 hole. It got  
quite under way and shifted  
aft, so when dark came had  
19 to leave us. But all bags on  
port side was loaded.  
Crushed apart whole night

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APR. 6

Had to choose side of island as  
19 big rollers came in.  
Natives came aboard early and  
started their trading for cloth.  
They were shown the reel of  
19 inquiries in aft. noon, astonished.  
Got loading done at 2 P.M.  
and were under way 4 P.M.  
Have watch 12 A.M. to-night.

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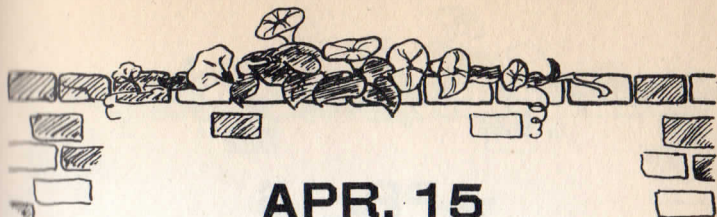
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CO GRATULATIONS ON THE THIRTEENTH THANKS FOR RADIO  
GLAD TO HAVE YOU HOME SOON STOP OUR FRIENDS WANTS TO BE  
REMEMBERED TO YOU HAPPY EASTER ALL WELL LOVE



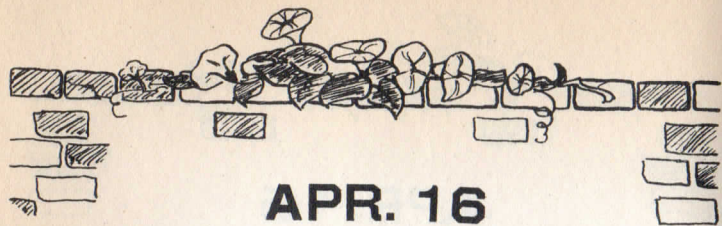
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Arrived at Galapagos at 10 P.M.  
19 but creases around outside, waiting  
for day light

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APR. 16

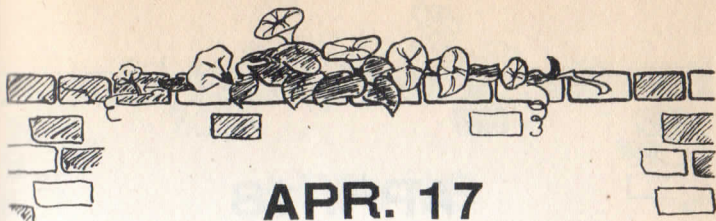
a boatload went for shore at 10 P.M.  
19 but they came back without touching  
shore, had been fishing to 5 P.M.

Went out to sea again when it  
19 got dark.

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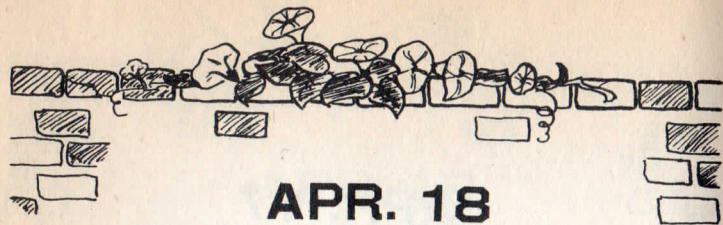
Came back in morning and  
19 went to shore. Burns had  
mag. station there, and some  
went fishing.  
19 departed at 4 P.M.

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APR. 18

We had still sight of the last  
19 island at 6 P.M. today, and  
course for Panama

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APR. 21

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~~asparagus, creamed potatoes~~

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APR. 22

Expect to arrive in Panama  
19 at 6 P.M. tonight. All hands  
getting ready to go to shore.  
The trip so far is soon over.  
19 40 days to sea.

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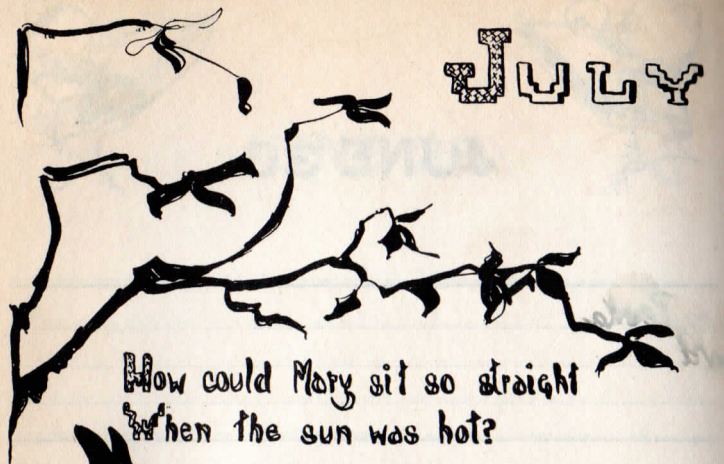
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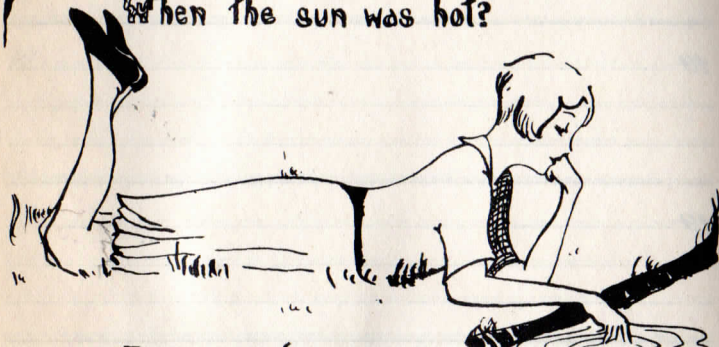
PLANNING TO GO WASHINGTON ARRIVE MORNING TENTH MAY STOP AT WILLARD HOTEL  
MIGHT NOT SEE YOU BEFORE AFTER RECEPTION STOP TAKING TRAIN BACK NEWYORK  
SAME NIGHT CABLE ME OK THRILLED TO SEE YOU LOVE

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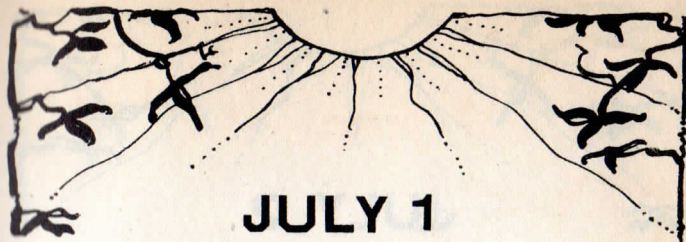
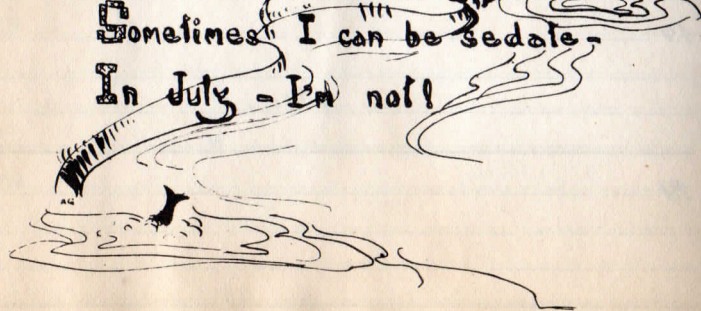
JULY



How could Mary sit so straight  
When the sun was hot?



Sometimes I can be "sedate."  
In July - En noll!



JULY 1

19 Peeka, Bozo, Boss, Duke,  
Rowdy (Leader)  
Smiler, Catsou, Lorne, Ponka, *Char. Linn Morgan*

19 Elli, Moody, Milton, Allan  
Pitou (Leader)  
Pricie, Skipper, Spy, Dell, *Albert Guleff*

19 Tagger, Jack Jr., Cherry, Buzz,  
Whitie, (Leader)  
Standard, Spring, Short, Buster, *Sam Brumhall*

19 Ski, Muskara, Cleo, Kim,  
Power (Leader)  
Tenten, Ray, Fritz, Mike, *Jim Ponce*

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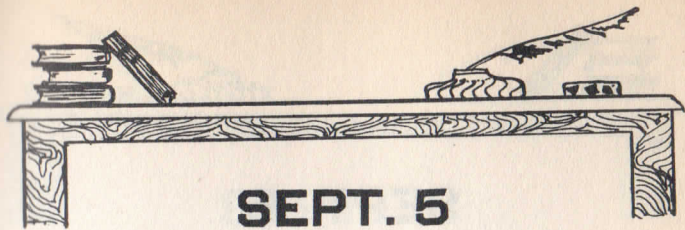
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SEPT. 5

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always filled me with  
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SEPT. 24

Over year since the Bear left today, times flies  
19 fast. And lots of things have happened and  
still more changes might take place before we are  
safe back in the states again.

It was 25° below and 8 on wind today. In spite of  
19 that I took 4 dogs out and gave them a shot of  
rain in front of the sled. I'll have a sweet job to  
get puppies to pull before Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. If not I'll have  
to build my team up of Taylor's dogs. Worked down  
19 here on my sleeping bag. Almost completed.

Got explained the picture by Rye today. Also took  
some pictures down in my sink. In evening there  
was a call for movie & they showed "Cyrano" very good.

19 Morgan Black & I will go out with tractor 6 am.  
and take shots. Were supposed to leave today,  
but tractor-trouble. - We will stay out here  
three days.

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SEPT. 25

Good drift today, 12 m. wind and 30° below  
19 zero. No work outdoor. Went to tunnel fed  
my dogs, then down here. Have now com-  
pleted my sleeping bag. Hope it will be  
good and warm.

19 Broadcast today at 2:5. Will listen  
in down here

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SEPT. 26

- 19 Saw one day behind in my diary. Difficult to keep track of them. Weather is clear on top now, but it is still blowing, although sun is shining bright. Wanted badly to take my dogs out; too drift. They need to be broken in if I am going to make use of them and the trail. Got some good information of John about the radio in the afternoon; We were making plans to go out with 2<sup>nd</sup> tractor tomorrow, but about 9 P.M. was told to postpone it, because there was something wrong with the motor. Turned in at 10<sup>30</sup>, awaiting to be called 5 A.M. Slept sound soon.

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SEPT. 27

- 19 It was blowing a wind from 12 to 22 miles whole night; so at 8 A.M. Tractor #1 finally got away. Temp. was 30° below zero. They are going to Mt. Grace
- 19 Mc Kinley 232 miles east from here to make landing field and lay depot for Eastern Party. Jim was Leader, Van der Wahl driver, Rawson navigator & Peterson
- 19 Radio-man. They expect to be out 7 days. Hope they get good weather. Took 5 of my dogs out and they work well. Have to make all harnesses over a gain. Sun is shining bright, but there is a good drift. - After supper went down here copying from radio. Had movies in evening: "Child of Manhattan" Very good.
- 19 Sleep good at night, warm.



SEPT. 28

19 All hands called at 7, I went to breakfast at 7<sup>45</sup>. Then took all my dogs out. Had 6 puppies, and they all pulled fine. At 2<sup>30</sup> Mc Cormack had an accident his Giro

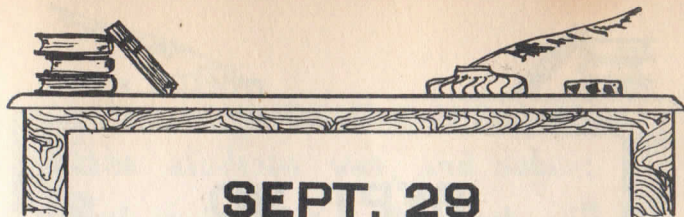
19 fell down and broken to 1000 pieces. His left arm broken, otherwise well. The chick made him forget everything, did not know what day it was etc. -

19 In evening he came over to, but no one must tell him what happened to his Giro plane.

Quity came down here in evening and had two puppies along. Got some fine shots of them.

Developed 3 films to-night and they were excellent. Those small pups

19 run over the snow home late in evening.



SEPT. 29

19 It was blowing a S.W. wind and 30° below so it was too cold to take puppies out. Went down here to flush my films, and by bad luck I took too warm water and ruined most of them.

Spent most of the day here doing different things. They went to snow at 8<sup>30</sup> Helen plays. Toward to arms.

19 very good.

Morgan called a meeting of the Platonic Party at 6<sup>30</sup>. Was discussed with his attitude toward the rest.

19 Turned in at 10<sup>30</sup> disappointed. He wants to drive out tomorrow if we have good weather. 5 miles and drop the stuff there.

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SEPT. 30

19 12 m. wind today; and no work in the morning. All hands were supposed to start dig out Fairchild's Plane. Slept until 9 AM. and went down here to B H.

19 Worked around until 11 AM. Then went over to my dogs. They all know me now. Fritz, Ray & Kim particularly friendly. Puss off course and also Mike. Had Oe 12 AM. then

19 Had some Westinghouse Picture taken. Hope they turn out good. Star came down and had a nice time down here with Dr. Perkins who took those shots for me. -

19 It was a quite evening all around. Albert and I had cake & chocolate down here.

Turned in at 10:30

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When Mary went to school I know  
She studious was, and sober;  
But as for me - this book will show  
What I did in October!



OCTOBER