~~Tobacco from Stati~~
Sledges to ship - Ice here and up the coast
~~Dog laying Hendrik~~
~~Upernivik mail & supplies~~
~~Boxes to ship~~
~~Molasses~~
~~Drittvey to Stati by Chuett~~
Include ~~extra~~ Pickels.
~~Order supplies~~
~~Mail~~

april 13th 1915

Dear Ole,

Open water has prevented much transportation of boxes. No flour has gone over yet. Just now the ice is good, Kalsteng wa is taking Pudlak and all the family to Keati, They leave today.

The boxes for Umenak came to the Cape about a week ago, Hendrik did not get to the ship but took 3 or 4 boxes from the Coche, back with him.

Pickels has traded some tobacco for a bird skin shirt. We need it to trade with also, and I suggest that we should not furnish him any more. Deppert him to ask for a bag of molasses and shall let him have one, (on acct) as his sugar is gone and molasses about gone I hear.

Dr Hovey is well, Deppert it is a question whether or not it is advisable to take him to Umenak, under the conditions there.

He has several times stated his doubt that a ship will come. Probably we should not accept the burden of his care but rather allow him provisions as necessary from our store and ask him to stick to the Chutt. Except for provision the Chutt is able to take care of him

Pickels sends regards and wants me to thank you for the books.

Glad you & Joe got the Contract.

Hal.

Ekblaw.
To be kept at Mmen etc
for him.

April, 19,

Dear Capt. Comer, -

Am trying send flour today by Koolitingwa. I wish you would give him alcohol & tobacco if he brings flour through, or other things as you see proper.

He said you wanted coal but I take the liberty of sending flour instead. Would come up myself if could get a comitik to take one.

Send case of bitts or tobacco if anything when you get chance.

I think Ektlaw better come down to the ship when he comes with Mene, and I think Dr Honey should not go to Umanak.

Yours,

Dr Hunt.

Capt Conner,

Parker Snow Bay
October 13, 1915

My dear Hal:

We're here because we're here! That's about all I know; and I guess I won't go to Bangor or North Scarborough this year.

I've written to Jot asking him to assemble and send me some things I need. I listed them in the order that I want them, except that I want those starred particularly. Send me the starred things first of all please. I'm asking you to get Jot any help he may need in finding, assembling & packing the things.

I expect to be pretty hard up for clothes, because I feel that the men who are going to South Greenland — Dr. Harvey, Frank, Fitz and Allen — ought to have absolutely everything they need first and I think that by the time they are outfitted fully, Peter's resources (more limited, I feel, than he admits) will be quite exhausted. Thus I consider it necessary that I get all I possibly can from Etah. My wardrobe is pretty much on the bum anyway.

I'd like to have some dental floss, a few cathartic pills, Seven Dovers tablets and some Migraine tablets; and if possible some gauze and adhesive tape. I know your stock is small, and I'm in such good shape that I am not likely to suffer. At present I'm considerably worried about my "jaws" (too much argument, I suppose); pyorrhea is a bogey-man for me always, but I guess I'm inclined to be "pessimistic."

Fitz will give you the news. Besides I suppose you will come down some time this winter. — I'll beat you there at pool, cribbage or chess!

I hope you had a good time on your caribou trip, and that you got plenty of game. What did you think of the empty hole when you got back? As ever,

Ek.

P

Dec. 29. 1915.

Dear Ek,

Hovey has no case here, I think. I have withdrawn my request of him. Do what you think best. Mac, thinks you can work best here and I have told him I would like to work here with you.

Joe is not in real good health and I must keep within call, on his account.

I also desire to hold myself at the call of the ships crew. I think Dr. Hovey had best throw himself on the care of the Crocker Land Expedition and I will do all I can for him.

Sincerely

Dr Hunt.

Mr Ecklow.

Parker Snow Bay,
December 30, 1915

My dear Hal:

I am quite sorry that you could not come down to the ship with MacWillan. In view of the new arrangement of plans, I think it would have been eminently desirable for you, Mac, and me to confer together.

Mac has given me an excellent order to prosecute the work about North Star Bay next summer and to assume responsibility for the supplies, the equipment, the party, and the work there, an order sufficiently specific, and yet liberal, enough to make the best work possible.

Don't you think that you ought to request from him a similar order defining carefully your position, the work expected of you, and your responsibility, in case you stay?

I anticipate a most agreeable and busy summer's work for all of us. We must anticipate any cause for trouble by as full an understanding as we possibly can come to now.

You will probably be down in a day or two, I suppose.

Sincerely,

Ek.

The International Grenfell Association Inc. SCHOONER GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Dr H. J. Hunt Sheet No. 1 Date January 31 191

Parker Snow Bay
January 31, 1916

Dr. Harrison J. Hunt,

Dear Dr. Hunt:

Will you please submit to me an writing your professional opinion as to Dr. E. L. Havey's physical condition and health, and your advice and recommendations as to his course to best regain and preserve them during his stay in the North, with suggestion as to what he should avoid doing that may expose him to shock or undue exhaustion or fatigue?

In writing this statement will you please make a copy that I may give to Dr. Havey?

Truly yours

W. Elmer Ekblaw

In charge Southern Substation
Crocker Land Expedition.
North Star Bay.

Schmidt's, North Greenland.
Feb. 2nd 1916.

Mr Elmer Ekblaw.

Dear Sir. In reply to your request, In my opinion Dr Harey's physical condition is distinctly not good. He has twice manifested a heart weakness which must be considered serious, and his general appearance is not that of vigorous health.

In my opinion the course to best regain and preserve his health is as follows.

1st To drop all mental work and worry connected with his position.

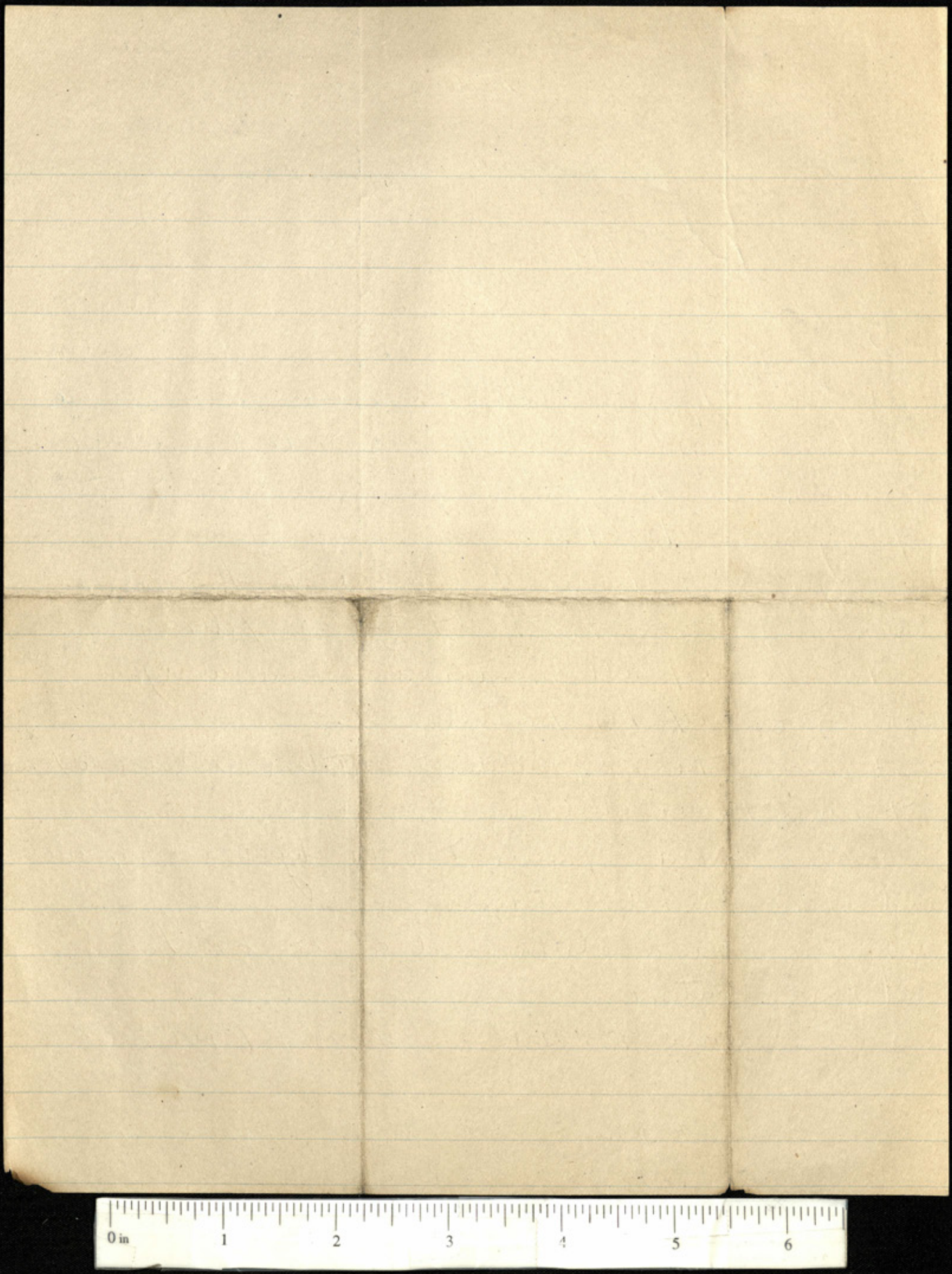
-2- To take very moderate outdoor exercise when the weather is suitable

-3- To avoid exposure to cold by wearing warm clothing while outdoors.

-4- To take a light meal about an hour before bedtime.

-5- To reduce his tobacco to a pipeful after meals.

H J Hunt M.D.



The International Grenfell Association Inc. SCHOONER GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Dr. H. L. Hunt Sheet No. 1 Date Feb 17 1916

Upernak, N.W. Greenland
February 17, 1916

My dear Hal:

Yesterday morning at half past eight I got into North Star Bay. Our drive over was pleasant, and we were delayed by no leads, bad ice, or nothing else.

I found Mene here. He had got in just a short time before me. He reports a shortage of meat everywhere except at Kenton Tegarquakasuak, our man, is the only one so far as Mene knows who has killed a walrus. He brought some seal meat down for Capt. Comer. Practically all the meat at North Star Bay is gone.

Akperdungwa, limping considerably, Sammie (of Etak) and Sindrick, got in from Kangerdluksuak, too, last night. Sammie is down after sledge runners. He knows nothing of Mac, but he says Ootloyah and Okpadlyhako will soon be down with boxes from Nikke that have been sent down from Etak. He doesn't know how many.

Sigloo, Bozeman, and Mene will leave tomorrow for Parker Snow Bay. Sigloo and Bozeman will probably not go to the ship but after getting the boxes left at the forest will return to the cove to sleep. Mene will go on to the ship. By Mene I am sending down three boxes in which you can send up the barrel of flour still in the hold. One of them will have papers to line the boxes so the flour will not leak out, and some books. Another is chock full of articles, most of which you asked for, and which I shall enumerate:

one cooking pot,
one tea pot
ten packages good tea
one tin condensed milk
one dozen packages tobacco (for you)
three packages "Our Advertiser" (for the chief)
eight " yeast (for the cook)
one small package (for " "
2 doz tins soup
1 " " condensed milk

2 wash rags (for Dr. Harry)
5 lbs. shot (for Capt. Pinkes)
1 stove (for Sindrick)

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To H. J. Hunt Sheet No. 1 Date Feb. 17 6 191

I wish to get down as soon as I can several boxes of entire wheat biscuit and some dog biscuit; then I shall feel better about the bread supply.

The ice of the whole sound here looks fine for good seal hunting as soon as the season opens — smooth ice every where.

Capt. Comer looks fine and fat. He has been having a time with the natives.

Mens will take back to the ship the four boxes you set out. I have asked him to bring from the ship the boxes of flour, the keg of molasses, and if you send it, the case of milk.

The following items of food supplies are still left on the ship or in cache according to lists that were sent, and list receipts:

2 bbls flour
1 " meal
* 1 case chowder
1 " peas
* 2 cases pears
1 case cherries
2 cases apples
* 1 case biscuit
1 " figs, dates, etc.
1 " maple syrup.
5 kegs molasses
1 case tomatoes
* 1 " prunes
1 " cream cereal.

* 1 case of each to be left with you.

1 case milk
1 " lime juice
1 " grape juice

I guess that's about all for this time.

Ek.

P. S. I — These dogs here have died of rabies. — Ek

P. S. II. — Capt. Comer recommends leaving the soups alone. He says they are no good for a well man, let alone an invalid. — Ek

P. S. III. The narwhal tusk goes to the chief. It weighs a shade less than 2½ lbs. — Ek.

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SCHOONER GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Dr. H. J. Hurst Sheet No. 3 Date Feb 17 1916

1 wooden box with hinged top screwed on. In the run.
2 dog biscuit boxes " " "
1 condensed milk box " " "
2 locked canvas covered boxes " " "
1 " wooden box with handles " " "

2 leather suit cases
1 large wooden box } Marked M. C. Tanqueary.
1 Hamilton bow (the large box is in the hold)

1 bundle (mackerel hooks, halibut hooks, line)
1 suit case } Marked J. T. Allen or A a ds A III
2 dog biscuit boxes

2 boxes
1 small suit case
1 large " "
1 bag.
1 roll maps & charts } F. Green. (Capt. Pickles has the roll of maps)

The box of grape juice and the box of lime juice may well stay aboard the ship until warm weather.

Dr. Hovey's personal effects can best be brought up, I think, about the time he comes.

The other things can follow later. I feel that Tanks, Jewell's and Tait's belongings take precedence over such expedition supplies and equipment as we shall not particularly need, even though they were willing to have them go back by the ship if necessary.

If the box marked Capt. Eus. Comes 3 A ever shows up it ought to come up at once. Use your own discretion about the medical supply box. Send it up whenever you deem it best. The corn meal should come after the flour.

It is much colder here than at Parker Snow Bay. It makes my ears and nose tingle as soon as I step outside. The coal is nearly gone, and all the lantern chimneys are shattered — yet since Arctic conditions prevail, all right.

When Trenchard is back I shall start at once for "it

The International Grenfell Association Inc. SCHOONER GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Dr. W. J. Heard Sheet No. 2 Date February 17 1916

I am sending you the dozen tins of condensed milk as being perhaps better suited to your requirements than the other left at the ship. If you consider this change all right you might send up by Mine the evaporated milk. Whenever you need more milk, or find that you will need it more send word to Capt. Comer and he will send what you ask for.

Considering the shortage of coal here I am disturbed about our bread supply more than anything else, for we may be unable to make bread or otherwise to use our flour to good advantage, so I shall urge economy on crackers as on nothing else. Under the circumstances, it is only my confidence in your judgment that justifies my leaving any at the ship. The ship has (taking everything into account) a greater supply per man of carbohydrates than we have, in fact almost as much flour and crackers per man as we shall have - if not more - and ought to furnish you and Dr. Hovey with all you need. We'll feel the need most sorely next summer if we are short.

I am also sending you your hamocks, Foster's complete Hoyle, "The Toll of the Arctic Seas" and "The Open Polar Sea". Will you please look after the books. Capt. Pickles asked particularly for books on the Arctic. I am also sending an other can of alcohol to Dr. Hovey. Will you ask him to send back the can after he has poured the alcohol into a bottle for I shall need it on the trail. It is the can you gave me last summer.

As soon as the food supplies have all left the ship will you see to getting the other things up in the following order, as far as possible whenever opportunity comes:

The International Grenfell Association Inc. SCHOONER GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Dr. H. de Thurt Sheet No. 1 Date Feb 19th 191

North Star Bay.
February 19, 1916.

My dear Hal:

Meme, Sigloo, and Bozeman had to come back yesterday because they found open water just off Cape Atholl. Sigloo is going down again as soon as the high tides cease. He will bring all the things to you that Meme would have brought. I have told him to haul the boxes in that you reserved. By him I am sending down also four more packages of Cuttlat Mixture tobacco (I recalled today that you expressed a preference first); a pair of mittens that belong to the second mate, Mr. Norman (they got into my stuff and were brought up here — as he suspected); a box of revolver cartridges to Dr. Hovey; a small package of cloth for a shirt for Inutliak's little girl — Sigloo will deliver it.

Meme, Bozeman, and a crowd of Eskimos leave here tomorrow. Meme and I will go on to Okak as fast as we can. Sammie who is here will accompany us. After Sigloo gets back from Parker Snow Bay he will go to Okak too, after a load of supplies for us.

After several days stay here, I feel most certain that Dr. Hovey is best off at the ship until warmer weather. If at any time you consider him well enough to do without you, exercise your own judgment and pleasure about coming up to Okak.

I shall be glad to see Jot, but otherwise I anticipate my trip northward with but little pleasure.

Best wishes to you, and all.

E.L.

Etah, North Greenland
February 28, 1916.

My dear Hal:

I got into Etah late last night. Today I'm loafing, so I'll write you a short account of my wanderings since leaving the Chief.

The trip to North Star Bay was pleasant. Siglo's dogs took me right along. After staying there a couple of days I left for Etah on the ~~twentieth~~ twentieth.

I went with Mene, Kendick, Akpadungwa and Samuel — left with us. We got into Netchilwik in a heavy wind and stayed there until twenty-second in Akadunwa's igloo. While there I engaged Koodlooktoo to take some boxes from Neshe to North Star Bay later in the spring. He is to receive one pair scissors, three packages Plowboy tobacco and one hatchet for the work. If he also brings 3 seal skins for kamik tops he is to receive in addition a pair of pants. I hardly expect that he will bring the skins.

On the twenty-second Mene and I went to Keatek where we stayed at Qolah's igloo. The day we got in, Eginguwa killed four young seal. The day following we all went seal-hunting but got none. On the twenty-fourth Mene got one seal and Eginguwah three rabbits. Lots of fresh meat — yes, I'm a meat-eater like Smoke Bellew all right — ate nothing but meat from Thenerak to Etah. At Keatek I hired Pooadloonah and Qolah to go to Etah after loads for us. Pooadloonah and Qolah have each 13 dogs in their teams, Eginguwa has 19 in his and Koodlooktoo 12 in his — all are the best of health and condition. We left Keatek on the 26th — Mene, Eginguwah, Qolah, Pooadloonah and I — and got into Neshe that night. There was found open water just a little north, so the men went back to Keatek. It was windy on the 26th and I stayed at Neshe. On the 27th Qoblooyah, Mene, and I went over the glacier and escaped to Etah. Cold, wind blew, the snow was horribly rough and we got lost getting down off the glacier so we came right down over the cliff about 200 yds above Dog Island.

H. J. Hunt No. 2. 2/28/16.

I was pretty tired when I got in – though a meat-eater – and so were Mene and Eoblogah. We left Nerkea at 6 a.m. and got into Eliah at 9 p.m.

Everybody at Eliah is all OK. Joe is looking fine. He killed two caribou on the flat above the house, rolled them down almost to the door – and saw some 10 or 12 more on nearby hills. He says the hills are covered with tuktoo.

Six weeks ago or so, Mac and Okpeddyahalu down with some boxes – 2 cans beans, 1 box baking powder, 2 cans mustard, 1 box dehydrated potatoes – but he did not leave until the twenty-fifth. Sammie had brought down the yeast and 1 box sausage.

I doubt whether or not Mac will get off as early as he planned. He may have trouble with dog meat, Eskimos, and open water.

That's all. Since you're a meat-eater, too, I don't need to worry you about orders or instructions. Regards to everybody.

Ek.

P.S. – It's too soon to say what success my trip up here will have.

Umanak, Thule.
April 21, 1916.

My dear Hal:

After a somewhat more extended trip than I expected when last I wrote to you I'm in at headquarters here, safe and sound but not quite as fat as when I left the lazy life of the ship. I had an easy time at Etah for most of the time the weather was so beastly that one couldn't get out. The fact that for almost a month no natives could get to Etah except over the ice-cap made it all the more pleasant since very few visitors came.

When Mac and I finally did start down we had hard work on a narrow snow covered ice foot from just below the islands past the Crystal Palace cliffs, but we finally got to Herbert. I took a look at all the glaciers between Etah and Umanak, except one, but we found some hard going in Leyfield Sound. I didn't do the work as carefully as I had planned but deep snow this season covers everything so I'm content to have done what I could.

I got my first word from you just as Mac and I rounded C. Parry, where we met Siglos. I had heard indirectly from you through Louisa, and I knew that the ice was gone between Umanak and the ship for after I left attempts were made every few days first by one and then another Eskimo to get by, but without success. Louisa told me that some of the boxes had gone and I easily guessed which they were. I'm glad you finally got the stuff I sent you almost two months ago, thinking you would get it a day or two after I sent it. By the way, you wrote to Capt. Comer, or Dr. Hovey died, regarding a case of tobacco that Mac was supposed to have sent to Capt. Pickels. Capt. Comer knows nothing of it, and when Mac gave me a list of the things he had sent down from Etah, tobacco was not one of the items. I recall no word of any being sent at any time, so I think that Mac's customary forgetfulness has served him as well as usual. If we could spare any from our supply I'd gladly send some down to Capt. Pickels, but our supply is quite limited, Peter's supply is exhausted here at Umanak, one case of Mac's (over 100 lbs) had molded so bad as to be almost worthless, and much of another case of Duke's Mixture was altogether spoiled, and as a consequence I feel our tobacco, the little we have, is perhaps our most valuable asset for getting help from the Eskimos.

Hal, much as I'd like to keep the ship out and I most sincerely wish I could, I fear that if the fourth year's stay here becomes an actuality ~~so~~ I fear the chances are it will, we shall need that molasses sorely. Not only is our supply of carbohydrates limited, we have been, or will soon have been, on an unusual diet for three years, and these to pull through a fourth of even more difficult, and meager food, may be harder than we think. Of course if a ship comes we could have shared much with the ship; if one doesn't we shall be hard put to it at the best. So I think I shall ask the Eskimos to bring up the four kegs at the point, as well as the one at the ship. You know I traded one in on account to Capt. Pickels last winter. There were six originally and we have five left - and we need them. The ship will get out all right, I think. On our account with the ship the balance was much in our favor when I left the ship, so I suppose we are still as much to the good. [illegible]

The ice up the coast has been out pretty generally up the coast, even into the bays, in places where it rarely goes out. At Neltere, Petersark, Kekwaday, and elsewhere, they have got not more than ten walrus all told, I think not more than six since I left Umanak. Dogs are dying nearly everywhere. Thudnick has lost several

since he was at the ship. He has but five left. Mene, Potak, Equigwah, and Pooadloonah have lost none, but so far as I know everyone else has. In general the Eskimo are impoverished even beyond their worst, as an unfavorable summer is over to make an unusually hard winter next year.

I feel pretty well satisfied with my mission to Etah. I've got down 100 lbs. aweey bread, 100 lbs whole wheat, and over 100 lbs. dog-biscuit in addition to other things - rice, bacon, beans, potatoes, pemmican, etc - all or practically all of which Mac would, or could not have got down to us. Potak, Equigwa, Pooadloonah, Siglos, and Koodlooktoo all hauled heavy loads, and did it at a very reasonable price too. After I engaged them, they stuck to it nobly. Siglos has been particularly satisfactory; all have done well. I was not surprised that so little came up from Ugerniork; the north is always the north, and besides, men, like leopards, dont change their spots.

Mac went off very well prepared with supplies and equipment, in my opinion, with superfluous weight, but then his plans are ambitious. He thinks Mac doesn't intend to get back this summer, but judging from the books and accessory equipment that he took, I am convinced that he will surely come back. Time, of course, will tell. He's the same Mac. When he left he told me to take as many fox-skins as I should need. I brought down fifty all told - I could have brought more, but when I was at Umanak I found that Peter's supply of food was well-nigh exhausted and that we should probably be unable to get anything from him in case of need. His supply of trading material is small. Rather than load the sledge with bulky skins, I brought food supplies. If we buy anything beyond the value of the skins I brought down, we can get skins next fall.

Mene, Pooadloonah, and Koodlooktoo, are coming down to the ship either to-morrow or next day. I engaged the two latter yesterday because they have good teams and there is no one else immediately available. I should come down myself but I am eager to get up the rest of the supplies by sea-ice; I can, if it be necessary, go over the glacier, later, because I can walk over the hard places, whereas the supplies can't. I shall entrust to Mene the task of bringing back the other barrel of flour - in the barrel if possible; if not then in boxes. You will please see to it, will you? I wish very much to get up by these sledges the rest of the food supplies, especially the evaporated milk, the cream cereal, the butter, the molasses, and the butter. If I am right in my lists of what is left, these three sledges ought to bring up all the rest of the food. If they can bring more, send up some coal of you will.

After the food is all up here, I'll come down by the first sledge. Whenever the opportunity comes, and you feel free, and willing to come up, we'll be glad to have you, but until the food all comes I wish you would stay to look after it. I think I shall easily get down once the food is here, but until then I dont feel I ought to weight the sledges down. After the food all comes, I suspect we ought to get up Mac's films and photographic material, and then before any more baggage, a little coal. Dr. Hovey should by all means wait until about May 15th at least. I haven't had warm feet since I got in - everything is frosty or damp, cold and cheerless. We keep our heavy clothes on all day long. I am not yet sure that our supply of kerosene is adequate; I rather suspect that less will be available for our use than we expect. It's camp life here, and a mighty uncomfortable kind at that. For household purposes the

Pomeroy stove isn't particularly well adapted.

I have written Dr. Hovey urging upon him the advisability of returning to the States by the Chuit. The chances of his getting back by that route, look vastly better to me than the prospect of his enduring a fourth year here. If worst comes to worst all the rest of us would have some chance of succeeding in a retreat southward either late next fall or by sledge next winter; he would have none. Things don't look good to me up here, Hal. There won't be much food at Utak, very little indeed at Kangeklukswak, almost none at Umanak, and the natives have about all they can do now. On the other hand Dr. Hovey may be exceedingly reluctant to trust to the Chuit, and to go back on the chief's word has passed. The very open season however alters the usual aspect of things. I believe there will be unusually open water through July and early August. But anyway, if Dr. Hovey decides not to go back by the Chuit he shouldn't come up here until the weather is safe. If he decides to stay aboard the Chuit we ought to help out with the grub if necessary, by leaving the evaporated milk, the barrel of flour, and a bag of meat across aboard at least; that ought to be a fair contribution from our stores, but we can afford if necessary to help even more to safeguard his return to the States as well as possible. Peter may bring news that will bear significantly upon the course to pursue, and he ought to be along soon.

I shall inclose a note to Capt. Pickels. Will you please hand it to him?

Sincerely

Erk.

P.S. - I may yet decide to come down with this letter and deliver it in person, even though I think it better wait.

10 p.m. Umenak, Thule
April 21, 1916.

Dear Hal:

Mene went to Saunders Island after dogmeat yesterday and got back this evening. His dogs are pretty well in from the trip down from Etak, and in no shape to go down to the ship at once, so Pooadlina and Koodlooklöo will start down tomorrow without him, and he will come later. Load these two men pretty well to the limit; they have good dogs and good sledges, and with good weather ought to have an easy time back.

If Dr. Hovey feels disposed to go back on the Chett, as I hope he will, for his own sakes, don't hesitate to arrange for him as satisfactorily as we can. If it be necessary draw upon our stores as I have outlined in my earlier letter. If Capt Pickles thinks and assures you that he does not need assistance, use your judgment as to what to do, in case Dr. Hovey decides to go back; we shall need everything, but Dr. Hovey's need may be greater, and we should do all we can to help him. If then, Dr. Hovey seems inclined to go back and you retain some or most of the food for his use, make up full loads for the men of the remaining boxes and coal. I think the butter and cream cereal at least should come up here – also most of the molasses.

In case Dr. Hovey considers it best to stay here, then send up the food supplies before all else – flour, butter, molasses, cream cereal, and whatever is left.

If it were necessary, I should feel obliged to come down now before the food supplies left are sent up, but I am sure you can put the matter as clearly before Dr. Hovey as I can; in fact if the situation does not speak for itself, I fear neither of us can throw much light upon it beyond what Dr. Hovey should readily see. You can explain it as well as I, and you have my expressed opinion to support yours if need be. I feel that if Peter brings later news of the war than we have heard heretofore it may be of influence.

I hope the ice holds good so that we may have easy communication with the ship the rest of the season so that we can get up some fuel to cook with in addition to our food and baggage. The temperature has been steady about – 15 C all day. Pleasant weather, but cold.

Loyally

Et.

8 a.m. morning.

May 3, Friday

Dear Ch,

Everything smooth here, plenty grub. The ice has broken out from the bird cliffs so that one cannot get along there even on foot safely.

If Cyrenus thinks he can fetch the canoe, let him. The only damage would be chafing one blanket & lumber would prevent that.

No invalids in sight yet,
but lots of ducks.

Capt Conner is well
and cheerful.

If I and comes out
send paddles & oars only.
Send for me anytime
you think best.

Yours
Hal.

Umanak, Thule
May 6, 1916. Tuesday.

My dear Hal:

Egingwa and I got in last night from Nunataksuak. Despite wind and much snow, fair, Egingwa got 10 seal on the trip. I had to be content with 2 rabbits, 3 ptarmigan, and 2 old squaws. None of us saw any caribou, though we saw fairly fresh tracks of four, far back in the hills. I had a good chance to look over the geology and botany.

Peter left last night just as I got in. He simulates a vast indignation at Dr. Hovey; but I am skeptical of his sincerity for reasons inherent in the transaction itself, aside from former experience. At any rate, I think it is the logical outcome of the deal, under the circumstances.

Kooloodingwa came in today with Acting who needs your attention to his swollen hand - apparently a bad infection. Knowing that you would be reluctant to come back to Etah unless absolutely necessary, I presume to send them down to you with such equipment as my limited knowledge and experience leads me to think you may need to attend to the infection. If you deem it necessary to come back to attend to it, of course you won't hesitate to do so.

Kooloodingwa brings me a characteristic letter from Mene who got back to Etah on May 16th, "having made 1350 miles in 56 days, a new record in Arctic travel, I believe." He and his party got to Ingelby Land all right, mapped part of North Cornwall, and brought back 15 bear skins, 13 musk-ox skins, and 40 lb. young polar bear alive. He is now working 15 hours a day! The party lost 12 dogs in one way or another, etc. etc.

Mene and I will go to Granville Bay tomorrow, leaving Egingwa free for a while to lay in some seals. I really don't like to leave here now; there are so many shore birds, and I have a lot to write up about Nunataksuak, but I guess I'd better get the trip done with. I don't know how long I'll stay, but we will probably come to Saunders Island to stay a day or two on the way home.

I forgot to send out to you your mittens that Mene came off with. I forgot to send them out by Peter as he intended to do.

With Peter and his household at the island, you have quite a village, and you will not lack for some one to talk to you. I trust you and Capt. Comer can keep comfortable. Egingwa and I had to dodge the wet places in our trip when it was snowing. So long

Ek.

Umanak, Thule
Monday. May 29th, 1916.

My dear Hal:

Egingwa will leave today for Saunders Island. Saturday he relashed his komatik and yesterday was all ready to start but it was too windy to risk the canoe out on the sound. I hope it gets out in good shape.

I am sending down a little grub in case you and Capt. Comer stay longer. Use your own judgment about coming back - as long as you think it worth while or wish to stay go ahead; Capt. Comer too as long as he thinks it profitable. In case neither comes back with Egingwa, please send me word what you plan, and how long you expect to stay.

Peter has asked me to let Mene take Mate Davis back to the ship and I have assented. Peter will augment Mene's team by several dogs. As long as the Mate is here, I have to stay pretty close, to cook; as soon as he goes, I want to get out to Grenville Bay befor the ice gets impassable. I may be gone when you get back, if the weather be good, but not to Grenville B. I shan't go there until you get a chance to go too if you wish to do so. When Capt. Comer gets through at Saunders Isl., he may wish to do some work at Narsarsook, and I wish to be ready to give him the chance.

I have written Dr. Hovey that you are considering the advisability of not going out with the Cheetah; that I have told you that I shall share everything with you in case you stay; and ~~that~~ while I think you ought to take no ~~risks~~ chance of a fourth year, ~~but~~ that I feel it is your own province to decide.

Samuel came in last night, bringing me a letter from Jot. Everything at Etah is all right. When Mac's last party came back they brought a letter from him saying that he was three days ahead of schedule and making over 20 miles a day! Two men were to leave Etah about the middle of May, to meet Mac at the foot of the glacier on his way back.

Let me hear from you by return mail.

Ek.

Mate and I saw a turnstone and a knot yesterday!
Have Egingwa bring back as much peat as he can reasonably carry. Peter has tied me to use all I need, and we have much seal fat.

Umanak, Thule
Friday, June 16, 1916.

My dear Hal:

Mene, and Egingwa and Innecook are leaving this morning for Saunders Island. Mene's dogs are in bad shape, two have died and one more will I think. It is apparently the same disease as that from which my dog died on the trail last year. Egingwa says that with his teg teauche he can easily bring you back with your luggage when you wish to come - perhaps on the 19th; or perhaps you would prefer the 20th? Anyway I guess you will get back all right. The little Egingwa might bring in some of your luggage for which you have no need especially before you go.

Leave one tent, taking just the pole and laying the tent down. Any supplies, oil, etc you might also leave. You will first know how to place the canoe safe when you leave. I shall probably not go to the island again, for the next month will be my busiest time here, but in case I do go it will be at once when Egingwa gets back.

Sincerely
F.E.

North Star Bay,
Northwest Greenland.
June 19, 1916.

Dr. Harrison J. Hunt.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with plans already discussed and determined upon, you are hereby authorized to proceed to the Schooner George B. Cluett in Parker Snow Bay by the best means which the expedition, or that portion of it in station at North Star Bay can place at your disposal; and you will, when you have arrived there, take passage in her for your return to the United States, the captain of the vessel having given due notice that any of the Crockerland Expedition who desire may return in her, if they arrive at the vessel on or before June 25th, 1916, or before the vessel starts.

Were it certain that a relief vessel reaches us this summer your leaving now, would be unnecessary and undesirable; but with the existing conditions the risk of any one's remaining in this land a fourth year unnecessarily seems greater than that of not having a physician and surgeon here for the members remaining.

Upon your return journey you will be governed by your contract provisions.

Truly yours
N. Ekblaw,
In charge, Southern Sub-station
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June 19th 1916
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Greenland.

Mr. M. Elmer Ekblaw

Dear Sir. In my opinion the trip from Porter Sound Bay by sledge over the ice cap would be too strenuous for Dr Hovey to take, without danger to his health.

Yours Truly,
H J Hunt, M.D.
Surgeon Crocker Land Exp.

Cooking pot. ✓
Tea pot. ✓
tea. 1/2 lb. ✓
malted milk. ✓
tobacco. 1 dz. packages ✓
~~powder. dz. cans.~~
soups. 2 dz. cans ✓
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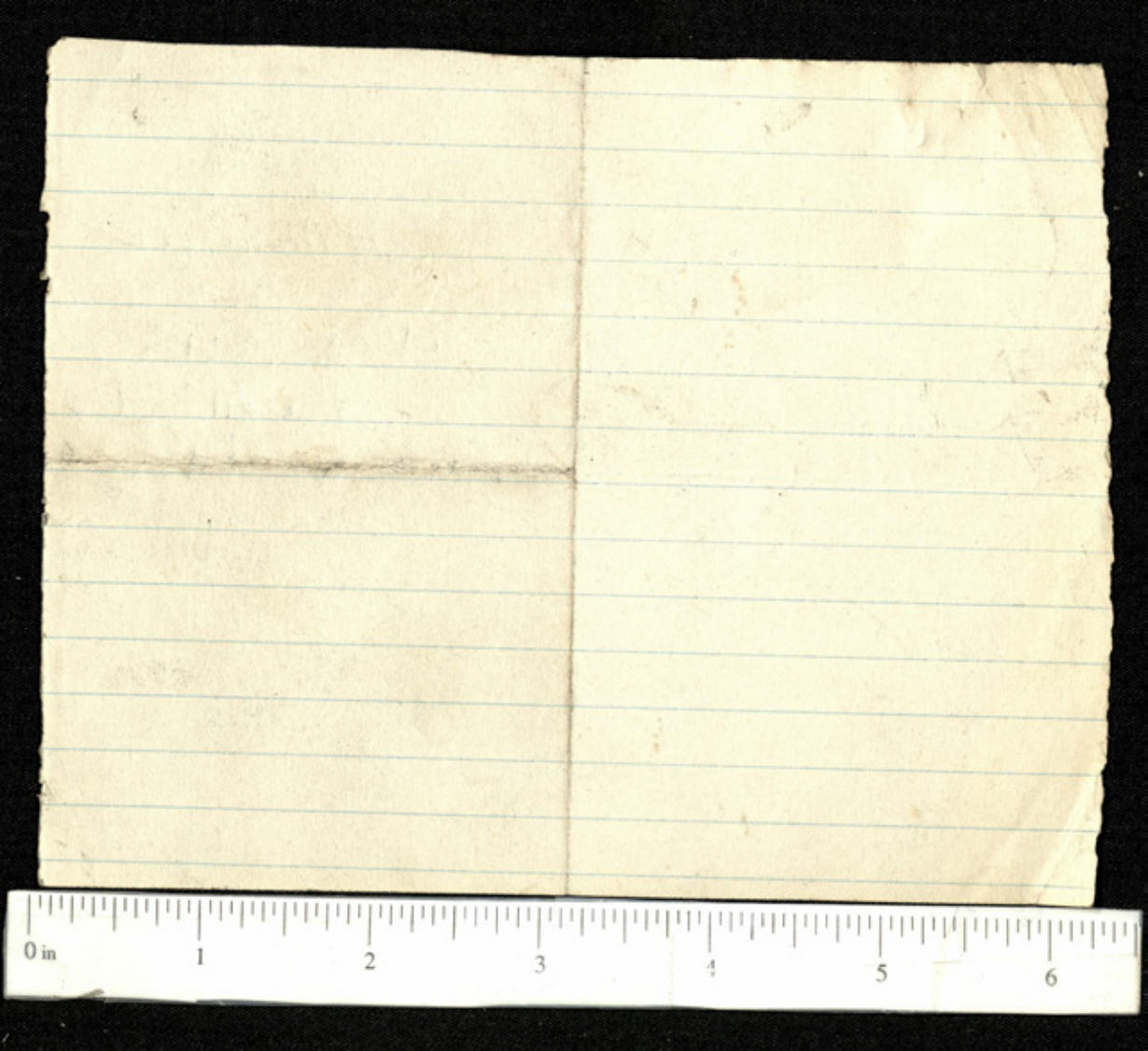
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Hal
~~Mac~~
Peter, et al.

Jno. W. Elmer Ekblaw.
Mus. of Natl. Hstory
New York City.

c/o Dr. E. O. Hovey