

E. L. L.

Dec. 16 1915

Dear E. L.

I have sent you everything that I could possibly find except your little ships lamp, they will have quite a load and I thought I had better leave that. I am sorry that I couldn't get them to you before but you will know that I have nothing to do with that end of it.

Now E. L. I am going to ask a favor of you, please talk with Dr. Hovey and try to get me a small pair of long legged rubber boots, and a pair of artic boots the smallest you have I wear no. 4

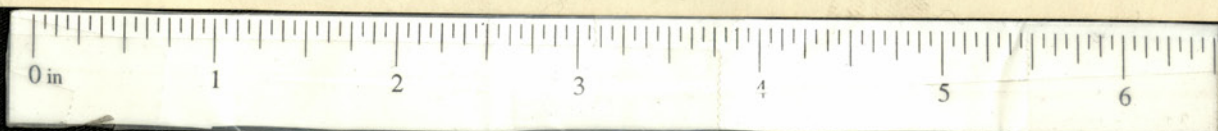




shoe at home, so I guess they have
nothing too small for me. I want
the rubber boots bad, for trout fishing
and seal hunting in the spring
on the wet ice, and will you see
that they get on one of the sleds that
is coming up. I am feeling fine
Regards to Tank, will be looking
for you up, and will promise to
lay my self out in cooking for you.
Best wishes

Yot





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SCHOONER
GEORGE B. CLUETT

To Joe

Sheet No.

Date April 20 1916

Umanak, Thule, Apr. 20, 1916.

My dear Joe:

Mene and I got in here last night just before midnight after two days hard pull from Netchilik. We found Capt. Corner all hale and hearty. It is rather cold and cheerless here without coal, but I guess will make out all right till warm weather comes! Mene said I had a nice visit at Kangukluksuak. We saw every glacier but one between Etah and Umanak.

Koolootengwa who has been hunting bears on Melville Bay (he got two) brought a load of stuff up from the ship, and among other things he wanted alcohol. Since we have only a little here I could give him none but when he told me that he was going to Etah later, I told him I would write you a letter asking you to give him some when he got there. Will you please do so.

I got a letter from Dr. Hovey telling me that everybody aboard the Cluett is all right now, though Norman, the second mate is still suffering from rheumatism as a result of his freezing. It took Dr. Hunt over an hour to bring him to. I imagine he has learned a thing or two.

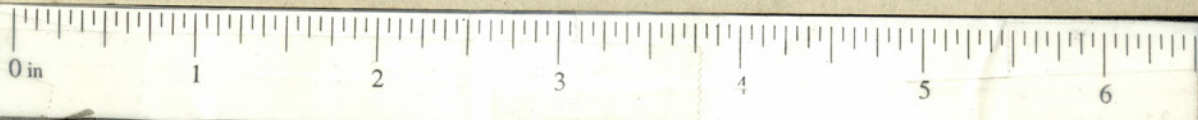
If you get a good chance, Joe, send me Inoke Pellew. but only if you get a good chance. Be sure to let me hear from you too, whenever you find anyone traveling this way.

Nearly everything has got in here from Etah. Oobloyah will bring me what little is left - it isn't much. I'm glad you don't have to bother around for me much more, but I sure shall miss you. I wish you could be here this summer. I have written to Dr. Hovey urging him for our sake as well as his own to stick by the Cluett and go home in her - not much good it will do I think. Dr. Hunt, too, thinks it best for him to go back in the Cluett.

So long, Joe. I hope you are having fine weather. Please pass the beans and ginger cookies again.

Sincerely yours Et.

Capt. Corner sends his regards.



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Umanak, Thule.

April 29, 1916.

My dear Jbs.

Once again I bother you, old man. This time it is to send me down, if possible, 1000 number 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ (size) primers for Mene. We have powder and lead but all our primers are all small size. Mene is very anxious again about his ammunition and eager to be sure of having the primers. If you can't send them will you please set aside 1000 for him. If you can send them wrap them up well and send them to me please. There are plenty of them in the ammunition chest in Mac's room.

In a letter from Dr. Hovey that Dr. Hunt brought up when he came to Umanak yesterday, Dr. Hovey seems inclined to go South on the Cluett if no other ship comes up before the Cluett leaves. Dr. Hunt has advised him not to take the chance of having to stay up here another year, under the conditions. Dr. Hunt says that he too will probably go with the Cluett if no ship comes before she leaves. I do not know what Capt. Comer will do, for Dr. Hovey wants him to go south on the Cluett too, but Capt. Comer will do whatever I think best. I believe that if the event really happens that the Cluett leaves before any other vessel arrives, I can not justifiably hold Capt. Comer, nor should I wish to do. It is clearly my duty to stay and look after things, and I shall do so cheerfully and as well as I can, even though I shall be as glad as anyone to get home. I fancy that I can hold my own even against odds here, if it be necessary next winter.



If our ship comes to Etah, then, I guess you can be pretty sure that I is feeling pretty lonesome along about October or November, but still fat and argumentative. A little later when I have been down to the ship and conferred with Capt. Pickles and Dr. Hovey, I shall write you at length. Don't worry about us down here. Capt. Comer, Dr. Hunt, and I are all in good health. Norman, the second mate of the Chett, is still in bad shape.

The little Nap York, Peter's ship, got back all right to South Greenland. None of Fitz's dogs came back.

The weather here is fine, seals beginning to come up on the ice. The ice is good between here and the ship now except for a few leads, but it is thin and likely to go out any time. Dr. Hunt has almost forbidden Dr. Hovey to come up to Umanak the way things are; we have no coal, the house is cold and damp, and there is deep snow everywhere; so I guess Dr. Hovey will probably not come to Umanak, not for some time at least.

The Eskimos have treated me very well, not only here, but all along the way down from Etah. Ootah, Egingwah, Inghut, Obloyah, Pastor Olsen, Hoodlooktoo - in fact, everyone, was fine.

Well as long, old man. I hope I'll see you in July or August, and that you will have a good summer. So long.

Ed.



Umanak, Thule.

May 1, 1916.

My dear Jot:

Obloyah, Kiguta, and Mayah who have been here for the past few days are leaving this morning for the North, so I am sending this message to you, thinking that you may receive it, probably the last that you will be able to get from this station.

Except for the last two days, April was a fine month with clear sky, no wind, and generally mild weather. The seals are beginning to come up on the ice but there has got none yet, though Koodlooktoo got two and Povadloorah one when they went down to the ship.

Every thing is all right here. Dr. Hunt, Capt Comer, and I take turns at cooking. The various Eskimo that I have had hired at different times this winter have come in for their payment so we had quite a crowd here at times - as many as five - but there remains but one more to pay off, a Cape York man, and I want to entertain Anowee and Esayoo when they come, if they do so.

I think the ice between here and the ship has again gone out, for it was cracked up by big leads before, that the sledges found it hard to get by.

Well so long Jot. There is a good strong ship out summer and a good time back for all of us. Dr. Hunt asks me to send you his best regards. I thank you for all you have done for me.

Loyally your friend
E. H.

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Umanak, Thule.

May 5, 1916

My dear Jot:

Peter and his men, after a trip with much open water, got in here safely and well last night, having left our fellows all well and going strong at a place called Skarsook, just north of Egedesminde, and south of Umanak, on March sixth, apparently in good time and to spare, for the first ship. Allen, Tank, and Fitz all write me that the Danes have treated them nicely all along the way. Allen had the diarrhoea part of the way, and Fitz had a raging toothache most of the way. Tank as usual had not a single complaint. They ought to be almost started to Denmark now.

The war is worse than ever - Greece has joined the allies, Bulgaria has sided in with Turkey and Germany. The English and French have driven the Germans back some, but lost very heavily in men. Surprisingly to state, the Russians defeated the Germans in a great naval battle in the Baltic Sea, sank several ships, and besides regaining their control over Riga, their great fortress and seaport, obtained control of much of the Baltic Sea. The Germans have pushed the Russians back on land, but the Germans are afraid to pursue them. The Russians absolutely lay waste their country as they retreat as the Germans can get no supplies. Denmark had a little naval brush with Germany, but it was patched up diplomatically. The Allies have given up the attack on the Dardanelles, but since Greece has joined them they are changing to a land offensive that the Turks can't resist. Both Germany and the Allies have given Rumania free cars (after the first of October) to join one side or the other - if she joins the Allies Austria will have a hard time. Several more ships have been lost on both sides. Of course Peter may have got some things pulled up.

Rumor, rather than anything definite, states that Pres. Wilson, after the sinking of two American ships by the Germans, delivered an ultimatum which Germany insultingly ignored and - then Pres. Wilson backed down. I think Peter is misled and that the two ships were those we have already heard about - the Ubraskan and the Gulflight.

Paddybungwa is leaving here today. By him I shall send up seven of Fitz's dogs - one died, and a bear killed one, so Peter says - in the hope that you will get them in time to do some real hunting. Teddy has had a very sore hawed that Dr. Hunt has been caring for. I hope everything is going well at Etah, and that you are well, and contented. Mine and Hal send their regards. We are having fine weather - from 32° to 46° F., no wind, and clear sky. The seals are out, Mene is away on a hunting trip now.

P.S. - I shall not write to Mac now, will you please share ~~the news~~ this letter with him when he comes back.

Yours friend
E.K.



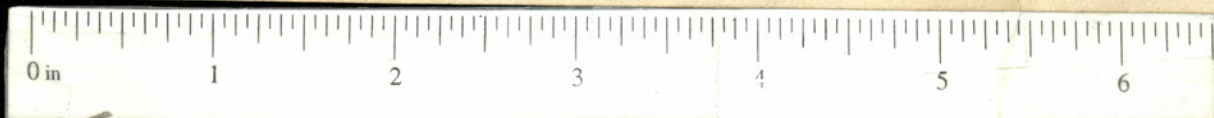
Etah May 9th 1916

Dear Ek

Samick has just got in here he has been over bear hunting, got two. says that he is going to Minnark, so I started this letter at once.

Everything here is fine having dandy weather calm and a hot sun most of the time. and that makes me feel bully. Mac's men are all back here had two letters from him, says everything is going fine he is 3 days ahead of time and making over 20 miles a day. Ah-com-ah-ding-wah, and Ah-pud-ah-shar-show are going back to the foot of the glacier to meet him. They will leave here about the 15th or 18th.

I am glad that Hovey and Hunt are thinking of going back off the Bluet, and I hope captain Comer also will go, for I think every white man possible should get out of this country this year. Jimmie and Oddie are up to Knor-toch



seal hunting Samrnich says they have a lots
of them. I am sorry now that we didn't eat
more eggs while you was here, for now they
are thawing out, and I have to eat more
then I really want to keep them from
spoilng. I sent your last package down by
Obloyah, and Ah-duch-ah-hingwah. I am
having a devil of a time trying to spell
these names. I have been crazy for the
ice boat, the ice has been dandy and smooth
for about 4 miles out side of Tit's island, and
way down to the glacier I would have dug
it out of the snow and fixed it up only the
sail is over the igloo at Nerkey. we have
done a lots of hunting ofnmie got another
deer, I was close to one, but like a damn
~~fool~~ shot and killed a ~~rabbit~~ rabbit, and
scared him away, it was blowing quite
hard and I was going to the windward
up a slight raise saw a rabbit asleep under
a rock got the rabbit then went on about
100 yards and saw where the deer had
got ~~up~~ and made a circle till he came



around to the leeward of me, then by the looks of his tracks he was going some I followed the tracks quite a distance but the snow blew over the tracks and I lost them. It all happened up where you saw the pieces of deer skin. I saw the same pieces. I have taken the tent that Fiti had over his boxes split it open and made it wider and put a foot on it, to put rocks on, sewed up one door way, and rigged it up with 2 poles in this fashion $\wedge$ so there is no pole in the center. it is now a dandy summer hunting tent. I am done swearing at those things of Mac's. last summer I got my belly full of them, was you ever in one when there was a wet snow storm. wind I will not ask, for I know you was at Solwaddy with me. My spare time I have hunted up all the parts and pieces of Jewell and primus stoves that I could find and rigged me up a dandy primus



stove and it works like a charm, as
good as new one. Well & k there is no news
except your dog is dead - - - - -

he eat burnt horse flesh - - - - -

Good luck and best of wishes

Sincerely

Yot

Regards to Calpain corner



Umanak, Thule, May 16/16

My dear Jot:

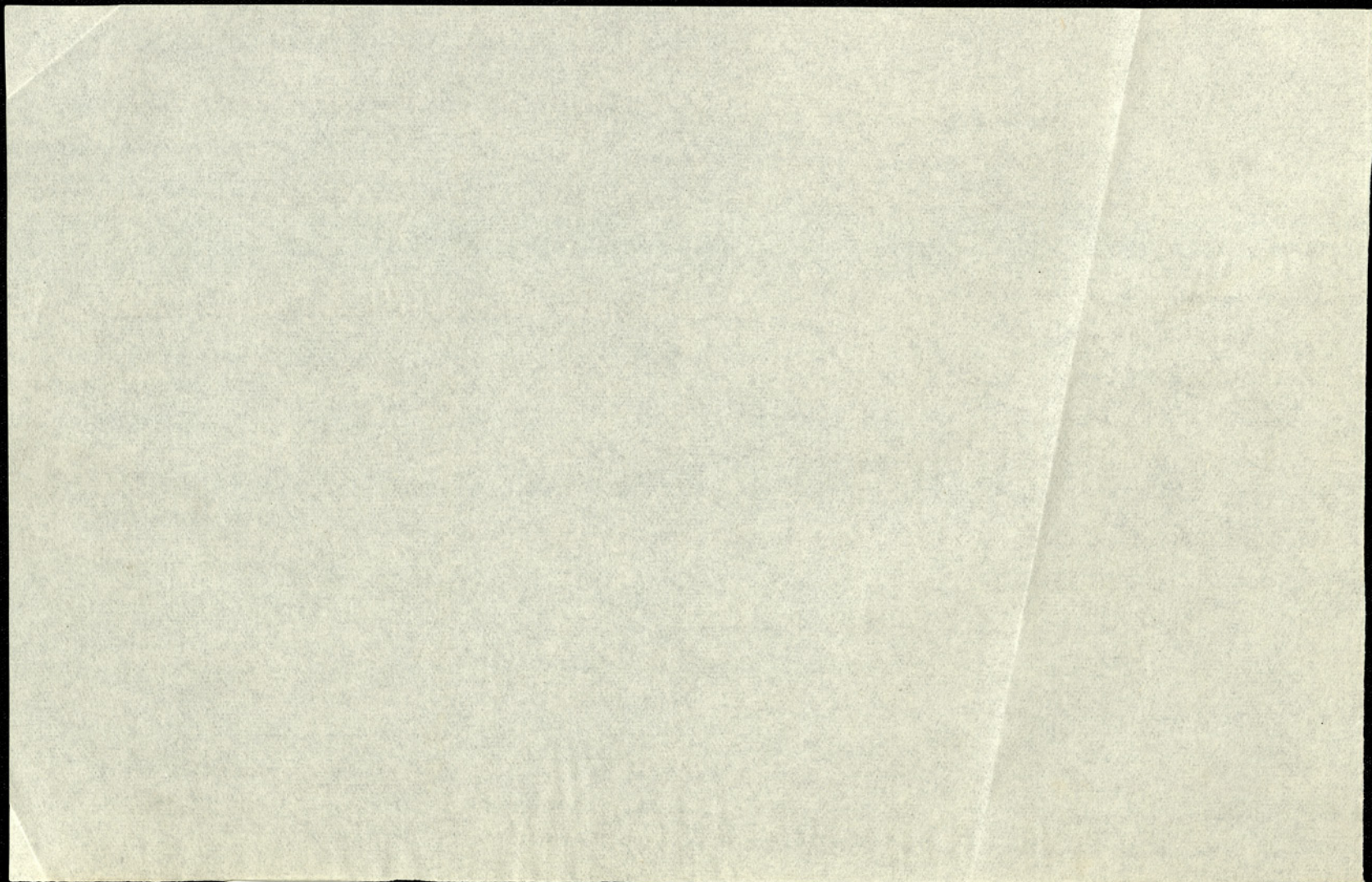
Qwdukaingya brought down the primers, Smoke Bellows, and the bottle of glycerine iodine, and the news that Ahcommodungwa and Okpudayshav were back, also that she left so soon that you could send no letter. For everything you sent I'm much obliged old man. I wish I could see you.

Everything here is going as expected, but Dr. Hovey, Dr. Hunt, and Capt Comer will all leave on the Cluett if no ship comes up before the Cluett leaves. Capt Pickles has notified us that all who wish to go out on the Cluett must be at the ship by the twenty-seventh of the month of June, so I shall be alone here after that date, to fight all my battles. I'm not worrying much. If a ship comes, all the better! If not, I guess the three of us left can look out for ourselves pretty well, eh?

I've written all the news in Wac's letter, which you had better read, since there isn't anything personal in it.

Egingwa got eight seals in about six hours yesterday, up at the head of the fjord. Plenty of meat today. So long, old man; may be I'll see you in a couple of months, maybe not until next winter, but all the same I'll be thinking of you. Your friend E.K.





Umanak, Thule.
August 14, 1916.

My dear Jot:

The "pessimists" seem to win out pretty well in our Arctic prophecies, but dog-gone it, I wish that this time we could have been wrong! Dr. Hovey seems to think that some one should stay at Etah. Whether it be you, or Mac, or both of you, I am sincerely sorry, and I just as sincerely hope you won't have to, or feel that you have to. This summer has been a particularly hard one for me, and to have to start across Melville Bay in Peter's motorboat, puts the finishing touch to it and the whole expedition.

Will you please see, Jot, that the following articles are put aboard the motorboat for me:

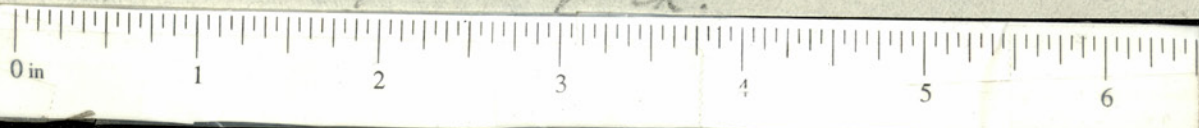
1. The pair of high leather shoes, or boots, that are in Jank's old big personal box in my section of the attic. The box is not nailed up, and the boots are at the bottom.
2. A son's wester if there be one about the house anywhere. Give it to Peter, and tell him it is for me, if you find one, - in case you don't come yourself.
3. My box, marked EK, No. 10, in the electrical room. Very important.

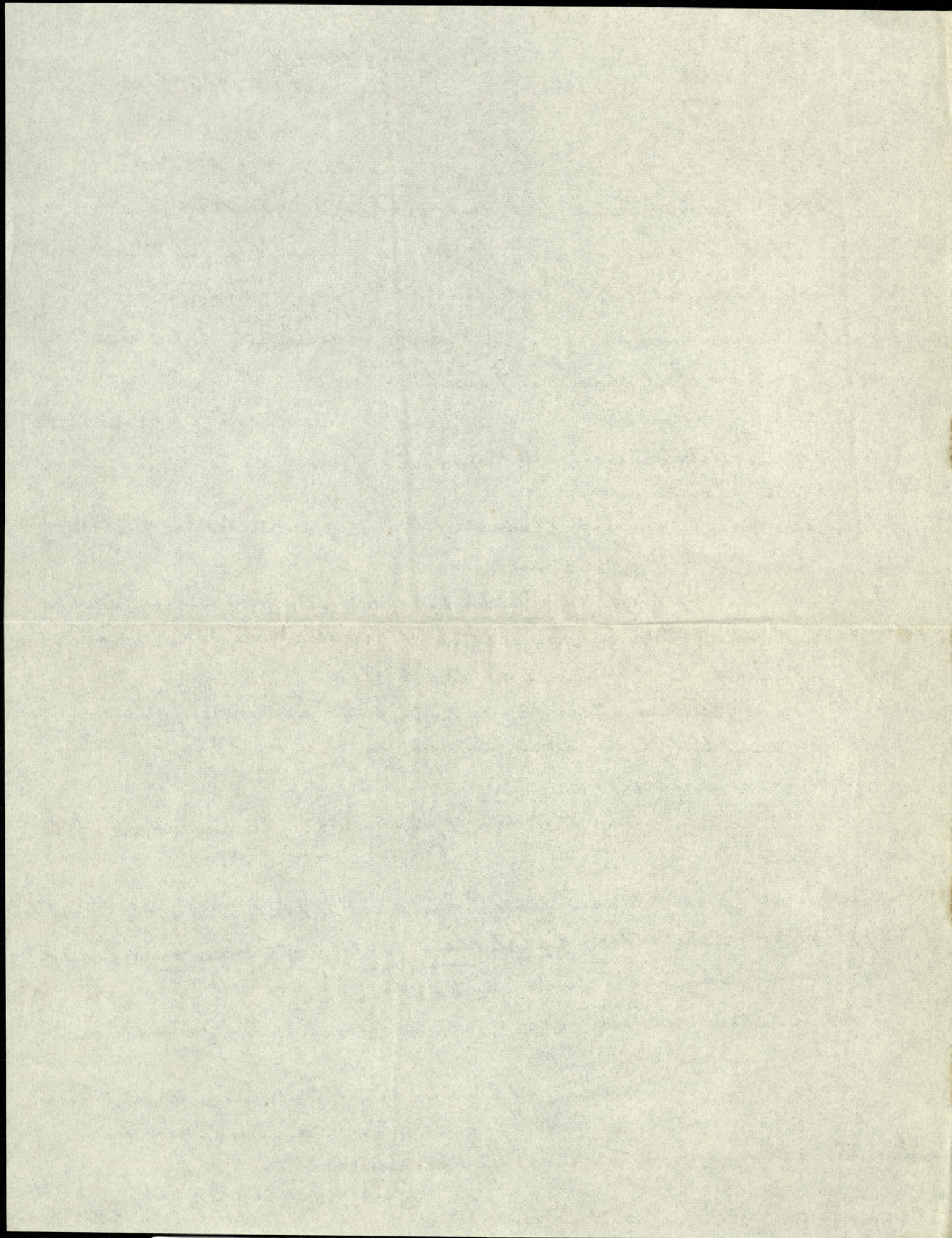
And will you please tie up my skis which you will find in my section of the attic, label them well with my name, and put them away in a safe place?

And further will you see that caribou skins for a sleeping bag for me come aboard?

I hope you don't stay at Etah. I shall feel much safer, much better, if you are with us. If you stay, old man, you know I'm sincerely your friend, and always will be.

Sincerely and loyally Ek.
I hope to see you in a few days. Ek.





Upernivik, North Star Bay,
October 15, 1916.

My dear Jot:

It is only a word of greeting that I send by Koo-
lutingwa who came down from Nutehivik day before yes-
terday, and who says he will take the mail up to Etah as soon
as it is possible to get there.

A second relief ship, the ~~old~~ old Danmark finally got here
on September 23, only to freeze me. She has on board 200 tons
graphite. The orders she has told her to go on from S. Greenland to
Etah to take us to St. John's where she will discharge the graphite
and us, and then return to S. Greenland. On her way she is to
discharge at North Star Bay the goods for Peter and the station; I
do not know what her orders are for the minister's stuff but she
had the supplies aboard for both Pastor Olsen and Enoch Christiansen.
She had too many irons in the fire, Jot. Had her sole purpose
been to get us back, I think she would have done so. And on her
way up from S. Greenland she had to stop once or twice a day for two
hours to give a Swedish botanist aboard time to take hydrographi-
cal data.

She entered the ice of Melville Bay just north of Isinevak and
was in it for seven weeks. It was August sixth when she entered
and the 23rd of September when she got here. This is the third
consecutive year, that the ice in Melville Bay has been hard to get
through.

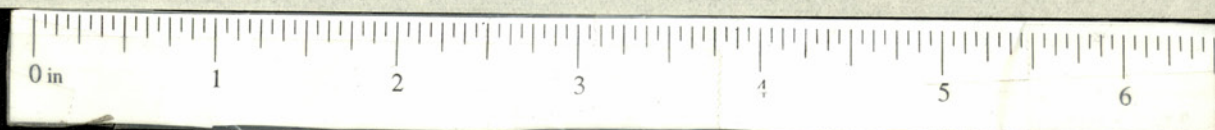
I like the North better than ever Jot, but I'm heartily sick of the
conditions under which we have to stay here. Since the ship
came I've had to take things without saying a word that I or
any free and independent American citizen ought to resent
with a fight. It is the most humiliating situation I've ever
been in. But what's the use of kicking. I'm going to start for
South Greenland, and hope that I'll get back home next
June or July.

Best regards, old man.

Loyally Ek.

Send me a note by return mail, won't you?





Elah

November 19, 1916

Dear Ek

I hope that the next time that I write to you we will both be home in the states. Things are about the same here with plenty of wind. I have a dog-team of my own, and have the privilege of coming and going as I wish, those are part of the conditions that caused me to stay here this winter, and if it was moon light I would be tempted to come down with Sammie and see you off, but as it is I will go down and see Obbloyah later on. Rasmussen told me that he would send me up some tobacco, please put him wise not to send it up to Mac, but in a separate package direct to me. I had good luck seal



hunting this fall have four in cache
now The eskimos didn't have extra
good luck deer hunting they said
they saw a lots of track of something
either dogs or wolves. Newcarpingual
said that he saw the tracks way out on
the ice and from the deer being down
here so plenty last winter, and the
eskimos not seeing one single young
deer, it leads me to believe that the
wolves have got in up there.

If a ship don't come next summer
you will see me going toward South
Greenland next winter. I just asked
Etookashoo what he wanted me to say
to you, and he said he wanted you
to send him a tent Well Eik take care
of your self, best wishes for a good trip
hope and will make it a point
that we meet again, it made me
feel bad to have to say good by, when
you went away in the boat,
Good by to the Dr. Give him my best
wishes. if there is anything that I can
do for you here let me know
your (innue) friend ofot



Dear Capt. Comer and Jot:

I have asked that to keep my boxes numbered Ek # 2, 3, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, ^{and} 20, and N. E. E. #s 51, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, ^{and} 62, in a safe place. Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 51 ^{and} 56 are pemmican boxes; #s 9 ^{and} 11 are large dog biscuit boxes; # 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, ^{and} 19 are small dog biscuit boxes; # 9 is a large square box; # 20 is a small long box. If you see any of these boxes in a bad place would you please take care of it. If I could do so I'd look after them myself but now it is impossible. I trust both of you to the full, and I know that if you can you will look after them.

Well, so long. I hope to be on the way home soon, and I wish our whole party were together.

Loyally
Ek.





Thule, N.W. Greenland.

December 3, 1916.

Dear Jot:

I wish you had got in here last night with Sammie and Okpuddyshao. I'd like to see you and talk with you before starting south by sledge. I don't like at all to go by way of South Greenland, but I despair of getting a square deal from the Museum, and feel that I must get back next summer in time to look for a job in which I can make a living. If I get back in September I'll be too late.

Your letter was interesting; what you didn't write Okpuddyshao told me, so I know pretty well what has been happening at Etah. There is nothing doing here at all. November 10th Rasmussen left Cape York for Tasiusak. He sent word that he would be back in early December and that on the December moon he would go back again with Dr. Hunt and me, as we are expecting to start in the next two weeks.

Now that you have got word at Etah about the Danmark's being frozen in here, Mac will surely come down. I rather expect you to come down too; and I shouldn't be surprised if Dr. Hovey and Capt. Corner come down to stay aboard the ship. I certainly would like to see you; and there are a number of things I want to talk over with Mac before I leave.

Esaygo and Oobloyah have been down to see me. I certainly have some very good friends among the Eskimos.

And now Jot, if I don't see you again, goodbye. Don't forget our tin-iume, or the Labrador trip. I feel pretty sure will see each other again ~~in~~ the States and I feel just as sure that we shall be together again ~~on~~ our work. Of all the men I have ever known there are not many whom I like and respect as much as I do you. You have been a good, square friend under difficult conditions, and I shall never forget it. I wish I could say as much for some of the rest of our expedition.

Good luck to you and mine. Give my best regards to my Eskimo friends and tell them I'll not forget them. I'd like very much to see Kodlak again. Goodbye till happier times Jot.

Sincerely your friend

E.K.

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Hammussau is not here, so I have spoken to Peter about
your tobacco, and he says he will send it to you direct.

I am asking Capt. Corner to help you to look out that
certain of my boxes are not left where they will get soaked
through. With reasonable care they will be all right.

Eek.



Sunday 21 1492

Dear C k

I have been gathering up your things today and got about everything except your rubber blanket one muck or skin your clothes I think I will not get them all I found one pair of kamiks two pair of stockings I didn't look for clothes much today but will spend tomorrow on them, and C-took-ah-shoo will be down in a day or two with them.

I have only been back from Nerkey a short while, had a sick spell after I got here Dr. Hunt said it was the grip all right now, too tough to kill. I expected you home by this time. send me the measurements of the frame of your girls picture it is packed away and I forgot to take the measure. I want the measure on the glass from wood to wood I will give plenty of spare time while I am here alone, and I have a nice piece of ivory and the room all to my self. Rember me to Tank, and Gerome I hear he is beginning to look like a farmer. I will be looking for you on every sled that comes in from the ship you will get the news from the

doctor so I will close

Sincerely yours Jot

Dear E. K.

C. Bloyah, and the other fellow has just got here and I have hustled and got the things together, but I can't find the books you want. It was so warm yesterday that it melted in the pocket and when I got home from hunting everything was running water, and Merv took everything off of Mac's table, and I can't make her understand what I want, and I can only find two can openers in the place so I am sharing up with you. I have paid these men well. I did not give Goodlooktoo anything to take down, as I thought you took everything except the three cases dog biscuit that you told me to give this fellow when he came up still having dandy weather.

C. Bloyah says that Mac promised him a suit of under-clothes for the bear skin for our pants, and he wanted to know



if Mac. told me to give them to him
now, Dam so god dam mad I can hardly
write, for I am shure that he told me he
had paid for them, and that we didnt owe
him anything for the skins. I will not
take his under-clothes, but will give Odloyah
a suit of my own. get Mene to explain
it to him, I do not want to touch his
under-clothes, because they was sent to
him by his sister, but if there was any
~~expectations under clothes here~~, I wouldnt
hesitate to give them to Odloyah.
I offered to give the pants back to him
for I didnt feel that I wanted to wear
them after they was gotten from a poor
Eskimo that needed them a thousand
times more then I do. Well Ek Dam
tired there has been quite a hub-bub
here and I didnt get much sleep last night
so good night, and good luck.

Your sincere (friend)

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