FIELD NOTE BOOK

CROCKER LAND EXPEDITION

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Crocker Land Exp.
Greenland, 1913-15.

To Mrs Jerome Allen
Maquoketa
Iowa.

Love, Home July.
Jerome

Miss Augusta Krieger
251 So. Maplewood Ave.,
Peoria, Ill.
c/ Mrs. E. L. K. Shanemeyer,

Jan. 16, 1916. Sunday

The party carrying mail for the Crocker Land Expedition left the Schooner "Geo. B. Church" frozen in Parker Snow Bay, on the morning of Jan. 16, 1916. The party consists of Peter Freuchen, the regular mail carrier from the Danish trading station at North Star Bay, Lieut. Fitzhugh Green, Jerome Lee Allen, Dr. E. B. Harvey and myself accompanied by the following Eskimos, Inuguito (Harrigan), Nshetashlasho (Pingasuit) Baseman Touchea, Kuletina. Pingasuit's wife was with him, and the mother of one of the Cape York Eskimos and her small son was along.

We left the ship about 10 o'clock A. M. and after a day of good travelling reached the Eskimo settlement at Cape York at 8 P. M., a distance of about

45 miles. Peter and Green drove their own dog teams. The rest of the white men rode with Eskimos. I went with Harrigan who had asked to be allowed to take me.

Four Eskimo families live at Cape York in three igloos. Angodablahs and his son Evits live in one igloo with their wives. Andaalakto and Egingwah with their families live in the other two igloos.

Jan. 17 Monday

This morning Dr. Hovey suggested to me that we take a short walk out on the ice, as we did not intend to travel to-day, but would let the dogs rest. We first went down to the komatiks and Dr. Hovey got some things out of his clothes bag, and put on his blanket shirt which was cold, as ~~bed~~ it had been

out on the komatiks all night. The temperature was 36° below zero Farenheit, ~~42°~~ 8 degrees colder than the lowest temperature we had recorded on the ship.

We had walked only a few yards away from the komatiks when Dr. Hovey began to feel faint. I walked with him back to the komatiks, supporting him as we walked. I tried to tell a small boy to go up to the igloos and call Peter but the boy could n't understand me. So I helped Dr. Hovey to walk up the bank and at that time Peter and Green came outside. We got Dr. Hovey inside the Igloo entrance, started a primus stove, gave him a spoonful of whiskey and some hot tea. We placed caribou skins beneath him and over him and he began feeling better.

After perhaps 20 minutes or half an hour ~~we took~~ he was able to go inside Eginqua's igloo and was soon feeling all right again.

In the evening we had a general discussion and Dr. Hovey agreed with us that it would be unwise for him to try to proceed farther south. We were all afraid that he would not be able to stand the hard trip and the Eskimos were afraid to undertake it with him. The rest of us said we would not leave him at Cape York until we could get word up to Dr. Hunt and have either him or Ekblaw to come down. Kuletina and Evik were immediately sent out to carry the news to the ship. They left about 10 P.M.

We had some discussion about the leadership of the party south but no

final division was reached.

Jan. 18, Tuesday

We spent the day in the igloos discussing plans for the trip south. Dr. Hovey decided to put no one of us in command of the party in the sense that he had been in command but he appointed Lieut. Green as business manager to pay out money for the general expenses of the party and take receipts. He gave us each a letter of credit and the right to travel independently of the others if he saw fit to do so. He also gave each of us a letter of introduction to Gov. Hinterberg at Upernivik and a letter of instructions. We are to travel through the Danish colonies with and attempt to catch the first ship from Holstensborg which will be about May 1st. Peter Freuchen

and one Eskimo, Pingasut, are to travel with us as far as Egedesminde if we so desire, and if necessary as far as Halstensborg. Dr. Hovey gave each of us one hundred dollars in gold.

About 8 P.M. two komatiks came in, Epik and Kulatinna, bringing Ekblaw. They had come through a heavy wind storm altho there was little wind here. Ekblaw reported that ~~the~~ an Eskimo had come to the ship yesterday from about 100 miles north of there bringing news that a native had been severely injured by having a harpoon run through his leg. The Eskimo had come down to the ship to get Dr. Hunt and take him up to the wounded man. Since Dr. Hovey had written that he did not need medical aid and that it would be all right for either Ekblaw or Dr. Hunt to come down after him, Ekblaw came to Cape York and Dr. Hunt went north. They left the ship at the same time.

The weather has been thick to day and we could not have traveled even if Dr. Hovey had not taken sick.

Jan. 19. Wednesday.

We spent the day in the igloos as the weather is unfit for travel. It is blowing heavily outside. We are eating a lot of fresh(?) meat, mostly narwhal, seal, and little auks. We have been completing arrangements for our trip south ~~tomorrow~~ and hope to get away tomorrow.

Jan. 20.

Egedesminde
Greenland,

April 10, 1916.

I left Egedesminde this morning with two sledges and two drivers. Mr. Balle and an Eskimo also left at the same time to accompany me as far as Kangatsiak. We left at 6:30 A.M. Gov. Finger had sent 4 sledges earlier in the morning with the mail for Denmark.

Our party arrived at Kangatsiak at 3:00 P.M. and found the mail party already here.

On arriving here we found that the ice was not good enough for sledging to Iginiarfik as we had hoped, so we will go to Nikkornarsark tomorrow when Mr. Allen is at the present time. I received a note from Allen this morning by the man who had taken dog food over there to-day. Allen will wait for me tomorrow.

April 11.

We left ~~Kangatsiak~~ ~~Nikkornarsark~~ this morning at 6:30.

On the way to Nikkornarsak

We met some men who told us that we might cross the fjord at Kapingasok. We stopped there and sent a man out on the ice but it was no good, so we came on in to Nirkarnarsark, where we found Mrs. Allen. Since we could not get across the fjord there either by boat or sledge, we decide to a long way around (about 3 days longer than the other way).

April 12.

I left Nirkarnarsark at 6:30 this morning. There were nine sledges in the party, three in the mail party and 6 in mine.

The snow was very deep and it was hard sledging. On the land I went ahead of the sledges all the time on snow shoes, and much of the time even on the ice.

The eskimos stopped once for seals, but did not get any. We saw 3 on the ice.

We made camp at 6 P.M.

I then learned that the mail party was not provided either with dog food or man food, so I had to supply both from my supply, which is limited. I also gave them Tea, coffee & cigars, which will make my supply run short. The mail party did not have a tent or a stove either.

April 13.

We broke camp this morning at a little past 6 A.M.

The snow was very bad for the first two hours, when we came down on the sea ice & the going was good.

At 9:30 A.M. we came to a settlement and the Eskimos refused to go further without having the ice tested first by one of the men here so a man was sent out and we will not travel further to-day.

I put up my tent and have been going over the plans with the men and looking at the map.

They decided that the dis-

Tance from Kafingasok to Nisharnarsark is 4 miles (Danish), from Nisharnarsak to this place is 13 miles. This is important because I have to pay them by the mile.

The man returned about 4 P.M. and reported that the ice was good. I paid him 2:50 Kr.

Four men return from here tomorrow. One from Egedesminde, one from Nisharnarsok and two from Kafingasok.

April 14.

We came 8 danish miles today. I had three komatiks, besides my two, that are going all the way to Holstensburg. We reached the igloo from which we could send in to Igniarfik for the two guides. We arrived here about 1 o'clock. The Eskimos wanted to wait until tomorrow to send for the guides, but after a long discussion I finally got a man started at 5 P.M.

I sent to Mr. Johansen, the Danish trader there, for some biscuit and cigars, having an Eskimo write the letter for me in his native language. Two Egedesminde men will return tomorrow. Our party will stay here awaiting the arrival of the two men who are to be guides for us to Holstensburg.

Two of the hunters who live here came in this evening with five seals.

Apr. 15.

The guides did not come in today. My driver (Seistad) killed 7 ptarmigan.

Apr. 16.

The two guides came in about 4 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Johansen, the trader at Igniarfik sent me the biscuits and cigars I had written for. My biscuits were all gone yesterday.

Apr. 17

Two Egedesminde men started back this morning. I sent a note back to Green by them.

Our party got started south at 5 A.M. There are three men in the mail party and three in my party besides myself. I hired one man to go out past for to day and to morrow. I understand he is going the rest of the way on his own account. (Holstenborg)

The ice was good and we made a long march, camping at night on the first of the three large lakes we cross in going over lands.

One of my men killed a seal to-day.

Apr. 18

We made an early start again this morning and as the going was good we reached the fjord about 2 P.M. We had expected to reach the igloo one march from Holstenborg this evening, but the ice has nearly all gone from the fjord. We had to abandon that plan. The leader of the mail party said we would camp there at the head of the fjord and tomorrow he & one other man would take empty komatiks and go over the land to a small settlement, Isorktok, at the north side of the of the mouth of the fjord. He said the dogs were too tired to make the trip to-day. I suggested that he and I walk there to-night (they said it was about 4 Danish miles, 16 English) and early in the morning have a boat from there come up & get our things. He did not think the plan a good one so we made camp.

One of the men killed a seal.

Apr. 19.

It was decided that we should take all our komatiks and go overland to Isorktok. We started at 5 A.M. and had

to climb a very high, steep ridge of hills the very first thing. The hills can not be very much less than 2000 ft high. The snow was soft and deep and it was very hard work getting up. It took us about 3½ hours to climb to the top of the ridge. From there we went through winding valleys where in places the snow was very bad. The guide did not know the country very well and shortly afternoon we were lost for a time. About two o'clock we struck a little fjord and one of the men recognized a small flag staff up on top of the hills and shortly afterwards we saw Eskimos. We were all very glad for we had had a very hard day climbing hills and wading through snow.

We were going to send two kyaks to Holstensborg at once but there was a rather strong wind blowing and they would not go out. They will go early in the morning.

There are five igloos here, and the trader, a native lives in the largest one. Two of the men and I will sleep on the floor in the trader's igloo.

Apr. 20.

The two men started out in kyaks early this morning for Holstensborg.

The motor boat came about 3 P.M. We started back about 5 P.M. and reached Holstensborg at 9 P.M.

Gov. Binzer sent dog food over to Isortok and asked that all the dogs be kept there.

At Holstensborg I was met by Gov. Binzer and Pastor Fredrickson and assistant Hagh. I am staying with Gov. Binzer.

Apr. 27.

I have had a very pleasant visit with the Danes in Holstensborg while waiting for the ship. This afternoon Knud Rasmussen and a young Danish Geologist came in in a small motor boat from Sathaab They had come from Denmark on the Hans Egede but had left her at Sathaab to hurry north to Cape York + prepare for Expedition across ice-cap. They will take mail to C.L. Exp.

Apr. 28.

Early this morning the Hans Egede arrived.

I conferred with Ras-

Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.
N. Y.

Church failed reach Etah
Igat Green, Ekblaw, Tom-
gnary, Allen in Rasmussen
power boat command Peter
Freuchen North Star Bay.
Other men absent hunting
for food Church wintering
Parker Snow Bay Engine dis-
abled food supply inadequat
charter violated. My party
forced leave vessel Jan.
obtain ~~food~~ subsistence
Green Tomgnary Allen
myself started southward
by sledge 16th Jan but
they left me Cape York
Unwise me proceed
further account phys-
ical condition which
developed next day.

Tangnary on Hans Egede
from Holstenborg to Copen-
hagen. Cable Tangnary
Knud Rassmussen's address
$500 - cover expenses
thence N. Y. MacMillan
or Exp. Findley Land.
Small charge Headquarter
Ekblaw Hunt Comer my-
self North Star Bay. All will
Pickles says will sail
directly homeward without
attempting Etah again
Therefore necessary Mus
send reliable steamer
competent experienced
master adequate accom-
odations full years
provisions six passen-
gers Covers

Vessel leave St Johns by 10th July for Etah via North Star Bay and other Greenland points as desired with instructions attempt Cape Sabine relieve Maclellan if necessary. Vessel to load cargo from beaches. Send me written authority over property and control over movements of vessel. Am sending full report mail & messenger.

N.Y. Tribune
Two cablegrams from Harvey + Tangnary Crocker Land Expedition. 500 words. Cable for them.
Tangnary.

N.Y. Trib.
Unfavorable sledge conditions made advisable only one man attempt trip Egedesminde to Holstensborg. Green + Allen remained at Egedesminde Will Take 2nd ship to Copenhagen in June. Tangnary left Holstensborg on Han Egede May 1st.
Tangnary

Money spent for personal use

February	18	S. Upernivik	10.00
"	27	Igloo west	1.00
April	1st.	Egedesminde	2.50
"	"	"	2.50
			16.00

Money spent for personal use

			Kr.
Apr.	10	Kangatsiak	5.00
"	20	Isortok	.25
"	22	Holstensborg	1.00
"	22	"	2.00
"	23	"	1 00
"	26	~~P~~ "	1 50
"	29	"	12 50
			23.25
			16.00
			39.25

Total spent for personal use in Greenland, except a small amount which is given in Mr. Green's account.

Kangatsiak - Apr. 10, 1916.

				Kr.
To three men for bringing dog for		3 - 3 kr each.		9.00
" four " " taking dog food		to Niokornarssuk 7 kr each.		28.00
For Narwhal skin (for food)				1 50
" feeding two dog teams				1 50
" bags for dog food				2 50
				42 50
Kafmgasok Apr. 11				
Tips for services (testing ice, etc)				5 00
Apr. 13.	Two men for sledging 17	miles @ 2 kr, from mile		68 00
" "	One man " " 13	" " " " "		26 00
" "	One " for testing	sea ice		2 50
" 14	One man sledging			8 00
" 14	" " "			8 00
" 14	" " "			9 00
" 14	Dog food			3 00
" "	Tip to drivers			1 00
" 16	Biscuit + cigars for the	drivers		5 42
" 17	Dog food + tips			5 00
" 17	Tips To Two men returning	Eng To Egedesminde		5 00
" 17	For 1 rabbit			50
" 19	Dog food			54
" 20	Sugar			25
" 20	To Two men going in kyak	Ivortok to Holstensborg		16 00
Holstensborg Apr. 20.	- Tips - for services			3 50
Apr. 22	To Lorgia Serstad (drivers)			10 00
" "	" Albert (")			25 00
" 22	" Johat (")			50 00
" 22	Cloth for Two anoraks;	writing paper + cravat		4 50
				300 77

Holstensborg

Apr.	24	For laundry work		1 00
"	26	Tip to servants		1 00
"	28	To Seistad - part payment for	sledging	13 00
"	29	" three drivers, one Kr. per day	for 8 days in Holstensborg	24 00
"	29	Tips to 6 men for 10 days	sledging etc. (main party + mine)	18 00
"	29	For sewing anoraks		1 50
"	29	For dog food, etc for 8 days		7 45
"	29	Board in Holstensborg from	Apr. 20 to Apr. 28	15 00
"	29	Tips to three servants		3 00
				83 95
				300 77
				384.72

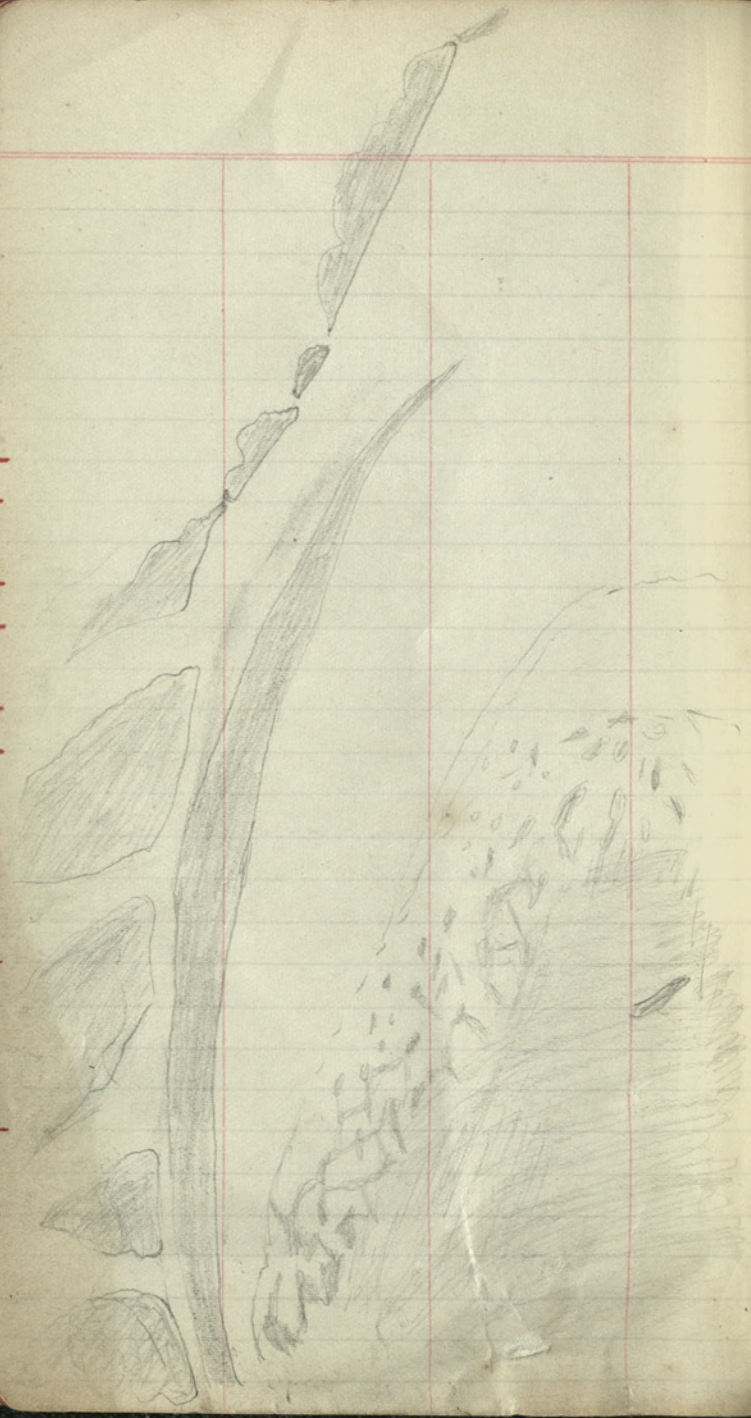
Rcèd money from Fitzhugh Green

Feb. 9	20	Kr.
" 14	10	Kr.
March 4	1	Kr.
March 18	10	Kr.
March 22	10	
March 28	11 50	Kr.
Apr. 9	250 00	Kr.

Rcèd money from Gov. Bingen at Holstensborg

Apr. 22	85.00	Kr.
" 28	65.00	"

Seistad has been advanced 10 kr.
Theo Olsen man 19 kr.



Hotels at Copenhagen:

Palads hotellet.
Raadhus pladsen.

Hotel Bristol
Raadhus pladsen.

Chairman for my Committee:
Mr. M. Sb. Nyeboe.
37. Raadhus plads

My private address:
Malmögade 9,

Tel. Cpbo 2354.

Sailors:
Magasin du Nord.
Kongens Nytorv.

Hr. Eriksens. Holbergsgade 20.

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unfavorable conditions made advisable only one man Egedesminde to Holstensborg. Green alive remain at Egedesminde. Will take 2nd Hans Egede from to Copenhagen in June.

I conferred with Rasmussen at Holstensborg regarding relief ship. But realizing seriousness of failure to relieve expedition I strongly urge reliable steamer competent master, two years provisions. If you desire, Rasmussen's committee will help me in every way to charter reliable ice-steamer in Denmark or Norway. It is possible to secure steamer Rasmussen repeated offers to provide expedition to South Greenland on his motor-schooner But necessary Rasmussen to receive answer concerning disposition by 2nd Hans Egede leaving Copenhagen Cable me full instructions Copenhagen.

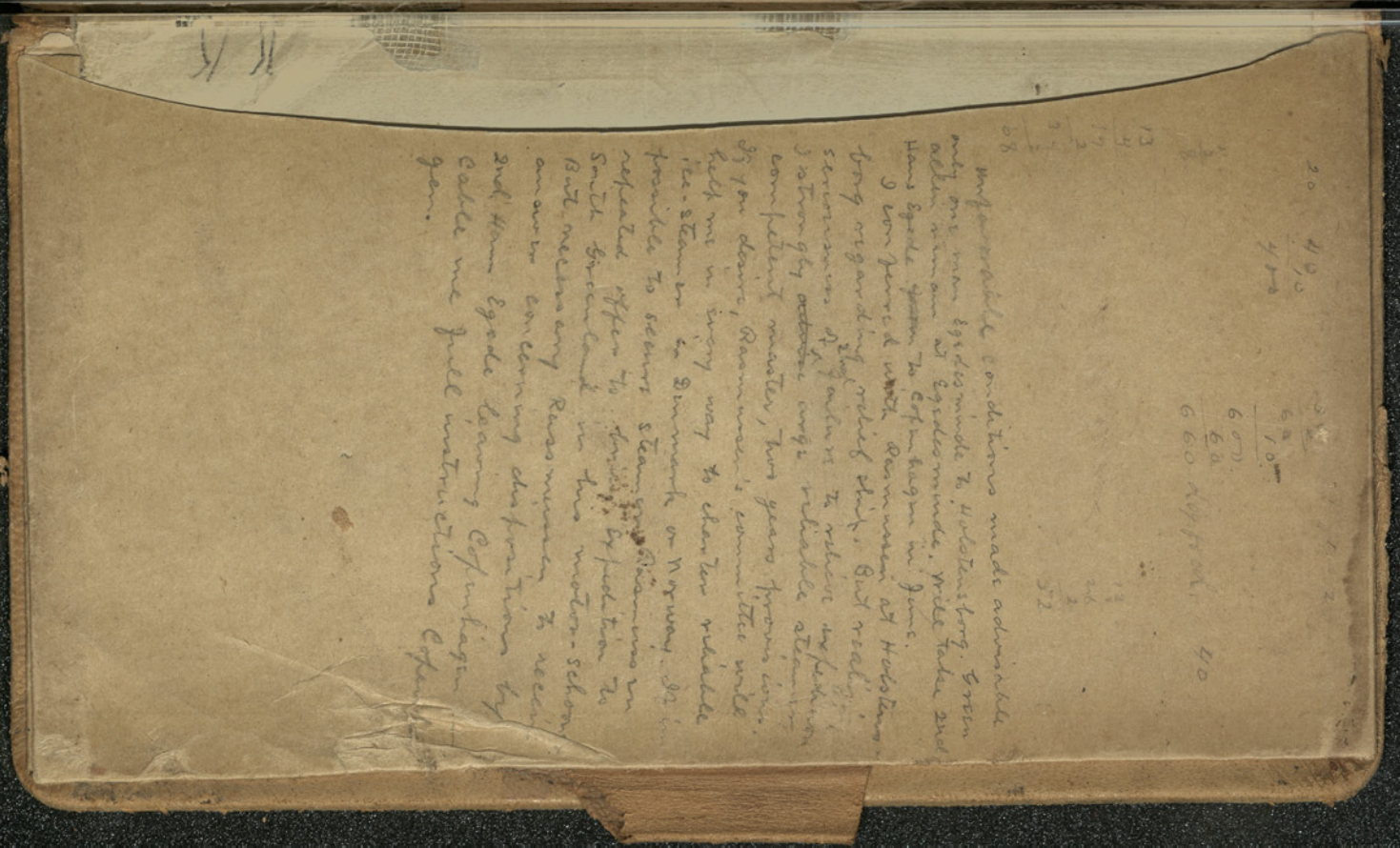
Chr. Erichsen. Holbergsgade 20.

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Skaf Mr. Tanqvary
Min og de andres Redaktion og Afhandling
om Moskisokren i "Atlanten" for sidste
sidste Vinter.

Knud Rasmussen

"Atlanten"
Redaktør Windfeld.
Vestre Boulevard. (Den danske
Land hvis kold-
mins Selskab.)



Chr. Erichsen. Holbergsgade 20.