

April 26 1884. Cloudy and light winds. Fredericks made a trip for Braniard to the shrimp grounds and returned with 1¹/₄ pounds of shrimp.

April 27 1884. Clear and beautiful. temperature quite high in the sun. Braniard made several trips to the shrimp ground. Dr. Oomenupk issued 4 lb. of pemmican and bacon in the morning dry besides the studs. It is adopted and also the hunters got 4 lb. additional to carry for a lunch. Huntus left in the morning and returned at 3 P.M. Large seal seen on the ice and was missed by Jens in his kayak. Jens shows signs of weakness and therefore the issue of rations. Alcohol is issued every day and Henry who was up at the time took advantage again of our weak condition stole some of the alcohol but punishment followed almost immediately and he was again shown up by having to leave up, and he was detected by Lt Ringbury in a drunken condition. Everybody felt terribly over the matter and only for Lt Truly he would have suffered death at our hands. Lt Truly was much worn down by not being able to perform his stools freely. Israel and Gardner received extra rations. White whales seen in abundance. Jens in very bad spirits.

April 28 1884. Cloudy and warm and only a light wind from the West. The hunters are out and so is the shrimp catcher. Shorty left dinner and hauled the trap for Braniard who is much cramped from finding the shrimp grounds making 3 or 4 trips every 24 hours. Shorty returned at 8 P.M. with 10 pounds of shrimp. Braniard brought in 25 pounds of shrimp besides 10 pounds of.

help. I am slowly recovering from my morning shrimp journey but was unable to cook in place of Shorty. Huntus returned at 3 P.M. The ice had closed in on them and they had seen no game all day. Jens got one ounce of tobacco from Lt. Truly and a piece of a watch from Israel and many other things. he is in excellent spirits to night. Gardner strong enough to help Dr. and Ellison. Henry does not receive any more alcohol until the Dr. orders it. besides he has to perform the minor duties around Camp Clay. Biddelbach is to receive Gardners extra rations. Lt Ringbury is getting weaker.

April 29 1884.

Clear and a most beautiful day. At about 10 I looked at the thermometer and found it 39°. I recovered greatly to day. Braniard left for the shrimp ground shortly after 6 A.M. Breakfast was begun at 5 A.M. so to get Braniard and the hunters off early. I walked up on the hill and chopped about 8 baskets of ice. most of the men are out taking exercise. Biddelbach was taken out by Henry and the Dr. and he lay out in the sun quite a while but he began to leave up and was carried in by the Dr. Long returned at 2.30 P.M. and reported that poor Jens had been drowned. the ice had closed in on his kayak filling it with water. He had been trying to get a large seal by way of some young ice which cut in his kayak and he filled and sunk. Braniard returned about 11 A.M. with 20 pounds of shrimp. good although bad news. no one is discouraged yet. Braniard made another trip after dinner and at 6 P.M. returned with about 10 pounds.