

April 30
1884.

Cloudy and fair by spells. during the day. Breakfast was started at 5 A.M. and Long started at 7. Bramarel also left for the shrimp grounds at 6 A.M. and returned at 11 A.M. with 22 pounds shrimps. a lot of kelp. which he had obtained quite rapidly with the new contrivance of his invention. Frederick trying his rifle. He is appointed hunter at night. Long returned at 7 P.M. not having seen any game but new bear tracks. Long has made a great walk to Ross Bay besides visiting Prevost Is. the open water and Cape Sabine. He is getting ice. The bows of most of the party are getting in good condition again. Bramarel made another trip shrimpig after dinner and returned with 1 lb. I cut my hand very severely tonight in firing up for the seal hunters. and the Dr said a small artery was severed. Biderbuck able to get up alone and get out doors. English punnican resins this morning.

May 1-
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Cloudy with light wind from the west. Long did not leave camp at all but Frederick was gone several hours. He returned at 1 P.M. having gone to see Bramarel and help him in with his 23 pounds of shrimps. when he brought in some of the kelp. The kelp proved quite salt. No tea. but a shrimp stew was eaten this evening. and although it helps to fill the stomach, gives little satisfaction. Every body was questioned as to their opinion as regards making the rations last as long as possible. Bramarel made a trip to the shrimpig grounds. very unsuccessful and completely broken up. The general opinion went towards making the rations last as long as possible. I find my change into Bramarel's bag very unsatisfactory. Light snow during the day. many of the men getting weaker. Bender released

from cooking on account of smoke. Later begins cooking for the other mess.

May 2
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Cloudy and windy. Long left at 7 A.M. Bramarel also for shrimpig grounds. assisted by Bender who volunteered to go and carry back the cans. Bramarel not able to eat his breakfast on account of saltiness of stew. could not even eat his meat. he was given medical attendance. Dr. R. - very weak does not try to brace up at all. G. Q. reduced rations, 8 oz. hereafter until a seal is killed. The last harel bread will be saved to day. I feel somewhat stronger to day and helped cut meat from the bear bones for shrimp bait. besides cooking breakfast. G. Q. feels quite weak to day. Our chances although they look slim do not change the spirits of the party much. Bender returned at 1 P.M. with one can and one pot of shrimps and kelp. Bramarel soon brought in another making altogether 24 lbs. Long returned at 1.30 P.M. and Shorty started out at 4.30 P.M.

May 3
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Clear with light winds from the West. G. Q. in very bad state - others of party very weak. Henry getting sapifrig. Long left at 7 A.M. and was gone until 9 P.M. having been at Rius Straits. Killed seal but was unable to get him on account of current. Shorty out until 1 P.M. had seen one seal. Bramarel went to shrimp grounds at 9 A.M. and returned at 2.30 P.M. with 25 pounds of shrimps and 16 lbs of kelp. Walter takes advantage of our weak condition in the forenoon breaks into the commissary and steals one pound of Bacon. He is detected by Bender and is shown up. He proves very contradictory in his statements. Long unable to eat his stew and feels very weak to day and was hardly