

They are well at meal time when potatoes are brought to them. I was up since 5 a.m. this morning. Ellis getting weaker. so is Gardner. Lard was issued to day except some that was kept for salve. 25 lbs of shrimps and 10 lbs of kelp on hand after evening morning stew. St. R. as usual.

May 18th
1884.

Cloudy with a strong wind from S.E. Bramard arose at 3 a.m. to shoot the raven which was heard outside. Long got up one hour later and shot the raven. Bramard left for the shrimping ground after breakfast and returned at 1 P.M. with 12 lbs and 3 lbs of kelp. The raven it was finally decided to use as bait. It was cleaned and only the heart and liver given to the hunter. The shrimps and hunters got an extra drop of tea on Long's part because he can't eat the shrimps. Bramard and Shorty got a cup of shrimps extra. Ellis is getting very bad. A fearful storm raged all day. although the tem remained high. Shorty sawed wood and Whistler split it. Nobody went out to do anything on account of bad weather. Ellis unable to eat his shrimps and Bramard also went back on them. Bender left off cooking and Salor resumed the duties of cook. Long is cleaning the shotgun. Poor Bramard had a bad trip of St. Alcohol was found for two more issues.

May 19th
1884.

Clear but yet windy. Temp. 73°.

Last of alcohol issued with flour. Ellis very near dead. At 7 a.m. a bear within 30 ft of the hut was seen by Shorty. giving chase by hunters. Bramard went part of the way with shot gun. Ellis dying. Salor and I cooking. Hunters had not returned at 9 a.m. they went out without breakfast. English sleigh being cut up for

wood. Bramard returned and reports the bear having taken to open water. Dr and Cornell got the ice for breakfast. having been unable to get any yesterday. Henry walked up on the hill. Hunters returned at 10.30 a.m. with news that the bear escaped to the northward. Saw several hundred dovahies. Bramard returned at 1 P.M. with 16 lbs shrimps and 2 lbs kelp. Poor Ellis died at 10 a.m. very easily. The English sleigh was chopped up for wood. Dr and Cornell got the ice. salt water and capifrage. Bidlerbeck and Israel go back on shrimp stew. Only 6 cups for morning stew. Whistler unable to chop wood even. Salor is scraped from hoops for medicine.

May 20th
1884.

Cloudy and strong wind from E. Burial service was held over poor Ellis. Morning stew very thin. but good. Every one is getting quite weak. Bidlerbeck unable to eat his stew. Israel unable to eat his on account of it having considerable salt in it to day. Salor & I quite weak. I changed back into bag with Bender and Henry and had a very good night rest. Long found himself very tired this morning. Henry is up doing his work. Spirits of party very good considering our miserable conditions. Slowly starving with only a few spoonfuls more of shrimps. morning and evening.

Oh? God? that some relief may come soon the bad weather not even permitting one to go out doors. and men dying again all around me. Israel gets 4 oz. of the raven. Buried Ellis at noon. Dr got the ice. Whistler got the salt water said he would not go again for 500 dollars. Cornell getting weak again. Shorty and Long got the wood. Bramard went to the shrimping grounds and returned with 12 lbs of shrimps.