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6th Jan
Overcast march with the
slope 57° fast sloughy and
high deep ruts 12' thick
soft snow belt of lichen from
the most icy day I have ever
start frozen from first bite
as all entirely. Tomorrow
we march South with 1st
Fly 86 S South light
Overcast march. blowing hard through

7th Jan
A blinding stormy day all day
impossible to see the snowdrifts
lying in our way all day only a
at food time. Wind 80-100 am
hours greatly cramped. Cannot
valuable food without marching
Tomorrow will march as far
South as possible and then home
hard land we must see

Chief mainly that our tracks
may drift up for to them we
must pass mainly of and
our drift no land bearing
in the great plain of snow
for a snows will that we
have taken but we had to
blow the snow to the wind
and of course will not after
us - 30-40.

8th Jan
Again all day in our bays, suffering
considerably physically from cold
hands and feet and from hunger
but more mentally for we cannot
get on South and we simply lie
here shivering. We must do
something more to the South.
Even though the food is going
and we are weaker lying in
the bed for at - 100 the wind
cuts through our thin tent
and even the drift is