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## **Waldo L. Schmitt - Diary 2 of 2 From Palmer Peninsula (Antarctica) Survey, 1962-1963**

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Dec. 1962

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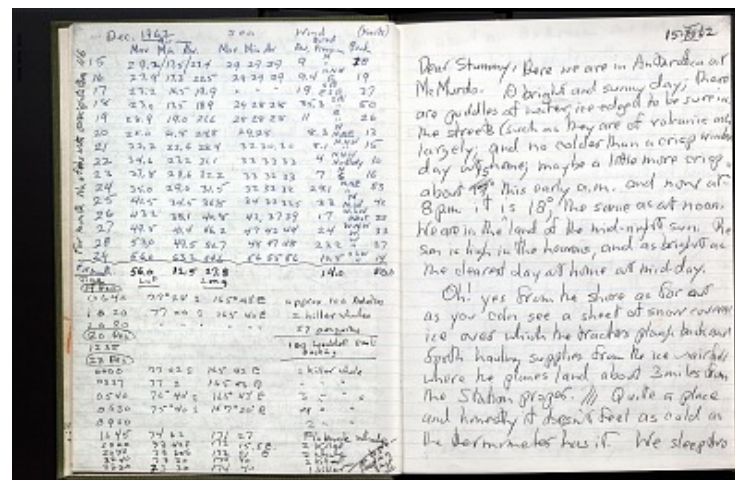
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 1020 | """"""[[dittos for: 77 00 S | 165 40E]] | 57 penguins |  
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 0000 | 77 22 S | 165 43 E | 1 killer whale |  
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 0540 | 76° 40' S | 166° 43' E | 3 """"[[dittos for: killer whale]]s |  
 0630 | 75° 40 S | 167° 20' E | 4 """"[[dittos for: killer whales]] |  
 0920 | | | 2 """"[[dittos for: killer whales]] |  
 1645 | 74 32 | 171 27 | Finback whale  
 2000 | 73 42S | 173 15.5 E. | 2 killer |  
 2040 | 73 30S | 173 51 E | 2 whale |  
 2240 | 73 30 | 174 40 | 2 killer |  
 2320 | 73 30 | 174 40 | 1 killer |  
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15.XII.62

Dear Stummy, Here we are in Antarctica at McMurdo. A bright and sunny day; there are puddles of water, ice-edged to be sure in the streets (such as they are of volcanic ash largely; and no colder than a crisp winter day at home; maybe a little more crisp about ~~17°~~ <sup>15°</sup> this early a.m and now at 8p.m it is 18°, the same as at noon. We are in the "land of the mid-night sun. The sun is high in the heavens, and as bright as the clearest day at home at mid-day.

Oh! yes from the shore as far out as you can see a sheet of snow covered ice over which the tractors plough back and forth hauling supplies from the ice - airfield where the planes land about 3 miles from the Station proper. /// Quite a place and honestly it doesn't feel as cold as the thermometer has it. We sleep two

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