Cruise #2

#3

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Travel Expenses

$1.25 - Luggage from airport to Westwood Hotel.

$.50 - Taxi to Merrill field.
June 19 - Left Bow Lake airport 8 A.M., daylight saving time on Northwest Airlines DC-4. Trip was very smooth. Arrived in anchorage at 1:30 and proceeded to Westwood Hotel. Looked the town over. Weather overcast, visibility poor.

June 20 - Spent the day in Anchorage. chalk, sked cost a walk on the waterfront in the afternoon. arranged with Reeves Airlines to fly to Dutch Harbor. Saw Bob Reeves world record brownie shot near Cold Bay in 1948, measured 10' 4" by 12' 4". Took in a show in the evening. Weather overcast all day.

June 21 - Left Anchorage via Reeves Airlines from Merrill Field at 7 A.M. by DC-3. Stopped at Port Hedley,
Cold Bay (horr!), and arrived at Dutch Harbor about 5 P.M. Saw a large herd of caribou about 40 miles south of Port Hedley. Estimated about 5,000 in herd, on flat not far from the beach. Saw several bears. Almost didn't get in at Dutch Harbor. Ceiling was very low, but finally got in.

Went aboard Deep Sea immediately. Started for Akutan about 6 P.M. to rescue some Indians who broke down in a cliff and take them back to Dutch Harbor. Finally got away for Akutan about 9 P.M.

June 22 - Lay in Akutan harbor for a couple of hours unloading two of the Iselin crew who live there. Took off for the Pribiloff in the morning. Quite large swells.
and changeable weather, not very much visibility some times. Saw several seals, not much appetite.

June 23 - Arrived at St. Paul Island about 6 A.M. We all went ashore & visited the seal rookery and observed the skimming. Very calm & clear in the forenoon. Left St. Paul for St. Matthew Island around 11 A.M. Clouded up and became quite foggy bucking into a strong northeast wind. No appetite, didn't feel so hot. Rough night.

June 24 - Made our first drop from 0430 to 0530 south of St. Matthew. Still very rough, with southwest wind. Sky clear, beautiful day.
Net & crew fished very well in the rough water. Caught mostly pollock, some halibut, cod, & other flatfish.

Fare pretty good - kept breakfast down O.K.

Made hauls #2 & #3 around St. Mathews. Not much of commercial interest.

Got into the lee of the island out of rough water for hauls #3 & #4.


Haul #5 at 0550 - 0650. Mostly Tanner crabs again. Beautiful sunny day: slight breeze, with a heavy, good ground swell.

Haul #6 at 1645 - 1745. Ran into a fog bank off St. Lawrence - moderate swell.
No trouble finding the Tornado. Poor haul on #6 – too cold bottom water (1.4°C).

Haul #7 at 2350-0050 (26 x). About 2 gallons of shrimp (sp. ?). Slight westerly swell and cold + foggy.

June 26 –

Haul #8 at 0715-0815 in a rough sea with fog. Strong South wind.

Net snagged + tore lobby in several spots. Including the cod end. Result, only a small portion of catch was landed. Boat fishes very nicely in the rough water.

Arrived off Gambell before noon – very good navigating in the fog. Water too rough.
Go ashore & anchor off Sanibel, so we pulled around the Northwest Cape and anchored in the light, waiting for the strong southerly wind to die down.

Left St. Lawrence Island in the evening. Sea had calmed down to a light swell.

Made Drug #9 in the stead 25 miles from Siberian Coast. Rocky bottom tore up net. No fish caught; one small purple king crab. Got a beautiful view of the Siberian Coast.

Sun set at 11:15 P.M. Very pretty rainbow from 10:30 to 11:00 P.M. Quite a sight.
June 27 -

Made Drag #10 at 0205 - 0305. Better bottom; no snag, but not much of a catch.

Drag #11 in sight between Grooves & Gumbell. Tore up net badly. No fish; few crabs.

Evidently very rocky bottom.

Drag #12 at 1210 - 1315. Snaggle & net were torn badly again. Haul of no commercial value.

Moving 30 miles east for next trip. Strong north wind kicking up pretty good sea. Bright sunshine.

Haul #13 at 1650 - 1750. No snags; but no fish either.

June 28 -


Drag #16 got a few shrimp. Sea still very rough. Although we are well into Norton Sound.

Drag #17 at 0950-1050. Very few shrimp; muddly bottom. Sea rough.

Drag #18 - also put out small try net for first time. Wind dying down; sea moderate; bright sunshine. Try net fished fine, but only caught small flatfish + scrap fish - nearly as much as the large net.
Drag #19 at 1830-1930 same results as #18,— very poor. 
Joe beginning to get discouraged. We're probably 
too early for the fish in 
this area, if there is 
ever a population here. 
Had king crab salad + 
king crab cakes for supper. 
What a meal! NW wind 
still blowing — tough 
trying to stay in the sack 
been sleeping for 5 days. 
Doesn't look like well 
ever get any calm weather. 
This old tub really 
loves & sells. 
Hope we catch something 
before too long 

Drag #20 at 2300-2400 
No good — Joe & Hank up, 
I finally got a good 
night's sleep from 8 
to 6; sea comparatively 
calm, still a pretty good 
wind blowing from the 
Northwest.
June 29 - Got up at 6 after the first real sleep in quite a few days. Had some of Blackie's good hotcakes. Beautiful morning on Norton Sound. Bright sunshine, wise N.W. wind, but with a moderate sea for a change. Two more bags & we'll be in Nome. By night my name tonight!! Drag #21 at 0330 - 0430 had removed up. No value. Drag #20 also of no value & about 20" thin cod & small female crab. Arrived off Nome & anchored about 2 P.M. No harbor for boats. The ice had to go ashore by tug boat. I spent the evening and all night in Nome.
our tugboat failed to bring us back to the Deep Sea at midnight. Not much of a town; looks like it's dying, all has death: cold, windy.

June 30

Arrived back aboard the Deep Sea about 8 A.M. Everybody hit the sack for some shuteye. Now it's 5 P.M. and we're still lying at anchor waiting for Hunky & George to come back aboard. They are being tried in court for stealing a telescope from a Nome box last night. They are heavily ordered, but sea is the calmest it's been during the whole trip! Hope you can shore off soon.
fishing before it kicks up again. All the natives we talked to in Nome said the only good fishing in this area is through the ice in winter. They catch king crab and salmon. Most of the citizens seemed skeptical about the existence of any fish in commercial quantities being present in the area. So far, from our results, it appears they are quite right. Drog #23 resulted in a very bad crop, not worth anything. Canceled next two trips to the North.

July 1

Drog #24 didn't hang up, but didn't catch anything.
Drop #25 - poor haul. Sea smooth, overcast.
Drop #26 - mostly starfish
Drop #27 - starfish again, bottom muddy & sandy
Slight sea with overcast all day.

July 2 -
Drop #28 - poor haul.
Moderate sea with fog.
Drop #29 - mostly starfish
Slow overcast, misty.
Drop #30 - six cod; good showing of Capelin
Foggy, still.
Drop #31 - Sea rough with fog; poor drop.
May be fog for east.
Drag #32 - Rough sea, Foggy. Picked up 14 good cod. Tole of lemon & yellowfin sole. Many capelin, eggsea cod are yellow capelin, but stomach samples show crabs, etc. Probably we're not picking up the full of the cod, which are feeding on capelin above the bottom.

Drag #33 - Rough sea still foggy Poor haul. Decided to move further offshore.

Drag #34 - Sea still rough but sky has cleared. Beginning to get darkness again. Good cod haul.
July 3 - Started out

Drag #35 - with a rough Sea
+ clear sky. Some
cold moving further
West.

Drag #36 - 20 colr.
10 yellowfin sole.
Sea slight with

Sea very westerly ground
swell. Sky clear.

Drag #37 - Beautiful
day. 10 colr.
Many Copepods.

Drag #38 - Clear &
sunny. 16 prime colr.
feeding on shrimp, clams,
+ crabs.
Drag #39 - Began to get foggy in afternoon. Biggest cold front yet (120). Increase speed to 5 knots may be responsible.

Drag #40 - still foggy + smooth sea with slight westerly groundswell. Low temp. out here may account for only 13 cod + few flounder
July 4 - Drag #4
90 co., many flatfish; 2 pollack.

Drag #42 - Only one co. But caught the first king crab (smallish), nine leaving Norton Sound.

Drag #43 - Very good haul of flatfish 41 co. Smooth sea. Foggy intermittently. Nice day; getting warmer.
Drop 44 - Very good haul - really got the fish now. 2 tons cod, two tons flounder. Worked like the devil. Measuring, taking lines, freezing down flounder & halibut.

The water is almost perfectly calm; sun shining almost all day. Little hazy & foggy at times. Many
sea birds around
the boat. Saw some
whales. All we
need now is a
couple good hauls
of crab & the
trip will be
quite a success.

Drag #45 - Catch fell
off. Sea still smooth
& clear.

Drag #46 - Cod small
Still no king crab.
Drag #47 - into the little tanner crabs again. Cold water, poor catch of fish.

Drag #48 - more east to get out of the cold water, but still below zero C. Small tanner crabs.

0405 - 0505 - Sea perfectly calm, foggy, wonderful rolling weather!
Drag #49 — Warmer water down here, small cod; 300 lb. flatfish.

Drag #50 — Very large and prime flatfish.

Drag #51 — Over the side at 5:15 p.m. Last chance for king crab. Water still calm. Sky overcast. Passing many whales. Big haul of
Col + flatfish.
Biggest + best lemon, flounder + rock sole.
Passing many birds, whales, seals, etc.
Hitting the sail at 9:00 PM. Calm + foggy. No night sail. Shift tonight.
Due in False Pass tomorrow afternoon.