

Copy of the Journal of Private Schneider
of the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition
= Greely Expedition. 1881-1884.

Governing a period from the abandonment
of Fort Conger to the death of Schneider
by starvation June 18th 1884. Three days
prior to the rescue

Note

Schneider, the brave man who under such
distressing circumstances, wrote the following,
died on the day following his last entry,
June 18th 1884. Four days later the "Thetis"
and "Bear" rescued the remainder of the
heroic little band. Connett was just alive
and that was all. he was resuscitated with
great difficulty. Poor Ellison got out of the
frying pan into the fire as the transfer into
a warmer climate necessitated amputation
of his hands and feet, under which operation
he died at Gothaven, Diaseo Greenland.

July 8, 1884. of the remaining survivors
Lt. Greely is now Brig. General & Chief Signal
Officer of the Army. Barnard was rewarded
by a 2nd Lt's cy in the 2nd Co. his old reg. and
is now stationed at Walla Walla Washington.
Connett is Sgt in the Signal Corps and Eng.
Dandrichs. & Dickbreck are in civil life. I
believe will and happy and will probably live
to recount to their grandchildren their remarkable
adventures. Barnard enjoys the distinction
of having been further north than any other
living man.

Aug 9th
1883

At 1.00 P.M. took the last observations at
Fort Conger. took down the instruments
and at 2.30 P.M. with everyone aboard we
started forward towed by the steam launch
Rice had charge of one boat and Barnard
the other. found much ice and went into
camp. at 1.45 A.M. at 2.30 A.M. Lt. Greely
returned from an elevation and reported a
lead? searched for it and found the tide
running out with great force and carrying a
great amount of ice. We were obliged to
run alongside the main floe. and as we
landed the part on which we landed broke
off. carried boats and goods across. and as
we were passing through it closed up again
nipping the launch but we got the other
boats back. The launch behaved nobly and
raised out of the water and went over on
her beams ends? after a short time the pres-
sure subsided and we got her out with
motor power. It was then impossible to do
any thing more. so we unloaded on the floe.
and a part of each boats crew turned in.

Aug 10.
1883

At 8 A.M. we were able to proceed in very good
water. after gaining a short distance Lt.
Greely not being able to see the extent of the
lead across ordered us to stop and Connett
went partially across. and reported the water
extending across. The fleet then started
and we soon had the pleasure of experiencing
a regular swell. As we approached the South
side of the bay this increased and shortly
we went to the rail. Whistler followed and
then came Ellis. We arrived at Cape Baird
at 2 P.M. Lt. Greely and I went above Cape Baird
and found a lead extending below Siber
as far as we could see. We started ahead
at 5 with fair prospects. We added to our