

Expedition Periodicals: A Chronological List

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THE FOLLOWING LIST provides the date, the periodical name, the setting (ship or other site), the expedition leader, the expedition name when assigned, and whenever available the format, method of production, frequency, number of issues, and reprint information.

1819–20, *North Georgia Gazette and Winter Chronicle. Hecla and Griper*. William Edward Parry. British Northwest Passage Expedition. Manuscript, printed in London in 1821 with a second edition that same year (London: John Murray, 1821). Biweekly (21 issues).

1845–49, Name, if any, unknown. *Terror and Erebus*, Sir John Franklin. Both ships presumably had printing facilities for publishing a ship's newspaper but no trace of one survives.

[Not to be included in this list is the unpublished *The Arctic Spectator & North Devon Informer*, dated Monday, November 24, 1845, a completely fictional printed newsheet, invented for the Franklin Expedition by Professor Russell Potter, Rhode Island College. Only two pages of a fictional facsimile have been located.]

1850–51, *Illustrated Arctic News. Resolute*. Horatio Austin. Monthly. Manuscript with illustrations, the latter published as *Facsimile of the Illustrated Arctic News. Published on Board H.M.S. Resolute, Capt. Horatio T. Austin* (London: Ackermann, 1852). Five issues included in the facsimile.

1850–51, *Aurora Borealis. Assistance*. Erasmus Ommaney. Manuscript, from which selected passages were published in *Arctic Miscellanies: A Souvenir of the Late Polar Search* (London: Colburn and Co., 1852). Monthly.

Albert Markham was aboard *Assistance* and was also involved in the *Minavilins*, a more covert paper on the *Assistance* which, like its *Resolute* counterpart, *The Gleaner*, was confiscated and suppressed altogether. Neither is included in this list.

The catalogue of the library on Belcher's *Assistance* was actually printed on board ship: *A Catalogue of the Library Established on Board H.M.S. Assistance, Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C. B. Commanding the Arctic Squadron in Search of Sir John Franklin and His Companions: Printed and published on Board H.M.S. Assistance, Wellington Channel, Arctic Regions, H. Briantt, Printer, 1853* (1853). The Manuscript catalogue is in the library of the National Maritime Museum (Greenwich). I have been unable to locate a copy of the printed catalogue.

1852, *North Pole Charivari. North Pole*, Sir Edward Belcher. British Franklin Search Expedition of 1852–54. This was a supply ship. Its small press mainly produced printed messages for bottle distribution, but also printed some issues of this periodical as well.

1852, *Queen's Illuminated Magazine and North Cornwall Gazette. Assistance*. Sir Edward Belcher. Manuscript circulated aboard ship.

1852–54, *Weekly Guy. Plover*. Rochfort Maquire. Printed aboard the *Plover* in the North Pacific. Fifteen issues. The *Plover* was the tender for Collinson's *Enterprise*, and printed fifteen four-page issues of the *Weekly Guy*, the first and one of the best periodicals printed aboard any Admiralty ship.

1853–55, *The Ice Blink. Advance*, Edward J. De Haven. First Grinnell American Franklin Search Expedition. Elisha Kent Kane served as ship's surgeon.

1860–61, *Port Foulke Weekly News. United States*. Isaac Hayes, US Open Polar Sea Expedition.

1869–70, *East Greenland Gazette. Germania*, Karl Koldewey. Two issues in manuscript. A newspaper was attempted but it "died of neglect" after five issues, the first on November 15 (Murphy, p. 46)

1875–76, *Monthly Letters. Alert and Discovery*. George Strong Nares. British Arctic Expedition [North Pole]. Preprinted sermons by Agnes Weston for weekly serial distribution aboard ship.

1882–84, *Arctic Moon*. US International Polar Year Expedition, Lady Franklin Bay. Adolphus Greely. Semi-monthly. Hectograph of four issues.

1893–96, *Framjee. Fram*. Fridtjof Nansen. Norwegian North Pole Expedition. Nansen's *Fram* newspaper (Johansen, p. 73)

1902, *Das antarctische Intelligenz-Blatt. Gauss*. Erich von Drygalski, German South Polar Expedition to Weddell Sea.

1902, *The Blizzard. Discovery*, Robert Falcon Scott. British National Antarctic Expedition. Shore-based hectograph of two issues. Leif Mills claims there was only one "edition" of ten pages.

1902–03, 1912, *South Polar Times. Discovery*. Robert Falcon Scott. British National Antarctic Expedition. (1901-04). *Terra Nova*. British Antarctic Expedition (1910-12). Scott. Single typewritten copies, reprinted in London in three facsimile volumes in 1907 and 1914. Five monthly issues were produced in typescript in 1902 (Vol. I), edited by Ernest Shackleton and illustrated by Dr. Edward Wilson. When Shackleton was invalided home in March 1903, the editorship was assumed by Louis Bernacchi, who produced five more issues from April to August 1903 (Vol. II). These two volumes were published in facsimile (London: Smith, Elder, 1907), with a preface by Scott. Apsley Cherry-Garrard resumed the tradition on Scott's second voyage, with five issues from April to August 1911, published as Volume III in facsimile in 1914. There is a fourth volume in the typescript original at the Scott Polar Research Institute, privately printed in facsimile in 2007 by the Erebus and Terror Press. Later published in same format as Volume I-III by Scott Polar Research Institute Bonham. 2011.

1904, *Arctic Eagle*. Ziegler-Fiala Expedition, Camp Abruzzi, Franz Josef Land. Hand-printed newspaper. One untraced copy is thought to exist at the Explorers Club but has not been located. It is catalogued as Vol. I, No. 4, December 26, 1904.

1907–09, *Antarctic Petrel*. Ernest Shackleton. *Nimrod*, British Antarctic Expedition. Enroute Britain to Antarctica. Two volumes in various hands. Unique copy at Turnbull Library, Wellington, NZ. [This expedition also printed the *Aurora Australis* ashore. Edited by Ernest Shackleton]

1911–12, *Adelie Mail & Cape Adare Times*. Scott's Northern Party (BAE). R. E. Priestley. Six copies (original and 5 carbons or perhaps typed more than once). Only extant copy known now at SPRI.

1913, *Adelie Blizzard*. Douglas Mawson. Australasian Antarctic Expedition (1911-14). Monthly. 5 issues. Typescript in single copy. Facsimile issued in 2010.

1918, *Taimyr Post. Maud*. Otto Sverdrup.

1922, *Expedition Topics. Quest*. Frank Wild. Shackleton-Rowett Expedition. Typewritten magazine, begun after Shackleton's death.

1933-34, *The Little America Times*. New York. Covering Byrd Antarctic Expedition II at Little America, based on radio transmissions from Little America. Edited by August Horowitz. Mimeographed on Long Island for distribution to subscribers. At least 31 issues, and under 200 copies.

1934, *Snowshovel. Ruppert*. Admiral Richard Byrd. Byrd Antarctic Expedition II Vol. I, no. 1, January 6, 1934, enroute to Little America. Manuscript in various hands. One issue only? A rival newspaper to the *Barrier Bull*.

1934, *Barrier Bull*. Byrd Antarctic Expedition II, Little America. Admiral Richard E. Byrd. Eight issues. Edited by Stuart Paine and Dick Russell. [See Stuart D. Paine. *Footsteps on the Ice*. (Columbus, Missouri: University of Missouri Press, 2007.)]

1934, *Stormy Petrel*. Byrd Antarctic Expedition II at Little America. A second "opposition" paper to *Barrier Bull*. Admiral Richard E. Byrd. No copy known.

1944, *Port Lockroy Prattler*. Operation Tabarin. FIDS Base. Monthly.

1945, *Hope Bay Howler*. Hope Bay. FIDS base.

1952, *Heard Island Times*. Australian Heard Island Expedition. Edited by Jim Carr.

1952–53, *Soviet Whaler*. Newspaper of a Soviet sixteen-ship flotilla. A political vehicle accompanied by wall newspapers.

1956, *South Pole Station Daily Narrative*. Amundsen-Scott South Pole Base. By Richard A. Bowers.

1957, *McMurdo News*. International Geophysical Year (IGY). McMurdo Station, Ross Sea.

1957, *Halley Comet*. Australian IGY Icefloe Expedition. Edited Jim Burton and David Cansfield. Longest issue was twelve pages at Easter.

1960, *The McMurdo Sometimes*. McMurdo Station. Irregular. Sometimes called *The McMurdo Sometimes: The World's Southernmost Newspaper*. Volunteer production of Navy radiomen.

1965, *The Hallett Daily Hangover*. Hallett Station, Australia.

1990, *Casey Rag*. Casey Base, Australia.

1996, *Antarctic Sun*. McMurdo Station. US Antarctic Program. News is mostly about McMurdo. Published in hard copy and online since 1996. The Internet early made its way to Antarctica providing wide access to this periodical, as well as to most of the world's newspapers.