

milky overcast

a chain of iron-cold days

As

in forest ^{where} branches are wands moving magically
overhead (no breeze on ground)

, weather moved
over them without touching down

tidemark

prison

It is a rhythm lost to us--^{now} ~~even my father later~~
lost it--but . . .

if we can think ourselves to it, imagine

rhythm of paddling, or of days of water travel

sallow

Their supplies grew more & more

and turning, fell to ^{sea} ~~earth~~

(W'berg sh'ts an Indian?)

tamped

with their gear, I canve had like a tough tamped full.

storm-beaten

splurge

- splurge of rum was not repeated. M set them an iron schedule...

manacled--manacles of

- were manacled them to the paddle

that near, and that far.

use c reaching for - drowning B's hand?

combers

• quickest way is,

carom, because. above - y open water - is death.

Now they ^{ed}
answer for . late start,

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med

Lady

Braaf & Wilbur

she ~~is~~ knew alphabets of ^{their} her own

use & merging of talents in voyage?

sleep-slowed, OO blinked at
K

use c sighting canoe at An'y bl?

constant course *south*
(*steady*)

gruel

— the coast was a gravel & surf

calluses move on K's hands in course of journey (from handling paddle instead of ax)

Juneau, 23 Jan '81

Talankov:

VIII, Na'P, has outline of Mt. Edgecumbe in lower l. corner

- dimpled shading along shorelines: gentle-gray, kind of carapace
(clear blank interiors of islands)

- lines of sailing routes thread-like, as if ~~misleading~~ maps
explored by brassy spiders.

- On Graham's map, Hellen R. not shown

- 1 thread of route, only, shown: Inside Passage?

- on next map after C. Scott - missing one, Ven I like
a tremendous oyster shell, & midway on w. shore, a
rough gouge a script of $\text{HYTKA} - \text{Nootka}$.

& no thread of route ~~is~~ along that shore; instead, Inside P
& hook back out to mouth of E Strait of Juan de F.

Juneau, 23 Jan.

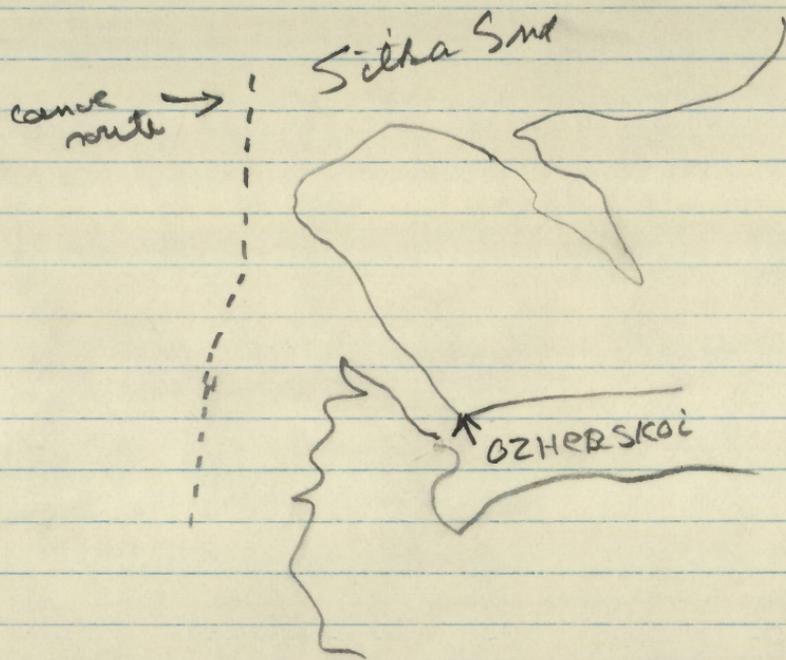
Tebentov maps, detail:

- Everything was in pieces on these maps; - entire coastline a school of creatures, jellyfish maybe. It took an effort of will to believe they wd hold still, either on map or to actuality, to permit voyage between them.
- On N A's map: - Snd islands are in all diff+ states of inked detail or lack of it, as if some are just priming, others are complete as oysters, ~~or~~ or barnacles
- color of maps: ivory-white? (off-white)

Juneau, 23 Jan

Tebentok, # XXXVIII, Sitka:

- 2 maps on pg. one above. N A's map I have is of Sitka Sound, of shows Ozherskoi Redoubt considerably inland from canoe route, at south tip of triangular island across Sitka Sound N A's (peninsula?)



M had seen the R-A clerks etc.; it was impossible to imagine such artistry from any of them...

Chart X, KAPTA

all of Qm Chs, to Cape Scott

И possible NW Tereca

AMEPHKM

omb Ulapombu 51° 20 54°

Qm Chs: Oba K oporeba Ulapombu

Aratagabal: O. Apucmuyachib

bottom of map: n. tip of Ver. Is: Cape Scott - M. Chomma

Scott Is - O. Chomma

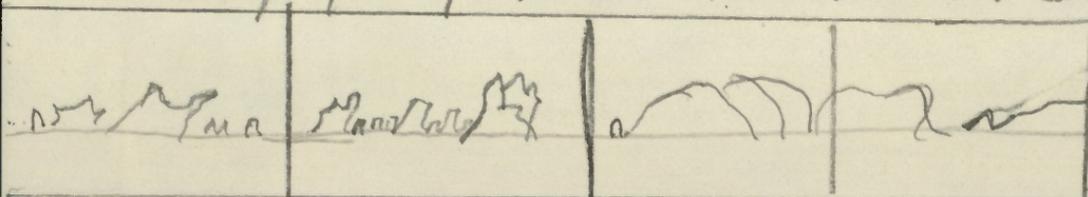
lower left corner,
series of small rough boxes of coast profiles

bottom most of Scott Is & Cape Scott: Mores or Achmpoba Ekoma

profile of sea stacks like headstones & cathedrals

rounding
as they
advance
to shore

(sic: elsewhere
a map, spelled
correctly with
2 #'s.



KAPTA

18" X 24"

VIII - Baranof I. to both ^{Kuiu} sides

IX - Cape Emmons to Rose Pt

X - On Chs to top
of Verner I. - ends at
(Scott Island of
Cape ~~Em~~ Scott)

XXXVIII - Sitka Bay

- bottom portion has
diagram of Sitka bays

Sitka, 57° (latitudes) to

Columbia R, 46° (latitudes)?

how the canoe was stowed (did they rearrange, say at the champagne stop?)

peas in a pod

Palm 7. Paddle: Solo Base

hands: 1 at end, 1 o 6" above blade

- wide base safest
- no heels: max control
- canoe veers away w/ stroke

- thumb & upper hand turns dn in each stroke

- End stroke: paddle rotates ∴ paddle des-' leave water, makes an oval

(proficiency: paddle wd fit + naturally to palm of upper hand)

- bow poles to turn into wind

hi end swings dn wind

- position load close to center as possible

Shorey's: ~~canoe~~ Canoes 7.
West Coast

Dixon Entrance--as if having puddled from the seep of clouds which, by all evidence of the eye, stood as perpetual here as cliffs.

The storm arrested them two days.

the ragged coast

They had the luck that their canoe was as fluent ~~for~~ in its task as any craft
of the world.

emphasize rain; or possibly at some point say they of course were in rain...

~~w~~ⁱnd as if sneaking behind the corner of the eye designs along the prow

The quality of their days was steady: bad.

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Cook, James

70 N. to 50.5. - ed. Paul Dale

p. 194 - Veru J.

Walbran-BC Place Names -

170 - Wdy Pt: now C. Cook

- Esperanza Anlet - C. named Hope Bay (for hope of harbor)

- Pt Breakers by C - now Estevan Pt.

359 - C named Nootka

Chinooks and Chehalis:

The Indians can see but little or no difference between their

Makahs -

system of Tomanows and our own views as taught them. For

These craft were not sleek-ended fore and aft like the Swedes' vessel;
the stern came up straight, and the bow curved gently up ~~into~~ to end
in a stem shaped somewhat like a peering deer.

(not used because it adds complication to already-complicated whale scene)

Tomanows.

Or again: One day, while being more than usually inquisitive,

old Suis . . . after trying to make me understand that the names I

for ms review
doesn't fit

check Swan in NW Coast for description of eating seal meat.

- 81-2; also material on other Shoalwater food

for ms review

have them find tracks on beach--bear, coon, even deer--but not able to sight
animals?

use with Vancouver I.: the canoe crew had intended to set out from Nootka, but...



Totem Poles, Provincial Museum, Victoria, B.C., Canada

ask Jean: how is a brig rigged, and how big a ship is it?

N
979.5
W 93 m

done -
into in
checking file

see Lewis & Dryden's Marine History for details of the Jane, or other

SF-Puget Sound brigs or schooners; Tom Cox cites p. 39

p. 48-9 - 1853 Jan. wrecks - Vandalia, Jan. 9

Mindora & A. Merrittow, "3 days later"

p. 43 - Bordeaux, brig, wrecked Dec. 18, '52

p. 40 - ^{brig} Williamantic grounded in Grays Harbor, 1852, later floated off
"without serious damage"

p. 39 - 1852, vessels in PS and SF trade inc:
brigs Jane, Daniel, Leonora (no tonnage given)

schooners, Cynosure, Susan Sturgis

over

p. 39, ftnote: Mark Winant running schooner Mary Taylor
(p. 26 - 60' long, 17' beam) in Shoalwater oyster trade
begin'g in 1852.

check Swan on # of longhouses at Ozette.

done

show that they are gaining more and more daylight, like door cracking open, as they come south.

these four in the keen-beaked canoe

The prow, of startling length and loft, inscribes itself first:

a beautiful neck of wood extending itself to override any height

of water and its taper then leveling into a bill-like point.

insert after 1st sentence;

The surprising prow inscribes itself first: a neck of wood lengthy
and lofty

for so small a craft, its taper gradual

Along this bow and the shorter up-curving stern as well, patterns.

a blade of exotic shape
Like an exotic knife, more curve and tension than it would seem

possible from wood. Oh yes: and black. Painted black as...

The prow, of surprising length and loft, inscribes itself first:

cedar - 1 made step of magic, into onyx.

over

~~Setra PR since hg:~~

Inventory of 1934-5 archeol dig:

* gaff hook

from Joe Ashby, Sitka, 28 Jul '80:

asked him what fish the Swedes might have caught with just line and hook, he said any number of bottomfish: bass, rock cod, red snapper, even halibut of 10-12# (though they go up to 150# or more) . Said all are good eating, good white meat.

All four of the white men had seen the native art which passed as

trade through Sitka, but only Melander had paused over it, sensed

something of the order and grasp which went into array of pattern,

and even he could not imagine enough of the tribal life to realize

the weave of what he was seeing....It took time to know these

secrets of the North Pacific shore, and time the sea runners

could not spare.

Doig/49

By the second week, the paddling had begun to tell on them.

(B the odd man out as usual?...toughening, steadying, as he became I
used to the exertion?)

The Stockman had ~~one more~~ ^{even another} night-in, night-out attraction
Against the wall opposite the bar, a smeary rainbow of colors
glowed out of the jukebox. Each shade slid in behind the

have them bathe in a creek, because they've begun to smell so bad? Or would they care?

by late in the trip, the exertion of paddling.

doesn't the canoe behave differently, too?

West, the weather was graying again. Braaf could read the weather better than any of them, and Melander ~~asked~~ had taken to asking his opinion before...

If they could have seen the pattern of flow from above, it would have been a whorl of lines like a vast thumbprint

Haidas: some of the canoe crew were as tall as Melander.

Suddenly there seemed to be more snow than space between the flakes.

The flecked sky, filled with fat snowflakes like tiny gulls

cloud of a black-gray the eye was afraid to look on for its strangeness

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It began to tell on them.
(the paddling) (by the fourth day)

Their journey was equal to the breadth of the top of Africa--
Gibraltar to Sicily, say. Or their native Stockholm to Venice.
--Lay a finger on a map, as Melander does, and let each knuckle
mark off 300 miles. Gibraltar to Sicily, Stockholm to Venice,
New York to OO, Calcutta to OO. Twice the length of Italy, or
the breadth of Spain; the width of Mexico.

--use this concept as a measure: "by now (Vancouver I., for ex), they had come
the span from Stockholm to Paris..."

spillways of tide

Had any of them had the knowledge, they were setting forth in a craft not unlike the dragonships of their ancestors.

cold and silence, stillness and ice

Now they fled hard, past OO Island and OO...

(possible lead for sequential description bringing them down a sizable portion of the coast, and intro'ing "sea runners" phrase, or "running on the sea."

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wingbeats

The paddling slowed, faltered, like the sporadic wingbeats of a wearied bird.

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the everlasting bicker of waves arranging sand.

A river runs within the Pacific, a giant flow (Kuroshiwa)...

Rivers of storm flow down along the OO, sluicing a flood plain of cold gray onto the beaches, across the wall of the forest and on into the mountains... The coastscape alters...

While Melander regulated in this manner, Wennberg grunted unhappily and Braaf once in a while shirked, out of sheer habit when he wasn't reminding himself otherwise, but their strokes added up. Karlsson stayed a human piston at the bow.

Dixon Entrance as decision point: work around it, island to island, as some routes shown on map, or cut across it. Have M put the question to the others?

Their descent of the coast was threatening to become a tumble.

The spaces between stars are where the work of the universe is done.
Forces hang invisibly there...In the way that distances between London
and OO defined empire, so the distances between OO and OO write a
constellation. So too the distances ~~of~~ among men...These four cohered,
and as often banged apart, as... (describe how chores got shared)

...writes a constellation to the interior of our eye...

...in their spurts from island to island, the cancers ^{were writing} wrote a constellation
of their own (describe); their own answer, the unhighborn's answer, to the
tracery of empire...

sail bunted out (Hiscock, p. 16)

ruin in kettle

They sleep on boughs of ferns.

- see Swan, a sleeping on spruce boughs.

A continental crest, then, entirely ruffled and agitated, and
the Pacific holding to it in vast flat calm. But another look from
upward would have shown pretense in that.

and shore

The ocean giving and taking, plying and seizing (trading) (swapping),
a rough balance established, a jugglery...

The tribes had learned to live with this jugglery, use it with skill.

canoeing: the paddle strokes as calligraphy, as in Japanese script

Canoes like carvings of antler

the thrift of line was wonderful.

the canoe's clever warp of prow.

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p. J-II-52, Aleut parka: s'times waist length, sometimes thigh. "This one, from Akutan, was collected in the early 1800s. It is made of walrus intestines, gut and skin strips, white thread, colored yarn, cormorant feathers, and eagle down. It is now in the National Museum of Finland."

p. J-II-49: Aleut bidarkas: "basic part of Aleut life, permitting them to survive in the 'smokey sea.'...Cruising paddles were double bladed, but there was a spare paddle carried on the deck for use in constricted waters. Also on deck was a throwing stick and an array of short spears...Paddler wore a parka of seal intestine or of cormorant skin which fitted around the gunwale of the cockpit, rendering the ~~hull~~ bidarka waterproof."

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p. J-II-35, Friendly Cove interior by Webber: Nootkans boiling fish for a meal, "done by filling a wooden box with water and casting successively red hot stones into it, which so effectually answers the purpose that it instantaneously boils, when the fish are handed around to those present."

W's sketches of carved forms at rear of this longhouse: "the first pictures of North West tot^{em} poles. The free-standing, outdoor totem seems to have come later, with the spread of metal tools."

p/ J-II-34--Friendly Cove at Nootka, across from the Resolution's anchorage: "A line of low, wooden houses stood on the low bluff of the peninsula that formed the north side of the harbor mouth....summer encampment of the Indians, but the houses were substantial. Some Cook estimated to be 150 feet long and 30 feet wide. The wallboards were of split cedar, an inch and a half in thickness and up to 30 feet in length. They were hung on thongs from a frame of upright logs and could be transported between the summer and winter villages. The interiors were divided into sections, or apartments, about twelve by sixteen feet, with two closed sides, and an opening facing the fire pit in the middle of the house. The roof boards were laid loosely on top and could be pushed aside with poles to let out smoke. In bad weather (Indian) slaves were sometimes assigned to sit on top to keep the boards from blowing away."

p. J-II-32: sea otter by artist Webber. Cook and men "had no knowledge of the value placed on sea otter skins in China, where they were a status symbol, but they did recognize their beauty and great warmth and, since they were going into the high latitudes, purchased a good number for bedding and clothing. The Nootkans were avid for metal and, says Cook, the ships had hardly a bit of brass left in them by the time they sailed 'except what was in the necessary instruments. Whole Suits of cloaths were stripped of every button, Bureaus etc of their furniture and Copper kettles, Tin canesters, Candle sticks, etc all went to wreck; so that these people got a greater middly and variety of things from us than any other people we had visited."

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p. J-II-22, Nootka scene by C's artist John Webber:

"Ship's Cove was exposed to gales and this picture shows the broken and twisted trees of the shore. It was April, the year was cold, and the deciduous trees were just coming into leaf. Last year's bracken forms a yellowish cover on the thin soil..."

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p. J-II-17: Cook moored his ships in anchorage now called Resolution Cove, at seaward end of Bligh Island... "not a good anchorage because, though sheltered from the sea, it is directly exposed to violent south-easterly gales. There is a better anchorage over on the southwest point of the Sound, but Cook did not contemplate a long stay and was unwilling to waste time in the move.

"As it turned out the foremast of the Resolution had to be taken out and repaired on shore. So the English were at Nootka for four weeks, the first protracted stay by Europeans between Spanish America in the south and Russian America to the north."

p. J-II-19: "Friendly Cove was the site of the Indian Village just inside the northern cape at the entrance to the Sound. The dark lines (slide is of Bligh's map) show the locations of the long houses."

Tac Com'ty College Pac NW slides

J-2, II--Capt. James Cook II. Cook on the NW Coast

p. J-II-13-a: entrance to Nookka Sound, March 29, ship's master wrote, "The Land hereabouts very high covered with Snow & in many places broken, the Shore lying nearest W N W and E S E per compass...At 6 Saw an Indian Town on the N.W. Point & a numberx of Canoes coming off..."

p.J-II-14: 1st sketch of NW Indians: "remarkably accurate in detail, showing otter capes, cedar-fiber capes, the radish domed hats of the chiefs, the flat-topped hats of the commoners, the pointed paddles which were useful in fighting and in anchoring canoes on mud-flats."

"An Englishman called 'Where are we?' One of the Indians pointed to shore and said 'Nootka, Nootka'--or something that sounded like that. He meant, 'Go around,' there being better water inside, but he fixed on his people, and his language, the word Nootka."

from Tac Com'ty College Pac NW Slides:

H-2, Fur Companies in Canada...p. H-20, "the usual rate of paddling (in 36-foot master canoe) was 60 strokes a minute for 55 minutes out of the hour, and they paddled from dawn to dusk."

28 Jan, St of Georgia, near C. Lazo--

→ 6:15--the very start of daybreak; some almost indefinable stirring of light, like twitch of sleeper's eyelid.

6:45--barely lightening sky all around

7:15--light enough for canoeing

7:30--past C. Lazo, wide water of the St. of Ga

27 Jan

sun as a hazard, or at least headache: turning current to water which
need 3-11-81 strings: eyes to look at.

- in sun, s. of B Bella: tops of trees stand in sun above darker portion
→ below, as if bearing bayonets

26 Jan, morn on Clarence Strait:

If the canoeists camped on east shore of island, they'd see something like sunrise described on previous card. If they were on a west-facing shore, mtns and cloud would wall them from daybreak horizon.

27 Jan--

7:50 a.m. → This morn, after leaving narrow Tolmie Channel and approaching Milbanke Sound, began to meet ocean swells, considbl distance before reaching the broad part of the Sound where we cut south to Seaforth Channel. These were widely spaced swells, no whitecaps at all, but they made the ship plunge more than anything yet.

Since Milbanke is 2nd sound s. of Aristazabal--that is, the 1st s. of Laredo, which is off A'bal's southern tip--use these swells for that setting, and have M recognize them as ocean ahead.

27 Jan. in Tolmie ch.--

Have ~~K~~ K or M the only one with really good night vision?

(note: it took my eyes abt half hr to adjust to dark this morn)

27 Jan. Tolmie and Milbanke--daybreak sequence:

just before 6, star thru o'cast; half-moon

at 7, clear, with a few bright stars; wispy clouds like chimney smoke off eastern shore peaks

7:05--greater distinctness of horizons

7:40--dawn like delicate ripening of peach

7:45--a few light blue banners of cloud

8--pick up handwritten Jan 27 card...

Jan. 27

- 9:45 - in Sefoth Ch., just s. of Milbank Snd - brilliant sun.
forested ridges on left have fresh snow across top $\frac{1}{4}$, as if transparent cloud hanging there; or as if having grazed a cage.
- silver-blue piece of cloud at end of an inlet, above water but well under horizon of mtns
 - only loaf mtns in sight here, no sharp peaks
 - islands & islands, sleeping & rocks (preparations in water) (down)
 - forested shore, as if massively pelted, ~~or~~ or quilled

10:30 - Town - Bella Bella.

26 Jan

- Dixon E: to east, occasional white island - isle - will form momentarily, then dissolve - surf.

4 pm - o midway across Dixon, wind has shifted up ahead of us to our left side, + e. than se.

4:45 - o 30 K wind, directly into our bow, as we enter Chatham S, approaching Green I. Squall containing a shore, we're catching edge of it. Oddly, pastel - near-pink, ^{peach} pale blues - adjoin. Squall on S. - a gentle seascape dividing to violence n'ward.

5:05 - still considerable daylight - notably more than last night, o 250 mi n.

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27 Jan. Milbanke--

The sky opened one morning, cloudless as if curtains drawn back. The breadth before the men was astounding, seemed some entire new commodious corner of the planet just ~~unveiled~~ unveiled.

27 Jan--5:45-7 am, coming down s. end of Tolmie Channel--

--shoreline on each side like greatly extended L. Crescent

--in the dark, at end of V of channel ahead is lighter gray,
a kind of bottom of dutch door of light

--the channel: a tremendous trough

--the shoreline mtns and ridges as if in an arrested state,
waiting for the next flow, the next form to assume in geo'l time

the crevice between ocean and continent

Jan 27

5:35 - off Pine J. ht, at entrance to QC Stat -
higher wh. mtns visible to .e. again.

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- 3 pm - passing C. Calvert into QC Sand, swells not bl.
- still sunny, wisps of clouds over e. shore, thin streamer clouds to. w., over ocean
 - can see surf exploding on SE shore, sev mi. off
 - lognd mtns not so hi here, except few to. e; otherwise, a lower, more rumpled shore.
 - V. cond. low blue line on horizon dead ahead
 - water blue-black, slight ink, occas. patches of white.
- Ho. tip of 7 ridge of swells is slow-explorn of surf on e. shore rocks, which climb like slow apparitions, then fall
- sunset, 5:05, into clouds; we're nearly across QC, C. Scott coming up to SW.

28 Jan, St of Ga

possible descpn of overcast: swaddling

27 Jan, Seaforth Ch.

knobby(or knobbly) mtns

27 Jan, Milbanke--

porpoise seen abt daybreak, others soon after we left Juneau.
Have porpoises appear to the canoeists?

25 Jan

Tabor Inlet: whitecaps coming out into channel, wind sweetly start out. inlet; slight swell as we approach

- swells could be off Pt Arden, by glacier wind.

- short, sharp waves; troughs abt 20' apart, very steady

- 4-peaked mtn at end of Tabor Inlet, a sawtooth range rising off to. a point; like white pine

- ~~the~~ waves crashing against m end of Grand I.

- wind ripples ~~set~~ race ahead of waves; 3 motions simlty:

• waves, • wrinkled texture of them, & • rapid wind ripple

→ - wave crests "boil" into white foam which falls into itself, & spray whirling 7/.

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26 Jan -

3:35 pm - just past Tree Point, crossing Dixon E: some ^{SE} chop & occasional whitecaps - as if eyes of sea are peering thru gap by closing
→ - waves: like white swimmers rapidly appearing & disappearing.

- at abt BC line: 40. E, 4 lines of shore: small timber islands, then long ridges, then humped higher ridges, s'what blue-misted, then sharp white peaks leading up behind all, like teeth.

- wind @ 28 knots: wind streaks are on water, which Mike. made some indication min'm of 28 k.

- wind streaks: long crawlers of wh in water; "OO snakes"; M calls them Neptune's?

25 Jan

• constant motion of water: always a rumple, as if texture of water-skin continually being tested.

3:30 - water is going to deeper gray, • mtms losing some sharpness of detail of trees.

^{used 5-6-67} - Mtms: ~~are~~ nearest are dark green; next group ahead, darker, + black, & shading into blue; then successively blue-shaded.

As if being thinned of substance as they extend in coast.

3:35, beyond P S m km, dull-blade of white peak & run on it, while we are in gray

Ship over. 10^{3/4} k.

26 Jan. - Clarence Strait near Lemmensurien T.I.

tatters of light at daybreak on eastern horizon
8:30 ^{light} peach-toned in break betn mists & cloud cover

26 Jan

- change · numerous 7 · coastal mtns & ridges

26 Jan

9:45 - fresh snow on peaks e. of Tongass Narrows (We're 3-5 mi. n of Guard I.).

- some swell here, tho no whitecaps; capt says probably could be swell out in Dixon Entrance.
- hi distinct wh peaks to SW, at S end of P of Wales I. (Endore is highest pt on map.)
- n. of Tongass N'n: shoreline m/m to e is deep- & long-gullied on its timbered face; like great age wrinkles.
- riven ↑

Wed 3-11-81 - swells: ocean (planet?) breathing in & out.

Jan 27, Milbanke and s.--

Very infrequent beaches on today's shorelines; forest to the water most of way.

each tree pyred dozens of long branches upward to its thin rod of top. ^{used} 8-4-81

Its long pointed pile of shape...

27 Jan - notes jotted in alpha Heli warehouse before daylight

~~like~~ LK Crease,

~~door~~ of light - bottom of Dutch

~~IX~~ - only 1 c - got night vision

star thru c'cast

~~entire~~ d - drift trees

~~IX~~ he for net vision

~~through~~

8 - clear - few bit stars
- clouds like chimney at smoke

7/05 - gets chitiness 1 horizon

shore mtns in arrested state -
waiting next flow, form

Jun - Red sky...

10.95 K are

- It was a golden day of calm sea -

- no beaches, p. 27

27 Jan

airbox was
some coast currents still got back

the sky opened 1 morn - aft 5's mtns,
breadth b4 them was astounding, ~~world~~
seemed some entire corner of planet
new-made

probably
knobby mtns

- 7:40 dawn like delicate ripening of peach

7:50 - ocean swells as we near Milbrk Sd.

- paxine - night in B?

7:45 ^{the} ~~the~~ bit blue banner of old
low

Blue

26 Jan--aboard Alpha Helix, near Lemensurier Pt. in Clarence Strait, 8:50 am--

Considerable bonus this morning. I went to the bridge at 5:45, when the watch was to change. Mike the mate let the capt. sleep, stayed on until about 6:10. About 7:30 or so, the Cutlers appeared. I talked with Howard for awhile, who is interested in the economics of indenturement, then he felt queasy and went below. His wife stayed on, and I'd noticed y'day that she spent some time on deck outside the bridge; finally she came over and asked me what I was taking notes on, at this time of day. I said the sunrise, I'm trying to catch colors and images. It turns out she's a painter, told me the trick of getting the truest color by looking just to one side or above the object, and then did me a watercolor of the scene, getting a bit seasick from the effort of looking so intently but persevering.

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Beyond . mtrs. in every direction, the wt + mtrs; except w to
' ocean, where the wt + ocean.

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- n. of Tongass Ns: a mtn to SW, ~~has been~~ a storm along its face, looks hollowed-out; • bowl of silver storm pressed dn into it.
G: as if sky decided to scoop down, obliterate as a lesson to rest of earth. sacking up a hostage as lesson to storm
- storm sky: silver & various ages of tarnish on it. • + ancient, back to 00, lay to their W(?); • brightest was letting dn a cold fall of rain, possibly snow. (" " wh sheets)
- in Tongass Ns, n. of airport mtns ahead hostage to storm, hands of storm blind/dg their peaks.

26 Jan - notes jotted in Alpha Helix wheelhouse before daylight—

Islands now dawn; like head of
knobby beds

a surround

— openings to clds like lips

camp on E v. W.

strips of lit

as if chinking fell out

§ - dawn to yellow—

mins lower

lit clds and horyzn

furnous

Jacob

Leah & Rachel

1st break of light - gaps benth
airborn

7:35 - gaps of
daybreak
on e.

25 Jan

4 pm: iceberg, sq of blue-white, some 5 mi off, but in Midway I. of
2. shore; came out of Tracy Arm; 0. size of fishing boat; coming north

- porpoises: they splash, very small show of back; very fast.

- 5:05, iceberg off to left, s. of Tracy Arm: blue, translucent;
like many cubes frozen together

5:15, coming up on Pt. Hughes, A quiet bridge for night. Was
there ever since 0 10 min. out of Juneau.

- tug Jeff/roy Fox + barge just passed going n.

25 Jan

at 1. and 7 Brand ↓., on e shore of mainland, a bluff rises so abruptly it's alt square-ended.

- sw'um, timbered mtns rise directly by waterline

Blue

Jan. 25, Juneau--Just before noon, and I've just had lunch: meals aboard are 5:20 b'fast, 11+20 lunch, 5:20 dinner, the last 2 served from steam table.

--Generator just now whined and throbbed into action below; will see if its sound, something like a John Deere tractor heard at middle distance, and the slight tingle it sends thru everything will continue.

--Chancellor Cutler and his wife are making the trip, so this morn I vacated my handsome 4-man stateroom with sink--Dolly wanted the Cs to each have a lower bunk, with rollboards--to come across into the room Dolly'd been in, she in turn moving to large quarters farthest forward. So I'm in smaller 2-man room, about 8x8, just forward of library--which is at aft end of the superstructure on this deck--on right hand side of boat. Everything is painted a yellow-ivory; there's a decent table to type on, bunk beds have orange survival suit in suspended rack at right angle to foot of bed, and my lower bunk has an indented compartment at its head, with life jackets; good swivel reading lamp, like big bicycle headlight, pops out of box on the wall. Main hassle of moving, and not much of one at that, was making the bunk bed one more time; y'day I'd moved from the upper bunk I had when Bill and Tom Royer were aboard to the lower which Bill had slept in; I did the move by swapping mattresses and all, which seemed the simplest but was a project

over

even so. Today, I decided to do a proper job, imitated what I'd seen Bill do and tied knots in sheet corners, for better tucking, and all in all did the neatest job yet, in this record of remaking my bed every day for the past 3.

--Apropos of bed-making, Tom Royer told me it's ~~x~~ considered such a bane that he remembers a time when the real decision point of whether to leave a certain cruise or not--I guess for alternate transportation home--was undoing the beds; if they tore them up, they had to go thru with it, they figured. Told him it was the oceanographers' version of JFK's injunction to NASA people that we must throw out cap over the wall of space.

25 Jan

1:09 pm, east of my Juneau.

- 1:20, J's like array of boxes at 1st of Mts.

- sea lions: silver break in ~~at~~ water, thrust of heads; slightly pig-nose;

- ~~seen on~~ water: blue-silver in mid-channel, dark flanks wh. mt no reflected; as if coverlets being pulled aside constantly to open channel.

1:35, simltd fire drill

2:05 - nearing end of gear, higher whiter mt no to left.

Jensen, Jan. 24

insert after they reach Cape Scott:

On the next map--had K had a next map--Vancouver I. lay angled like a tremendous oyster shell...

Midway down the western shore, a ^{large} rough nick in the shell, with the cyrillic script beside it reading Hytka: Nootka.

(Tell something of Nootka history)

One further thing was noticeable. No thread of route went along that west shore.

Blue

24 jan '81--3:45, Juneau Public Library. For the record, today's work schedule has been:

--an hour or so of typing in quarters aboard Alpha Helix this morn, about 9:30-10:30. Did a couple of diary pp, a few file cards from ideas jotted in notebook, then looked over the ship before the open house started; while on the bridge, saw the sea lions and whale.

--Walked up to front door of this library as it was opening at 1 this afternoon; had stopped by y'day to ask about typing facilities, was told I could type in basement; in fact there are two typewriters for the public down here, but I'm using my own. Took time out about 2:15 to go to the Baranov for coffee and pie and to call C, but otherwise have worked fitfully at one aspect of Runners or another; did more file cards, roughed start of scene of M's love for his maps, another of M being eye-level with B's Castle on the catwalk, another on blackness of Sitka winter night. It's an effort to work this afternoon, but the stuff I've made myself do looks just about the same as what I'd turn out on a "good" day

25 Jan, Juneau

Sealions: quick puffs of vapor - breath - as they thrust heads, can be seen against moon light $\frac{1}{2}$ mi or so away.

- Whales: spout stands like geyser frozen moment by in place; a column of steam

- at $\frac{1}{2}$ mi +, sealions show combo of spray of breath

11 a.m. - Calm at Juneau, overcast moving in over Douglas. Smoke from chimneys goes straight up. Sun is behind thin o'cast, just above mtns of Douglas

- sun's reflection on G'ean Channel: a long silver-gold streak from far shore nearly to ~~star~~ to a 100 yds in ship, then a short gap to a 2d, watery version of sun. Trick of tide?

12:30 - Sun gone, chilly overcast now even at Douglas shore; all at once aurora just has gone past us, to dock.

Blue

24 Jan '81, Juneau--Aboard the Alpha Helix. Arrived at Juneau on plane from Sitka at 1:10 y'day afternoon, caught airport bus to the Prospector, shouldered pack and hiked over to the Coast Guard-NOAA dock. Found Bill Reeburgh at once, in "library" aft, meeting people passing thru for open house. I stowed the pack, followed Bill to galley for quick introductions, coincided there with Connie Stewart, who asked me if I'm free for tonight. Then went the block or two to State Historical Library, spent rest of afternoon--about 2:30 to 5--absorbing the originals of Tebenkov maps. Came back to ship, about 6:30 the entire crew and Bill and the Fairbanks contingent, inc. UA Chancellor Howard Cutler, went to Mike's restaurant on Douglas for supper.

Juneau weather y'day and today--it's now 9 am--is glowering overcast. Clouds lift high enough on mtns above town to show alp-like snow-and-rock looming above; much more winterish in look and feel than Sitka.

Alaska Trip, Jan '81

used
3-3-81

The days are a chicken-step longer after Xmas.

(use as mention of slowly lengthening days as they go south?)

28 Jan.

the engorged ocean

Blue

28 Jan., in St of Gerogia near C. Lazo--

while on bridge before daybreak, the idea came for M to remember
a shipboard watch.

28 Jan

There was a golden day of calm sea (after days of hard weather0...

Blue

used

28 Jan., St. of Georgia--Earlier in the voyage, likely on the 26th, Howard Cutler was on the bridge with me, asking me about the Swedes' indenturement, I told him they were 7-year men, as were Conrad's Chinese in Typhoon. He tried to recall biblical quotation about waiting 7 years, called his wife over for it; she thought a bit, came up with Jacob-Leah-Rachel, which I'll look up in Bible when I get home.

Jan 28

5 p.m., N. of Oak Harbor air base: whirlpools from strength of current,
w/c. one 150' or more across.

28 Jan. -

have a flashback scene? - Leth pastor wondering o. escapes;
p'haps praying, then to card game; show his difficult position,
in perpetual comparison. Veniamanov & R n ch.

28 Jan.

went thru life c a following wind

und

28 Jan

used

slag - they were . slag of which . R-A Co made ...

28 Jan - notes jotted in Alpha Hall's wheelhouse before daylight

smacks

engorge

M/ remembered watch

6:15 very start of daylight

6:45 - barely litening sky ahead - of all around

Unrunkled & was gone

swaddling

7:15 - light smug to canoe

2:30 - past C. Lagos - wide water
40 hrs across G of Al's
Lump

27 Jan, in Tolmie ch--

entire trees--not drift logs, but branches, roots/ and all--
drift in this channel

28 Jan.--

charztn of the high-thrown surf along eastern shore rocks of
Qn Ch Snd--fishing smacks with white, white sails, which toppled
and were taken back by the water as you watched.

*Hand
3-5-81*

27 Jan

used
3-11-81

- S. of Belle Bella: tideline on rock shore is straight dark line which forest grows immediately, as if a settlement across a boundary, or a crowd or herd at a fence line; or at top of steps, not to descend - as. betrays into terraces. - terraced

- occasional very small bites of beach

~~used~~

- water here like a blue field very gently ~~was~~ stirred by wind