



FOUR INTERESTING LETTERS

From PEARY

NEW YORK, June 19th, 1908.

Dear Sir:—In regard to the watches furnished me by the Waltham Watch Co. three years ago, the behavior of the meantime watches was particularly excellent.

Watches carried by men in charge of different parties on the sledge journeys over the sea ice ran for weeks without any considerable variation from each other. This feature was a very distinct comfort to me in making me feel sure of my observations when the drift of the ice had carried me far away from all dead reckoning.

Most of these watches are now on Eagle Island, Maine, where I am going the end of this week. I will endeavor to get them on to you as soon as possible. Very sincerely,

(Signed) R. E. PEARY, U. S. N.

Mr. Time, W. Appleton.

From WELLMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27th, 1899.
AMERICAN WALTHAM WATCH CO., Waltham, Mass.

Gentlemen:—The fine watches made by you, which were carried in the Wellman Polar Expedition, proved entirely satisfactory. Two of these were injured slightly by the Norwegian sailors in the early winter. The remaining seven were used by me in ascertaining time and also positions of latitude and longitude. Position of stars computed by the aid of these watches could be depended upon to the accuracy of a second. Positions of longitude ascertained by Julius Payer twenty five years previously were verified.

Extreme cold affected the movements but slightly, and in no way injured them. After returning to Norway but slight discrepancies were found upon comparing with Greenwich time.

In my judgment these movements are thoroughly reliable for any use and in any climate, being thoroughly compensated. Yours truly,

(Signed) QUORON HARRIS,
Physician to Wellman Expedition.

From the Shackleton Relief Expedition BRITISH ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1907

S. V. "Nimrod,"
LITTLETON, 27th March, 1909.

Messrs. R. W. CAMERON & Co., Wellington.
Sir:—Herewith I forward to you, per Purser S. S. "Maori", the seven Waltham watches so generously loaned to my officers and self by your Company for our use in the Antarctic.

Two of them unfortunately have been damaged. One of them by an accident down a crevasse, and the other during a sledge journey.

My officers and I found the watches reliable under all conditions. After a time we gained so much confidence in their rates that we had no hesitation in trusting to them when taking observations which required time-readings to seconds.

On their behalf and my own I beg you will convey to your Company my thanks for the use of the watches. I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

(Signed) FRED P. EVANS, Lieut. R. N. R.,
Officer Commanding.

From LEFFINGWELL

The Quadrangle Club, Chicago, Dec. 8, 1908

Dear Sir:—About three years ago your Company loaned me four of your watches for use on the Anglo-American Polar Expedition. I received them from Robinson, Co. here, and yesterday I returned three of them to the same people. I wrote to you from the North last summer telling you of the fine performance of these watches and my private Waltham, during a two months' sled trip over the ice. They were compared with each other and a chronometer corrected by observation nearly every day for a year and rates assigned for the ice trip. Daily comparisons were made among the watches on the trip, also, and with the chronometer after our return. The field rates were found to be practically the same as those assigned from the rates during the several months previous to the field trip. If it were not that all three watches came out the same, I should say that the observations were accidentally close to the calculated rates. The performance of your watches is emphasized by the fact that Capt. Adams had a hand and pocket chronometer made to order in London at a cost of \$250.00. On this trip this expensive time piece varied so much from the rates of the other watches that it had to be disregarded after the first week. The rates of your watches were clean good but attractive. The rate of your watches was 1.35 seconds in its daily rate.

It is a pleasure to me to mention that the best possible performance from the watches. I wore two myself and insisted that others took good care of them. next to being careful every precaution taken to keep their temperature constant. (Signed) E. DE K. LEFFINGWELL.

N. B. In buying a Waltham Watch always ask your jeweler for one adjusted to temperature and position