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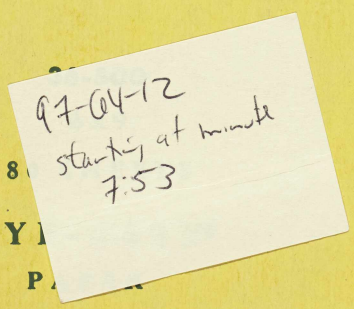
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W Hey a Mr Ron Metzner how do you pronounce your last name

R Metzner

W Warren ——— old time residents

R Pleased to meet you

W and now give me your questions see

R Where were you born

W I was born between Pt Lay & Wainwright the way my record comes up

R How old are you

W Oh I'm 56 years old

R When were you born
W Oh 4th of July 1922

R- OK now Why don't you talk about where you've been since you were a boy - Where all you lived

W Well, I lived there since I get to know

like a little kid like about 9 or 8 years old. I was raised by my grandfather - Old man _____ my grandmother - that's what they adopted me out of my own parents and then when I get to know way back maybe when I get to about 11 years old that's the time I start my school. We lived down about oh - 10 - 15 some miles out of Ft Lay Village.

that's where my grandfather had a hunting area there. Let me tell you he's about 20 miles down below. That's where I was raised and I know all about what my grandfather, old man Kelsch. I know they netting out every summer

R the what?

W netting. Set out the nets everywhere they travel - always make ? around every summer every

year from this old cabin what I say is a ? right across from there to the beach side

R from the land to the island

W right - right - and from there - I - when the rivers ~~flow~~ you know they take us across there - and - remain there right to the beach side

R now wait ~~a minute~~ you put your net from just the north

side of the ___?___

W ___?___ yeah we just go across there and then they remain there and then they remain there - they get our rook & seal

R Your netting seals

W and they do the netting now but not this time - but this time in this area but they waited for the baloga to come up and ugarook hunting for seal oil to -

D - ?

W - ah yeah I know what I mean - right up here

D ? tell you ask him - I

R What

W I think I'm going on this too far

R OK, so Where have you been hunting

R Where have you mainly hunting in Pt Lay did you get further W south or north

W - ah yeah I go
twice at Peninsula
and all the way
around that Aloo
around the area
and mostly between
Wainwright and
there and most of
the time my
hunting area
is the best place
to hunt as far
as the - that ah -
What they call
that to look
Cape ~~Red~~
R Cape Lisburne ?

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W- ah Cape - this side of Cape Lisburne

D Cape Beaufort

W. Cape Beaufort yeah

R Cape Beaufort up to Wainwright - that's pretty much your area

W from there from Pt Lay always out from Cape Beaufort right there and around this area

R Inlet circle - inland from those places

R tell me about when it's safe to be out hunting on the sea ice what kind of winds are safe

W Well the sea ice anytime of the month I would suggest that last month ago November - you know the sea ice just that the slushy up you know

R it slushes up

W What they call some people call young ice

R young ice in November

W for the first time
ice ice start
freezing up

R

R in November

W but later on then
it start freezing
up but by the way
according to the
wind - wind you
know north east -
or north west wind
southwest wind what
over ~~that~~ that
take care of that

R What do you do with the northeast wind

W about a what we talkin about that slushy ice it carries out

R a northeast wind carries it out - How bout a northwest wind

W that carry that in- that go right around from these northeast cove - this bay here ~~[illegible]~~ what I was telling you about ah a bit ago that pushes in

R OK so it comes along the coast and gets caught by Cape Lisburne to Cape Lisburne and tightens it

W yeah - the way it looks to me this is kind of flat on me it kind of

R it curves more

W yeah, more ~~current~~ curve like that ?

R OK. the map is not curved enough - Now what about - We talked about northeast northwest - how bout a southeast wind

W Southeast wind - that really take the - all the ice off of the coast all the way through as far as I know as far as Barrow and down to Pt Hope the northeast Wind

D Cape Lisburne

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W Cape Lisburne that really carry the ice out all of a sudden

R OK Southeast Wind

W Yeah Southeast Wind does it blow in with a warm wind like that you know as sure as it cracked up and a high tide comes up sometime with it

R OK - so a warm wind from the southeast

produces high tide and cracks the ice up

W Right. that give a ocean water give lot of pressure on it and crack that ice up and carry that thing away as long as the wind blow in. the wind just carry that ice back you know

R OK - Now lets pretend were got a southeast wind and it's broken

the ice up and raised the water - does it continue blowing southeast or does it change direction

W Yeah, that's right and sometime we lose gear? supposing I'm telling you that the ice we already got there it might be safe enough we go out for seal hunting first in case that wind and what we talking about now and now it come up now it blow up from the southeast wind

or southwest wind and it put about so much pressure on the ocean water it cracked up you can never how far out from the river side from the beach side everywhere

R It can crash right up against the beach

W Right everywhere -

R Then, what moves it out

W Oh not the Wind but the ocean water

that high pressure
that's what I thought
B I used to think about it
R but sometimes you've
seen the ice move
out against the
beach at Cape Beaufort
move away from the
coast

W yeah that's what the
channel by the current
you know - We got
a heavy current out
in the ocean We
never can tell
Whenever - I'm Eskimo
I used to hunt for long
time in my home town

Pt Loy - Whenever I get down to the open lead I saw a little problem - what my old timer used to tell me and then throw it out to see which way the current moving in and sometime it go right out and sometime it comes in and my old timers used to tell me that if I threw that little piece of ice - it go right out then it kind of dangerous I had to go further out to

the beach head I knew that

R Now what were you saying about the ice moving around

W Yeah, that's what I was saying whenever the ice breaks up and floes all of a sudden even or later after the ice out of St Lay gets rotten hard to walks and

R right spring time

W everything all ___ and

all of a sudden it broke off and then northeast wind blow in and then it crack up.

R And it takes the ice out

W Is the beach or further out about a quarter of a mile or so - how many feet or so from the beach cracked up or flow down and then it float up and we get the weather the

Wind from northeast wind or north wind - it drifted out and then after northeast wind and it turned to north west wind - that means I'm talking about the early break

R break up?

W and then when the wind turn around the current is pretty strong that ~~it~~ throw out all the ice out you know? but when the wind

blew up from this direction - blow the ice in

R Which direction

W ah - from northwest direction that's what I was saying right there right now right in the big cape between Cape Lisburne and here right here

R Cape Lisburne and Pt Lay?

W yeah, right there from Pt Lay right there

R. Now you were saying the ice moved around in a circle

W Yeah that's right I'm telling about it now when the northwest wind comes up the ice pack as soon as you get out from Pt. Lay it just make a big circle and go right on from the northwest wind that blows in and whenever and by the way and all of a sudden it calm down - it just remain

there right there
sometime in this
area there and then
when the wind change
from southwest and
now from southwest wind
some part of it out of
Cape Lisburne or from Pt
Hope the ice the
ice bank that turn
in from wind or
current that's even
more help

R OK so a southwest
wind up past Cape
Lisburne the ice tends
to move in again

W or even from Pt Hope it turned in

R Wind changed

W yeah

R South west wind became southeast then the ice comes in against the coast

W and then when it really calm down you got to watch the current - when it's real calm the current carry that ice pack you know

either way

R ~~It~~ OK let's say down around Cape Beaufort is there any time of year when the ice cannot go out

W Cape Beaufort - that's the only place which whenever the wind changes from back side because it's right way back in the corner then when the wind don't change to melt out some plots you know big chunk of a ice already

cracked up after that a south heavy wind which cracked them up but they remain there and then Cape Lisburne is a hard thing to get through in the winter time either

R Now wait - you're saying in springtime you're talking about breakup ice

W yeah - that's what it is

R Now what were you

saying about Cape Lisburne

W Cape Lisburne is pretty hard to go right on through

R On the sea

W thats a point right there

R because the ice piles up right there

W right there ~~that's~~ the only one problem here right at the point

R the coast is really hard to travel

W because you don't have to go right through - what they call

R Cape Lisburne

W a ? but they got a road there behind the mountain : I've travelled through there so all the time I don't know - once I travel through there - that's the only one spot there that dangerous spot

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R Ocean side

W Yeah, that's a dangerous spot there - as soon as you could run around the point according to the weather it hold up <u>that's OK</u> but when there's kind of a little wind you can go right around that point

R When there's not much wind

W no but as soon as you go around that point oh you're safe

R It's good ice once you get around Cape Lisburne

W Oh yeah but this here right on the beach ridge you know where you have your dog team but down below I don't think it's long enough and down below there that little cliff - you can fit your little sleigh right there you have a problem that month?

R OK so you're saying that there's a - you have to climb - those cliffs come down to the beach

W Right

R And you're saying you get a little ledge and you can't go

W no - Way past down below the Koralik south side of it

R OK - there's a trail you can travel

W yes

R OK another question Have you ever seen ice pushed upon the beach in big piles

W Right

R Where did you see that

W Ok, I seen that in 1960 - 57 - 52 I got a picture of it

R OK that's the one in front of your Mothers house.

W If I could find it

if I get home I'll send it up to you make a better picture of it enlarge it that's my Mom's house the sod house and that big pile of ice ridge shoved up

R How far up and down the coast was the ice pushed on the beach

W Well it should be about a

R but like was it 3 or 4 miles long

D Where we have houses it was higher but other side and south side it barely go over

R OK so it piled in front of where your had houses

D didn't even pile someplace

R but someplaces it went over - just went over

D just went over - yeah

R but where your houses were

W You know that lower ridge out from the ocean side it only take about a hundred feet away - down from the ridges - which is about ridge a higher ridge - it wasn't that way when I was a young man you know - this place there was water

R Wait now you're talking about the island

W yeah - down the beach - old village site

R down the beach from the old village site the island used to be wider - it's now not as wide

W no

R it's washing away

D sinking

R maybe sinking OK so that's changed from when you were young then

W Right

D 30's to the 70's

W and that's one thing I could report is that just a little left-hand side of cemetary - you know you see that little hill down

R Kali - where your close ____? is

D- right in there - Kali right there all inside OK - right here our cemetary right on top of that hill that toward our lagoon site and then I was afraid this cut out cause to the dew line site they been hauling gravel from there and it start opening up

R its eroding OK so are their - hauling gravel south of Kali

W Yeah they grab too much gravel out of that and now it start opening

R And the water making an opening there - it's been opening up

W sometime it closed in - sometime it opened up and Whats tell me is our cemetary is right in the corner there

R Ok - so you think it might be eroding

R from the water

W right. that little hill there because the current will come right up

R is eroding the south part of the island

W get right over in afraid the cemetary i've got to say that thats what happens

R OK-

W thats what I suggest so many years ago protect that cemetary

because nobody's problem. I know Dew line is the problem Wife knows about it right honey. Yeah they been hauling the gravel right from the same spot right close to the cemetary and now sometime it opens up sometime it close in and they got a heavy current on it. I was afraid everytime it close in it start ruining the cemetary right on the edge

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R OK - did you ever see large leads open up in mid-winter

W What

R Big leads open up - big open water in winter time

W Oh yeah out in the ocean

R How far out from Pt Lay

W Well ah - some of the time according to the weather you know

the wind a- sometime
I didn't have it to
see no open days
like year ago been
closed in according
to the wind.

R What kind of wind
makes the big open
lead

W Ah south west and
north west wind that
closes it in

R Now northwest closes
it in - what opens
it.

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W Northeast wind opens

R Northeast wind opens the lead

W Same thing with it like the one all during the 70's — ? as soon as warm weather like this you know

R What happens all of a sudden you get warm weather

W Well that cause it this ah - I tell you we - supposing we

have 40 - 50 below zero
right now and it's
real clear - and then
~~next~~ day & wake
up - pretty cloudy
no sun
at all - it's real
warm out there
now and I see out
in the ocean -

turn tape over

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R OK now we've talked
about ice on top
of the islands and
over the islands
that time in the 60's

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Did you ah - ever see the tops of the islands scraped off

FW Oh yeah & Lo. In the first place right in the ~~age~~ age of it

R Where's that

W You see that beach side - there's a park there and there's a cemetary right there and all the cold storage right there and old village site down there - right here - it's only about

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quarter of a mile or less - or so that's the ~~only~~ only place where we could go right across in

R Now wait where is the ocean

W yeah - there's the ocean - now this ridge here is you know when the wind changes at in summer time it's OK because that ~~spit~~ is always so hot it may never freeze all summer long

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R OK when the spit is thawed whats all right

W yeah

R Why is that all right

W yeah

R Why why why is that OK

D cause the same

W OK OK Honey! You always talk - let me talk

022

D You answer

W ~~It~~ you know early November it start freezing up

R the spit freezes

W yeah, the fine sand right in the beach ?

R freezes

W the ocean beach start freezing up and then after it start freezing up all the - around the middle of November that's the time in my

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home town ——————
all the time and then
when the high tide
comes up it start
rough comin up

R goes over the top

w peak high tide
and then in summer
time I could see
that doesn't matter
whenever the rough
come down they just
sink right down
because all that
—— ? —— was all ? ——
down —— ? ——

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R OK ~~so~~ you're saying in ~~the~~ summer when it's calm

W who's talking about Mr. Roy Metzner

R Ron Metzner you're saying it's better when it's thawed then when it's frozen. You're saying the spill is better when it's thawed

W Right and I was going to tell you about

When the spit-real fine sand- when it close in the water start comin up mostly at the time then every time when we get a south west wind it really come up this south side there it close up all the way up - and then after that time after northeast wind or something like that northeast wind south west wind calm or something like 20 - 30 miles an hour

and all of a sudden
when the wind change
later around Nov
that's the time
everything is all
closed up and then
that's the time the
water -

R comes over

W start comin up
running over that
beach.

R cause it's frozen
if the beach is
thawed the water
soaks in and doesn't

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come up - c

W yeah and that beach side is first all the way out and then the water just a comin right on up ~~at~~ between the buildings over there

R OK first comes over when it's frozen doesn't come over when it's thawed - seems to soak in

W Right

R OK ah - let's see -

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Did you ever see the ice inside the Barrier Islands move around

W Where

R did you ever see the ice in here in the lagoon move around a lot

W ____ the lagoon is which break up ehis your river there

R When your river breaks up

W yeah Whenever the river breaks up and

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it just throw everything all out

R - it moves the ice around

W but it breaks up down with ~~run~~ run over location down there

R OR When it's blocked up the river floods

W yeah When it go up to the water level you know the ground level

R the new village almost gets flooded

means when we get too much snow on the tundra you know or on this area

R You get the river goes up

W and almost floods and . when we don't get enough snow it don't bother us

R OK Did you ever see ice during storms washed up on the islands in the summer time

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W No the only ones, that we know is my wife and myself on Lake _____

D ?

W That time you heard about the north star _____ landed here at Barrow

R no

W and they couldn't unload their groceries or anything

R This year

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W No ~~last year~~ Liza how many years ago was that

L - 7

W Lee never go out ~~that~~ probably was 74 or 75

R the year the ice didn't go out

W Lee never get out the reason why is the wind came around from same direction on every other month that's what happen

089

R kept the ice in
Let me see - tell
me about the flood
the big flood in the
40's

W I could tell you
one flood I wasn't
a vacation way back
around What year was
that - I have to
swam out of Fairbanks

R Oh the Fairbanks
flood

W Were you

R no I wasn't - what

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happened

W When I go on leave from the dew line station - it was raining at the time everywhere it was raining

R and you were in Fairbanks during the flood in 67

W Oh yeah we came out of dew line & late that

R Oh that's no fun - up to your armpits

W Were you there

R No I heard about it

W Where were you at

R I was in Texas then

W Oh yea
I'm telling you man
I have to make it
right across - thats
my vacation

R Tell me about the
time you were Walrus
hunting and you were
out ~~in~~ for 7 days

W Well ah dew line ____
a month

R Well do you remember
what spar that was

W Well what spar was
that-

D mostly every spring

W Every spring

R You go Walrus hunting

W but I myself I used
to help when I
was a young man

old timers but now
I'm not hunting for
walrus no more

R But what was the
story you wanted him to
tell -

W Well

D no more dogs

R no but what was
the story you had
a story

W I got a good story
I got a good gas
dog stove - but I don't press
D it I like dogs better

R ?

D ?

R yeah - dogs better

W they don't break down & don't trust my gas ~~dog~~ dog

D When you was washed out in the ocean

W oh & was going to tell you about it

R OK

W & was washed out one time. & was a young man and a help

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my dad and then
We were about 8 of
us in the canoe - Ku
We got one eskimo
one ____ and one
skin boat and one
Whale boat got two
dogs behind us that
little ____ was
pretty low with a
cut tail off and
so

R small one

W our Captain take us
out - then OK
everybody volunteer
OK - get those Walrus
we miss all those