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Capt. Roald Amundsen, 1919-1920. 1 in.

Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, was born in 1872. Following his South Polar expedition of 1910-1912 and the Great War, he undertook a North Polar expedition on board the "Maud" in 1918. He did not succeed in his attempt at drifting from the North Siberian Islands across the Pole, but later attained his objective by dirigible. He perished in 1928 while on an Arctic flight.

Photostat and typewritten copies of letters and documents left for Capt. Amundsen in April, 1920, by Capt. Godfred Hansen, Royal Danish Navy. Hansen was a member of the Third Thule Expedition undertaken in support of Amundsen's North Polar drift.

1. Letter from Hansen to Amundsen, 19 April 1920. Photostat copies of handwritten original in Danish and typed copy of translation. Written from the depot in the ice off Point Moss. 8 pp.
2. Letter from Knud Rasmussen to Amundsen, 13 June 1919. Photostat copies ^{of} original in Danish and typed copy of translation. Sends welcome to Fort Conger. 1 p.
3. Letter from Knud Rasmussen to Amundsen, 13 June 1919. Photostat copies of original in Danish and typed copy of translation. Sends welcome to Cape Columbia and Thule and discusses plans of the expedition. 3 pp.

4. Rasmussen's plan for a depot to be placed at Cape Columbia for Roald Amundsen. Photostat copies of original in Danish and typed copy of translation. 6 pp.
5. Letter from Capt. J.E. Bernier to Rasmussen, 28 March 1919. Photostat copy. Discusses Amundsen's expedition. 1 p.
6. Letter from Henry T. Munn to Amundsen, 5 August 1919. Photostat copy. 1 p.
7. List of letters and documents left by Godfred Hansen in depot at Cape Aldrich for Capt. Amundsen in April 1920. 1 p.
8. Photostat copies of sealed envelopes. 1 p.
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The above letters, in unsealed envelopes, and a number of sealed envelopes were found in 1953 on northern Ellesmere Island by an expedition sponsored by the Defence Research Board and presented to Mr. E.S. Bent, Norwegian Minister to Canada, by the Minister of Resources and Development; copies transferred to the Archives by the Department of Resources and Development in 1953.