

Before Eskimos left had them write their names on this page as follows:

EYAK, TARZUK, ATANAK

17 years

18 years

20 years

Eyak printed with least confidence and talked the second to mast. Tarzuk talked the least but printed with trained confidence. Atanak could not write so printed it for him as Eyak spelled it out. Atanak conversed in English more than the other two boys. Their ages did not indicate their maturity by 7 to 10 years. Atanak for instance looked to be about 30 years. Photos 510718-16 and 510718-17 of their departure.

In recommending this station for future use I say that it could not be more ideally situated. Good landing area, close approach to shore, nearness to all ecological situations. Water for drinking, unless carried 1/4 mile must be used from river and thus must be boiled. The other alternative is just south of the last large lake, but in this instance the slopes below the upland tundra are lacking in typical form. The 5 Eskimo houses across the river to the NE (Anaktuk) have not been used recently but if used may be a factor in the capture of large animal forms. If one could get across river, there would be many excellent areas to investigate.

