

members were divided into groups called 900's, 1000's and 1100's, which represented the number of paces which the archer must shoot in order to qualify. Every member had to practice for six months before he was a fully qualified member. All of his training was supervised by a master archer and consisted of drawing the bow 5,000 times practicing the loose which was shooting into a box. Dr. Lapp, didn't you tell me at one time that during the last Byrd expedition the members of the party carried some archery equipment?

Dr. Lapp Yes, Mrs. Dart, in the last Byrd expedition into the Antarctic some target equipment was carried which was donated by a group of archers. This equipment was to be used for purposes of recreation. Dr. Poulter, the physicist with the expedition, figured out a method of attaching a line to an arrow in such a manner that it did not interfere with the arrow's flight. On the trip down to the South Dr. Poulter shot at some of the birds which followed the boat. In case of a miss the line was reeled in and the arrow recovered. Dr. Poulter made one hit that brought down an albatross which he intended to have preserved and mounted. But he gave in to the pleas of the sailors and threw it overboard. The sailors were superstitious and were very unhappy about the presence of the dead albatross.

Mrs. Dart Were the bows and arrows used for any other purpose after the arrival at Little America?

Dr. Lapp As I understand it, some seals were killed with hunting bows, but the process was too slow. Time was short and a meat supply for the dogs had to be secured before the winter set in and seals left for more open waters. It was necessary to use rifles to speed up the process. After the return of the expedition, I was in Dr. Poulter's basement while he was unpacking the archery equipment. He handed me a bow and asked me to string it for shooting. I took the usual position for bracing a bow and went to work. But I could not quite slip the string into the bow nocks. Dr. Poulter put the string in place rather easily. He said he was the only man on the expedition who could string the bow which had a pull well over 100 pounds.

Mr. Perry Doc, you say you could not string this bow, yet Dr. Poulter did it easily? You are a 200 pounder and stand over 6'1". Just what sort of a man is this Dr. Poulter?

Dr. Lapp Dad, Poulter is some man. When I stand beside him I have to look up, and his arms and shoulders are very much broader than mine. However, with some practice I think I could string the bow.

Mrs. Dart What happened to all this archery equipment that went to the Pole?

Dr. Lapp I am not sure, but I was given three bows to transport from Crawfordsville, Indiana, to Iowa City, where my brother, who had helped collect the equipment, was given his choice of one of the three bows. The remaining two were later returned to Dr. Poulter at his Mr. Pleasant, Iowa home.

Mr. Perry You mention Dr. Poulter hunting seal and shooting birds with the bow and arrow. There is considerable hunting of both large and small game in this country. In the state of Wisconsin over three hundred special hunting licenses were issued this year. This last hunting season Wisconsin, like the state of Michigan, has opened deer season earlier than usual to