Appendix: Expedition Periodicals: A Chronological List

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The following list provides the date, the periodical name, the setting (ship or other site), the expedition leader, the expedition name when assigned, and, as available, format and publication information.


1845–49. Name, if any, unknown. *Terror* and *Erebus*. Sir John Franklin. Both ships presumably had printing facilities for publishing a ship’s newspaper but no trace of one survives.

[Not to be included in this list is the unpublished *The Arctic Spectator & North Devon Informer*, dated Monday, November 24, 1845, a completely fictional printed newsheet, invented for the Franklin Expedition by Professor Russell Potter, Rhode Island College. Only two pages of a fictional facsimile have been located.]


Albert Markham was aboard *Assistance* and was also involved in the *Minavilins*, a more covert paper on the *Assistance* which, like its *Resolute* counterpart, *The Gleaner*, was confiscated and suppressed altogether. Neither is included in this list.

The catalogue of the library on Belcher’s *Assistance* was actually printed on board ship as *A Catalogue of the Library Established on Board H.M.S. Assistance, Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C. B. Commanding the Arctic Squadron in Search of Sir John Franklin and His Companions: Printed and published on Board H.M.S. Assistance, Wellington Channel, Arctic Regions, H. Briant, Printer, 1853* (1853). The manuscript catalogue is in the library of the National Maritime Museum (Greenwich). I have been unable to locate a copy of the printed catalogue.

1852. *North Pole Charivari*. *North Pole*. Sir Edward Belcher. British Franklin Search Expedition of 1852–54. This was a supply ship. Its small press mainly produced printed messages for bottle distribution, but also printed some issues of this periodical as well.

1852–54. *Weekly Guy. Plover*. Rochfort Maquire. The *Plover* was the tender for Collinson’s *Enterprise*. There were fifteen four-page issues of the *Weekly Guy*, the first and one of the best periodicals printed aboard any Admiralty ship.


1869–70. *East Greenland Gazette. Germany*. Karl Koldewey. Two issues in manuscript. A newspaper was attempted but it “died of neglect” after five issues, the first on November 15.


1902–03, 1912. *South Polar Times. Discovery*. Robert Falcon Scott. British National Antarctic Expedition (1901–04). *Terra Nova*. British Antarctic Expedition (1910–12). Single typewritten copies, reprinted in London in three facsimile volumes in 1907 and 1914. Five monthly issues were produced in typescript in 1902 (Vol. I), edited by Ernest Shackleton and illustrated by Dr. Edward Wilson. When Shackleton was invalided home in March 1903, the editorship was assumed by Louis Bernacci, who produced five more issues from April to August 1903 (Vol. II). These two volumes were published in facsimile (London: Smith, Elder, 1907), with a preface by Scott. Apsley Cherry-Garrard resumed the tradition on Scott’s second voyage, with five issues from April to August 1911, published as Volume III in facsimile in 1914. There is a fourth volume in the typescript original at the Scott Polar Research Institute, privately printed in facsimile in 2007 by the Erebus and Terror Press. Later published in same format as Volume I-III by Scott Polar Research Institute Bonham. 2011.

1904. *Arctic Eagle*. Ziegler-Fiala Expedition, Camp Abruzzi, Franz Josef Land. Hand-printed newspaper. One untraced copy is thought to exist at the Explorers Club but has not been located. It is catalogued as Vol. I, No. 4, December 26, 1904.

Wellington, NZ. (This expedition also printed the *Aurora Australis* ashore. Edited by Robert Shackleton.)


News is mostly about McMurdo. Published in hard copy and online since 1996. The Internet early made its way to Antarctica providing wide access to this periodical, as well as to most of the world’s newspapers.