

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Lt.-Col. G. A. McLean Buckley, who was a guest of Shackleton on the *Nimrod*, in 1907-8. His name is commemorated by Mount Buckley, at the head of the Beardmore Glacier, where Shackleton first discovered coal in the Antarctic.

The recent tragic death, in a flying accident, of Christoffer Braathen, will be regretted both in his native Norway and in America. He served on the First Byrd Antarctic expedition as ski-man and dog-driver, and was also chief mechanic, under Bernt Balchen, of the Ellsworth Antarctic expedition to North Graham Land in 1934.

We must also record the death of Admiral Godfred Hansen, who was navigating officer of Amundsen's *Gjoa*, during her three and a half year voyage through the North-West Passage, and made a very fine journey to Fort Conger and Cape Columbia in 1920 to make depots in connection with Amundsen's voyage of the *Maud*. Captain Carl Julius Evensen, master of the *Stella Polare*, in 1899-1900, when the ship was chartered by the Duke of the Abruzzi for his expedition to Franz Josef Land, has also died. Captain George Comer, who has died in America at the age of 79, was a well-known whaling captain in the eastern Arctic, whose name is known to many archaeologists, as it was from "Comer's Midden" near Thule, that the Thule Culture was first determined.

Professor Hans Reck, who died on August 4, 1937, in Africa, was known chiefly for his work as a geologist in East Africa, but also deserves mention in *The Polar Record* for the research carried out by him in Iceland before the War.