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Temperatures at Little America! Seventy-eight degrees below zero was the extreme cold experienced by Admiral Byrd on July 21 and 22, 1934, while at the Bolling Advance Base. The thermograph registered 83 below, but the reading of the alcohol minimum thermometer of 78 below was deemed more reliable. At Little America, about 100 miles north of the Bolling Advance Base, records of temperature are available for two winters, 1929 and 1934. In 1929 July was the coldest month with an average of 45.8 degrees below and an absolute lowest of 72 below, the only comment being, "A disagreeable day." In 1934, August was the coldest month, with an average of 38.6 below and an absolute lowest of 71 degrees below zero.