FOREWORD

From a philosophical viewpoint there are two key lessons that I have learnt from undertaking this PhD study. The first is that the ‘journey’ of the PhD experience has maintained a far deeper impression upon me than the ‘arrival’ or PhD completion. Despite discovering a lot about Antarctic glacial geology and geomorphology I have probably learnt more about myself throughout these unique and exhilarating years. The second lesson is that in all my travels the raw beauty of Antarctica continues to haunt me, and I doubt I will ever again encounter such unique splendour in this life.

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“All for one and one for all.”

Mark T. Lloyd Davies
Oxford
"Here [in Antarctica] nobody has to go shopping, nobody has to pay any bills, nobody has to deal with the lawyer. Everybody works 54 hours a week and nobody complains."

*Quote of the Week, McMurdo Scientist, 17th December 2000, The Antarctic Sun*