

bright. Its temperature was 16.6° ; but then the temperature of the air was unusually high, namely 17.5° . Probably the cause of this local mildness may have been the amount of solar heat stored up in the water during the summer, and the temperature maintaining itself a good deal higher than usual.

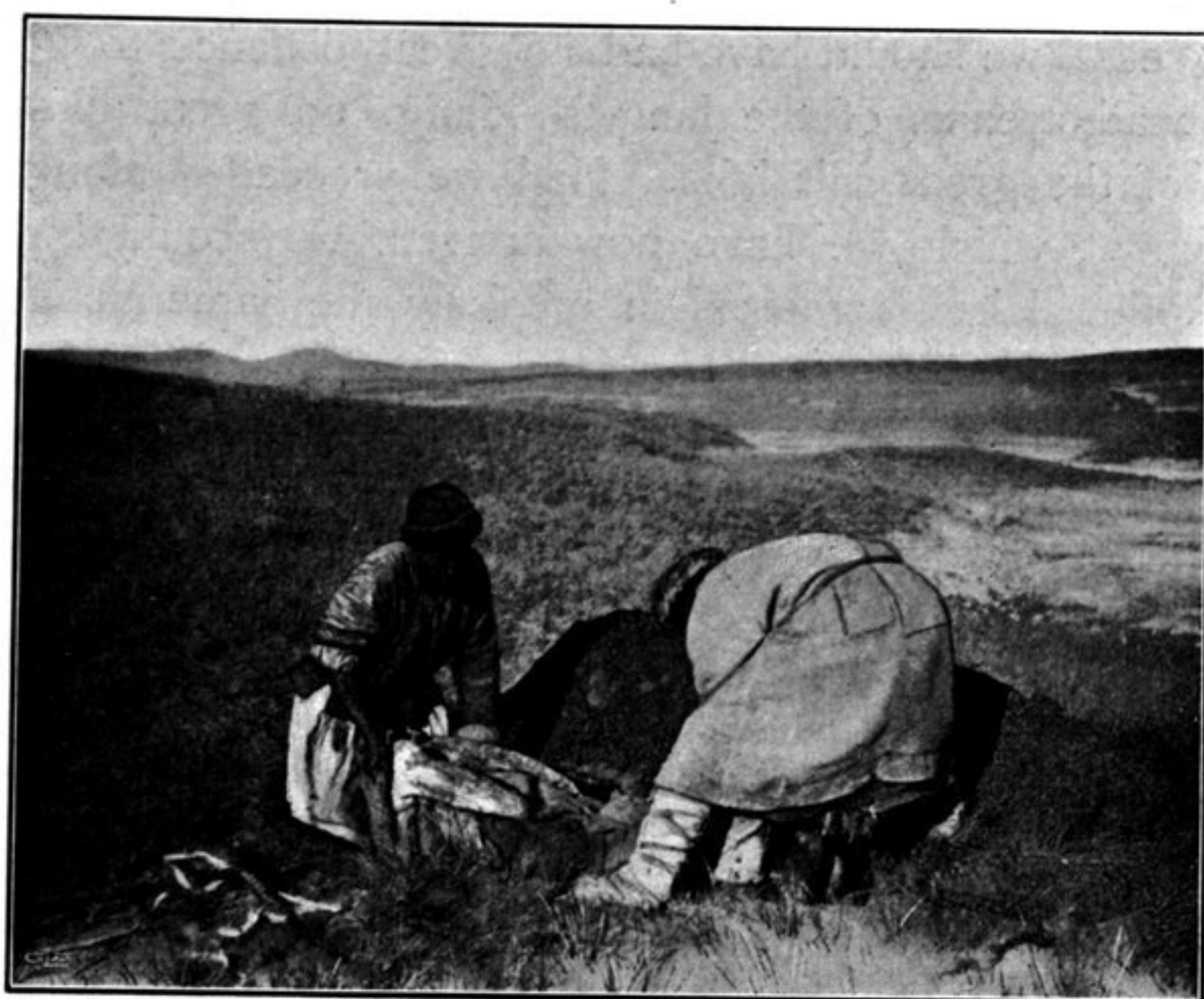


Fig. 121. SCENES FROM THE BURIAL OF ONE OF MY MEN AT CAMP LVI.

This lake is about 15 km. long, its western end being rounded, and shallow, as well as plentifully studded with mud islands and so diversified with capes that it is impossible to make out the actual shore-line. It lies at an altitude of 4800 m. Immediately west of it the ground is flat and whitened over with incrustations of salt; here too there were pools. All this water appeared to have been left after the lake