

4TH DECEMBER

I was woken up by Luis yelling that today was a "no go" day due to high winds coming off the headwall. There was no sun and it was really cold. We had breakfast and Ernesto came over to say that the revised weather forecast from the Chilean base at Patriot Hills indicated bad weather until Monday with it clearing up on Tuesday. They also forecast 60km winds in our camp tonight so everyone except us had spent the afternoon building bigger snow walls around their tents. I spent the afternoon with my Chilean team in their camp, talking about our Everest climb, I can't believe that it was 6 months since coming out of Nepal. Gabriella will be the first Chilean woman to climb Vinson if she makes the summit this trip. The rest of the day I spent bugging Hamish and Luis making them pose for my dispatch photos about 10 times in a row. I wanted to see if I could push Luis to the edge of his patience - the kind of thing I like to do when I'm bored!! I've left my book at basecamp due to weight restrictions so I could have been mildly irritating today! Let's hope for Luis and Hamish's sake we get a break in the weather soon! The wind is blowing onimously off the side of the mountain and we are in a semi white out here at camp 1. I'm about to get ready for bed and it's about 9.30pm and I refuse to have Hamish film me asleep again! He supposedly captured me snoring on film which I really don't believe! When Hamish filmed Luis snoring, I was awake and fully laughing with Hamish, only to be caught sleeping and supposedly snoring on camera 40 minutes later by Hamish. Hope the weather is good tomorrow!