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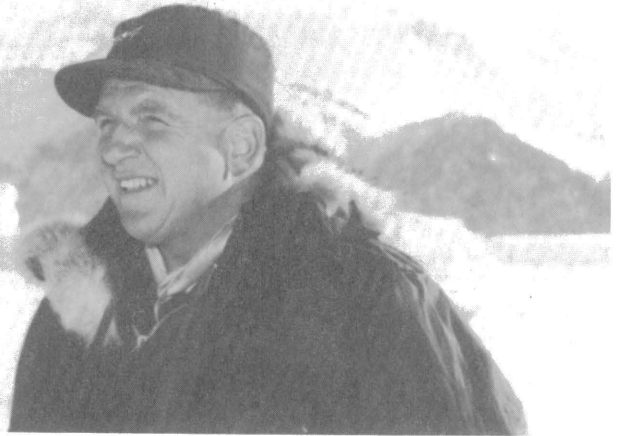
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A Message to the Men of Operation Deep Freeze 64



"The departure of USS GLACIER from Hallett Station, after an unfortunate fire, brings to a close the summer operating season. At this time, I want to convey my most hearty congratulations to every officer and man who has participated in the overall highly successful Operation DEEP FREEZE 64.

"Each unit of the task force has performed so well that it is impossible to single out in this message any one group for special commendation. The base management, clean-up, and maintenance by Antarctic Support Activities, the air transportation and resupply effort by Air Development Squadron SIX, the U. S. Air Force units, the U. S. Army helicopter detachment, the difficult antennae construction work of Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT under most severe conditions, the icebreaking, escort work, and reconnaissance of the icebreakers, the seamanship and cargo handling of the resupply ships; these and all other tasks have been accomplished with the efficiency, enthusiasm, and skill that are in the highest traditions of the United States Armed Services. To the entire summer support group, I say 'well done'.

"For the wintering-over party; the departure of the last ship marks the beginning of your battle with an increasing hostile environment. You have a challenging task before you.

"To you, I send my best wishes for a successful winter. The next six months will give you additional opportunity to learn a great deal more about the Antarctic and yourselves. Do your work well, and remember always that you are in the thoughts and prayers of those of us preparing for next season's operation. "

— Rear Admiral James R. Reedy
United States Navy

Monthly Digest

On 12 March 1964, the Commander, U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica, issued his final situation report of the season. All ships were north of 60° South latitude and, therefore, out of the Antarctic as defined by treaty. Stations were being secured for the winter, and 289 men (including 1 United States scientist wintering-over at the Russian Vostok Station) were settling down to face the winter. By the time this Bulletin is in the reader's hands, darkness will have fallen over the South Pole and the shades of night will be creeping across the continent toward its periphery.

It is too soon to close the accounts of DEEP FREEZE 64, as all the information is not yet in. Certain highlights, however, are clearly visible. In the field of aviation, two remarkable flights were made, one at the beginning of the season, the other towards its close. On 1 October, two LC-130Fs landed at Williams Field after a flight of 14-1/2 hours from Cape Town, South Africa, a distance of 4,700 miles. Australia now remains the only large land mass in the Southern Hemisphere from which aircraft have not yet penetrated to the Antarctic. An aerial reconnaissance of 10 February went from McMurdo beyond the Pole, if that is the correct expression, and found some hitherto unseen mountains in Queen Maud Land.

Equally significant, if not so dramatic, was the substitution of C-130Es for C-124s by the Military Air Transport Service. The air drops, which had been a feature of Antarctic logistics since 1956, were suspended, and fuel was delivered to inland stations by Navy LC-130Fs equipped with internal fuel tanks. Although the wastage on air drops was minor, the task for a small station's crew to recover, sort, and store the materials, which tended to scatter with the wind, was considerable. Both the loss and the labor have been saved.

Aviation, too, contributed directly to the science program as well as providing logistic support. In addition to the parties placed in the field, the Army's turbo-powered helicopter detachment carried geologists on a survey of the Ellsworth Mountains. With this aid, the scientists accomplished in days what would on the

surface have required weeks, landing as high as 12,000 feet with neither the time nor the drudgery of climbing.

In our emphasis on science and logistics, we sometimes forget that Antarctica has its political aspects, governed by a unique treaty. For the first time, inspections permitted by the Antarctic Treaty were carried out. United States inspection teams visited Argentine, British, Chilean, New Zealand, and Soviet bases, and flew over a French one. Inspectors from Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom were flown to McMurdo and other United States stations. Everywhere the welcome was in the spirit of the Treaty.

For the ships, it was a good year with light ice in the Ross Sea area. Instead of more than 60 miles of channel to be cut in McMurdo Sound, as occurred on DEEP FREEZE 63, there was slightly less than 30. Even with this reduced task, some damage occurred to ships, the worst being loss of propeller and shaft by USS ATKA in late November.

By contrast, USCGC EASTWIND, which went to the Antarctic Peninsula, found heavy ice. Similar conditions were reported in the Weddell Sea and elsewhere, but they were not such, as impeded ships in the performance of their missions, and no calls for icebreaker assistance were received. On two occasions, however, young New Zealand seamen were transferred to United States ships for emergency appendectomies.

Among the more unusual events was the journey by air of a detachment of SeaBees to the Soviet Vostok Station. There, they set up a camp and proceeded to erect antennas for a co-operative scientific project in which United States and Soviet scientists are participating.

This project involves the study of cosmic rays by the forward scatter technique. It is part of the program of geophysical investigations known as the International Years of the Quiet Sun. The general objective is to complement and complete the work done during the International Geophysical Year, when solar activity was at its height. Scientists who are engaged in this program are among the 288 men, who have settled down for the long winter at United States stations.

Antarctica

FIRE AT HALLETT STATION

On 5 March at about 1930 hours (0730, 6 March, local time), fire was discovered in the science building at Hallett Station. All hands turned to and fought the blaze. In the 25- to 30-knot winds then blowing, the fire rapidly got a good hold and spread to the aurora tower. Chemical extinguishers, the principal reliance in Antarctic fire-fighting, proved ineffective under these conditions, and water was used, exhausting the station's supply. Although the two structures and their equipment were almost a total loss, the fire was contained and did not spread to other buildings. There were no fatalities, and injuries were limited to minor burns incurred by those fighting the fire.



Firefighting Equipment at McMurdo Station Used to Battle a 1961 Fire Amidst Raging Winds Similar to the Recent Fire Which Damaged Two Buildings and Destroyed Equipment at Hallett Station.

Fortunately, USS GLACIER, the last ship in the area, was only 70 miles away at the time and put on flank speed to reach the scene as soon as possible. GLACIER replenished the station's water supply from her tanks. Personnel equipment and some other supplies were also replaced from GLACIER's stocks. Onboard the ship were 100 members of Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT returning home from their season's activities. They, and GLACIER's crew, assisted in cleaning up the station.

An inspection was carried out by Captain James B. Elliott, Jr., USN, Commander, Antarctic Support Activity, representing the Navy, and Dr. Trevor Hatherton, representing the New Zealand Department of Scientific and In-

dustrial Research. It was found that the auroral instruments, ionosonde, and riometer were a total loss, that the geomagnetic and cosmic ray gear could be repaired from parts available at the station, and that the whistler and earth current programs could continue unaffected. Some loss of records from the seismology, whistler, earth current, ionosonde, and riometer projects had occurred. Hallett Station's ability to support the personnel on board remained unimpaired. The inspectors estimated that the scientific programs had been reduced about 50 per cent.



McMurdo Station Firemen Mixing the Ansul Dry Chemical Used in Extinguishing a Fire in the Parachute Building at McMurdo in 1961 Similar to the Recent Fire at Hallett Station.

After considering the report, the Commander, U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica; the Head, U. S. Antarctic Programs Office, National Science Foundation; and the Director of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research decided to continue the operation of the station and those scientific programs not affected by the fire. Two members of the scientific party returned to New Zealand aboard GLACIER.

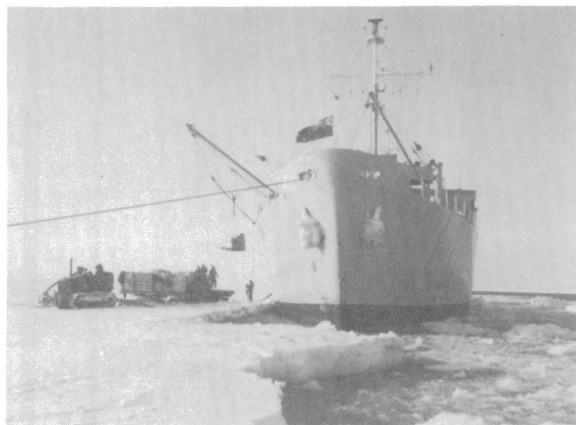
The cause of the fire was not definitely determined, but it was believed that it originated between 0705 and 0730 (local time) from malfunction of a space jet heater.

Fire, of course, has always been the most dreaded hazard of the Antarctic. All United States stations have elaborate systems for the detection and suppression of fires, and trained fire-fighting parties who maintain a 24-hour watch. Fire alarm systems use ceiling heat

indicators that are triggered to go off at temperatures of 120 to 130 degrees. Principal reliance for extinguishing fire is placed on Ansul dry chemical, as water is scarce and it and other liquids are subject to freezing. As noted above, the chemical proved ineffective under conditions encountered at Hallett. At McMurdo Sound, a far larger station than Hallett, the fire department has a power wagon and a Nodwell tracked vehicle, each equipped with a 2,000-pound dry chemical container and six fire extinguishers. In addition, there is a fire trailer for fighting outside fires that carries a 1,000-pound chemical tank and a 100-gallon water tank.

PIER CARVING

Icebreaking is a major task in each year's Operation DEEP FREEZE. Cutting a channel through ice up to 15 feet thick requires the force of a 6,500- or 8,600-ton icebreaker slamming into the pack under full power, utilizing inertia and dead weight to crush and fragment the solid ice sheet. Yet operations under heavy ice conditions also require precision since, before the cargo vessels can be unloaded at McMurdo Station, icebreakers must carve out a "pier" or berthing area shaped to the contours of the cargo carrier's hull.



Food, Supplies, and Scientific Equipment Being Unloaded From HMNZS ENDEAVOUR, Berthed in the Pier Carved Out for Her by one of the U. S. Navy Icebreakers.

The requirements for a suitable pier are dictated by the need for safety and efficiency. The site must provide a stable platform upon which cargo can be placed and men and heavy equipment can operate without risk of breaking through. It must also be firmly attached to the main body of the pack so that when the ship is moored to the ice, typically high winds will not

cause the portions of the ice tied to the ship to "break out" carrying cargo, men and equipment with it. The site must also be free of cracks and flaws so that it can withstand the "carving" operation without breaking up or opening leads which would make off-loading operations unsafe or unfeasible.

With these requirements in mind, a survey is made consisting of ice coring, to determine the thickness and density of the ice, and chemical analysis of the cores, to determine salinity of the ice, which, in turn, indicates the tensile strength of ice. When a site is selected, the icebreakers begin the task of carving it to fit the ship, for any irregularity in the berth may cave-in or puncture the thin-skinned cargo carrier.

The actual operation begins with the stationing of controllers on the ice. They signal for icebreaker movements with hand signals and megaphones. At the direction of the controllers, the icebreaker must execute maneuvers involving tremendous force with great precision, a task requiring utmost patience and skill. Once the icebreaker has completed the shaping of the mooring, the face is cut smooth and finished with ice saws and dead-man anchors are installed in the ice.

Successful preparation of a berth is wholly dependent upon the success of the site survey and selection and the skill of the icebreaker crews. Even then, the task may be impossible, as evidenced by an incident involving USS ATKA during DEEP FREEZE 64 when she attempted to cut a berth for USNS PVT. JOHN F. MERRELL. A freak pressure change caused a lead to open at right angles to the berth cut and, after a day's work employing all the skill and knowledge of the icebreaker men, the pier could not be saved and the project had to be abandoned at that site.

POST-SEASON FLIGHT TO AMUNDSEN-SCOTT SOUTH POLE STATION ESTABLISHES LONGEST SUMMER SEASON IN HISTORY OF STATION

The need for essential spare parts and scientific instruments necessitated a flight to Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station on 25 February, after the station had already been officially isolated for the 1964 winter season for 11 days.

Rear Admiral James R. Reedy visited the station aboard a Navy Air Development Squadron

SIX LC-130F which took in the necessary equipment and made the last mail delivery.

This flight was the latest to the South Pole of any austral summer season. Previously, the latest landing had been on 17 February 1961. This season, the men at Amundsen-Scott witnessed the longest austral summer in the history of the station. On 23 October 1963, Admiral Reedy ended the 1963 winter period of isolation at the station by completing the earliest south polar landing in history.*



A U. S. Navy LC-130F Similar to the One That Flew the Post-Season Flight to Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station on 25 February 1964.

A summary of the first flights to the station and the last flights out of the station for all seasons since the station was opened are presented below.

Operation	First Flight In	Last Out
DEEP FREEZE II	31 Oct 56	12 Feb 57
DEEP FREEZE III	26 Oct 57	27 Jan 58
DEEP FREEZE IV	16 Nov 58	29 Dec 58
DEEP FREEZE 60	21 Nov 59	5 Feb 60
DEEP FREEZE 61	30 Oct 60	17 Feb 61
DEEP FREEZE 62	28 Oct 61	16 Feb 62
DEEP FREEZE 63	5 Nov 62	16 Feb 63
DEEP FREEZE 64	23 Oct 63	25 Feb 64

*See "Earliest Landing in History Successfully Completed at South Pole," Bulletin, December 1963, page 2.

ICEBERG ENTERS SHIPPING CHANNEL IN McMURDO SOUND

On 26 February, a large iceberg, estimated to measure 500 feet long, 200 feet wide, and 100 feet high and weigh 1-1/2 million tons, was spotted at the entrance to the shipping channel

in McMurdo Sound. After several days at the entrance, it began floating into the channel and had to be removed.



USS ATKA, One of the U. S. Navy's Icebreakers, Pushing the Large Iceberg Out of the Shipping Channel in McMurdo Sound Into the Sea.

USS ATKA and USS BURTON ISLAND, after a struggle, pushed it back out of the shipping channel into the sea. During the early stages of the operation, the iceberg seemed to be gaining headway in its drive into the channel. The icebreakers, however, after careful maneuvering, to prevent ice cave-in and possible bow damage, managed to push it out of the channel and safely into open water.

ON WINTERING OVER*

We got darkness on the land,
We got ice upon the sea,
We got absolutely nothin'
You can pick right off a tree,
We got winds that are colossal
Which make walking quite a feat.
What ain't we got?
We ain't got heat.

We get kerosene by air,
We get movies, we get mail,
We get counselled by the chaplain,
But it's all to no avail.
We get springtime in November,
When the tourists start to sprout.
What don't we get?
We don't get out.

(Until MATS arrives.)

—Anonymous.

*From the MATS FLYER, February 1964, page 2.

Stateside

NEW ZEALAND IN THE ANTARCTIC

J. H. WEIR

[The following reproduces in major part the remarks of Mr. J. H. Weir, Counsellor of the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, D. C., before the Antarctic Society on 30 January 1964. We are indebted to Mr. Weir and the New Zealand Ambassador, the Honorable George Laking, for permission to reproduce Mr. Weir's informal talk.

In introducing Mr. Weir, the President of the Society, Rear Admiral David M. Tyree, USN(Ret.), expressed appreciation for the cooperation and hospitality, both official and personal, given to the United States by the government and people of New Zealand.]

When a New Zealander speaks to any gathering abroad, it is well understood that, no matter what the subject, he says something about the Maoris, the Polynesians who are our fellow New Zealanders and who add a colourful and cheerful quality to our otherwise rather dour society and in whose exploits, in war and navigation, we take great pride.

There is, in the annals of the Maoris, an account of a Rarotongian canoe voyage to the far south in which the leader of the expedition reported having seen "things like rocks whose summits pierced the skies" projecting above the frozen white sea.

This may be only legend, but another thousand years were to pass before anything better could be recorded in European history. This was in 1642 when the Dutchman, Abel Tasman, who had been combing the South Seas in search of the unknown southern continent, discovered New Zealand and concluded that we were part of the unknown southern land he had been seeking.

If Tasman thought that New Zealand was part of Antarctica, it was another Antarctic explorer who proved that we weren't. Captain Cook sailed around and through New Zealand, and proved conclusively that the country could by no means be regarded as a frozen waste—a point, however, which those of you who have experienced our lack of central heating may have been inclined to question.

Having landed in New Zealand, Cook became, as it were, the first European "citizen" of New Zealand. A few years later, in 1773, he set out this time from Capetown, to become the first

person to cross the Antarctic Circle; in the following year, operating from Queen Charlotte Sound in New Zealand, Captain Cook again sailed south and, by coincidence, on this very day, 30 January, 190 years ago, reached 71°10' South Longitude, 106°54' West, being convinced at this point that he could get no further. In his Journal for 30 January 1774 he wrote:

"I will not say it was impossible anywhere to get in among this ice, but I will assert that the bare attempting of it would be a very dangerous enterprise and what I believe no man in my situation would have thought of. I whose ambition leads me not only farther than any other man has been before me, but as far as I think it possible for man to go, was not sorry at meeting this interruption, as it in some measure relieved us from the danger and hardships inseparable with the navigation of the southern polar regions."

I am told that since Cook's day no other ship has reached the point that Cook did. So he hadn't done too badly even if he wasn't too impressive a prophet and greatly underestimated the work of which future generations were to prove themselves capable.

Cook was but the first of many Antarctic explorers for whom New Zealand became the gateway to the south. The next explorer, it must be admitted, was not treated as kindly as his successors: Marion du Fresne was killed in the Bay of Islands. But after this unhappy episode we were visited by Bellingshausen, the Russian, who saw the first land definitely sighted south of the Antarctic Circle, by Biscoe and Balleny in the early 1830's, by Dumont d'Urville, Captain

Wilkes, Captain James Clark Ross and by Scott and Shackleton and Byrd.

During this century New Zealand has been the base for a large proportion of the expeditions that have gone south and many New Zealanders have taken part in them. In 1923 our geographical proximity to Antarctica, our historical association with the continent, and our continuing interest in the exploration of the region led to the transfer by the United Kingdom to New Zealand of jurisdiction over the Ross Dependency, an area of ice and water and almost no land, between 160° East and 150° West Longitude, south of 60° South Latitude.

We thus became something more than a staging point; we had a claim to an area which had been the scene of intensive exploratory work by Sir James Clark Ross between 1839 and 1843 and by the expeditions of Scott and Shackleton and other British parties in the early years of this century. And we had for ourselves a chunk of land invested with all the mystique of Antarctic exploration, an area of land visited by explorers whose sorrows we had shared and whose triumphs had become part of our own national heritage.

May I dwell on this point a minute by recalling that in Christchurch, from which "DEEP FREEZE" operates and from whose port at Lyttelton many Antarctic expeditions set sail, there are, in the central part of the city, only three statues of people: one is Robert Godley, the founding father; the second, Queen Victoria; and the third, Scott, the Antarctic explorer—a trinity which symbolises a great deal of our heritage.

If, in 1923, we acquired an empire in Antarctica, we scarcely proved to be born imperialists. We appointed Administrators to the Ross Dependency but they never set foot in the territory they were appointed to administer. Neither did we bring law and order to nor seek to derive what profit there might be in exploiting the indigenous inhabitants. Our chief administrative acts were attempts to regulate whaling. But as we had no gunboats in the Dependency to enforce our edicts they appear to have been for the most part disregarded, this greatly to the disadvantage of the whales.

Over the years, however, there grew up in New Zealand a feeling of some misgiving about our failure to exploit the Ross Dependency. Who knew what hidden wealth might lie beneath the

ice? And if we were not established as the owners of our segment, if we did not permanently occupy more than the odd island as a weather station, who knew but that some other power might usurp our claim? People were already declining to recognize New Zealand's right to the Ross Dependency.

In 1956, as Sir Edmund Hillary was about to leave New Zealand to set up Scott Base and lead a New Zealand team to the Pole, the Government moved to settle the question. Hillary was appointed Magistrate and Postmaster of the Dependency; Captain Kirkwood of the ENDEAVOUR, Assistant Administrator, and Dr. Trevor Hatherton, the scientific leader, was made coroner. Thus for the first time did the Ross Dependency gain the respectability conferred by a resident bureaucratic structure.

This brings us almost to the present, to the establishment of Scott Base and the joint United States-New Zealand base at Cape Hallett, the IGY programmes and the activities of the New Zealand group led by Sir Edmund Hillary in support of the British Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

The character of Scott Base and the nature of the first team's accommodation and equipment were the product of a compromise between finance, tradition, and Sir Edmund Hillary. While the Government contributed some money for the Trans-Antarctic Expedition, much of it—contrary perhaps to what some Americans would expect in a welfare state—much of the money was raised by public appeal. The appeal, however, did not raise enough to satisfy Sir Edmund Hillary who, after his first visits to Antarctica, stepped up his demands for better and more modern equipment. In the process he shocked some of New Zealand's fireside explorers who were held firmly in the grip of traditionalism, who deplored the introduction of machinery into the virgin snows and regretted the provision of certain home comforts which, presumably, by subtracting from the hardships of exploration lessened the honour and glory.

Hillary stood firmly and wisely for good equipment and a bit of comfort, and, within the limits of the finance that could be raised, succeeded in introducing some modern accommodation and equipment and some useful if makeshift machinery. When he set off to lay the supply depots for the T. A. E., Scott Base was warm and reasonably comfortable, the party had

a "weasel" and some converted Ferguson tractors never meant for Antarctic use and the team had built a structure they called a caboose, which looked something like a horse float on runners and which, most important, was heated. The story of the laying of the depots, Hillary's final dash to the pole to the wild cheers of his fellow New Zealanders at home and the differences between Hillary and the British T.A.E. leader, Dr. Vivian Fuchs—differences which reflected the national characteristics of New Zealanders and Britons, as much as the temperaments of the two men—these are well-known to you and I shall avoid becoming involved in the controversy.

I should say something about the nature and scope of the work carried out by New Zealand scientists and field parties since 1956. I hope you won't mind if I, as a layman, confine myself to a most general statement and don't attempt to wrap my tongue around some of the words that scientists use.

Just as during the first years of the Antarctic scientific programme the activities of New Zealand scientists at Scott Base and Hallett Station were related principally to the requirements of the IGY, so during 1964 they will, for the most part, be geared to the requirements of something which I see is called the International Years of the Quiet Sun. In the intervening years research investigations have also been carried out for various New Zealand scientific bodies.

For some years now the major field objective of the Ross Dependency Research Committee—which coordinates the New Zealand scientific programmes in the territory—has been the completion of topographical and geological reconnaissance of the part of the Dependency area not submerged beneath the ice. This year the only large area not already surveyed is being explored by an eight-man party led by Mr. Bob Miller, the surveyor who was deputy leader of the New Zealand component of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1956-58. The party is using dog sledges—which, unhappily—to the layman—seem doomed to play a lesser role in future Antarctic exploration—but was placed in the field by U.S. Navy aircraft. The second field party, a smaller group, is undertaking geological studies and is equipped with motor toboggans.

The scope for field work in Antarctica has attracted attention from a number of New Zealand institutions which are now regularly sending small research teams to the area. The emphasis

in our activities is thus changing from wide-ranging and spectacular exploratory field journeys to the prosecution of detailed research into specific problems in relatively limited areas. The projects may be of value scientifically but for the most part they don't make good copy. There's limited romance in the study of the ice break-out in McMurdo Sound, or in the physical and chemical processes taking place in the hot lakes in the Dry Valley areas west of McMurdo Sound, or in the analysis of snow samples. Biological studies of penguins and seals at Cape Royds and of skua and penguin colonies at various locations offer a little more scope, but oceanographic surveys by the New Zealand Navy ship, ENDEAVOUR, are again somewhat esoteric—unless the ship were to get stuck in an ice-pack.

One project, however, deserves more than scant mention. This season attention is being focused on the little-known Balleny Islands, a chain of four main islands, a number of islets lying about 150 miles north of the Oates Coast of Victoria Land. Only about half a dozen landings on these inhospitable islands have ever been recorded, and not one of these was for more than a few hours. It is hoped this summer to make a high-level aerial survey, a short icebreaker visit in order to examine ice conditions and carry out a low-level helicopter reconnaissance, and an icebreaker reconnaissance in March to enable the landing of small parties to carry out research work ashore. Finally it is hoped that as a result of these surveys it will be possible to occupy a station somewhere in the group for a couple of months during the next summer season.

As in previous years the New Zealand programme will be dependent, to a very considerable extent, upon United States logistic support, both for transit between New Zealand and McMurdo and for the transport and resupply of parties in the field. Our gesture towards reciprocity, and it is only a gesture, is the provision of space on our research and supply ship, ENDEAVOUR, for the transport of oil and other supplies for the United States programme. Although there is an agreement between our two countries for United States support of New Zealand activities in return for base facilities at Christchurch, the generous help we have received in the transportation of men and supplies has gone far beyond the terms of formal agreement. Without this help our activities in the Antarctic could never have reached their present level.

Finally, may I bring to your notice that this week there has been a further notable development in New Zealand activity in Antarctica. Mr. Walter Nash, who was once New Zealand Minister in Washington, for long our Minister of Finance, Leader of the Opposition, and, for a term, Prime Minister—and, as such, strongly advocating a completely international regime in Antarctica—this week became, I should think, the first octogenarian to visit Antarctica, including the South Pole.

1 February 1962, was commissioned in Seattle, Washington on 7 March 1964.

The ship, named for the famous polar explorer, the late Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, is of the CHARLES F. ADAMS class. She is 437 feet long and displaces 4,500 tons fully loaded. Her armament consists of TARTAR surface-to-air missiles, two 5-inch/54 caliber guns, antisubmarine rockets (ASROC), and anti-submarine torpedoes.

NAVY COMMISSIONS USS RICHARD E. BYRD

The guided missile destroyer, USS RICHARD E. BYRD (DDG-23), which was launched on

U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington was the principal speaker at the commissioning ceremony which was attended by the Admiral's widow.



GEOGRAPHIC NAMES OF ANTARCTICA

The following Antarctic names have been approved, changed, located more accurately or vacated by action of the Board on Geographic Names and the Secretary of the Interior since the last such list appeared in the December 1962 Bulletin.

The names are drawn from virtually all parts of the Antarctic, but more particularly from the Heritage Range, Jones Mountains, Windmill Islands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula and Ross Sea areas. New nomenclature predominates, but the list includes a substantial number of amended names and six decisions which have been vacated, reflecting refinements in cartographic knowledge of the area. Names preceded by an asterisk (*) are amended forms of names previously listed as approved. Except for "islets" that have been systematically changed to "islands," the former name is cross-referenced to the new decision by use of the word "see."

Abel Nunatak	63°34'S,	59°41'W	Antell, Mount	54°07'S,	36°42'W
Access Point	64 50 S	63 47 W	Archibald Point	63 13 S	56 40 W
Achæan Range	64 30 S	63 37 W	Arena Glacier	63 24 S	57 03 W
Achilles, Mount	64 29 S	63 34 W	Argo Point	66 15 S	60 55 W
Achilles Heel	64 30 S	63 38 W	Argus, Mount	68 54 S	63 50 W
Active Reef	63 23 S	55 52 W	Arrol Icefall	64 35 S	60 40 W
*Acuffa Island	60 46 S	44 37 W	Arthur Harbor	64 46 S	64 04 W
Acuffa Rocks	63 18 S	57 56 W	Ashley, Mount	54 07 S	37 21 W
*Adams Island	66 33 S	92 34 E	*Asses Ears	62 20 S	59 45 W
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Agamemnon, Mount	64 38 S	63 30 W	Astro Cliffs	66 40 S	62 26 W
Agurto Rock	63 18 S	57 54 W	*Atriceps Island	60 47 S	45 09 W
Ahab, Mount	65 29 S	62 08 W	Aurora, Mount	78 15 S	166 17 E
Aitkenhead Glacier	63 57 S	58 44 W	Austin Head	54 31 S	36 30 W
Alatna Valley	76 52 S	161 10 E	Austin Valley	73 30 S	93 19 W
Albone Glacier	64 13 S	59 42 W	Austral Island	66 30 S	110 39 E
*Alectoria Island	63 59 S	58 37 W	Avalanche Ridge	73 30 S	94 22 W
Alexander, Mount	63 18 S	55 48 W	*Avian Island	67 46 S	68 54 W
Alibi, Mount	65 55 S	62 40 W	*Babe Island	54 16 S	36 18 W
Allen Knoll	63 40 S	58 35 W	Bagshawe Glacier	64 56 S	62 38 W
*Alligator Island	66 34 S	97 40 E	Bahamondes Point	63 19 S	57 55 W
Allison Glacier	78 16 S	161 57 E	Bailey Island: see Bailey Peninsula		
Allison Islands	66 21 S	110 29 E	*Bailey Peninsula	66 17 S	110 32 E
Ambush Bay	63 10 S	55 26 W	*Balaena Islands	66 00 S	111 07 E
Amundsen Coast	Eside of Liv Glacier to W. side of Robert Scott Glacier		Balæna Valley	63 20 S	56 23 W
			*Bar Island	68 17 S	67 12 W
			*Barlow Island	62 52 S	62 23 W
			Baronick Glacier	78 36 S	161 50 E
*Anchorage Island	67 36 S	68 13 W	Barrett Nunataks	79 17 S	81 24 W
Anderson Dome	73 30 S	93 54 W	Barrios Rocks	63 19 S	57 58 W
Anderson Massif	79 10 S	84 45 W	Barton Peninsula	62 13 S	58 44 W
Andreassen Point	63 54 S	57 46 W	Basecamp Valley	73 30 S	94 22 W
Andrews Rocks	54 04 S	38 00 W	Battleship Promontory	76 54 S	160 55 E
Anemometer Hill	68 11 S	67 00 W	Baume, Mount	54 39 S	36 13 W
*Aniline Island	54 19 S	36 28 W	Beagle Island	63 25 S	54 40 W
*Antarctic Peninsula	Prime Head to line between Cape Adams and the coast S. of Eklund Islands		Beall Reefs	66 18 S	110 27 E
			*Bear Island	68 11 S	67 04 W
			*Beaumont Island	68 12 S	66 57 W
			Beaver Rocks	63 40 S	59 21 W

Bednarz Cove	66°21'S, 110°32'E	Brocken	54°29'S, 36°04'W
Begg Point	54 03 S 37 59 W	Brøgger Glacier: see Brøgger Glacier	
Bekker Nunataks	64 40 S 60 56 W	*Brøgger Glacier	54 32 S 36 26 W
Benleín Point	66 29 S 110 29 E	Brooker, Mount	54 30 S 36 14 W
*Bennett Islands	66 57 S 67 35 W	Browning Island: see Browning Peninsula	
Benz Pass	63 41 S 58 22 W	*Browning Peninsula	66 28 S 110 33 E
*Berthelot Islands	65 19 S 64 09 W	Browns Point: VACATED	64 30 S 63 02 W
*Betbeder Islands	65 15 S 65 02 W	Bruce Island	64 54 S 63 08 W
Bibby Point	63 48 S 57 57 W	Bryde Rocks	54 01 S 38 16 W
Bildad Peak	65 49 S 62 36 W	*Buff Island	64 50 S 64 33 W
*Bills Island	64 50 S 63 31 W	Bulnes Island	63 18 S 57 58 W
Birkenhauer Island	66 29 S 110 37 E	Bulwark, The	78 20 S 163 39 E
*Birks, Mount	65 18 S 62 09 W	Burn Murdoch, Cape: see Murdoch, Cape	
Biscoe Point	64 49 S 63 49 W	Burn Murdoch Nunatak: see Murdoch Nunatak	
Bishop Peak	78 10 S 162 09 E	Cabrial Rock	54 19 S 36 14 W
Bistre, Mount	65 03 S 62 02 W	Cache Heights	73 28 S 94 05 W
Bjelland Point	54 06 S 36 44 W	Cain Nunatak	63 34 S 59 42 W
Black Peak: see Greaves Peak		Camana Rock	54 10 S 36 37 W
*Black Thumb	68 25 S 66 53 W	Camelback Ridge	73 31 S 94 24 W
Black Thumb Mountain: see Black Thumb		Camel Nunataks	63 25 S 57 26 W
*Blair Islands	66 50 S 143 09 E	Canso Rocks	63 39 S 59 18 W
*Blake Island	63 37 S 58 58 W	Canty Point	64 45 S 63 32 W
Blakeney Point	66 14 S 110 35 E	Carcelles Peak	54 22 S 36 30 W
Blancmange Hill	64 00 S 57 40 W	Carleton Glacier	78 01 S 162 29 E
*Block, Mount	85 45 S 177 20 E	Carlita Bay	54 14 S 36 38 W
*Block Peak	85 32 S 177 00 E	Carro Pass	63 57 S 58 09 W
Bob Island	64 56 S 63 26 W	Carse, Mount	54 43 S 36 05 W
Bombardier Glacier	64 19 S 59 59 W	*Casabianca Island	64 49 S 63 32 W
Bomford Peak	54 08 S 37 38 W	*Casy Island	63 14 S 57 30 W
*Bone Bay	63 38 S 59 04 W	Cathedral Crags	63 00 S 60 34 W
Bone Cove: see Bone Bay		*Cat Island	65 47 S 65 13 W
Bone Point	66 25 S 110 40 E	*Cave Island	62 27 S 60 04 W
Bongrain, Cape: see Bongrain Point		Cave Landing	66 23 S 110 29 E
*Bongrain Point	67 43 S 67 48 W	Cave Ravine	66 23 S 110 29 E
Bonnabeau Dome	73 31 S 94 08 W	Cave Rock: see Cave Island	
Bonner Beach	54 50 S 36 01 W	Chaplains Tableland	78 00 S 162 38 E
Borchgrevink Coast	Cape Adare to Cape Washington	Chaplin Head	54 03 S 37 54 W
Bordal Rock	54 49 S 36 14 W	Chapman Point	65 56 S 61 17 W
Bore	54 16 S 37 10 W	Charles, Cape: see Charles Point	
Boreal Point	63 08 S 55 48 W	*Charles Point	64 14 S 61 00 W
Borrello Island	66 19 S 110 22 E	Chaucheprat Point	63 32 S 56 42 W
*Bosner Island	66 28 S 110 36 E	Cheapman Bay	54 09 S 37 31 W
Bosner Rock: see Bosner Island		*Chick Island	66 47 S 121 00 E
Bowie Crevasse Field	79 07 S 84 45 W	*Cholet Island	65 03 S 64 02 W
Boydell Glacier	64 11 S 59 04 W	Christensen Glacier	54 20 S 36 52 W
Boyer Rocks	63 35 S 59 00 W	Christmas Cliffs	73 33 S 94 17 W
Brading, Mount	64 17 S 59 17 W	Christoffersen Heights	73 36 S 94 06 W
Brandt Cove	54 49 S 36 02 W	Christoffersen Glacier	54 25 S 36 47 W
Brandy Bay	63 50 S 57 59 W	Church Bay	54 00 S 37 47 W
Brash Island	63 24 S 54 55 W	Churchill Point	66 24 S 110 23 E
Bratina Island	78 00 S 165 32 E	Cinder Spur	62 08 S 58 10 W
Breaker Island	64 46 S 64 07 W	Clark Island: see Clark Peninsula	
*Breakwater Island	64 47 S 63 13 W	*Clark Peninsula	66 15 S 110 33 E
Breakwater Rocks	54 12 S 36 35 W	*Clements Island	65 56 S 66 00 W
Briggs Glacier	54 10 S 37 08 W	Clements Markham Island: see Clements Island	

Cletrac Peak	64°20'S,	59°38'W	*Dot Island	54°03'S,	37°21'W
Cleveland Rock	53 59 S	37 22 W	Douglas Crag	54 46 S	36 00 W
*Cliff Island	66 00 S	65 40 W	Douglas Peaks	80 00 S	81 05 W
*Close Islands	67 03 S	144 33 E	Dow, Mount	54 42 S	36 10 W
*Cobalescou Island	64 11 S	61 39 W	Downham Peak	64 17 S	58 54 W
*Coffer Island	60 45 S	45 08 W	Drake Icefall	79 46 S	83 50 W
Coley Glacier	64 09 S	57 14 W	Dreadnought Point	64 00 S	57 48 W
Collier Hills	79 42 S	83 15 W	Drew Cove	66 20 S	110 30 E
Comer Crag	54 01 S	37 38 W	Dromedary Glacier	78 23 S	163 06 E
*Compass Island	68 38 S	67 48 W	Dufek Coast	E. side of Liv	
Connors Point	66 18 S	110 29 E		Glacier to E.	
*Consort Islands	67 52 S	68 42 W		side of Beardmore	
Contact Point	63 23 S	56 59 W		Glacier	
Corneliussen, Mount	54 17 S	36 58 W	Duke Ernst Bay:	see Vahsel Bay	
*Cornwall Island	62 21 S	59 42 W	*Dumbbell Island	68 43 S	67 35 W
Cornwall Point:	see Cornwall Island		Duparc Rocks	63 31 S	58 50 W
Coupvent Point	63 16 S	57 36 W	Duperré Bay	64 27 S	62 41 W
*Courtier Islands	67 52 S	68 44 W	*Duroch Islands	63 18 S	57 54 W
Covadonga Harbor	63 19 S	57 55 W	Duthiers Head:	see Duthiers Point	
*Craggy Island	62 28 S	60 19 W	*Duthiers Point	64 48 S	62 49 W
Crean Glacier	54 08 S	37 01 W	*Dynamite Island	68 11 S	67 00 W
*Crescent Island	54 01 S	37 20 W	Eady Ice Piedmont	78 32 S	165 15 E
Crest, The	63 25 S	56 59 W	Earp, Mount:	see Wyatt Earp, Mount	
Crimson Hill	62 57 S	60 36 W	Eastface Nunatak	78 42 S	163 38 E
Cronk Islands	66 19 S	110 25 E	East Russell Glacier:		
*Cruls Islands	65 13 S	64 35 W		see Russell East Glacier	
Crutch Peak:	see Crutch Peaks		Eddy Col	63 26 S	57 06 W
*Crutch Peaks	62 28 S	59 56 W	Eden Rocks	63 29 S	55 42 W
Cruyt Spur	64 37 S	60 42 W	Edgeworth Glacier	64 23 S	59 55 W
Cube Rock	63 37 S	56 22 W	Edman Island	66 18 S	110 32 E
Cugnot Ice Piedmont	63 38 S	58 10 W	Edson Hills	79 50 S	83 39 W
Cunningham, Mount	54 12 S	37 18 W	Elephant Point:	see Miers Bluff	
Cutler Stack	62 36 S	60 59 W	Eliaison Glacier	64 15 S	59 25 W
Daggoo Peak	65 45 S	62 20 W	Elliott Rock	54 00 S	38 05 W
Dahl Reef	66 15 S	110 29 E	*Emperor Island	67 52 S	68 43 W
Daimler, Mount	63 45 S	58 29 W	Ems Rock	54 10 S	36 35 W
Dale Glacier	78 17 S	162 00 E	Ephraim, Mount:	see Ephraim Bluff	
*Dalk Island	69 23 S	76 30 E	*Ephraim Bluff	62 34 S	59 43 W
D'Angelo Bluff	87 18 S	153 00 W	Ernesto Pass	54 01 S	37 44 W
*Danger Islands	63 25 S	54 37 W	Estay Rock	63 20 S	57 59 W
*Darwin Island	63 26 S	54 38 W	Eternity Mountains:		
*Davis Islands	66 39 S	108 26 E		VACATED	
Dead End Glacier	54 47 S	35 56 W	Eubanks Point	70 57 S	63 35 W
Decazes, Point:	see Decazes Island		Exum Glacier	73 27 S	93 38 W
*Decazes Island	66 26 S	67 20 W	Eyres Bay	73 30 S	94 13 W
*Deniau Island	65 27 S	64 21 W	Fagerli, Mount	66 29 S	110 28 E
Denison Island	66 18 S	110 27 E	False Bay:	VACATED	
*Detaille Island	66 52 S	66 48 W	*False Island	64 33 S	62 51 W
Diana Reef	63 26 S	56 11 W	Farrington Ridge	64 31 S	62 52 W
Dimaryp Peak	63 26 S	57 02 W	Ferguson Peak	73 36 S	94 18 W
Dinsmoor Glacier	64 22 S	59 59 W	Fidase Peak	54 47 S	35 50 W
Diplock Glacier	64 03 S	58 50 W	*Fitzroy Island	63 23 S	57 33 W
Discovery Rock	54 09 S	36 35 W	Fitzroy Point	68 11 S	66 58 W
*Dismal Island	68 06 S	68 50 W	Fivemile Rock	63 11 S	55 07 W
Dobson Dome	64 02 S	57 55 W	Flask Glacier	63 29 S	57 03 W
Dolence, Mount	79 51 S	83 05 W	Flatcap Point	65 47 S	62 25 W
				64 07 S	58 07 W

*Flensing Islands	60°42'S,	45°41'W	Griffith Island	66°20'S, 110°29'E
*Fletcher Island	66 53 S	143 05 E	*Grosvenor Mountains	85 40 S 176 00 E
Fliess Bay	63 12 S	55 10 W	Grosvenor Range:	see Grosvenor Mountains
Forbidden Rocks	73 36 S	94 12 W	*Guébriant Islands	67 48 S 68 24 W
*Foreland Island	61 55 S	57 36 W	Gulbrandsen Lake	54 12 S 36 44 W
*Fort Point	62 34 S	59 34 W	Gutiérrez Reef	63 18 S 57 55 W
Fort Rock: see Fort Point			Haddon Bay	63 18 S 55 44 W
*Fort William	62 23 S	59 43 W	Hahn Island	78 15 S 164 58 E
Foster Bluff	66 25 S	110 37 E	Hamilton Bay	54 48 S 35 54 W
Foster Glacier	78 25 S	162 55 E	Hammerstad Reef	54 13 S 37 25 W
Fothergill Point	63 35 S	60 12 W	Hampton Bluffs	64 25 S 59 18 W
Fraser, Mount	54 37 S	36 21 W	*Hannam Islands	66 55 S 142 57 E
Freberg Rocks	54 30 S	36 42 W	*Hanson Hill	63 35 S 58 48 W
Fritsche, Mount	66 00 S	62 42 W	Harmer Glacier	54 46 S 36 15 W
Gamma Hill	63 34 S	56 47 W	*Harp Island	66 00 S 65 41 W
Gándara Island	63 19 S	57 56 W	Harpon Bay	54 16 S 36 37 W
*Gaston Islands	64 29 S	61 50 W	Harrigan Hill	66 19 S 110 29 E
Gaston Islet: see Gaston Islands			Harris Rock	62 57 S 56 19 W
Gaul Cove	67 49 S	67 11 W	*Harry Island	64 07 S 61 59 W
Gavin Ice Piedmont	63 44 S	59 00 W	*Hash Island	54 49 S 35 59 W
Georges, Cape: see Georges Point			Haskell Glacier	73 34 S 94 11 W
*Georges Point	64 40 S	62 40 W	Haslum Crag	64 22 S 56 59 W
*Gerd Island	60 40 S	45 44 W	*Haswell Island	66 31 S 93 00 E
Gervaise Rocks	63 21 S	58 06 W	*Haswell Islands	66 32 S 92 59 E
Gibson Bay	63 19 S	55 53 W	*Hatch Islands	66 50 S 109 13 E
*Gillies Islands	66 32 S	96 24 E	Hauge Strait	54 28 S 36 53 W
*Girdler Island	66 00 S	65 40 W	Haunn Bluff	66 23 S 110 33 E
Gjelstad Pass	54 17 S	36 57 W	*Hayrick Island	68 42 S 67 32 W
Globus, Mount	54 19 S	37 00 W	Hector, Mount	64 36 S 63 25 W
*Gnome Island	67 33 S	66 50 W	Heine, Mount	78 06 S 167 30 E
*Gnomon Island	61 06 S	54 52 W	Hektoria Glacier	65 03 S 61 31 W
Goldenberg Ridge	66 28 S	110 35 E	Helen, Mount	64 32 S 63 38 W
González Anchorage	63 19 S	57 56 W	Helland Glacier	54 29 S 36 37 W
Gopher Glacier	73 28 S	94 00 W	Helms Bluff	78 29 S 164 22 E
*Gossler Islands	64 42 S	64 22 W	Hemphill Island	66 23 S 110 34 E
*Goudier Island	64 50 S	63 31 W	*Henkes Islands	67 44 S 69 10 W
Gould Coast	W. side of Robert		Henningsen Glacier	54 28 S 36 44 W
	Scott Glacier to		Henriksen Buttress	54 23 S 36 33 W
	Siple Coast		*Henry Islands	66 50 S 120 40 E
*Gourdin Island	63 12 S	57 18 W	*Herbert Sound	63 55 S 57 40 W
Gourdon Peninsula	64 24 S	63 12 W	Hesse Peak	54 02 S 38 00 W
Graae Glacier	54 49 S	36 11 W	Hestesletten	54 18 S 36 31 W
Graham Land	Prime Head to line		*Heywood Island	62 20 S 59 41 W
	between Capes		Heywood Islands: VACATED	62 18 S 59 36 W
	Jeremy and Agassiz		Hiegel Passage	66 23 S 110 27 E
Granite Spur	73 30 S	94 24 W	Hillary Coast	Minna Bluff to
Grant, Mount	54 15 S	37 07 W		Cape Selborne
*Greater Mackellar Island	66 58 S	142 39 E	Hill Bay	64 11 S 62 08 W
*Greaves Peak	62 28 S	59 59 W	Hindle Glacier	54 34 S 36 05 W
Greene Inlet	54 03 S	38 01 W	*Hippo Island	66 25 S 98 11 E
Green Glacier	64 58 S	61 52 W	Hobbs Glacier	64 18 S 57 26 W
Greenstone Point	73 30 S	94 18 W	*Hodgeman Islands	67 01 S 144 15 E
Gregory, Cape: see Gregory Point			Hollin Island	66 19 S 110 24 E
*Gregory Point	62 56 S	62 33 W	Holluschickie Bay	63 59 S 58 16 W
*Gremlin Island	68 16 S	67 12 W	Holt Nunatak	64 17 S 59 21 W
*Grey Island	60 45 S	45 02 W	Holt Point	66 17 S 110 30 E

Hooper Crags	78°25'S, 162°43'E	Labbe Rock	63°17'S, 57°56'W
Hooper Glacier	64 44 S 63 36 W	Lacaze-Duthiers, Cape: see Duthiers Point	
Hope Valley	54 01 S 37 56 W	Lafond Bay	63 27 S 58 10 W
Hornaday Rock	54 00 S 38 02 W	Laggard Island	64 49 S 64 02 W
Hornsby, Mount	64 14 S 59 15 W	*Lagoon Island	67 35 S 68 15 W
Horten	54 17 S 37 07 W	Lagrange, Cape: see Lagrange Peak	
Hughes Point	73 30 S 94 16 W	*Lagrange Peak	64 28 S 62 26 W
*Hugo Island	64 59 S 65 46 W	Lainez, Cape: see Lainez Point	
Humble Island	64 46 S 64 06 W	*Lainez Point	67 41 S 67 49 W
*Hum Island	67 22 S 59 40 E	Lancing Glacier	54 20 S 36 56 W
Hummock Island: see Heywood Island		Larsen Bank	66 16 S 110 32 E
*Humps Island	63 59 S 57 25 W	Larsen Ice Shelf	E. side of Ant-
*Hunt Peak	67 18 S 68 02 W		arctic Peninsula
Hunt Point: see Hunt Peak			from Cape Longing
Iliad Glacier	64 27 S 63 26 W		to Cape Mackintosh
*Inner Lee Island	54 02 S 37 15 W	Larssen Peak	54 19 S 36 46 W
Inspiration Rocks	73 26 S 94 05 W	Larvik	54 22 S 36 54 W
Intrusive Spur	73 30 S 94 25 W	Larvik Cone	54 22 S 36 52 W
*Invisible Island	54 01 S 37 19 W	Launch Channel	66 17 S 110 30 E
Ishmael Peak	65 53 S 62 25 W	Laurie Point	54 03 S 37 59 W
Isolation Point	78 13 S 167 30 E	*Låvebrua Island	63 02 S 60 35 W
Jacobsen Bight	54 25 S 36 50 W	Leal Bluff	63 53 S 57 34 W
Jade Point	63 36 S 57 34 W	*Leith Cove	64 52 S 62 50 W
Janus Island	64 47 S 64 07 W	Leith Harbor: see Leith Cove	
*Jason Island	54 10 S 36 30 W	Le May Range: see LeMay Range	
Jefford Point	64 24 S 57 41 W	*LeMay Range	70 55 S 69 20 W
Jenkins Glacier	54 46 S 36 06 W	*Léonie Island	67 36 S 68 22 W
Johan Harbor	54 03 S 37 59 W	Leppard Glacier	65 58 S 62 30 W
Johannessen Harbor	65 26 S 65 25 W	*Lesser Mackellar Island	66 58 S 142 39 E
Johns Hopkins Ridge	78 09 S 162 27 E	Levassor Nunatak	63 40 S 58 07 W
Johnston, Mount	64 44 S 61 48 W	*Lewis Island	66 06 S 134 22 E
Jonassen Rocks	54 41 S 36 22 W	*Limpet Island	67 38 S 68 19 W
Jordan Cove	54 00 S 38 03 W	Lion Glacier: VACATED	64 38 S 63 11 W
Jorum Glacier	65 14 S 62 03 W	*Lion Island	66 39 S 140 01 E
Jossac Bight	54 16 S 37 11 W	Lisicky, Mount	78 27 S 162 04 E
*Joubin Islands	64 46 S 64 25 W	Litchfield Island	64 46 S 64 06 W
Juncal, Cape	62 58 S 56 27 W	Lombard, Mount	64 28 S 59 38 W
*Kay Islands	74 00 S 167 20 E	*Lonely Rock	64 06 S 57 03 W
Keilhau Glacier	54 16 S 37 05 W	Lone Rock: see Lonely Rock	
*Keltie Head	63 47 S 57 41 W	Longing Gap	64 25 S 58 57 W
Kendall Terrace	62 55 S 60 42 W	Lönnberg Valley	54 23 S 36 17 W
Kenney Glacier	63 25 S 57 02 W	Loudwater Cove	64 46 S 64 05 W
*Keyhole Island	68 47 S 67 20 W	*Louise Island	64 36 S 62 23 W
Kilby Reef	66 17 S 110 32 E	Loweth, Mount	73 26 S 93 31 W
King Point	63 09 S 55 27 W	Low Reef	54 30 S 37 00 W
Kirkby Shoal	66 15 S 110 31 E	*Lynch Island	60 39 S 45 36 W
*Kirkwood Islands	68 22 S 69 00 W	Lynsky Cove	66 19 S 110 27 E
Kjellström Rock	54 16 S 37 26 W	*Mabel Island	60 40 S 44 42 W
Kjerulf Glacier	54 21 S 36 51 W	*Mackellar Islands	66 58 S 142 39 E
Kling, Mount	54 30 S 36 18 W	Mackemer Point	66 27 S 110 29 E
Knobble Head	63 09 S 56 32 W	Macklin, Mount	54 45 S 36 03 W
Knowles Passage	66 26 S 110 28 E	Madder Cliffs	63 18 S 56 29 W
Koerner Rock	63 19 S 57 05 W	Magnet Hill	63 22 S 57 22 W
Kopaitic Island	63 19 S 57 55 W	Mahogany Bluff	63 53 S 57 14 W
Kotick Point	64 00 S 58 22 W	*Mamelon Island	67 19 S 64 49 W
Kupriyanov Islands	54 45 S 36 19 W	*Manoury Island	64 26 S 62 50 W

Mapple Glacier	65° 27' S,	62° 25' W	Mulligan Peak	77° 11' S,	160° 20' E
Marble Hills	80 17 S	81 50 W	Mural Nunatak	64 59 S	61 32 W
Marescot Point	63 29 S	58 35 W	*Murdoch, Cape	60 48 S	44 41 W
Marikoppa	54 19 S	36 42 W	*Murdoch Nunatak	65 01 S	60 02 W
Marsh, Cape	65 15 S	59 29 W	Murphy Wall	54 05 S	37 24 W
Marshall Valley	78 05 S	164 10 E	*Murray Islands	60 47 S	44 31 W
Mason Spur	78 33 S	164 25 E	Murray Snowfield	54 09 S	37 09 W
Massey Heights	63 58 S	57 58 W	Muskeg Gap	64 23 S	59 39 W
Mast Hill	68 11 S	67 00 W	Napier Birks, Mount:	see Birks, Mount	
Mast Point	66 22 S	110 26 E	Narval Bay	54 02 S	37 41 W
Matkah Point	63 58 S	58 19 W	Nesos, Mount	78 12 S	167 05 E
McCalman Peak	63 37 S	57 47 W	Nestor, Mount	64 25 S	63 28 W
McCarthy Island	54 10 S	37 26 W	*Niles Island	66 26 S	110 24 E
McGrady Cove	66 16 S	110 34 E	Niles Rock:	see Niles Island	
McNeish Island	54 09 S	37 28 W	Nilse Hullet	54 10 S	37 35 W
Medea Dome	66 11 S	62 03 W	Nilsen Island	54 39 S	36 25 W
Medley Rocks	62 58 S	56 01 W	Nipha, Mount	78 10 S	167 25 E
Melania, Mount	78 07 S	166 12 E	*Niznik Island	69 47 S	68 30 W
Melville Glacier	65 28 S	62 10 W	Nodule Nunatak	63 19 S	56 05 W
Menelaus Ridge	64 35 S	63 40 W	Nodwell Peaks	64 18 S	59 47 W
*Merritt Island	66 28 S	107 11 E	Nomad Rock	63 13 S	57 42 W
Meyer Hills	79 45 S	81 00 W	Normann, Mount	54 51 S	36 04 W
*Mica Islands	69 20 S	68 36 W	Norsel Point	64 46 S	64 06 W
*Mickle Island	77 34 S	166 13 E	*Northstar Island	68 11 S	67 07 W
*Middle Island	61 57 S	57 36 W	Northtrap Rocks	62 54 S	56 34 W
Midgley Reefs	66 19 S	110 22 E	Notter Point	63 40 S	59 11 W
Miers, Lake	78 07 S	164 00 E	Nubian, Mount	78 15 S	166 25 E
*Miers Bluff	62 43 S	60 27 W	Nufiez Peninsula	54 15 S	37 21 W
Miers Point:	see Miers Bluff		Nye Islands	66 20 S	110 25 E
*Mikkelsen Islands	67 38 S	68 11 W	O'Brien Bay	66 18 S	110 32 E
Miles Bay	54 04 S	37 39 W	Ochre, Mount	78 15 S	166 32 E
Miller Crag	73 41 S	94 42 W	*Oliphant Islands	60 45 S	45 36 W
Minaret, The	64 46 S	63 39 W	Olsen Rock	54 04 S	38 00 W
Minaret Peak	80 15 S	82 06 W	Olsen Valley	54 12 S	36 41 W
Minnesota Glacier	79 07 S	83 00 W	Olstad Peak	54 29 S	37 05 W
Mitchell Island:	see Mitchell Peninsula		*Omicron Islands	64 21 S	62 55 W
*Mitchell Peninsula	66 20 S	110 32 E	Ommundsen Island	66 20 S	110 22 E
Moberly, Mount	64 44 S	63 41 W	Orne Harbor	64 38 S	62 32 W
Moider Peak	65 55 S	63 09 W	Orne Islands	64 40 S	62 40 W
Molar Peak	64 41 S	63 19 W	Ornen Rocks:	see Ørnen Rocks	
Molholm Shoal	66 16 S	110 33 E	*Ørnen Rocks	62 01 S	57 35 W
*Mollyhawk Island	54 01 S	37 19 W	Orton Cave	66 23 S	110 29 E
Mondor Glacier	63 28 S	57 09 W	Orton Reef	66 16 S	110 33 E
*Monk Islands	60 40 S	45 55 W	Otter Rock	63 38 S	59 12 W
*Morency Island	71 02 S	61 09 W	Outcast Islands	64 49 S	64 08 W
Moreno Island:	see Moreno Rock		*Outer Island	60 43 S	45 35 W
*Moreno Rock	64 05 S	61 18 W	*Outer Lee Island	54 02 S	37 15 W
Morning, Lake	78 21 S	163 51 E	*Pabellón Island	64 19 S	62 57 W
Morris, Cape:	see Fort William		Palisade Nunatak	64 04 S	58 15 W
Morsa Bay	54 03 S	37 44 W	Palmer Land	Line between Cape	
*Motherway Island	66 27 S	110 31 E		Jeremy and Cape	
Motherway Rock:	see Motherway Island			Agassiz to S.	
Mott Snowfield	63 20 S	57 20 W		limit of Antarctic	
Moxley, Mount	78 25 S	162 20 E		Peninsula	
*Moyes Islands	67 01 S	143 51 E	Palmer Peninsula:	see Antarctic Peninsula	
Miller Point	54 41 S	35 55 W	Panhard Nunatak	63 43 S	58 16 W

Papua Island	63°07'S,	55°57'W	Radian Glacier	78°15'S,	163°08'E
Paradise Beach	54 50 S	36 10 W	Ranvik	54 48 S	36 15 W
Paris Peak	64 30 S	63 22 W	Recess Cove	64 30 S	61 33 W
Paryadin Ridge	54 02 S	38 00 W	Reclus, Cape: see Reclus Peninsula		
Patella Island	63 08 S	55 29 W	*Reclus Peninsula	64 34 S	61 47 W
Paterson, Mount	54 39 S	36 08 W	*Reference Island	68 12 S	67 10 W
Patroclus Hill	64 28 S	63 37 W	*Refuge Islands	68 21 S	67 10 W
Paul Beach	54 04 S	37 24 W	Regulator, Mount	54 00 S	37 44 W
Paul Block, Mount: see Block, Mount			*Reid Island	60 41 S	45 30 W
*Paul Islands	64 18 S	63 40 W	Reindeer Valley	54 18 S	36 20 W
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Pemmican Bluff	73 31 S	94 22 W	*Rho Islands	64 17 S	63 00 W
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*Phils Island	64 30 S	63 00 W	Roget Rocks	64 20 S	61 10 W
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Pillsbury Tower	73 31 S	94 21 W	*Rosenthal Islands	64 36 S	64 18 W
Polaris Glacier	64 14 S	59 31 W	*Rowett Island	61 18 S	55 12 W
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Pond Ridge	73 25 S	93 33 W	*Runaway Island	68 12 S	67 07 W
Porphyry Bluff	64 27 S	59 11 W	*Russell East Glacier	63 44 S	58 20 W
Postern Gap	63 15 S	55 59 W	*Russell West Glacier	63 40 S	58 50 W
Potter Glacier	78 23 S	162 05 E	Rustad Bay	54 30 S	37 05 W
*Powder Island	69 32 S	68 47 W	Rutgers Glacier	78 14 S	161 55 E
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*Prime Head	63 12 S	57 17 W	Sabatier, Mount	54 49 S	36 08 W
Prism Ridge	73 33 S	94 10 W	*Sabrina Island	66 53 S	163 12 E
Prospect Point	66 01 S	65 21 W	*Sack Island	66 26 S	110 25 E
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Punchbowl Glacier	65 11 S	61 55 W	*Sáenz, Cape	67 33 S	67 39 W
Purvis, Cape	63 35 S	55 59 W	Sáenz Peña, Cape: see Sáenz, Cape		
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Rabot Point	64 17 S	57 20 W	San Telmo Island	62 28 S	60 49 W
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Siffrey, Cape: see	*Sigma Islands	*Svenner Islands	69 01 S 76 51 E	
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Turnbull Point	63 03 S	56 36 W	Will Point	54 33 S	36 01 W
Turpie Rock	54 07 S	36 39 W	Wilson Island	66 27 S	110 34 E
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*Vortex Island	63 44 S	57 38 W			

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Research

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAR ENGINEERING AT THE U. S. NAVAL CIVIL ENGINEERING LABORATORY

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The U. S. Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory, located at Port Hueneme, California, is the research arm of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks. The NCEL Polar Division is concerned with advancing the knowledge of engineering for polar regions. Its principal efforts are directed toward improving the habitability of polar camps, advancing technology of polar construction, and increasing knowledge of ice and snow as materials of construction for vehicle roads and aircraft runways. It performs for the Navy functions somewhat similar to those carried on by the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory for the Army.

These objectives require a broad scope of endeavor, ranging from feasibility studies, through exploratory investigations, to development of structures, camps, special equipment, techniques and design criteria for polar operations. The division is staffed with architectural, civil, mechanical, and structural engineers, geologists, and specialists in polar construction. It is equipped with a low-temperature ice and snow laboratory at NCEL and maintains the basic instruments, tools, and equipment for conducting experiments and field trials in polar regions. In addition, continental sites, such as the Sierras of California, the climatic test facilities at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and the Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, California, are used to test new and novel equipment before sending it to polar field sites.

Between 1950 and 1960, NCEL used Arctic sites for its field trials in polar areas. During this period, trials were conducted on the sea ice offshore at Point Barrow, Alaska; the icecap near Thule, Greenland; the freshwater ice shelf off Ellesmere Island, Canada; and the sea ice in North Star Bay at Thule, Greenland. Since 1960, field trials have been conducted at ice and snow locations in the vicinity of McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

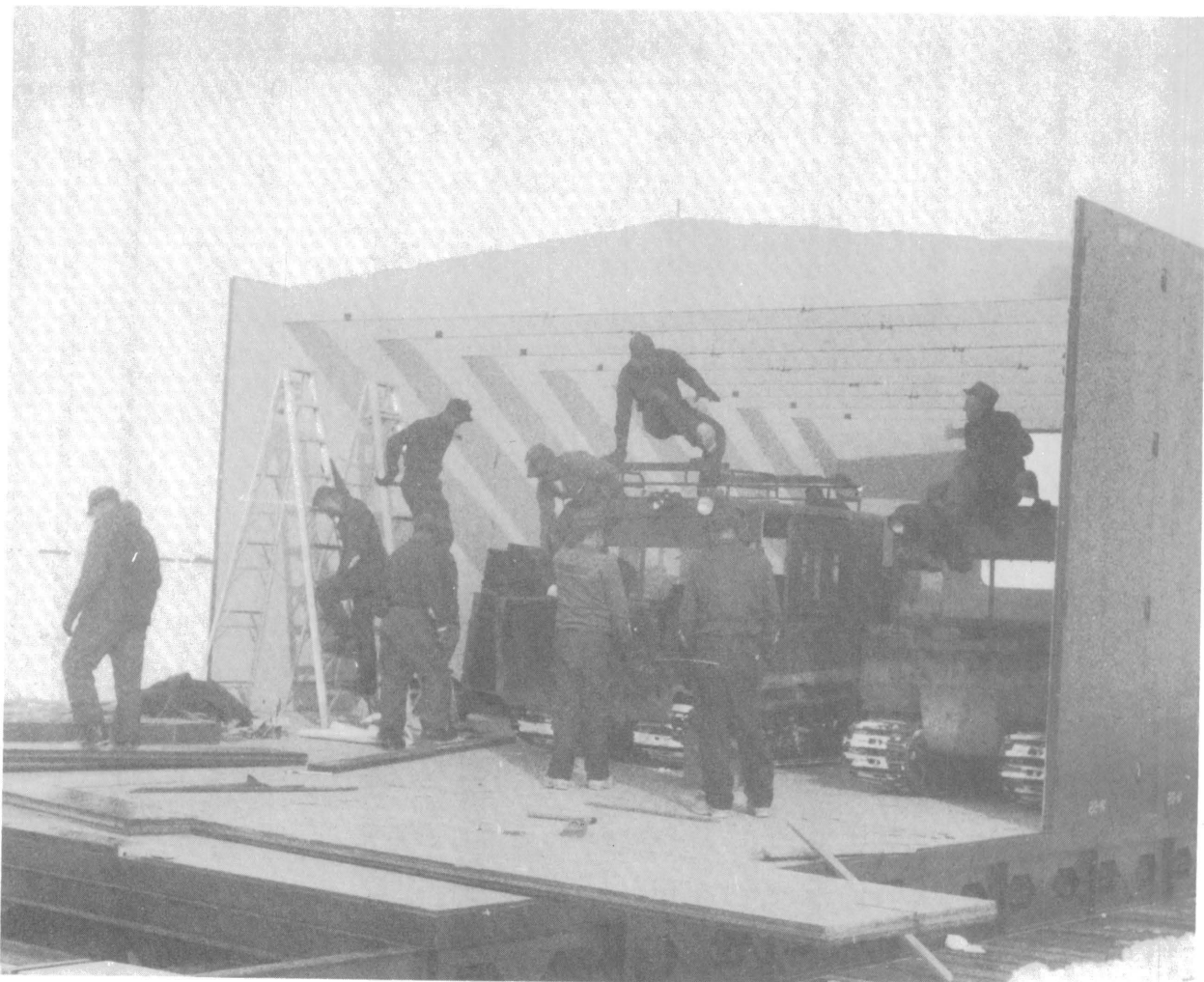
Even though NCEL did not conduct field work in Antarctica until 1960, it was no stranger to

this area. In 1946, a predecessor of the Laboratory, the Advanced Base Proving Ground, assisted in outfitting the Navy's Operation HIGH-JUMP, and sent an observer to Little America IV Station to evaluate the performance of the equipment it contributed to this operation. During the 1954-55 season, a member of the Laboratory staff participated in the station site surveys conducted by USS ATKA in the Ross and Weddell Seas preliminary to Operation DEEP FREEZE. This is the expedition that discovered the disappearance of the Bay of Whales, the original Ross Ice Shelf site of Little America, and made a detailed survey of Kainan Bay, the Ross Ice Shelf site where Little America V was established in the austral summer of 1955-56.

During the summer of 1955, the Laboratory assisted in outfitting the Mobile Construction Battalion Unit that built the United States International Geophysical Year stations; Little America, McMurdo, Byrd, and Amundsen-Scott South Pole. Its principal contributions were specialized pieces of construction and transportation equipment, snow-melting equipment, and some knowledge of mechanized polar construction. Most of these contributions were used as intended; others were used to solve unforeseen problems.

NCEL sled-mounted messing and sleeping wanigans were used in the first sled-train operation between Little America V and Byrd Stations in 1956. Later, these same wanigans were used on the 1960-61 sled trek from Byrd Station to the South Pole. In all, these units have been used for nearly 5,000 miles of travel in the Antarctic with only minor repairs and maintenance.

In 1953 and 1954, the Laboratory conducted experimental winter-construction operations on the Greenland Icecap near Thule. Air transportation and air support were used for these operations. The Laboratory's reports on these two operations, which were called HARD TOP I and



Erecting the prototype T5M maintenance shelter at the NCEL Camp on the Ross Ice Shelf. (Photograph furnished by author.)

HARD TOP II, were used as planning guides for establishing Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.

No snow compaction was attempted during the early DEEP FREEZE operations. Even so, the NCEL snow mixers, snow rollers, and snow planes that were furnished for this work filled an unforeseen equipment need. They were used to surface and maintain the Williams Field sea-ice runway at McMurdo. Similar equipment is still used for this purpose.

An NCEL observer who visited McMurdo and Little America in the summer of 1956-57, confirmed the need for better facilities for polar operations. In response to this need, the Laboratory initiated a series of investigations which have resulted in several improvements

for pioneer and temporary polar camps. The standard Jamesway building has been made more habitable for pioneer operations, and a 28-foot wide by 56-foot long, T5-type building with a 9-foot ceiling, has been developed for temporary camps and stations. Also, a portable maintenance shelter has been developed for equipment repair at isolated field sites and a temporary maintenance shelter has been developed for use in larger camps and stations. Prototypes of all four structures are presently under evaluation in Antarctica, or scheduled for evaluation in the near future.

The Jamesway improvements include: 2-foot wall extensions to permit comfortable use of double bunks; curtained partitions to provide some degree of privacy for the occupants; and a forced



C-47 take-off on wheels on the NCEL experimental compacted-snow runway on the Ross Ice Shelf. (Photograph furnished by author.)

air heating system with an intake for fresh air, and fans to reduce stratification. A 9-bedroom prototype of this structure was erected at McMurdo during the austral summer of 1961-62. Since then it has served very satisfactorily as officers' quarters for the Mobile Construction Battalion units operating in Antarctica.

The Laboratory has developed a packaged camp for pioneer polar operations around the improved Jamesway. The basic increment for this camp will house 25 to 50 men depending upon the density of occupancy. It is expandable in 25-to-50-man increments, up to 100 to 200 men. Currently, the galley-mess hall and the utility building, complete with water supply and sanitary facilities for the pioneer camp, are being tested and evaluated at the NCEL surface camp on the Ross Ice Shelf near McMurdo Station. This camp was established in 1963 to support Laboratory sea-ice and snow-compaction investigations in that area. It is occupied during the austral summer by Laboratory technical personnel and military construction personnel engaged in these

investigations. In addition to the two prototype pioneer camp buildings, the camp includes two 9-bedroom Jamesway quarters, an office wanigan, and prototypes of the portable maintenance shelter. The principal camp buildings form a "V" with the lead building oriented with the prevailing storm winds. This arrangement was chosen to investigate drift problems and their control at surface camps on deep snow.

A prototype of the 28-foot wide T 5-type building outfitted as a 10-bedroom quarters was shipped to Hallett Station this season for in-service test and evaluation. This building is also being used as the basic structure for a 50- to 300-man temporary polar camp being developed by the Laboratory.

The portable maintenance shelter and its companion repair-wanigan, which were evaluated last season at the NCEL Ross Ice Shelf camp, have been modified for improved performance. It is currently planned to move this facility to

an Antarctic Support Activity work center for further evaluation.

Following the successful application of snow compaction for the 12,000-car parking lot and 1-mile snow road at the VIII Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley, California, in 1960, the Laboratory was requested to provide technical consultation for the construction of a compacted snow road between McMurdo Station and Williams Field.* This road, which was built in early November 1960, on a 4-foot snow pack covering the sea ice between these two points, was 4-miles long. When completed, the 25-foot-wide roadway was depressed about 10 inches below the natural snow surface.

The road was used continuously by heavy trucks for a 10-day period in late November before a storm covered it with 10 inches of drift. This drift was removed and the road was reopened to traffic; however, berms up to 2 feet high were thrown up along each side of the road. Two days after the road was reopened to traffic, a 3-day blizzard almost filled the roadway with drift to the top of the berms. When this occurred, the road was abandoned. The work showed that the snow on the McMurdo Sound sea ice could be compacted sufficiently to support traffic, but for continuous use the compacted area should be elevated above the natural surface in order to minimize the accumulation of drift.

In October 1961, the Laboratory initiated a study to develop an elevated, compacted-snow runway on the Ross Ice Shelf near McMurdo.** This runway, which was 150 feet wide and 5,000 feet long, was completed in January 1962. At that time the compacted mat was 36 inches thick and it was elevated about 12 inches above the natural snow surface; but, because of the relatively warm temperatures during construction, the compacted snow was not sufficiently hard to support aircraft on wheels. Following the break-up of the sea ice on McMurdo Sound in late January, it was used as a skiway for the resupply operations to the inland stations during February.***

*See "Compacted Snow Roadways," Bulletin, February 1961, page 22.

**See "Special Projects," Bulletin, October 1961, page 16.

***See "Snow Compacted Runways," Bulletin, February 1962, page 24.

As a skiway, it was found that a C-130 with a 10-ton payload could take-off in 4,000 feet on skis. This was the same as the payload and take-off-run for the C-130s when they were operating on wheels on the sea-ice runway. It was much better than the 7,000-foot take-off required for a C-130 on skis on an unprepared snow skiway with only a 7-ton payload. No wheeled taxi tests were made on the runway during this period of use even though the colder February temperatures caused considerable hardness-growth in the compacted snow. The demonstration did lead to the construction of a better skiway at Williams Field in 1962-63.*

In October 1962, the elevated runway was covered with only 3 to 4 inches of drift, but construction equipment prevented aircraft wheeled taxi-tests on the runway until early February 1963. By that time, the packed drift on the runway was 8 inches deep. Successful taxi tests were made with a C-47 and a P2V and wheeled take-offs were made with a C-47, but the packed snow caused too much drag on the P2V wheels for a wheeled take-off. The runway is currently being improved for additional testing.

The Laboratory has been engaged in sea-ice studies at McMurdo since 1960. It participated in improving the surface of the sea-ice runways at Williams Field in 1960-61. In 1962 it initiated a long-range study on the characteristics of the various types of sea ice in the McMurdo Sound area. This work is continuing this year. **

In the austral winter of 1962, Williams Field was moved to a more stable location, but the rough ice in the new location necessitated deep flooding in order to level the surface. This work was not completed until early spring (September) at which time rising temperatures prevented complete freezing of the flood water. The Laboratory is making a study of this runway and the problems associated with flooding the ice in this area. Test plots using different techniques of flooding are planned this year for detailed study this coming Antarctic winter.

*See "Special Projects for the Department of Defense," Bulletin, December 1962, page 3.

**See "DEEP FREEZE 64 Special Department of Defense Projects," Bulletin, October 1963, page 33.

Science

SCIENTIST SEES POSSIBILITY THAT VIOLENT FLOOD ONCE CREATED STRANGE LANDSCAPE IN ANTARCTICA

Dr. H. T. U. Smith, Chairman of the University of Massachusetts Geology Department, observed signs which indicate that a massive, violent flood may have occurred long ago in one of the ice-free valleys of Antarctica. This could be a possible explanation for the unique labyrinth area of the upper Wright Valley near the denuded eastern coast of Victoria Land.

Pieces of cracked bedrock cover the ground of the 20-mile square labyrinth, discovered many years ago but paid little attention and seldom visited. Crisscrossing channels up to 100 yards wide separate buttes averaging about 100 yards high and several hundreds of yards in diameter. Bowl-shaped depressions, hundreds of feet across and equally deep, occur in the undulating bottoms of the channels. The pattern of the site, as seen in aerial photographs, resembles alligator hide.

According to Dr. Smith, there is only one other known place in the world like it, the so-called "channelled scabland" of eastern Washington. "This," he said, "was formed by repeated, catastrophic inundations from a 500-cubic-mile lake bursting through an ice tongue that periodically dammed it in a valley during the ice age. Perhaps similar events caused the Wright Valley labyrinth."

Dr. Smith offered the following explanation on the unusual phenomena:

"There is an extensive ice fall—essentially a frozen waterfall—at the head of the valley, where the Wright Glacier spills off the great continental icecap. Torrents of water might have poured over it at one time and churned up the ground bedrock. The source of the water would now be buried under hundreds of feet of ice and snow and might never be located.

"The situation is puzzling, the labyrinth must have been carved after the buildup of the continental icecap, because older rock surfaces would not be so well preserved in this zone, where erosion is rapid. Yet if the climate were as cold as it is now, there would ordinarily be little free water. However, the laby-

rinth must have existed before the more geologically-recent advance of the Wright Glacier, because the pattern appears to continue beneath it.

"We know this glacier has been retreating slowly. A similar advance in the distant past, followed by a much more extensive retreat due to warming of the local climate, might have bared the area and allowed a drainage basin to be filled with water. This reservoir could suddenly have broken through its dam and rushed through the Wright Valley, gouging out the labyrinth.

"But this is purely speculative and far from definite. It calls for much greater deglaciation in Victoria Land during the ice age than has been supposed, and might require drastic revision of geological history of the territory. A flood would also have had to occur before the presence of the large glacier now plugging the lower end of the valley.

"Another hypothesis is large-scale melting of ice by volcanic action under the icecap, a process which has caused floods in Iceland. Antarctica is in a volcanic belt, and the active volcano, Mt. Erebus, is on an island only 90 miles away. In fact, underground thermal action has been independently suggested as the cause of unfrozen water in Lake Vanda, in lower Wright Valley. The rock structure farther down the valley is much more solid so that draining water would not have had the same effect."

Before reaching a final conclusion, Dr. Smith said a careful, detailed analysis of data and photographs, and comparison with evidence from the Washington scabland must be done at the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Smith, who has studied the Washington scabland intensively, first noticed the similarity of the labyrinth while pouring over thousands of aerial photographs of Victoria Land in preparation for research in Antarctica. The eastern coast of Victoria Land has the only extensive bare ground at a latitude where most other land is buried under ice—an unexplained situation.

Since then, he has thoroughly explored the labyrinth and adjacent territory, on foot and by Air Development Squadron SIX helicopter flights.

He discounts glacial action as a major force in creating the labyrinth, though he said it may have somewhat modified the bizarre landscape. He pointed out that the channels form a network and are not straight and parallel, as they would be if caused by the scraping of a huge ice mass.

"This peculiar place is very unlike other glacially-eroded surfaces, and would remain one of the more unusual spots on earth even if glaciation should eventually prove to have been more important than I now suspect. The process whereby creeping ice could leave such baffling 'architecture' would still demand explanation," he said.

Dr. Smith was in Antarctica for the first time this year to evaluate the effectiveness of aerial photography done especially for geologists rather than cartographers. He said that up to 90 per cent of reconnaissance can sometimes be done in the laboratory with proper pictures by a person trained in geological photo interpretation, or "photogeology," if topography, climate, and facilities are suitable.

Dr. Smith's research was performed under a National Science Foundation grant. * His observation in the labyrinth area were a by-product of his research grant, which he terms successful.

* "Feasibility Study of Photogeologic Mapping of Ice-Free Areas."

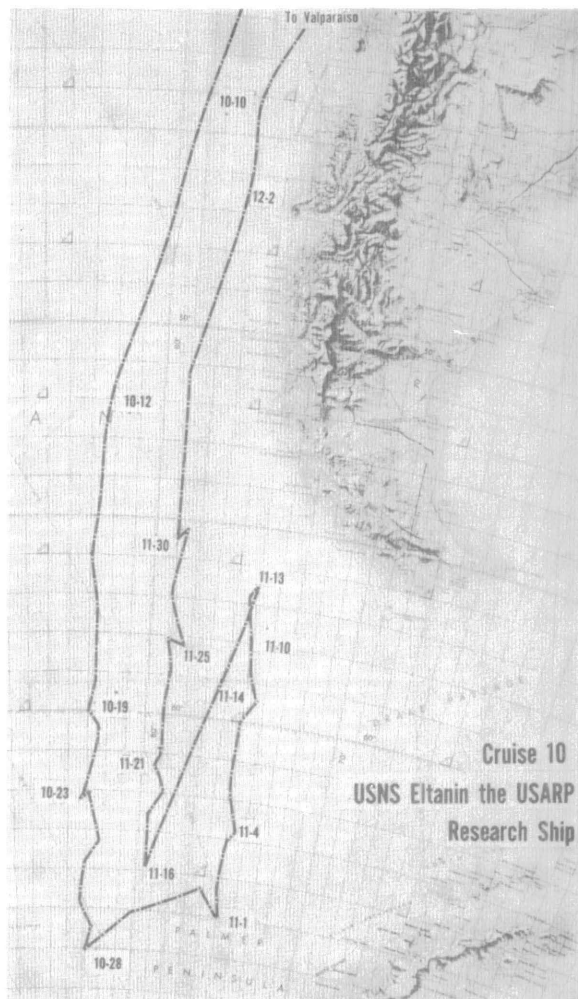
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY VICTORIA LAND PROJECT CANCELLED.

The planned geodetic control in the mountains of northeast Victoria Land, by the U. S. Geological Survey, was cancelled after the damage to the two UH-1B helicopters at Hallett Station in November. * Replacement helicopters from the United States were unable to arrive in Antarctica in time to complete both the University of Wisconsin geology programs in the Ellsworth Mountains and the USGS Victoria Land survey. It is contemplated that this program will be re-activated in the 1964-65 summer season.

* See "Storm Causes Damage at Hallett Station," Bulletin, December, 1963, page 2.

USNS ELTANIN COMPLETES TENTH CRUISE

The research ship USNS ELTANIN left Valparaiso, Chile, on 6 October 1963, on her tenth



cruise, the seventh in Antarctic waters. Thirty-three oceanographic stations were taken south at 55° South Latitude. Additional work included intermediate plankton sampling between stations in the pack ice, two hydrographic casts and plankton samplings at the north and south boundaries of the Antarctic Convergence, and the investigation of a sub-marine slide area off the coast of Chile at 39°25'S., 73°53'W.

Stations were taken at standard 60-mile intervals along the 83°, 79°, and 75°W. Meridians with the southernmost stations at 66°, 65°, and 64°S. Latitude respectively. A brief search for the Pactolas Banks in the area bounded by 56°20'-57°S. Latitudes and 74°-75°40'W. Longitude was unsuccessful.

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- 20 Feb 64 - Last flight to Eights Station for DEEP FREEZE 64. Station officially on winter status. Population: 6 support and 4 civilian personnel.
- 22 Feb 64 - USNS CHATTAHOOCHEE arrived at McMurdo.
- LTJG. M. Chiogioji, CEC, USN, relieved by LT. C. H. Andrus, MC, USN, as Officer in Charge at Byrd Station.
- USS HISSEM arrived at Timaru en route to Dunedin, New Zealand.
- USNS WYANDOT departed McMurdo for Port Lyttelton, New Zealand.
- 24 Feb 64 - USNS CHATTAHOOCHEE departed McMurdo for United States.
- USS HISSEM departed Timaru and arrived at Dunedin.
- Fourth C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch, New Zealand.
- 25 Feb 64 - Disassembly of Beardmore Weather Station begun.
- Byrd Station officially on winter status. Population: 17 support and 11 civilian personnel.
- Post-season LC-130F flight to Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. (See article on page 4.)
- 26 Feb 64 - Rear Admiral James R. Reedy returned to Christchurch from McMurdo.
- Fifth C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch.
- DEEP FREEZE special mission C-124 departed Christchurch for United States.
- 27 Feb 64 - USS ATKA completed oceanographic survey and arrived in McMurdo Sound.
- 27 Feb 64 - USS HISSEM departed Dunedin for Hobart, Tasmania.
- HMNZS ENDEAVOUR arrived at Port Lyttelton from McMurdo.
- 28 Feb 64 - USS BURTON ISLAND departed McMurdo for Port Lyttelton.
- C-121J completed its final turnaround flight from Christchurch to McMurdo for DEEP FREEZE 64.
- 29 Feb 64 - USS ATKA departed McMurdo for Port Lyttelton. Will occupy ice-forecast stations en route.
- All DEEP FREEZE 64 scheduled flights between Antarctica and New Zealand completed.
- McMurdo Station officially on winter status. Population: 205 support and 10 civilian personnel.
- USNS WYANDOT arrived at Port Lyttelton.
- Commander, Task Force 43, Representative, McMurdo, disestablished at 1200 hours.
- Sixth C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch.
- 1 Mar 64 - USS HISSEM arrived at Hobart. (Final Report.)
- HMNZS PUKAKI departed Ocean Station. Operational control transferred to New Zealand. (Final Report.)
- 2 Mar 64 - Seventh C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch.
- USNS CHATTAHOOCHEE operational control transferred to COMSTSPAC. (Final Report.)
- USS ATKA operational control transferred to Commander, U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica.

- 2 Mar 64 - LTJG. B. P. Karcher, USN, relieved Lt. T. H. Pope, USN, as Commander, Antarctic Support Activities Representative, Christchurch.
- 3 Mar 64 - USNS WYANDOT operational control transferred to COMSTS. Departed Port Lyttelton for United States. (Final Report.)
- Four LC-130Fs departed Christchurch for United States.
- 4 Mar 64 - USS HISSEM departed Hobart, Tasmania for Adelaide, Australia. Operational control transferred to COMCLANTFLT. (Final Report.)
- C-121J departed Christchurch for United States on turnaround mission.
- Eighth C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch.
- USS ATKA completed ice forecast stations and departed Ross Sea for Port Lyttelton.
- USS BURTON ISLAND operational control transferred to Commander, U. S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica.
- USS GLACIER departed McMurdo Station for Hallett Station.
- Summer season officially ended and winter season begun.
- 5 Mar 64 - CDR. Joseph L. Reilly, Jr., USN, assumed duties as Commanding Officer, Antarctic Support Activities Detachment ALFA, and Officer in Charge of McMurdo Station, relieving CAPT. J. B. Elliott, USN.
- An uncontrollable fire destroyed two science buildings at Hallett Station. (See article on page 3.)
- 6 Mar 64 - USS GLACIER arrived at Hallett Station to assist in resupplying and recovering equipment after fire damage.
- 6 Mar 64 - Air Development Squadron SIX operational control transferred to COMFAIR, Quonset Point, R. I. (Final Report.)
- 7 Mar 64 - USS GLACIER departed Hallett Station for Sabrina and Balleny Islands to make surveys and take oceanographic stations.
- Hallett Station officially on winter status. Population: 11 United States and 2 New Zealand personnel.
- USS BURTON ISLAND departed Port Lyttelton for Auckland, New Zealand.
- 8 Mar 64 - USS GLACIER completed surveys at Sabrina Island.
- 9 Mar 64 - USS BURTON ISLAND arrived in Auckland.
- Ninth C-135 redeployment flight departed Christchurch.
- 10 Mar 64 - USS ATKA arrived at Port Lyttelton, on-loaded necessary equipment, departed Port Lyttelton and arrived at Wellington for an operational visit.
- USS GLACIER completed survey at Balleny Island and departed for Antipodes and Bounty Islands.
- 11 Mar 64 - USS ATKA in Wellington for repairs to damaged forefoot.
- All ships and redeploying aircraft of Task Force 43 are now north of 60° South Latitude.
- 13 Mar 64 - USS GLACIER arrived at Antipodes Island and departed for Bounty Island.
- 14 Mar 64 - USS GLACIER arrived at Bounty Island and departed for Port Lyttelton.
- 15 Mar 64 - USS BURTON ISLAND departed Auckland. (Final Report.)
- Rear Admiral James R. Reedy departed Christchurch, New Zealand aboard VX-6 C-54Q and arrived in Melbourne, Australia.