

USNS MAUMEE



On 31 January 1970, the largest ship ever to enter the ice-frozen water of Antarctica was seen by all as it made its way through the open channel. USNS Maumee then moored to the fast ice on the west side of the channel abeam of Hut Point. A conference was conducted on board the Maumee to plan mooring operation. Burton Island's Executive Officer, CDH. H. P. Harmon, would pilot the Maumee into Winter Quarters Bay to moor alongside the Burton Island. Due to the length of the Maumee and the curvature of the bay, the Burton Island would be used as a fender. The Maumee then discharged over 7 million gallons of petroleum products to fuel tanks at McMurdo Station.

