

HURTIN' BURTON

Friday the 13th, an ominous day to begin with, was to be the start of a chain of events which would effect the whole operation of DEEP FREEZE '70.

After the Edisto had left early in the season with a broken rudder, the Burton Island then proceeded to carry on the workload of two icebreakers by herself. Until this fated morning we had been doing an excellent task of a difficult assignment.

The ship was engaged in breaking out Williams Field ice runway when the helmsman on the 0400 to 0800 watch noticed that the amperage gauge was reading zero. The consensus at this time was that we had lost our port prop, but until we got our divers over the side no one would know. On February 14 an inspection by the divers proved that the port shaft was sheared approximately 3 to 4 inches aft of the keyway.



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