

Education and Training

Crewmembers pursued Coast Guard, Navy and DANTES correspondence courses without interruption throughout the trip. All persons who applied and were qualified, obtained Coast Guard Service-Wide examinations. The exams were administered on the scheduled dates. Drills and departmental training went forward routinely.

4. Morale and Discipline

One of the principal topics of discussion on board this vessel has long been: How many more trips can they expect the BURTON ISLAND to make? Most people anticipated, even if they did not hope for, one more Deep Freeze deployment. The command pressed for confirmation and finally, just prior to departure from Oakland, Coast Guard Headquarters advised us that we would go South again. Understandably, this did not cause universal rejoicing, but at least it gave people a chance to plan for the future.

As usual, the prospect of liberty ports was essential to crew morale. Juneau was a great success for all hands. Nome and Barrow were less scenic, but most people enjoyed the chance to go ashore.

Disciplinary problems were limited. Few cases of non-judicial punishment came before Captain's Mast. One man missed movement in Juneau, but arranged to return to the vessel within a few hours after sailing. Two men, awarded Summary Courts-martial, have asked for Special Courts-martial on return to home port.