

## GREAT "SEA TRAIN" ROLLS IN

South they came. The GREENVILLE VICTORY, the TOWLE and the MISSELL, with their cargo-handling battalions aboard. ARNER with her underwater demolition team and amphibious landing craft. NISPELEN with her vital aviation gasoline. NORTHWIND and ATKA to help GLACIER lead their charges through the ice.

As soon as Adare Station should be erected at Cape Hallett, NORTHWIND was scheduled to escort ARNER to the KNIX CAAT to erect a base there.

The two-part force left New Zealand on December 10, 1956 and cleared the icepack eight days later. NORTHWIND and ARNER headed for Cape Hallett while

the remaining ships steamed for McMurdo Sound. But before the KNIX group could reach Hallett, ARNER was hailed by the Task Force Commander to rush her tractors to McMurdo Sound to help construct an alternate landing strip.

NISPELEN discharged her aviation gasoline at McMurdo, GREENVILLE VICTORY discharged her McMurdo cargo, then ATKA led MISSELL and GREENVILLE VICTORY to Little America while TOWLE commenced unloading at McMurdo. The crews performed like the professionals they were.

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NEARING their destination, ships of the task force send out helicopters to recon the thickening icepack. Icebreakers have bulldozed their way through the slabs and floes to wedge a clear path for the thin-skinned cargo ships.

