



Members of Eastwind Chorus practice for Christmas concert.



Gifts from home are opened under trees brought aboard in New Zealand.

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Below decks, trees taken aboard at New Zealand were trimmed and decorated in typical yuletide fashion. Presents that family and friends had left with the ship's morale committee before the icebreaker left Boston in October were arranged under the trees.

Both Protestant and Catholic Christmas Services were conducted. Then gifts were opened, greetings exchanged, and a Christmas Pageant begun with Captain Joseph W. Nash Jr., the Eastwind's commanding officer doing the reading. A concert of Christmas Carols by the Eastwind's choir followed.

On Christmas Day, a sumptuous feast, a good cigar, and some quiet talk about Christmases past, present, and future. Next the Coast Guard's Annual Penguin Bowl Football game was played on the ice.

Then, the low muffled roar of the engines, building up to a crescendo and soon after, the relentless pounding, churning, and crashing through the ice to clear a channel for the supply ships soon to come.

In Antarctica, at the very bottom of the world where scientists of all nationalities, races, and religions seek knowledge under the most extreme conditions of physical and mental hardship. . .

In Antarctica where a task force of Operation Deep-freeze ships and planes annually deploy to support their activities. . .

In Antarctica by agreement of all the worlds nations, is a living example of peace on earth, good will toward men.

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Chorus conductor sings difficult passage during rehearsal.