

some solace and four weeks of late season oceanographic operations back in Greenland waters took our minds off the matter. This historic voyage, connecting the Northeast and Northwest Passages, is certain to be accomplished sometime in the future. When it is, EDISTO will have a piece of it. We paved the way.

Interspersed throughout the summer operations were goodwill visits and miscellaneous Arctic support work including two calls at the hospitable Danish Naval community of Gronne Dal, a stop at the Danish Loran Station at Angissoq, ice breaking operations off the Eskimo village of Kanak, and support of a downed helo recovery operation at the base of the Steensby Land ice caps.

It was indeed an interesting and active deployment. But the thing I will remember best about it came from within rather than without. It is the quiet competence, dedication, spirit of the EDISTO crew. These officers and men, above any I have served with before, worked for the ship rather than for themselves. They worked together as a team, with mutual consideration and respect. They were constantly ready to push forward to new challenges and adventures. They gave of themselves and their talents fully and completely to the end that EDISTO might excel in all of her operations. As a result, she did just that.

I was truly proud to take part in this Arctic adventure with this outstandingly able and dedicated crew. It was a rich and rewarding experience.



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