



COMMANDING OFFICER

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Ship's Company.

I want to put special meaning into this cruise book for each of you. After many days of thought on the subject, I remember a truth my father left in my life. When someone gives you something precious you didn't look for, don't think in terms of how to pay him back because there's no way. Just a simple thank you is the best you'll be able to do. Thank you.

I've said this to you before, and after Deepfreeze '78 it's even more true. When men can do their jobs as you do, casting each job into success after success to finally forge a successful mission, you've attained the highest professionalism that can be reached. The relaxed, confident professionalism that doesn't need a lot of bragging, it's there. You know it. So does everyone else.

GLACIER is, for me, her Ship's Company. I won't need to walk her decks to be once more aboard. The photos of you in this cruise book will bring her far more alive for me than her metal living envelope ever can. I pray for each of you in the years ahead, that each of you will receive in your turn a taste of the good things you've given me.

John Dirschel Jr.