



Dear NORTHWIND Shipmates,

Several months ago, we entered the realm of the deep ice, the Antarctic. It is appropriate that we recognize the denizens of that environment, the seals, whales, penguins, forked tailed bustards, and all of the wildlife that we have tried to protect as we worked in their world.

But it is the people who worked for man's benefit on the ice who must be specially recognized. All of us in the support forces, as well as those we support, labor through bad weather, hardship, and sometimes failure, to expand man's knowledge of his environment, and the world in which he must live. Any record of our activities, such as this book, must acknowledge that it is people, military and civilian, seamen, aviators, scientists and support personnel, all working together, who unlock the secrets of the Antarctic.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to command NORTHWIND during Deep Freeze 77. To this fine crew I send my best wishes and hopes for all good things that breaker sailors like - flat seas with no rolls, one year old ice with no pressure lines, a straight lead to Hut Point, and an understanding task force commander.

Tally Ho Hut Point
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