

## AVDET 127

By the time Polar Sea reached Pine Island Bay, AVDET 127 kicked into high gear, flying almost nonstop in support of the science mission down there. After all was said and done, records had been set for the HH-65A class of helicopter, including 215 hours of flight time on 285 sorties and shuttling 448 passengers to various destinations. During this time, Polar Sea logged her 3,000 safe helo landing.

Right: ASM2 Defelice and AD2 Kent prepare a helo for flight.  
Below: 6555 takes a load the Russian research vessel Professor Zubov.



The Aviators — Back row: AM2 Robbie Hughes, AE2 Brian Foster, AE3 Vince Thompson, AT3 John Hensley, AD1 Bob Carter, LT Bulkley, AT1 Lowell Gwinn, AD2 John Kent. Front row: ASM2 Gerry Defelice, LT Belliveau, AMC Quimby, LT Francis, LT Kaylor (Senior Aviator).



6596 deposits a small weather station on a remote island.