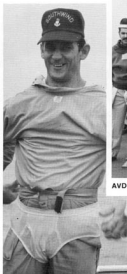




Two bluenoses suffering in pleasure before becoming Polar bears



Bluenose Clifton



AVDET 42 in the uniform of the day

Arctic-crossing ceremonies are completely voluntary. Men who have not crossed the Arctic Circle have their noses painted blue. They are brought before Borealis Rex, the God of the North. "Polar Bears," men who have previously crossed the Circle, act as prosecutors and carry out appropriate punishment. All "Blue-noses" are guilty until proven innocent. They are char-