

# RM



## RADIOMEN

*Ra-dio-man, /rădē,o,man/ n 1: A radio operator or technician. 2. (slang, Coast Guard): An arrogant Prima Donna who thinks he sets ship's policy.*

*Onboard POLAR SEA we have 8 radiomen, who daily battle the powers of mother nature: In Antarctica you can't put a quarter in for a phone call and expect someone at the other end to answer the first time. Sometimes we spend hours cassing and calling with nobody answering, makes you wonder, "Is there anybody out there?" Many things affect radio communications, such as the sun spots, solar flares, or loud-mouthed South American radio stations. On operation DEEP FREEZE we worked nothing but long haul hf communications. That means when we were down in the southern tip of South America we were talking with Coast Guard communication stations in the U.S. some 7,000 miles away. Upon leaving Palmer Station, Antarctica we worked with the South Pole and McMurdo relay for the duration of our stay in McMurdo. Upon leaving McMurdo it was back to C.G. commsta all the way back to Seattle. Being a RM has other duties such as handling all incoming and outgoing mail, selling stamps, money orders and processing packages and you know what that means at Christmas time. Being this is the last trip for most of us we have no bcst this sked . . .*



L-R: RM1 Conley, RM2 Kammerer, RM3 Hemphill, RM2 Kosik, RM3 Barone, RM3 Buccowich. Not Pictured: RMC Winters, RM2 Randall.