

## enroute thule



The first of the several trips SOUTHWIND made to the desolate Thule Air Force Base in northern Greenland was with EDISTO, another breaker of the "Wind" class.

It was a second shakedown cruise in many ways, for it marked the first time in ice for most of the crew as well as the first real test of the rebuilt vessel in the element it was designed for. There were many long

light nights weaving in and out of endless packs.

When the two ships reached North Star Bay (Thule Harbor) they spent most of the early hours of one morning running back and forth like lawnmowers clearing the ice. They then tied up at Thule pier, the first ships there since the summer before.



Above, EDISTO working at close quarters in heavy ice leading the two breaker convoy. The Thule landfall was met by a band (right).

