

Now that it's over, you have to admit it wasn't so bad. At least you'll have many memories and much to talk about. After all, you've sailed around the world. You've discovered the fascination of Antarctica's icy environment and you've experienced the thrill of riding this 6,000 ton monster onto the ice at full speed.

My personal thanks go to all hands for making my last cruise the most interesting and satisfying---the very best possible.



Captain Sumner R. Dolber USCG

command



Commander R. T. Getman USCG



As a result of your efforts---SOUTHWIND overcame the worst ice conditions encountered in McMurdo Sound in many years---THALA DAN was able to get her vital cargo to Wilkes Station---ANARE was able to commission Casey Station---The U.S. has a satellite tracking station on Heard Island---and, the first visit of a U.S. government vessel to the Republic of Tanzania in 6 years was flawless.

You all have a right to be proud of these accomplishments, for without the effort of everyone of you, SOUTHWIND'S around the world voyage could not have been the complete success that it was.