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FA C. Puckett, FN P. Beal, BT1 H. Dykes. Not Pictured: BT2 H. Shaffer.

"Water everywhere and not a drop to drink." Not so! Boilermen sailing with the **Westwind** heat the water in one of two boilers and feed it through the evaporator where it is converted into fresh water. Boilermen also use their boilers to provide the ship with hot water, heat and steam — desirable items in the Antarctic.

In addition to their work with the boilers and evaporator, Boilermen must also maintain a supply of fuel and lube oil to the engines. This involves constant upkeep and repair of various oil lines, tanks and pumps. A daily record is kept of the amount of fuel, oil and water aboard. Transfer of these liquids fore and aft, and from side to side keeps the ship on an even keel. **Westwind's** four boilermen have a big job.



Shaffer, Wilkie and Dykes repair a circulating pump for the boiler. The pump, a primary source of trouble for the BT's forces water through the coils of the boiler.