



Westwind performs her primary task of escorting with pride and skill.

The term "OPERATION DEEPFREEZE" has long been associated with Antarctic deployments and the re-supply of the scientific installations on the frozen continent. Since air operations cannot handle the movement of the staggering amount of supplies that must be transported, the task falls upon surface vessels. To ensure that they succeed in their endeavors icebreakers are called upon to escort the supply vessels through the ice ridden seas.

Early on the morning of Christmas Day **Westwind** rendezvoused with the first supply vessel bound for Antarctica. She successfully completed her job and early on the 27th of December the **USNS Alatna** moored in Winter Quarters bay at McMurdo Station. Subsequent escort tasks were completed successfully and proved that **Westwind** is well equipped and suited for her work in Arctic and Antarctic waters.

For the personnel of **Westwind** the task was a routine one, but to the personnel at McMurdo and other Antarctic stations it meant the difference between survival or death. The provisions of fresh food, clothing, fuel and equipment provided these personnel with security for the long winter months that lie ahead.

Escorts

(right) **Westwind** escorts the **USNS Alatna** and (above) **HMNZS Endeavour** follows close astern.



- USNS ALATNA (Inbound)
25-27 December 1967
- USNS TOWLE (Inbound)
31 December through 3 January
- HMNZS ENDEAVOUR (Inbound)
10-14 January 1968
- HMNZS ENDEAVOR (Outbound)
16 January 1968
- USNS ALATNA (Inbound)
21-22 January 1968
- USNS ELTANIN (Inbound)
22-23 January 1968
- USNS WYANDOT (Inbound)
24 January 1968