

Commander R. Farmer



Commanding Officer Letter from the Captain

Your distinguished and dedicated service onboard CGC BURTON ISLAND during Operation Deep Freeze 78 is indicative of a sincere and unflinching professionalism not often observed on icebreakers. Throughout this deployment, in spite of many personal inconveniences, you performed all duties and assignments with a sense of perfection and timeliness that resulted in completing all missions successfully.

During Deep Freeze 78 you assisted CGC BURTON ISLAND in supporting several science projects in the Ross Sea involving long arduous hours and innovative techniques. Included in this operation were oceanographic research teams requiring 24 hour material and personnel support, necessitating a concerted effort above and beyond that normally expected.

Additionally, CGC BURTON ISLAND was instrumental in breaking a 12 mile channel through 6-8 feet of fast ice into McMurdo Station. Completing this task took almost 2 weeks before supply ships could be escorted through the brash to discharge their valuable cargoes in Winter Quarters Bay. For a period of one month, CGC BURTON