



CAPTAIN GEORGE R. SCHMIDT

"Having the BURTON ISLAND under my command these last two years has been the highlight of my service career. The challenges have been many but the rewards also were great. This past deployment as part of "Operation Deepfreeze '73" must stand above all other operations. The four months of hard work and isolation required the utmost in work, cooperation and patience. I extend my congratulations to all you officers and men who made the trip an outstanding success. You were the human ingredient that made the BURTON ISLAND a key for "can do". Thank you and good luck in years ahead."