

kulusuk refueling



Not far below the Arctic Circle on Greenland's eastern coast is the Angmagssalik Fjord and the tiny eskimo village of Kulusuk. For \$75, advertises the New York Times, one can visit this picturesque and romantic setting in the wilderness. For nothing, advertises the Coast Guard, one can have the same "privilege."

SOUTHWIND spent a few weeks in and near Kulusuk. Again the mission was resupply, this time to a small early warning sight perched on a hill overlooking the native town. The first Military Sea Transport Service ship to arrive was the freighter WYANDOT. Next came REDBUD who was to aid in the pre-winter refueling of the base. Shortly thereafter the huge tanker AMERICAN EXPLORER sailed in. Because of her size and the ice it was not possible to unload directly; thus, a shuttle service was set up with SOUTHWIND as carrier and REDBUD, from which a fuel line ran to the beach, as platform.

The "skimos" hung around to watch and beg (left, above). SOUTHWIND'S crew operated in small boats, too, and often entered the water in one capacity or another (left and below).

