



AGCM Robert F. Frazier, USN RET Command Master Chief

Mr. Frazier started his career in the U. S. Navy as a sailor and attended boot training in San Diego, CA. He went to school in Lakehurst, NJ as an aerographer's mate. He served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968 and also flew on 98 reconnaissance missions. He worked as an executive assistant for a commanding officer in the enlisted affairs department. He also worked on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) as a command master chief. He was on two ice-breaking ships: one in Antarctica where he build a weather station, and the other in the Arctic where he pulled scientists off of an ice island that had been floating in the Arctic Circle (Arliss II). In 1982, while serving aboard the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, he had the opportunity to speak before three Israeli commands about the United States' Naval operations, and he also got the opportunity to tour the country. Mr. Frazier's military career spanned four decades. Each step he took brought new adventures, greater responsibilities, and rewarding challenges. It is evident through his accomplishments that he had the ability to excel. He is also a trumpet player.

(Biography from Professional of the Year in Military Service)

A Singular Note of Interest!

I made two cruises on the USS Edisto (AGB-2). One to the Antarctic to build Palmer Station (the 5th wintering over station), It was actually built by 5 Seabees, while I was anchored on Anvers Island aboard Edisto.

An additional note! One night, on our way back north, the XO corralled me because I was playing my trumpet (as I did most nights). One thing led to another and I found myself playing bugle calls for the CO, CDR Nicholson. Until the day I transferred, I was the ship's bugler. Nicholson. was proud to say he had the only bugler in the Atlantic service fleet. My second cruise is better described in Mr. Edwards's article "Pole-to-Pole Adventures".

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Pole-to-Pole Adventures!

Exciting adventures in the polar expanses at both ends of the earth have engaged Louisville seaman Robert Franklin Frazier the last six months.

He's due back in Boston any day now aboard the USS Edisto, an icebreaker, to join his wife, the former Carol Ann Callas, and two children. The Franklin Frazier Jr. (1887 Ivanhoe Court) are the parents of the sailor who is a graduate of Shawnee High and attended the University of Louisville. .

Frazier is an aerographer aboard the Edisto, which spent four months in late winter establishing the first navy base on tiny Anvers Island just off Antarctica.

The craft headed for Boston and summery climes for six weeks' leave and arrived last month just as an emergency call came from the opposite end of the globe—the Arctic. In less than five days the vessel put to sea again.

A group of 18 Navy scientists was in peril. They had spent months on an "ice island" and the icebreaker Atka had been dispatched to take them off before warmer weather broke up the floes.

The naval craft struck a submerged object, however, and was put out of commission. Just at the critical juncture the Edisto docked and quickly was reassigned to the mission in the North.

Nine of the scientists have been rescued and are safe aboard the Edisto off Greenland. The floes off Point Barrow were reported so heavy, however, that the craft could make barely a few inches a day, according to reports from Frazier; and the weather was worsening so that the chances of finding the other scientists were uncertain.

Frazier's thrills literally have extended practically from Pole to Pole,

(By Edwards of the *Courier-Journal, Louisville Times*)