

To the Pole - Without Outside Help

For the first time in the history of polar travel, the North Pole has been reached over land without using any means of transportation, including dogs, and without receiving supplies of fuel, equipment and provisions along the route.

The group encountered extremely difficult weather and ice conditions, that were unusual even for these regions of the Arctic. Despite this, the expedition carried out extensive scientific programs and assignments for several organizations: medical and biological investigations, observations on the nature conservation program of the State Committee on Nature of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, testing of new products manufactured in the Soviet Union (in particular, of new kinds of Arctic equipment), and of food for use in the high latitudes. The expedition's navigational equipment, radio communication, and cine- and photographic equipment all operated flawlessly.

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