

OUR COVER:

The RCMP detachment at Alexandra Fiord, Ellesmere Island, N.W.T., overlooks the sea ice a bare thirty miles from Greenland. The detachment, closed since 1962, is used by the University of Toronto in the summer months for research, and by the RCMP when in the area. It was originally established to proclaim Canadian sovereignty, and consists of (right to left) a special constable's residence, the detachment building and members' quarters, a supply shed, a boat shed, and, at the far left, a rations shed. This photo was taken a little after midnight on May 22, 1984, by Insp. D. H. Maas, O.I.C. Frobisher Bay Sub-Division, while on an inspection tour. The midnight sun illuminates the terrain throughout the day, showing here not only the detachment buildings, but the inspection party's trail in the freshly-fallen snow where they pulled their supply sleds across the sea ice from where their plane had landed, and over the pressure ridges near the shore-line to the barren land beyond.

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