

A Pilot's One Hundred and One Professions

ARCTIC BUILDER

The modern drift-ice research unit is a self-contained settlement boasting everything necessary for the work and rest of winterers. Laboratories, apartment houses, warehouses... all kinds of things that might be in demand by people who remain to work in the boundless and uninhabited expanses of the North the whole year long.

In order to deliver all this to the pre-selected ice floe, polar research workers have teamed up with seamen and aviators. And so on this occasion, cargo for drift-ice research unit SP-31 [North Pole-31] is sent aboard the diesel-electric-propulsion ship "Vladimir Arsen'ev." But of course in the Arctic Ocean ice floes do not come equipped with harbour cranes. Aviators are thus faced with difficult work once unloading starts. It's not a simple task to unload polar research workers' homes from the deck of the electric-propulsion ship and set them down onto specially prepared sites. Here's where the helicopter pilot's superior skill is required.

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