

AN-74 Flies To The Rescue

An AN-74 turbojet undergoing routine tests in Antarctica made an unplanned flight of approximately 10,000 kilometers. Leaders of the 34th Soviet antarctic expedition radioed the details of this operation to Leningrad.

...Two research workers were injured at the Australian research station of Davis. They needed to be hospitalized and treated on the mainland. Soviet polar research workers were the first to answer the call for help. The injured workers were flown aboard an Mi-8 helicopter to our station, Progress, and from there aboard an II-14 to the expeditionary clinic of the aerometeorological centre Molodezhnaya. Here doctors confirmed the need to immediately return the injured to the mainland.

Luckily, the An-74 was just then preparing to return home. After stopping over on Waterloo Island (King George), where the Soviet Bellingshausen Station is located, the injured were flown to Buenos Aires.

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Across Antarctica On Sleighs

Paris. (Izvestiya staff correspondent). I first met the French doctor Jean-Louis Etienne in the summer of 1986 after he had completed the first 1,200-km solo ski expedition between the coast of Canada and the North Pole (Izvestiya, issue no. 189 for 1986).