

Long-range ice reconnaissance was furnished exclusively by RCAF aircraft from 405 squadron, Maritime Group Halifax, N.S.; this group is commanded by Air Commodore R. C. Gordon, CBE.

The ships which participated in the resupply mission were under the command of Captain G. E. Peterson, United States Navy, embarked in the USS "Edisto" during the first part of the operation, and in the USCGC "Eastwind" during the latter part. The second in command and Commander Supply Unit was Captain M. Van Metre, United States Navy. The "Edisto" was commanded by Commander W. F. Morrison, United States Navy; the "Eastwind" by Captain O. A. Peterson, United States Coast Guard; the "Whitley" by Captain E. E. Garcia, United States Navy; and the "LST 533" by Lieutenant Commander J. E. Vautrot, United States Navy.

The senior Canadian representative who participated in the resupply mission was Mr. J. W. Burton of the Arctic Division of the Department of Resources and Development. Mr. C. J. Hubbard, Chief of Arctic Projects, United States Weather Bureau, was the senior United States official until his untimely death in an RCAF airplane crash at Alert on July 31, 1950, when, in accordance with a directive from the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, Mr. J. Glenn Dyer, United States Weather Bureau, was assigned this position.

The joint weather station programme was initiated to provide meteorological observations required for more accurate short-range forecasting, and to accumulate research data necessary for the solution of long-range forecasting problems.

The principal officers at the joint weather stations are:

<u>STATION</u>	<u>CANADA</u> (Officers in charge)	<u>UNITED STATES</u> (Executive Officers)
Resolute	S. W. Dewar	C. O. Fiske
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