

Neumayer Channel is a narrow passage ^{separating} ~~between~~ ^{from} Wiencke ~~and~~ Anvers islands and connects ^{ing} Gerlache with Bismark Strait. The north entrance to the channel is its narrowest part with perpendicular ~~walls~~ ^{cliffs} of rock hundreds of feet ~~high~~ ^{rising} from the sea ^{and} ~~sur~~ mounted by glaciers that extend down the gullies ~~in the~~ and ravines in the walls ^{appearing} as hanging rivers of ice. Neumayer Channel widens to the south to provide a spectacular sight of the peaks of Wiencke Island ^{where it joins Bismark Strait}. And ten miles beyond the end of Anvers Island ^{on the side facing Bismark Strait} is Palmer Station ^{located on a spit of rock with the} ~~wall~~ ^{front} of Anvers glacier less than a half mile behind it. A group ^{of} islands a mile in front of ~~this~~ the site of Palmer ^{form} ^{along} ~~together~~ with a longer naked spit of rock from Anvers Island ^{sheltered} ~~form~~ a ~~protected~~ cove called Arthur Harbor. ^{In this harbor} To a stone and masonry pier built out into deep water in front of the station ^{the HERO tied up.}

Several cruises on the Hero had been commissioned by the scientists ~~for~~ to support their research. The first of these was a one day excursion to the Jubin Islands, a group of ~~basaltic~~ ^{granite} ~~pyramidal~~ ^{pyramidal} pinnacles ~~of rock~~ that lie off the western promontory of Anvers Island. The attraction of the islands is ~~was~~ their bird population most notable of which are colonies of blue-eyed shags (cormorants) and antarctic terns.

Everyone at the station turned out to welcome us and plans were ^{made} ~~laid~~ ~~made~~ ~~for~~ for the four days during which the Hero was to remain based at the station. On the following day the Hero took a party to Port Lockroy, a small island at the entrance to Neumayer Channel that ~~had~~ ^{plant} ~~early~~ in the century had been a whalers' processing ^{plant}. Hundreds of chalky white whale bones were scattered about among which gentoo penguins brooded their chicks. ^{Another} ~~The second excursion~~ ~~one day~~ excursion was to the Jubin Islands, a group of granite pinnacles lying off the western promontory of Anvers Island, where the attraction ^{is} ~~was~~ the bird population, most notably ^{the} ~~of which~~ are colonies of blue-eyed shags (cormorants) and antarctic terns.

Several cruises in the Hero had been commissioned by the scientists to support their research. On January 18 the Hero left Palmer Station on

a northbound cruise to Deception Island, the southernmost of the South Shetland group. Deception Island is a ^{large} flooded volcanic crater, which can be entered through a narrow passage and ~~there provides~~ ^{constitutes} an excellent all-weather harbor; in which ^{an} Norwegian whaling station had been established early in the century. On the way to Deception Island we stopped at Couvreville Island, ^{which is} adjacent to the Antarctic Peninsula ^{and} noted for its mixed ~~XXXXXXIXXXXXXX~~ penguin colony and nesting petrels. The Hero anchored ~~off the XXXXXXXX whaling station~~ in Deception Island lagoon, and every-one went ashore to ^{volcanic} explore the ~~whaling~~ ^{eruption and earthquake} ruins of the whaling station, which had been destroyed by volcanic activity. The next day one of the ornithologists asked to be landed on the outer side of the island, where he had been told macaroni penguins had been seen. A rare occurrence this far south; I ^{decided to go} went along and during the landing from a Zodiac choppy on a serrated lava cliff, in a ~~rough~~ sea, I was left hanging by my left hand ⁱⁿ a back surge of the waves, water and dislocated my shoulder. Back on the Hero, the captain radioed the British ship ~~Transfield~~ ^{after} I was ^{and} put in a hot shower given a large slug of whiskey ^I and tried to explain the procedure for reducing a dislocated shoulder. I forgot one of but ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the steps so that the attempt was unsuccessful. In the mean-time the captain had radioed the British ship ^{Endurance} ~~Transfield~~ ^{was} which / nearby, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ for help from the ship's doctor. He was flown over in ^{one of} the ^{Endurance's} ~~Transfield's~~ helicopters and lowered onto the ~~the~~ fantail of the Hero. He ~~was able to~~ reduced the dislocation and gave me something to ease the pain. ~~The next problem was how to send me home for adequate~~ ^{in Antarctica} While arranging for my evacuation, (not a simple matter, ^{there was} contact was made with the Russian base on King George Island, where X-ray equipment, and the Russians agreed to take care of me until the Icebreaker, Glacier, picked me up on its return to Ushuaia. I was deposited with the Russians, who x-rayed my shoulder, ^{it} put in a cast and treated me extremely well until I was finally rescued by the Glacier on January 28. The cast was removed ^{del} on the Glacier, and I flew Home from Tierra Fuego with my arm in a sling.