

COMMANDER ANDERSON: The crossing itself took four days. The distance covered ---

Q. That's the Ice Pack, sir, four days?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: Yes sir. From the sea valley off Point Barrow to open water in the Greenland Sea was 1830 miles. Of course we had worked some under ice during preliminary investigations, which I am not counting in that figure.

Q. What was the over-all mileage from the point you departed?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: Over-all mileage? From Honolulu to the time that the ship will arrive in a Western European port, will be in the neighborhood of eight thousand to 82 hundred miles, sir.

Q. Commander, did you find any holes in the Ice Pack?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We found some holes. On last year's cruise we did some surfacing work. On this year's cruise we were in a hurry. We noted the holes and went on.

Q. Why were you in a hurry?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: Navigating under these conditions up close to the Pole, making the voyage with the minimum number of turns, speed changes, depth changes, angle changes, facilitates the accuracy of navigation by a very marked degree. It is possible to get yourself considerably confused by subjecting the ship to a number of turns, and so on. Knowing what we know now, we would make the crossing in a much more relaxed fashion. We wouldn't hesitate to change course, or probe openings. However, we were anxious on this trip to show the possibility of utilizing this route some day as a fast commercial route.

Q. Was it cold down there? What was the temperature like?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: The water temperature, on the average, was about 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

Q. Did your instruments reveal any submarines near you?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We did not detect any submarines.

Q. Did you have any contact, sir, hostile or otherwise while the vessel was in that area?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We had some contacts, none hostile.

Q. Could you tell us the exact time when you reached the North Pole?

COMMANDER ANDERSON: It was at 11:15 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, last Sunday, the third of August.

Q. Did you stop there?

(laughter)

COMMANDER ANDERSON: We kept going.

Q. Were you able to notify Washington on the accomplishment after that time? Were you able to radio ---