

# BP ANTARCTIC MEDAL, 1971

The BP Antarctic Gold Medal for 1971 has been awarded to Mr. Henry Fulton of Pretoria. The award is made for qualities of leadership displayed during three years in Antarctica and the vital supporting role of establishing the four-man team at Borga Base in the mountains 350 km due south of Sanae.

In 1962 he was appointed Junior diesel mechanic with Sanae 3. His cheerfulness and willingness to undertake any task, no matter how menial or arduous, did much to foster the spirit of comradeship which characterised Sanae 3 during the establishment of the first truly South African base in Antarctica.

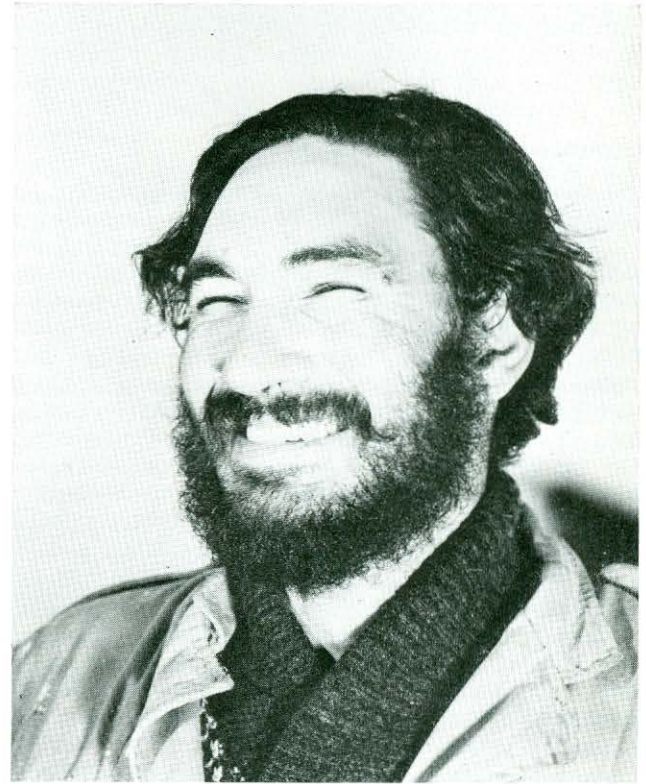
During 1966 he again returned to Antarctica as Senior diesel mechanic with Sanae 7 and displayed qualities of leadership which resulted in his being approached by the Department of Transport to accept leadership of Sanae 10 in 1969.

Despite two arduous and rigorous years in Antarctica, Mr. Fulton and his family were prepared to sacrifice much of their personal life to enable him to accept the post. It speaks highly of the Department of Transport, which administers the Antarctic project, that people such as Mr. Fulton, who are willing to go down to Antarctica for another year of hardship, isolation and the attendant risks that living in Antarctica bring, can be found.

Under his drive and perseverance Borga Base was successfully established. It was here that four members of Sanae 10 spent an isolated winter so that they would be able to avoid the long hazardous trip from Sanae and to explore hitherto unmapped terrain as early as possible in the coming summer.

With typical modesty Mr. Fulton has accepted the award as reflecting not on his own abilities, but rather as a tribute to the high level of comradeship and co-operation in the teams with which he has served.

Mr. Fulton was born in Pretoria in 1930 and is now resident in Erasmia, Pretoria (Telephone Pretoria 66146). He married Freda Gouws in 1950. They have six children of whom one is married.



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Every time it snows John dreads the burst or leaking water pipes which result. Fanie is also always at the ready to nurse, sooth and comfort the injured team members. Allen had a neat hole eaten into his finger by caustic soda. When blood failed to come out of the wound he got such a fright that Doc. had to give him an injection. This put Allen to sleep, but when Doc. checked on him later, Allen awoke and mumbled something about his mother leaving his light on.

We send greetings to all our families, friends and comrades on Gough and at Sanae.

## Gough Nuusbrief vir Julie 1971

Die afgelope maand is terdeë geniet deur al die manne, ten spyte van die ongunstige weerstoestande wat ons beweegruimtes baie beperk het. Ons het vroeg gedurende die maand ons eerste sneeu waargeneem, maar tot die manne se groot teleurstelling was dit slegs van korte duur. Almal geniet goeie gesondheid en die moraal van die span is nog steeds baie hoog.

„Shorty“ Moolman, Steyn Basson en Johann Coetzer (almal leerling tegniese, weerkunde) se aansoek om nog 'n jaar op die eiland deur te bring is goedgekeur. Groot planne word beraam om die RSA in Oktober te verwelkom. Heelwat van ons „Groot“ take is gedurende die maand afgehandel, bestellings is geplaas vir die volgende span en die bruinstoor is in gereedheid gebring vir die groot aflaai wanneer die RSA hier aandoen.

Na 'n beskrywing van die nuutste modes onder die vroumense, „Hot Pants“ ingesluit, oor ons radio-program „Ver in die wêreld“, kan die manne nie wag om dit van naderby te beskou nie. Ons radio-ontvangs is redelik goed en die rugby-toer word met die grootste belangstelling gevolg. Mislukkings kom deesdae min voor wat koskook en broodbak aanbetref want daar word nou hardhandig met 'n man tewerk gegaan en nadat hy goed deurgeloopt het moet hy net eenvoudig langs sy mislukte poging poseer terwyl die kameras fluts. Visvangs is tydelik afgestel en daar word meer gekonsentreer op snoeker en veerpyltjies terwyl die „Beatles“ in die agtergrond blêr en goed bygestaan word met byklanke deur Dries en Peet.

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