



*Extract from National Archives Film & Video Lists of Viewing Copies:*

**National Film Unit Films on the Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic Islands**  
(annotated with National Archives' Viewing Copy numbers)

**ANTARCTIC OUTPOST** (1947)

B&W 9½ mins. 35mm 853 ft.

Cat. Refs. 1951 p.4; 1956 p.4; 1957 p.4; 1958 p.4; 1962 p.5.

B&W 9½ mins. 35mm 853 ft.

Meteorological outpost of Campbell Island. Interesting shots of life and surroundings on the island. Fascinating animal and bird life, sea elephants, sea lions, penguins, etc., on this island near the South Pole.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 29**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW50A**

**FIFTY-FOUR FORTY SOUTH** (1950)

B&W 10½ mins. 35mm 952 ft.

Cat. Refs. 1951 p.7; 1956 p.5; 1957 p.5; 1958 p.6; 1962 p.7;  
1967-68 p.17; 1973 p.27; 1977 p.18.

B&W 10½ mins. 35mm 952 ft.

A New Zealand naval vessel takes meteorologists and scientific observers to the Campbell and MacQuarrie Islands in the South Polar seas. Nature interest of bird and animal life - albatrosses, penguins, sea lions and sea elephants.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 53**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW531**  
35mm film- **W3471/U57**

**PICTORIAL PARADE No. 41** (1955)

B&W 10½ mins.

WAIOURU CAMP - SALUTE TO THE S.A.S. 291 ft

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION - HUSKIES FOR HILLARY 101 ft

SHARK FISHING - A DAY ON THE KAIPARA 495 ft

Film Censor's Certificate No. G2086 (10 October 1955)

Release Date: 14.10.55

NFU Film Information Sheet No. PP41

Cat. Refs. 1957 p.40; 1958 p.35; 1962 p.36, 37.

B&W 10½ mins. 35mm 940 ft.

HUSKIES FOR HILLARY. 101 ft.

Young husky pups at Auckland zoo, descendants of Captain Scott's dogs - to be trained for Sir Edmund Hillary's use in the Antarctic.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 241**  
16mm film- **W3589/16PP41A**

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**PICTORIAL PARADE No. 48** (1956)

B&W 10½ mins.

WELLINGTON - ICEBREAKER IN FLOATING DOCK	142 ft
LORD RUTHERFORD'S OLD SCHOOL - NELSON COLLEGE CENTENNIAL	325 ft
CHRISTCHURCH - MODEL YACHTS ON VICTORIA LAKE	115 ft
SOUTHLAND CELEBRATIONS - PARADE IN INVERCARGILL	347 ft

Film Censor's Certificate No. G3293 (23 April 1956)

Release Date: 27.4.56

NFU Film Information Sheet No. PP48

Cat. Refs. 1957 p.42; 1958 p.37; 1962 p.39.

B&W 10½ mins. 35mm 971 ft.

ICEBREAKER IN DOCK. 142 ft.

The U.S. icebreaker East Wind is repaired in Wellington dry dock after being damaged by ice in McMurdo Sound area.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 248**  
16mm film- **W3589/16PP48**

**POLAR EXERCISE** (1956)

B&W 9½ mins.

Film Censor's Certificate No. G4623 (16 November 1956)

NFU Film Information Sheet No. 124

Cat. Refs. 1957 p.9; 1958 p.10; 1962 p.11; 1967-68 p.27; 1973 p.42; 1977 p.18.

B&W 9½ mins. 35mm 840 ft.

To train for the polar expedition, New Zealand members of the Antarctic party spend a period in the Mount Cook area. After training their husky dogs at the base camp, the party moves up the Tasman Glacier. Here dog training is intensified, equipment and techniques to be used in the Antarctic are tested, and special attention paid to the use and landing of planes on ice surfaces.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 10**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW87**

**ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE** (1957)

B&W 22 mins.

Film Censor's Certificate No. G5712 (24 May 1957)

NFU Film Information Sheet No. 130

Cat. Refs. 1958 p.49; 1962 p.64; 1967-68 p.36; 1973 p.18; 1977 p.17.

B&W 22 mins. 35mm 1,970 ft.

The New Zealand section of the British Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Sir Edmund Hillary, sails in the Endeavour from N.Z. to the Ross Sea. They build their base on Ross Island, make aerial surveys of the vast glaciers and Antarctic mountain ranges, and by planes and dog-teams establish depots on the polar plateau. They also conduct research into seal and penguin life around McMurdo Sound, visit Scott's and Shackleton's huts, and some members fly over the South Pole before the Endeavour returns to New Zealand, leaving 23 men to spend the Antarctic winter at Scott Base.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 28**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW185**

**THE GREAT ACHIEVEMENT (1958)**

B&W 34 mins.

Film Censor's Certificate No. G7447 (2 April 1958)

NFU Film Information Sheet No. 138

Cat. Refs. 1958 p.51; 1962 p.66; 1967-68 p.37; 1973 p.29; 1977 p.18.

B&W 34 mins. 35mm 3,041 ft.

New Zealanders' work in the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition is shown and their role in the International Geophysical Year. Sir Edmund Hillary's dramatic dash to the South Pole, and his meeting with Sir Vivian Fuchs, are highlights of the film. Other features are seals, penguins and killer whales, the dredging of the sea-floor, and the work of dog-teams, tractor trains and aircraft.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 63**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW279**

**ENDEAVOUR (1959)**

B&W 11 mins.

NFU Film Information Sheet No. 146

Cat. Refs. 1962 p.73; 1967-68 p.37; 1973 p.25; 1977 p.17.

B&W 11 mins. 16mm 405 ft.

H.M.N.Z.S. Endeavour takes the New Zealand party for the British Trans-Antarctic Expedition to the Antarctic. Members of the party carry out oceanographic research, land equipment on the ice, help build Scott Base and restore Scott's and Shackleton's huts before the Endeavour brings Sir Vivian Fuchs, Sir Edmund Hillary and other expedition members back to New Zealand.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 47**  
16mm film- **W3471/16BW79**

**PICTORIAL PARADE No. 134 (1962)**

B&W 11½ mins.

WAIOEKA GORGE - THE RE-FORMED ROAD 147 ft

PREPARING FOR DEEP FREEZE '63 871 ft

Film Censor's Certificate No. G21391 (13 December 1962)

Release Date: 28.12.62

NFU Film Information Sheet No. PP134

Cat. Refs. 1965-S p.17; 1967-68 p.51, 52.

B&W 11½ mins. 16mm, 440 ft.; 35mm, 1,056 ft.

PREPARING FOR DEEP FREEZE '63

With the return of spring the United States Navy prepares in Christchurch for the 1963 operations in Antarctica. After a wait for the Antarctic weather to clear, the four Hercules aircraft leave, followed by Navy ships with the icebreaker "Glacier".

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 334**  
16mm film- **W3589/16PP134A**

**PICTORIAL PARADE No. 144 (1963)**

B&W 9 mins.

WAIOURU - TRAINING FOR ANTARCTICA 244 ft

SPARKLING INDUSTRY 289 ft

WHANGAREI - OIL REFINERY 251 ft

Film Censor's Certificate No. G25309 (4 October 1963)

Release Date: 4.10.63

NFU Film Information Sheet No. PP144

Cat. Refs. 1965-S p.19; 1967-68 p.54.

B&W 9 mins. 16mm, 328 ft.; 35 mm, 819ft.

TRAINING FOR ANTARCTICA

Men of the 1963 New Zealand Antarctic Expedition train for Antarctica at Waiouru and Mt Ruapehu.

Viewing copies: VHS Video- **R.V. 344**  
16mm film- **W3589/16PP144B**

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**ANTARCTIC PRELUDE (1956)**

Cat. Refs. 1957 p.4; 1958 p.4; 1962 p.5; 1967-68 p.14; 1973 p.18; 1977 p.17.

B&W 10 mins. 35mm 920 ft.

The sealing ship Theron, with members of the Antarctic Expedition on board, sails into the ice-fields of Antarctica and, after being jammed in for many weeks, finally breaks free and batters her way on to where a base is established while other expedition members search for a base site on the opposite side of the Antarctic continent. Sir Edmund Hillary, George Lowe, Lt. Commander Smith and Trevor Hatherton describe experiences of their visit to the polar regions.

**FLARE ON THE SUN (1959)**

Cat. Refs. 1962 p.82, 87; 1967-68 p.17; 1973 p.27; 1977 p.34.

Eastmancolor 17½ mins. 35mm 1,580 ft.

A full cartoon sequence sketches the growth of science and outlines events leading up to the co-operation of nations for the International Geophysical Year. The part played by New Zealand at stations in the Antarctic, in New Zealand and in the tropics is indicated and then the film follows through the observation of a flare on the sun, its effects on communications, the development of aurora and the scientific work during the period.

**ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY DAYS UNDER THE WORLD (1964)**

Cat. Refs. 1965-S p.8; 1967-68 p.25; 1973 p.40; 1977 p.18; 1984-85 p.13; 1986-87 p.16.

Colour 35 mins. 35mm 3,127 ft.

One summer's work by New Zealand scientists in the Ross Dependency in the Antarctic and the exploration of some of the last unmapped regions. The mysteries of the snow-covered continent are probed by geologists, biologists and physicists at the Scott Base laboratory and on expeditions, possibly among the last to be made with huskies. H.M.N.Z.S. Endeavour brings supplies from Wellington, while ice-breakers of the United States Navy cut a passage for her through the pack ice to McMurdo Sound. Made in wide-screen format and colour, this is possibly the most notable piece of cinema to come from the Antarctic. (Available also with French, German, Italian, or Japanese commentary.)

**ONE LONG SUMMER'S DAY (1970)**

Cat. Refs. 1973 p.40; 1977 p.18.

Colour 8 mins. 35mm 704 ft.

As summer comes to Antarctica, men from many lands begin another season of scientific exploration and research, gaining further knowledge of our world when it was young.