

## Arctic Cannibalism



*The Air Force used Ice Station Bravo (also known as T-3, Fletcher's Ice Island) as an Arctic Ocean weather and scientific research station from 1952 until 1961. For this C-47, it also served as a spot for an emergency landing. Once on the floating ice island, hundreds of miles north of the Arctic Circle, the transport could not*

*be flown out. It was cannibalized for parts until only the shell remained, propped on a wind-eroded mound of ice. The Air Force deactivated Ice Station Bravo when its 2,500-foot runway began to break up and drift away.*