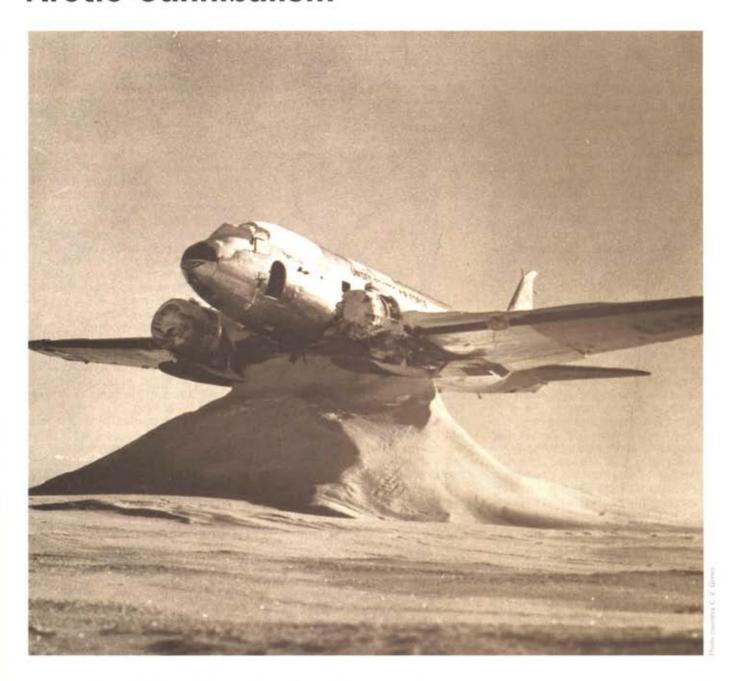
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Arctic Cannibalism



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.