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THE RETURN OF THE TNERON

SQUADRON LEADER LEWIS (?)

ON January 20th we had been stuck in the ice for several weeks and it was my turn to fly the ~~Custer~~ ^{Custer} when we came to a small pool. This was much smaller than we hoped for for a take off. It was only a ~~few~~ ³⁰⁰ yards long, but ~~we had to give it a go to get airborne.~~ ^{we realized we would have to give it go.} We took off ^{once we got airborne} from this pool and I had to make a turn during the take-off because it was a narrow pool. When ~~we get going~~ I saw that the Theron was stuck and after a bit I could see that the way was clear to the north and north west. After flying ^{out} about 60 miles I came to an area north of the ship where I could see that we would have no difficulty ~~in~~ getting out. Flying back I flew over the solid ice floes where the Theron was stuck and coming back into land John Lewis pointed out that ^{there was some} ~~there was some~~ --- on the landing ground. We were very pleased to have the opportunity of getting airborne from this pool because it meant that we were able to steam out north west and then in about two days time we were out of the ice. ~~we were very pleased~~ ^{we were jolly glad to get out again} and then we made our way down to Basil Bay.

DR. FUCHS

Well, I could say that it was a pretty successful trip, in fact, we succeeded in carrying out all that we set out to do. ^{tell you} We had our setbacks, ^{part has been with haste.} We set up our ~~main~~ base as we had decided in London. We could not stay any longer but we left the eight men behind with ^{a great deal} ~~more~~ work than we liked. --- We had a very good trip back. ^{to do.}

SIR EDMUND HILARY

We are very pleased that we have been successful in carrying out the expedition; ^{which was} ~~in~~ establishing our base in the Weddell Sea. ^{we are going to very busy work} This is the first part of your expedition --- ^{from} trip south in November and December of this year. Two parties are going south, one from this side and one from New Zealand. We hope to meet about the South Pole. We think that from the ice conditions it should be possible to get south. ^{2x}

Q. Will there be any ^{major} changes in technique?

A. No, ---

Q. Have you made up your mind what you ^{going to} will do ~~when~~ when the two parties meet in the middle?

A. I think we shall just be pleased to see each other.

Q. Any cairns or memorials?

A. We hope there will be no memorials.

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MRS. FUCHS

Of course I ^{am delighted} ~~am very excited~~ to have my husband back after all their good work in the Weddell Sea.

Of course I am delighted to have my husband back and that they did so well in the Weddell Sea, and made their base at Shackleton.