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Sigurd Helle, Norwegian Polar Institute geologist and leader of the Norwegian Antarctic Expedition of 1956–60, has dental trouble attended to by the expedition's medical doctor Håkon Sæther. The two men were part of a team overwintering at Norway Station, on the coast of Dronning Maud Land, from 1956 to 1960. The station was established at 70.5° S 02.5° W in January 1957, during the International Geophysical Year of 1957–58 (otherwise known as the third International Polar Year). Using Norway Station as their base, the team carried out a range of meteorological and glaciological investigations as well as observations and measurements of the tide, atmospheric ozone, aurora australis and Earth's magnetism. They also mapped the area. (Photo by John Snuggerud; courtesy of Norwegian Polar Institute Photo Library.)



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