

In the Wake of the Astrolabe: Content Analysis of Diaries Maintained by the Leaders and Physicians of French Remote Duty Stations

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French Remote Duty Stations

- Dumont d'Urville, Terre-Adelie
- Kerguelen Island
- Crozet Island
- Amsterdam Island



Personnel

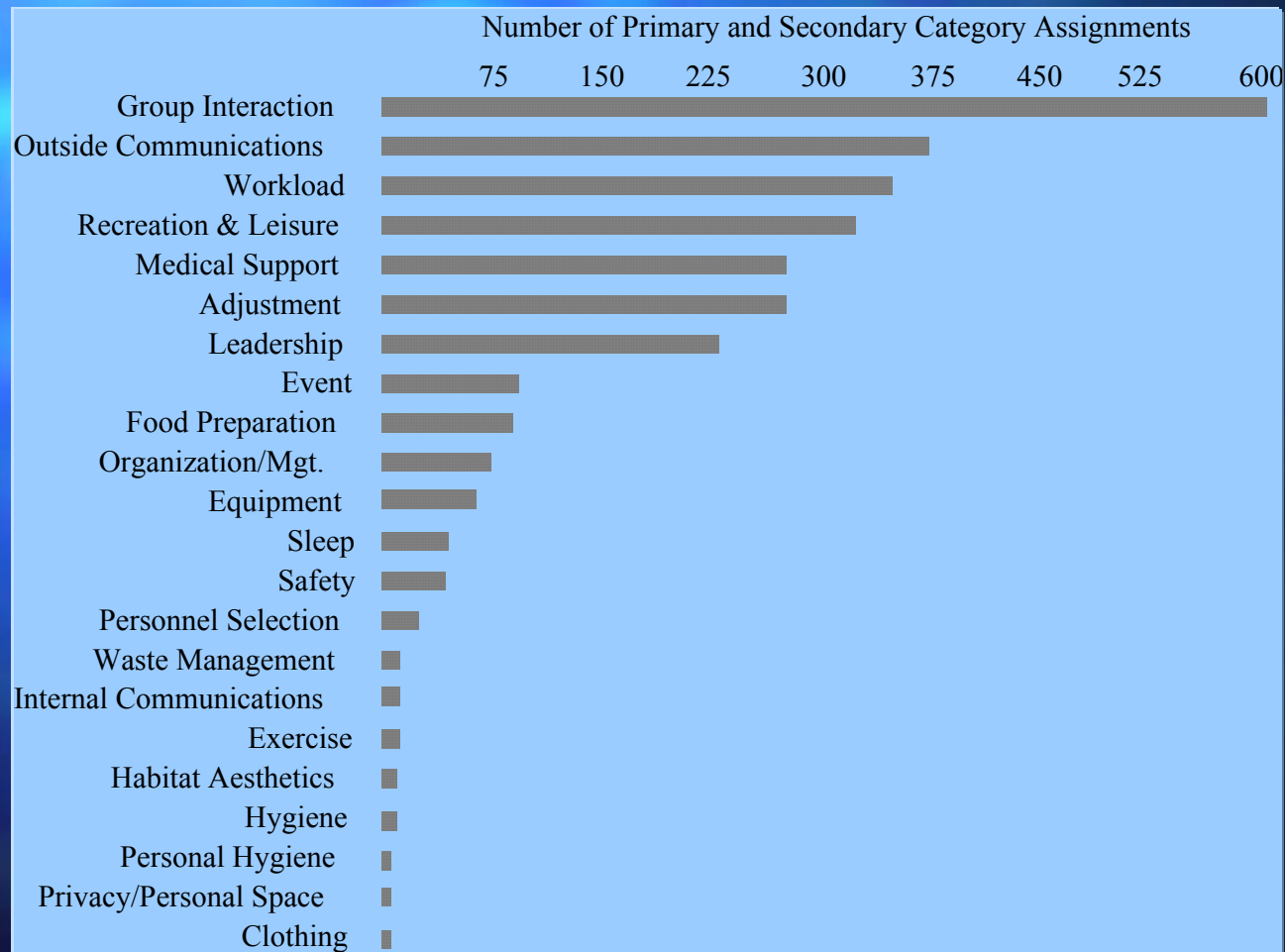
- Four Expedition Leaders
- Five Expedition Physicians



Advantages of Content Analysis

- Data are obtained unobtrusively;
- The entries demonstrate that subjects are attending to the task;
- Large volumes of quantifiable data are generated by the subjects; and,
- The subjects benefit from their participation in the activity.

Category Analysis



Positive - Negative Analysis

- All diary entries were coded as positive (39%), negative (46%), or neutral (15%).
- Net Positivity/Negativity Calculated:
$$\text{NPN} = \text{pPositive} - \text{pNegative}$$
- Long vs Short Duration Missions
- Antarctic vs Insular Missions
- Physicians vs Leaders

Long vs Short Duration Missions

Figure 1. Overall:
Long vs Short Duration and
All Missions Combined

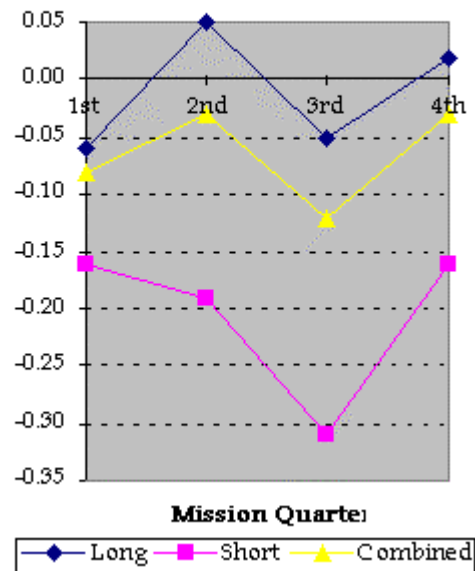
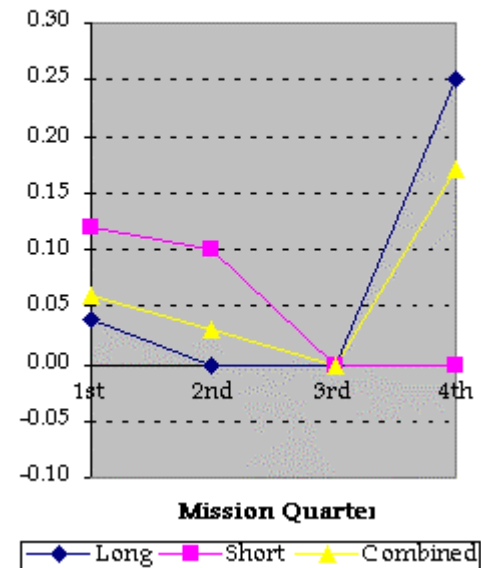


Figure 2. Group Interaction:
Long vs Short Duration and
All Missions Combined



Long vs Short Duration Missions

Figure 3. Outside Communications:
Long vs Short Duration and
All Missions Combined

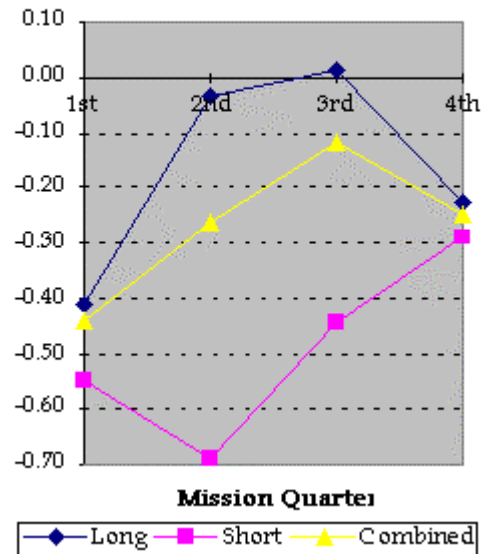
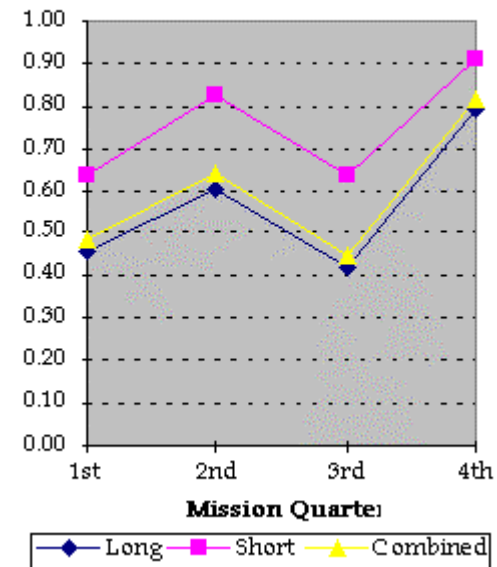


Figure 5. Recreation & Leisure:
Long vs Short Duration and
All Missions Combined



Antarctic vs Insular Missions

Figure 9. Overall:
Antarctic vs Insular Stations and
All Missions Combined

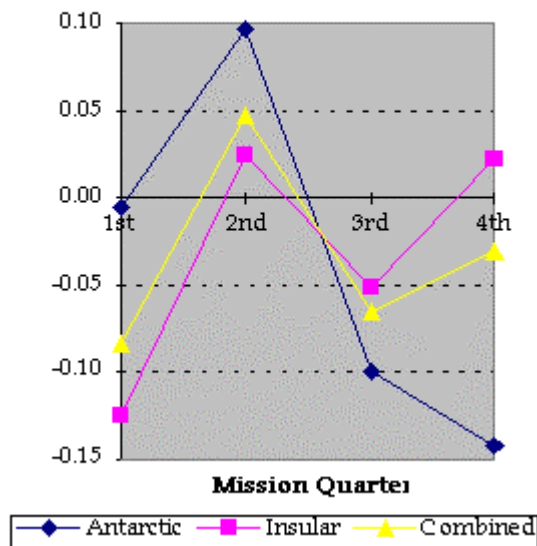
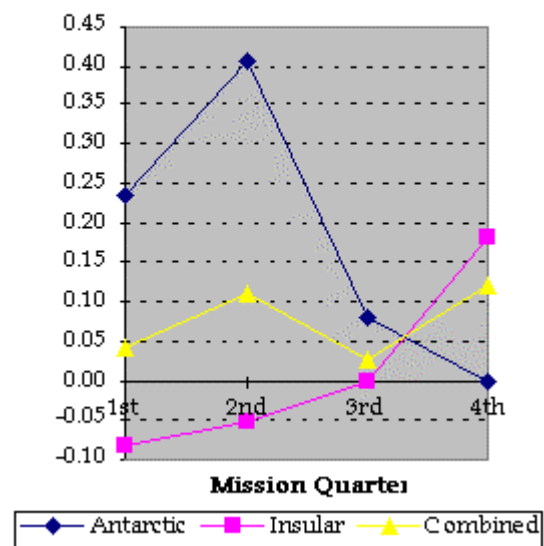


Figure 10. Group Interaction:
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All Missions Combined



Antarctic vs Insular Missions

Figure 11. Outside Communications:
Antarctic vs Insular and
All Missions Combined

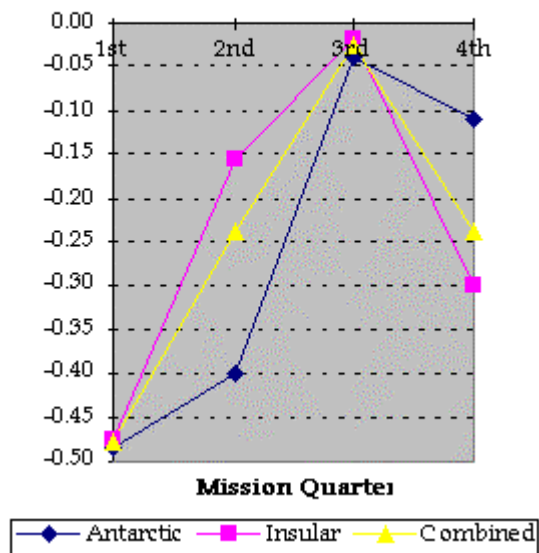
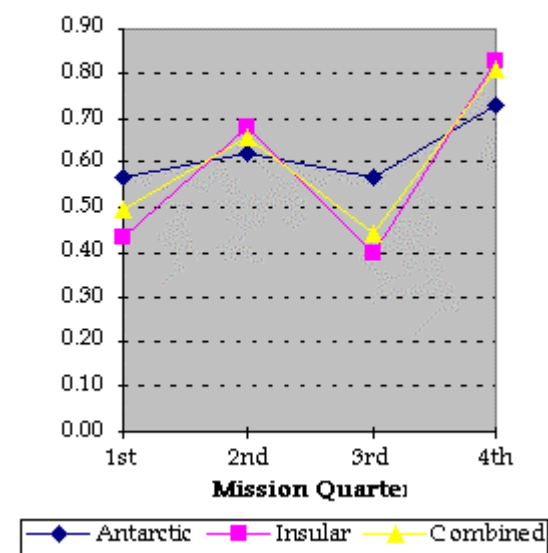


Figure 12. Recreation & Leisure:
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All Missions Combined



Doctors vs Leaders

Figure 17. Overall:
Doctors vs Leaders

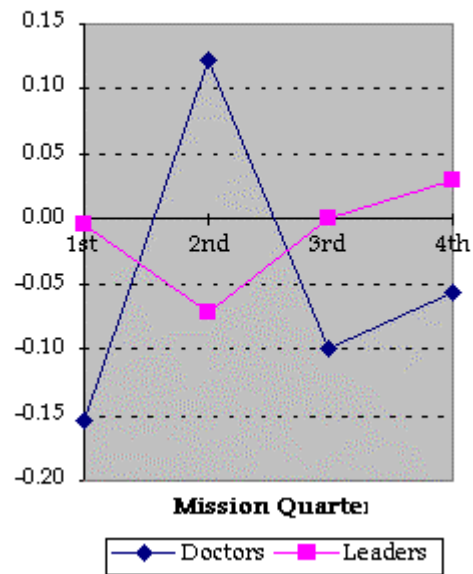
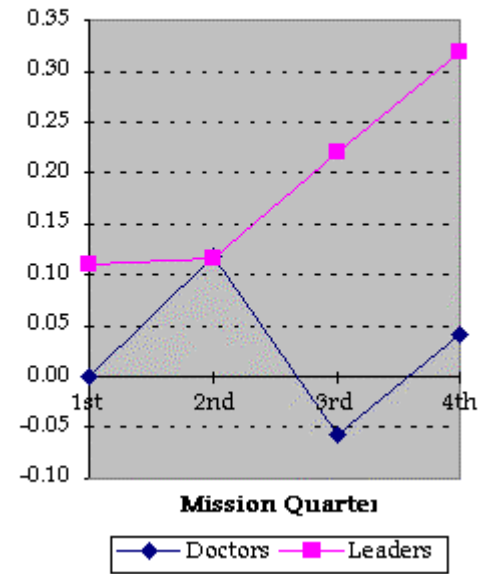


Figure 18. Group Interaction:
Doctors vs Leaders



Doctors vs Leaders

Figure 19. Outside Communications:
Doctors vs Leaders

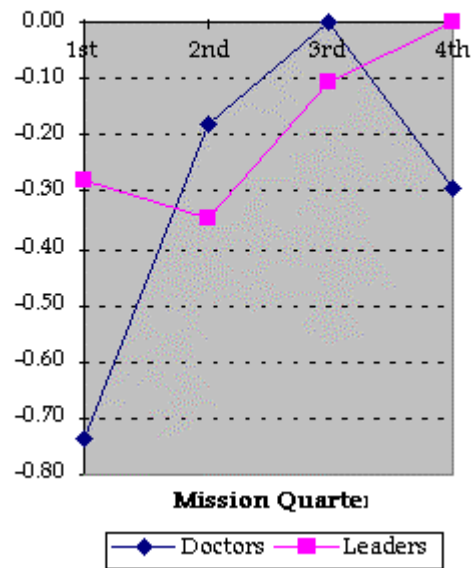
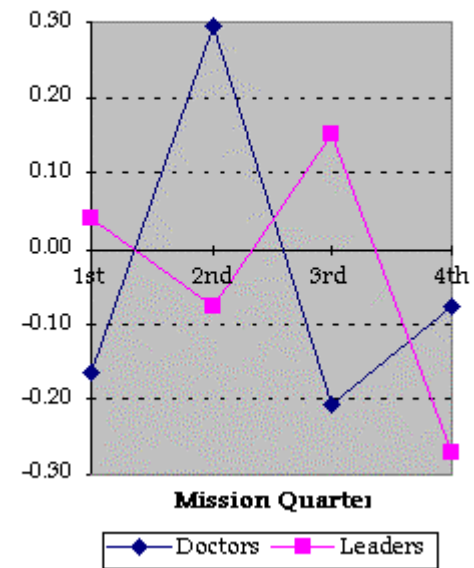


Figure 20. Workload:
Doctors vs Leaders



Positive - Negative Overall

Proportion of Diary Entries

	Duration		Location		Role	
	Long	Short	Antarctic	Insular	Doctors	Leaders
Positive	0.420	0.316	0.398	0.410	0.408	0.404
Negative	0.435	0.526	0.427	0.452	0.461	0.417
Neutral	0.145	0.157	0.176	0.137	0.132	0.179
Net Pos/Neg*	-0.015	-0.210	-0.029	-0.042	-0.053	-0.013

*Net positivity/negativity = Positive - Negative proportions

Thematic Analysis: Group Interaction

- Interpersonal Conflict
- Celebration/Special Meal Brings Us Together
- Teamwork/Solidarity
- Group Discussion
- Not Fitting In
- Problems with Crew-Relief/Switchover
- Fitting In
- No, Or Resolved Interpersonal Conflict
- Trivial Issues Are Exaggerated
- Withdrawal From the Group