

# SAIPAN



*Lat. 15° 12' N Long. 145° 41' E*

On the 13th day of June the KUKUI moored starboard side to Pier "C" Saipan Harbor. After 26 days of underway time, and working islands, the KUKUI hit its first liberty port. When liberty was granted everyone was glad to get ashore and let off a little steam.

Cargo operations started the next day and the deck force turned to. Operations were made easier by having cargo discharged from the ship onto trucks waiting on the dock. We also backloaded a truck and other cargo from the loran station to bring back to Honolulu.

A major highlight at Saipan was getting a Navy Times and learning that some of our fellow shipmates got promoted. Immediately a man overboard drill was held. With a happier crew we departed for Guam.