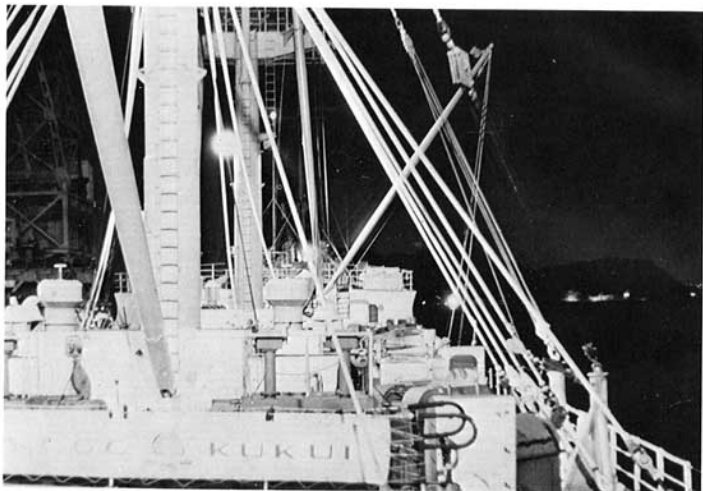


YOKOSUKA



LAT. 35° 18' N LONG. 139° 38' E

Yokosuka, Japan is a large Naval Base and includes a ship repair facility. The KUKUI was to spend a month here getting caught up on her repair work. The major job to be done was the cargo handling gear. All the winches, booms, cables, block and tackle, etc., were removed from the ship for cleaning, overhaul, and testing.

While in Japan the crew took advantage of the low prices on such items as stereo gear, china, motorcycles (the dock looked like the local chapter of The Hell's Angels were having a meeting on board), and cameras.

After the excitement of a foreign port had worn off and the tours had been taken and the bartenders started calling you by your first name the work became less interesting and the crew was ready to head home. But first we had to get a new skipper. Captain William C. Jefferies who had brought us this far was relieved by Commander John C. Guthrie who was to take us home again.