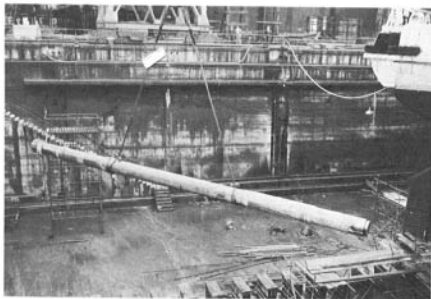


## "NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE" ENGLAND



While in the Kara Sea, the NORTHWIND suffered damage to her starboard shaft and we were ordered to proceed to Swan Hunter Drydocks in Newcastle to undergo repairs. We were informed that the USCGC MACKINAC would sail from New York with the parts and meet us there. We arrived on the 18th of August to be greeted with looks of awe from the citizens, as we were the first American vessel (aside from the MACKINAC which arrived a few days before) to dock in Newcastle since World War II. We were scheduled to depart on the 25th if all went well. All "went well" according to the crew; we didn't leave until the 3rd of September. We were informed that a few of the night clubs were for members only but at these places we were to mention that we were guests of Inspector Jackson, the local police chief; it worked! Everywhere we went we were greeted by a barrage of questions; they wanted to know where we were from, what we were doing there, how long were we going to be there, how did we like Newcastle, etc., etc. Pleasingly enough, most of the people who questioned us were girls. Ah, the girls! Many of the various industrial establishments in Newcastle provided tours of their companies for us. There was a tour of Swan Hunter Drydocks and Shipbuilders, a tour through one of the local coal mines, one through the local TV studios and of course, The Newcastle Brown Ale Brewery. Ask anyone about Newcastle Brown Ale, "Whew!" Some of the night clubs we went to were: La Dolce Vita, a beautiful place with live music. a nightly floor show and a gambling casino upstairs; the Mayfair, primarily for the 18-21 contingent; and the Jungle Club in South Shields. The whole crew will agree that, by far, this was the friendliest port we've hit on the whole cruise. We finally departed on the 3rd of September, complete with a send-off by "Bunnies" from the "69" club. All of the crew will surely remember Newcastle for a long time to come, many will never forget it.



This is why we went to Newcastle.