



## SINGAPORE

On August Fifth we pulled into HMNB near Singapore where we moored in the midst of some of the latest British naval vessels. Fortunately this mooring was next to a large grass-covered field on which we played football in the days to come.

Singapore was an R&R port and three section liberty was put in effect with duty section one, as usual, having the first day's duty. On the dock was the laundry waiting to take our clothes; the mailmen ready to bring aboard the good news from home, and the usual merchants with the usual souvenirs with the usual lowest prices.

"ROACH COACH IS ON ITS APPROACH."

Singapore itself was about 13 miles from the ship but luckily for us there were many taxicab drivers who were more than happy to take us anywhere we wished, for a nominal fee. Most of us took the opportunity to get away from the ship and stayed in one of the better hotels in town. In the evenings there were several night clubs and good restaurants waiting for us. On the whole, Singapore seemed to be a very social place; at least that's what Fincher said after looking over a great number of slides when we left.

