

DEPERMING

The MIDGETT's first port of call from Curtis Bay, was Norfolk, Va. The jobs to be accomplished were loading ammunition and deperming. Deperm by Webster's definition is: "to reduce the magnetism of a ship's steel hull as a precaution against magnetically operated mines". To accomplish deperming, the first step is to wrap large cables around the hull, then a large current is passed thru the cables. Of course there had to be a drawback, black cables and a white hull mixed together make for a black hull. That left one more job - repaint!

