



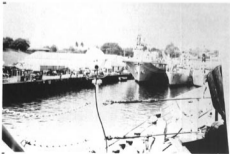
Payday



Shopping - fascinating experience in a foreign port

SINGAPORE

We left Vietnam and sailed almost due south along the coast of Malaysia to the Singapore River. On the northeast corner of the island of Singapore is Her Majesty's Naval Base at which we were to moor; on the way up river we were preparing Sherman for "FULL DRESS" in honor of July 4th. The British ships were also at "FULL



DRESS" in honor of our visit. It was quite a sight with all the ships showing their signal flags rigged from the bow across the masts to the stern.

Almost everyone was on deck anxious to see as much as possible. We had been at sea for fifty-seven days and this was our first rest and relaxation (R&R) port since leaving Hawaii.

On the pier the local merchants were clamoring for the best spots to park and sell their souvenirs of Singapore while the taxi drivers were exchanging prices with us for tours of the island.