

## GUAM

Sherman arrived in Guam early Sunday afternoon to take on fuel and remove our excess ammunition. This was our last day of "humping ammo"! After the ammunition was off-loaded, liberty was granted for two hours which was just enough time to patronize the service clubs. After carrying projectiles, even two hours of relaxation off the ship was a welcomed relief.

At dusk Sherman set mooring stations and departed Guam enroute Pearl Harbor.

### ENGINE TROUBLE-CHRISTMAS AT SEA-180° —

The first several days enroute Hawaii were beautiful; truly typical of the Pacific, clear skies, warm weather and calm seas. But far ahead there lay a menacing sea.

Then it happened. Our port diesel went down completely, and our boilers went out. The diesel needed a complete overhaul, which could only be accomplished in the Pearl Harbor shipyard. Our fuel supply was at a critical point and this resulted in a late arrival in Pearl Harbor, and there was damage to our after mast which demanded immediate repair.

We crossed the 180° meridian sometime around Christmas with little formal celebration as there was much work to be done. Besides the small trees, the cards from home and our memories of better Christmas' there was little spirit in the air that day.

