

HAWAII

Now tied to the pier and riding smoothly, the engineers set to work at full capacity to lift the one and a half ton crank shaft, remove the damaged pistons and overhaul the entire engine. Work proceeded swiftly and instead of an extended stay in Hawaii, we were able to depart after six days.



Hawaii again provided us with a warm and welcomed relief. The sunlit beaches, the cool breezes in the clear evenings, the surfing at Waikiki, all gently relieved our tensions.

TO PANAMA

Enroute Panama we had further troubles, this time with the turbines, requiring another overhaul in Panama. That too was shortened by the diligent efforts of the engineers and sooner than we expected, we were on the last leg of our voyage. Six days to Boston, it was three hundred and six when we left.

To travel from the tropical heat of the Canal Zone of one hundred and three degrees to the cold of the Northern latitudes at three degrees was quite a shock for all of us. Traveling into the Cape Cod Canal, we were cutting through ice.

BOSTON

Transiting the Canal most of the ship's company was topside watching the Continental American soil and looking for girls, but it was too cold to stay up long. We anchored out that night and the next morning weighed anchor for the last time.