

# KURE ISLAND



*Lat. 28° 24' N Long. 178° 24' W*

Kure Island, the second stop on our 1970 WESTPAC, was much like the stop at French Frigate Shoals. Our M-boats were utilized in the loading phases but unlike FFS a channel deep enough to accommodate the boats had to be found and marked. The beach here was extremely sandy thus calling our D-7 bulldozer into action. The cargo, consisting of: roofing materials, concrete blocks, and pre-stressed concrete slabs, had to be transferred from the boats to the station via tracks. This is where our cooks, yeomen, and ET's proved themselves invaluable. They actually converted the short airstrip into a "flat track" raceway!