

ICEBERGS SET CHRISTMAS SCENE FOR CALCATERRA

Heavy iceberg activity was seen during the U.S.S. Calcaterra's latest weather picket. On Christmas Day 200 were sighted as the ship cruised inside the Antarctic Circle.

Christmas Day, in spite of snow and low temperatures, was the brightest on what was otherwise a routine and often monotonous trip, said Lieutenant B. P. Schultz today.

Christmas dinner included roast turkey, roast beef, four different kinds of potatoes,

vegetables, cakes, pies and puddings.

The cooks built a church of cardboard and covered it with cake icing. Inside the church lights flashed and a speaker gave out carols.

"They really excelled themselves," said Lieutenant Schultz.

A small synthetic Christ-

mas tree stood in the corner of the wardroom but on the bridge was a real tree taken from Campbell Island.

There were decorations, many sent in the gift parcels from parents of crew members.

Lieutenant Schultz said the men expected the present stay in Dunedin would be

their quietest because of the holidays. It would give them time for routine maintenance, rest and, for some, the chance to go sight-seeing.

When the Calcaterra leaves on its next picket duty, on January 14, it will take a party of 13 scientists to Auckland Island and will pick them up again on the way back to Dunedin.

