



**SAILORS** on board the U.S.S. Calcaterra which arrived in Hobart yesterday were astonished when bank officers converted their American dollars into . . . pounds, shillings and pence.

The men on the American destroyer-escort and radar picket knew they had arrived on the eve of Australia's changeover to decimal currency.

cross the Indian Ocean and return home by way of the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean.

However, pounds or dollars, they will start a big shopping spree this morning.

**Above:** S. A. Denis Skora shows Lieut. L. Daggs (combat information centre officer) the pounds that Hobart bank officers had exchanged for his U.S. dollars. Today, Skora will be changing his pounds back to dollars — this time Australian.

There will be a maximum of shore leave available for officers, and men, and many hope to go on sightseeing tours.

Calcaterra's five-month tour of duty on "Operation Deepfreeze" in southern waters was uneventful, one of the officers said.

Before coming to Hobart, the Calcaterra called at New Zealand ports and her next port-of-call will be Fremantle.

From there, the ship will



**LIEUT. CDR. WILLIAM EARL**, skipper of the Calcaterra, was impressed by Hobart's harbour facilities.