

New Boiler For Ship

A new boiler has been installed in the weather picket ship the U.S.S. Calcaterra to replace the one which burst while the ship was on picket duty.

The boiler was manoeuvred through a hole cut in the ship's side by workmen from the Dunedin engineering firm of Sims Engineering, Ltd. The same firm repaired the U.S.S. Hissem and the U.S.S. Mills, which also had boiler trouble.

A crane was used to lift the damaged boiler from the Calcaterra, and to replace it with a new one.

The only problem came when it was found the electric control box on the boiler would not go through the hole cut in the ship's side. It was removed and replaced later.

The new boiler, used to heat the ship, was sent from the United States in the light of the Hissem and the Mills having had boiler trouble while on picket duty.

Complete installation of the new boiler will take five to

six days, after which the Calcaterra will move to the oil berth to begin refueling.

NOTABLE PICKET

A notable feature of the picket was that the ship was able to launch every weather balloon—two a day the executive officer, Lieutenant W. Horsley, said yesterday.

"This is unusual," said. "We usually miss few because of bad weather."

Crew members yesterday began painting and general maintenance work on board the ship in preparation for an open day to be held while it is in port.

Sixty men have so far volunteered to give blood to the Otago Regional Blood Transfusion Service. It is hoped 150 of the crew will give blood.

BALCLUTHA VISIT

The captain of the Calcaterra, Lieutenant-commander W. C. Earl, will travel to Balclutha on Friday to open the Balclutha Festival Week. He and the 12 men accompanying him will stay at Balclutha until Sunday.

On Monday, Lieutenant-commander Earl will address sea cadets. A film about the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Enterprise will also be shown.



CREW MEMBERS of the U.S.S. Calcaterra take a look at the new boiler which will replace the one damaged while the weather picket ship was on ocean station. The boiler was manoeuvred into position this morning through a hole cut on the port side of the Calcaterra.