

## 3rd DIVISION

Although the Capps was not designed to be an attack ship, she carried sufficient ordnance to repulse enemy attacks by aircraft, submarine, or surface vessel. The main battery consisted of four 5"/38 caliber dual purpose guns, two guns being located atop the forward deck house and two aft — one on the fantail and one on the after deck house. Magazines for the main battery were located deep in the hull of the ship and almost directly beneath the guns they served. Ammunition necessary to feed these rapid fire guns was hoisted from the magazines by electrically driven cage hoists. The fire control of the main battery was accomplished with the aid of three MK 51 directors, two forward and one aft.

The secondary battery consisted of four 1.1/75 caliber quadruple mount heavy machine guns. These guns were electric-ly-



*Chief Connell at work in the armory*



*The after battery at 5"/38*

draulic driven and were controlled by individual MK 51 gun directors. Two of the guns were located on the signal bridge and two on the boat deck aft. In addition sixteen 20 mm. light machine guns were located about the boat deck and superstructure decks.

Gun watches of one sort or another were always moored on the Admiral Capps from commissioning to V-J day, the type of watch depending upon the proximity of enemy craft. Regular battle cruising conditions called for watches to be stood on one 5" gun, one 1.1/75 caliber gun, and five 20 mm. guns. When the ship steamed through combat areas, a fire control watch was added consisting of one officer for the main battery, one chief