

## 3rd DIVISION



*1st Gun and crew*

petty officer for the light machine guns and one coxing gunner's mate who repaired all small damages. During the invasion of Okinawa, all guns were constantly manned.

Proper maintenance of the ship's ordnance was vital. This responsibility fell into the hands of the 3rd Division, composed of a gunnery officer, assistant gunnery officer and approximately twenty firecontrolmen and gunner's mates. Adverse climatic conditions and frequent drills and battle practices increased the task assigned to the 3rd Division, but always, the maintenance of the guns was placed before personal comfort. That the guns were known to be ready for action at all times, no doubt added to the confidence of the crew and the embarked troops.

The fine records established during gunnery practices dem-

onstrated the excellence of the ship's ordnance, her gun crew, and her ordnance division. The Capps was ready to meet and defeat the enemy at all times due to the effort and ability of the 3rd Division.



*A view of some of the 30 mm. gun tube*