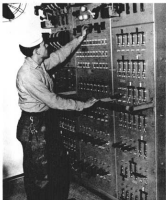


5-E DIVISION



The Interior Communications Room

engine rooms and motor rooms. Practically all of the engine room auxiliaries were electrically driven, not to mention the many electrical alarms and control devices, all of which had to be kept operating continually.

The interior communications section had charge of a group of equipment including such things as engine order telegraphs, automatic whistle operation, general announcing systems, rudder angle indicators, and both automatic dial and sound powered telephone circuits. Such communications as the above become rather extensive on a ship the size of the ADMIRAL CAPPS and maintenance is consequently a difficult job. However, communications, which is the heart and soul of a large modern Naval vessel, must be kept in top-notch condition at all times.

One of the most important duties of 5-E Division, and one which does not fall under either of the three above mentioned sections, has been the maintenance of the master gyro compass, gyro repeaters, gyro pilot or "Iron Mike", and the automatic course recorder.

Although this division was necessarily decentralized, some of its members working from the power shop, others from the light shop, and still others from the I.C. room or telephone central, its members demonstrated their "esprit de corps" last Christmas time. When Christmas decorations could not be bought, the division volunteered to make them. Strings of Xmas tree lights, a flaming red cross, ten feet high, for the main mast, and a white one of Bethlehem for the foremast were ingeniously constructed from spare parts and salvage. Their work brought a sincere "well done" from the Captain, who remarked that "it made the CAPPS the shining light of a well decorated Navy Yard."