

# H DIVISION

To many of the crew, "Sick Bay" represented that normally avoided section of the main deck where one was forced to respond to the order; "Lay down to the Sick Bay for revaccination". Yet here was a small modern hospital, superbly equipped and ably manned throughout the life of the Admiral W. L. Capps.

By far the most important function of H Division was the physical fitness of the ship's personnel. To keep as many men in good health and on the job for the longest possible time was the prime concern of the Medical Department.

Morning and afternoon sick calls were provided for the out-patients. These patients were seen in the treatment room, complaints were elicited and therapy was provided. A complete X-Ray unit assisted in diagnostic procedures. A quiet room facili-



*Patients resting in the wards*



*An operation in progress*

tated the eye, ear, nose and throat treatments as well as physiotherapy. Nearby was a well stocked Pharmacy where every type of commonly used drug was dispensed.

For the in-patient or bed case, there were 5 modern hospital wards with a total capacity of 66 beds. Included were 3 large wards, a sick officers quarters, and an isolation ward for infectious diseases. Hospital carpenter were in constant attendance and ward rounds by the Medical Officers were made on each patient twice daily.

Every kind of common hospital ailment was seen in the wards throughout the voyages of the AP-126. Diphtheria and Chicken Pox were among the commonest visitors to the Isolation