

H DIVISION



The dentist works a patient

Ward. Medical ailments included Malaria, Heart Conditions, Kidney involvement and Pneumonia among many others.

The Surgical cases were myriad. A spacious operating room, which would provide satisfaction to the most meticulous of skilled surgeons, was the pride of the hospital. Here both major and minor surgery were performed in the manner of a shore-based general hospital. Appendectomies, Tonsillectomies, draining of infections and the reduction and casting of fractures were common procedures.

A very important section of Sick Bay was the dental office. Here two of the finest dental units available were provided over by a competent dental surgeon.

A diversified laboratory, staffed by well trained technicians,

assisted in the diagnostic procedures. The Medical Officer's office was conveniently used as a consultation room, and next to it was the important clerical office for the necessary medical records. The diet pantry, strong rooms or "padded cells" and the store-room for medical supplies completed the space in the Sick Bay area.

Yet not all of H Division activities were limited to Sick Bay. The ship's sanitation was the direct responsibility of the Medical Officers. Inspection of food and water, cleanliness, berthing quarters and the condition of the heads were further necessary functions. Daily inspection of the brig and prisoners was included in the inspections.

The record of the Medical Department of the Admiral W. L. Capps is excellent and can be looked on with pride by not only H Division, but the entire crew.



The Pharmacy