

# S DIVISION

The Supply Department performed five major functions which contributed to the efficient operation of the ship and the welfare of the crew, i.e. supply, pay, commissary, clothing, and ship's store. Each of the above functions was independent of one another, but all were under the direction of the Supply Officer.

The function of supply was to see that the vessel had a stock of general supplies and that each piece of equipment on the ship had necessary parts for repairs. In addition to the primary duty of general supplies and parts for each piece of equipment on the ship they arranged for transportation of personnel, eligible dependents, freight, household effects, military impedimenta, etc. The official work connected with these duties was performed by a staff of stockkeepers.

The function of pay was to maintain a pay card for each



*The ship's laundry*



*Steam boiler in the troop's galley*

man, and disburse the amount due the men on regular pay days. Other duties falling under the function of pay include dissemination of information on government insurance, war bonds, family allowances, and allotments of pay and the preparation of various forms and reports pertaining to those matters.

The commissary department was responsible for the procurement, preparation and serving of the \$44,000.00 worth of food consumed by crew and passengers on the Admiral Capps since commissioning. Two War born innovations in the department were dehydrated foods and the mass production of ice cream, the former, unpopular but a necessity, and the latter, extremely popular and just as necessary. Long periods at sea, or away from a supply depot, placed a premium on storage space, and dehydrated foods were the answer. Ice cream was the answer