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The Supply Office

to the desert problem from the North Atlantic to the South Pacific, both afloat and ashore. The serving of five thousand meals daily to men in a limited amount of space was made easier with no lowering of Navy "Chow" standards, by feeding cafeteria style.

A full stock of required uniform clothing, enabling the crew to be the neatest Navy in the world, was carried in the clothing locker. Clothing was purchased wholesale and issued at cost, putting the middleman and retailers profits in the enlisted man's pocket. In addition to uniform clothing, small stores, such as, buttons, sewing kits, jackknives, whisk brooms, and shine outfits, were available.

The ship's service store was a combination of neighborhood services and a retail confectionery. A clean, two chair, barber shop kept hair trimmed to Navy standards, a tailor shop repaired torn clothing and pressed dress uniforms, and a laundry washed clothes for the entire crew. All this was done free of charge. The price of all products offered for sale in the ship's store included only a nominal profit. The government is reimbursed for original cost, but the profit is used as a welfare fund on board ship. To a great extent the morale and efficiency of any seagoing unit is dependent upon how well the Supply Department, including the above described related activities, does its job. In the case of the "Admiral A. L. Capps" much of the credit for the ship's high morale goes to this Division.



The Barber Shop