

# ARMY TRANSPORTATION STAFF

Since the main function of the ADMIRAL CAPPs was the transporting of troops, it was found necessary to assign a number of Army Officers and men whose duties were to load troops, care for them enroute, and prepare them for disembarking. To accomplish this, the Army assigned three officers and four enlisted men.

During embarkation, the Transportation Staff assisted the men in locating the berths assigned to them by the Staff and in straightening out any stoppages or slowing down of the loading.

As soon as the embarkation is completed, troop officers are assigned as compartment commanders and hatch commanders. Details are then assigned, some Bay men being required for this duty, and the shipboard troop organization is then put into effect.

One officer of the Transport Staff is assigned the duty of Special Services Officer. His function is to maintain morale during an otherwise boring voyage by organizing recreational facilities, publishing a daily paper, arranging for arrival telegrams to be sent and handling all troop personnel problems.

As the voyage draws to an end, the troops are schooled in debarkation and drills are held to familiarize the men with the procedure to be used. When the actual debarkation takes place, the Army Transport Staff is present to insure that the operation runs smoothly.

The Army Transportation Staff has done an excellent job in handling the troops. Due to their efforts the efficiency of the ADMIRAL CAPPs as a troop transport has been materially increased.



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