

THE SAGA OF THE CAPPS

The U. S. S. ADMIRAL CAPPS (AP-221) was built by the Bethlehem-Alameda Shipyard Inc., Alameda California in 1943 and 1944. She was outfitted at the Bethlehem Shipyard, San Francisco, California in 1944. It was while she was being outfitted that the crew began to form at the Manning Section on Government Island. As early as March, 1944, officers and men were assigned

The first commissioning date of the ADMIRAL CAPPS was set as 17 August, 1944; the second was set as 17 September, 1944; the third was set as 1730, 18 September, 1944; and finally she was placed in commission as 1530, 18 September, 1944. At 1530, 18



to her precommissioning detail and sent to Government Island to sit and wait and go to schools. There were damage control schools, fire fighting schools, gunnery schools, tactics schools, anti-aircraft schools, recognition schools, telephone talker schools, lookout schools, engineering schools, compass schools, firecontrol schools, chemical warfare schools, etc., ad infinitum. When one had finished all the schools which his duties aboard ship would require, he was stamed all over again to see if he had learned anything the first time through. It was good duty though. The beach has always been preferred by those who love liberty and never let it be said that the men of the ADMIRAL CAPPS didn't love their liberty.



The CAPPS after commissioning

September all of the crew and officers were in formation ready and waiting for the commissioning, but there was no commissioning party from the District Office and the irrelevant information that the commissioning ceremonies had been postponed was received for the first time. Everyone relaxed for another hour and then fell back into place for the real thing.