



*Troops enjoy the sun on Eniwetok*

enjoying (?) a "liberty" or two on Perry Island, a fleet recreation (?) center. Perry Island was one of the Eniwetok group which was given "the works" by naval bombardment when we took that atoll. As a result there were no trees left and nothing else to give shade. The beach was very nice, though, and as long as one didn't have to stay there too long, he could enjoy himself.

The ADMIRAL CAPPS had carried women passengers before but never women passengers like it had this time. There were 50 Army nurses and two Red Cross girls who were a never ending source of pride and trouble. The Marines had to chase them off the superstructure deck after taps at night, and later, when their

hours were extended to 2:00 and the O. D. would sing out a soft, melodious, "It's twenty-three hundred", on the public address system, the marines would still have to chase them below. They went ashore to the Officers' club on Eniwetok Island, the senior officers' club, that is, and got acquainted with officers from other ships. Then the officers from the other ships started coming aboard to visit every night. Their boats would be tied up at the boat boom three deep. One of the nurses even rated a salute from a division of destroyer escorts when they pulled out. Six ships steamed by with crews at division parades in dress whites. Each ship saluted as it passed. Someone thought up a new name — U. S. O. ADMIRAL CAPPS.

From Eniwetok we went to Ulithi Atoll in the western Carolines, arriving there on 8 June and expecting to join a convoy almost immediately to go to Okinawa. But instead, we dropped



*The nurses exhibit their acting ability*