

## TRAINING

### Fire School

Not every man in the Fire Division was a trained fireman before he entered the service, but every man who remains in the Fire Division for even a few weeks becomes one. Experience in fire fighting, as in all things, is the key to efficiency, and the Fire Training Detail uses that maxim as its motto. Men are taught fundamentals in putting down fire by actual use of the equipment they will use on the job. They learn how to lay lines, draft and pump water; how to use the oxygen breathing apparatus; how to use nozzels of various types and the use of all special fire-fighting gear. Chief Specialist Earl "Pinky" Howe first organized the Fire Training Detail in early May, 1943. His assistant was Jake Siken, Sp.1c. George MacDonald, Sp.1c joined the Training Detail as the need for a larger organization was realized. When Chief Howe was discharged to return as Assistant Chief of the Bakersfield fire department and MacDonald was granted his request for sea duty, Scott Oldham, Sp.1c, was sent in from Trailer Unit #4 to assist Siken with the training program.



Siken



Oldham



Newman

## MILITARY

Any military organization has a certain amount of marching, small arms and rifle drill to do. The Fire Division is no exception. Once a month, one liberty section is sent to the Coast Guard Base to participate in the regular Battalion Review. At these ceremonies commendations and medals are awarded by Capt. G.B. Gelly. All companies taking part march past the reviewing officers with all the snap and strut that military training can muster. It looks good. Always the Fire Division has looked its best on Review days, and one man is largely responsible for it. He is Stanley Newman, Sp.1c, a former Marine, an ex-Army man and once a city motor patrol officer. With that background he should know how to give orders--and he does.