

## OPERATIONS, FIRE DUTY OFFICERS

Just about the busiest men in the Fire Division are the fire duty officers. They are the dispatchers, the operations men of the division. It is up to the duty officers to know what each unit is doing, where it is, where it is going, where it might have to go and what it could do after it got there. Their hours on duty are packed with phone calls, changes in orders, new orders and scuttlebutt.

The Fire Desk is located in the Operations Office where directions for all COTPLA units are sent out by radio (NLPS) and telephone. Original officers were: Smith, Carter, Wrigley and Sherrill. Duty officers now are: Carter, Snyder, Henry and Simmons. Baker, for many months on the desk, was recently discharged.



Fire Duty Officer Russell is seen on the desk, center, radio operator, NLPS, in foreground. This picture was taken in 1943.



Simmons and Henry are only present duty officers with picture on this page.

Schmidt ("Smitty") is the F.D. Yeoman. Historian for this book.



Marie Rush is now discharged. She was first SPAR in Fire Division.



Marcella Watkins and Josephine Johnston are present SPARS who work in office. Fox Dog Sullivan is seated sorting mail he will deliver to his men.