



#### BASE UNIT

The Base fire unit was organized back in early 1943. Chief Specialist Howe made up the unit out of members of the old Security Guard of the Base. Later these men (Lewis, Schmidt, Mosley, Macchiaroli, and Zachariu) were attached to the Fire Division. Now the unit acts in a kind of double capacity. They man the fire-fighting equipment at the Base and are a sort of pool from which other units draw as their members are shipped to sea or discharged. Two steady old timers are Lewis and Reisen, Specialists first class, who have a large responsibility in the distribution and upkeep of all fire-fighting equipment used by the Fire Division. Their names, so monotonously called over the Base public address system, will probably haunt Base-stationed people far into post war.



This scene, not so formal, was put on for the benefit of the photographer. Most of unit is made up of men who have returned from overseas. Line of buildings in background are garages where Base unit keeps a part of its equipment, spends most of its time.