



## Operations

Operations is one of the largest and most important departments aboard the ship. It is headed by an Operations Officer and is composed of seven divisions, each of which is headed by an officer called a Section Head, and have specific functions and responsibilities outlined below.

"OI" is Combat Information Center. It acts as guardian of our "floating city" with its electronic devices used for warning the ship of all dangers such as hostile ships, submarines, enemy aircraft and menacing ships in its path for navigational safety.

"OR" (Radio Division) and "OS" (Signal Division) link us with other ships and land. Radio Division operates, repairs and maintains the radios and teletype machines which carry news of the world, telegrams and also the ship's operating schedule and orders while the Signal Division communicates with other ships by means of flashing lights, hoisted signal flags and by semaphore flags.

"OA" Division's primary job is to predict and chart the weather for the Task Group.

"OC" is one of the newest divisions. Its job is that of Air Control, including the control of aircraft approaches and departures.

The technicians who keep the ship's electronic equipment working smoothly belong to "OE" Division.

The photographic section of "OP" is always at every newsworthy event snapping pictures. "OP" men run a lab capable of taking, processing, and printing most any type of picture. The other half of this division is Photo Intelligence which handles secret charts and other classified photographic work.

