

mains, ventilation, compressed air, gasoline and communications systems, flooding and drainage, fuel oil transfer, counter flooding and stability charts.

The Damage Control station, day or night, is never idle. It receives more phone calls than Doc'n Perkins gets from the bridge. Here are centralized all reports on material condition of the ship and reports on light leaks at night, rain leaks, ventilation failures and fresh water shortages. More important, the direction of fire-fighting and control of under-water damage are initiated in damage control.

Charts are kept daily of all the compartments that effect watertight integrity, yielding information as to when they were opened, time closed, and who obtained permission to open them. All of the above and many more are the functions of Damage Control.

The department is interested in those wanting to tour the main station and shipmates, regardless of rate or rank are always welcome.

The ship will miss Commander Beckmann, but all hands will remember his work and his mark will remain. He leaves competent officers and good men. These men will carry on the naval tradition which he so splendidly exemplified: "Don't give up the ship!"

Ship's Paper Named

Selected by Captain Sykes following our recent intense activity, the ship's paper has finally been given a name--The Dux "B." The Staff has sought for a suitable name for several months and is grateful for this apt suggestion.



Repair Four Rescue Breather Team



Painting Giant Anchor Chain on Foc'sle Deck