

GUNNERY DEPARTMENT

There is a single word that lies behind all American success—it is as typically American as our democratic homes. On land, at sea, and in the air that word is teamwork. It is the master key to our gigantic strides towards final victory.

At sea, aboard the **BENNINGTON**, the Gunnery Department hits the bull's eye on the target of teamwork.

For maximum efficiency, let us look at the Gunnery Department during General Quarters—armed and ready for battle. Lt. Commander Baker, Department Head, has his battle station high in a central point of the island structure. From here he evaluates the flow of curt reports from the alerted gun mounts and the specially trained, sharp-eyed lookout men.

Far below in the lower handling rooms the ammo passers are ready to feed the ammunition topside on the double. Around the 3 inch, 40 mm, and 20 mm mounts gun captains, pointers, trainers, sight setters, shell men and powder men are tense, waiting for "open fire" to spring them into action.

Each mount is a separate unit, but unless there is perfect coordination and teamwork there is bound to be a section of the ship vulnerable to enemy attack.

The **BENNINGTON** quickly discovered that the guns of any fighting U. S. Navy ship are not alone measured by the diameter of the barrels—courage, speed, and teamwork of the officers and crew are the deciding factors.

The many long hours of practice have already paid big dividends. Congratulations and continued "good hunting" to the **BENNINGTON** Gunnery Department.



20's Tracking Target



Lt. Thorpe in Sky Forward Controls the Firing