



## A Supply Ship Comes Along Side The Supply Department

Take a selection of items whose variety and number is the equal of Sears Roebuck's mail order house; be prepared to deliver them with the speed and alacrity your wife or mother demands at her food market; add to this a heterogeneous list of functions ranging from feeding the crew to cutting their hair, and you will then have a realization of the scope of a Supply Department aboard a first line carrier.

Feeding the equivalent of a small cities population under battle conditions requiring changes in plans with as little as ten minutes notice, and providing a well balanced and nutritious meal from supplies which must be transported as much as six thousand miles from the states, is the responsibility of the Commissary Dep't, which is under the supervision of Lieutenant A. J. Reynolds and Chief Commissary Steward E. F. Schuller. The tremendous distance from the west coast to the operating areas makes extremely difficult the providing of fresh fruits and vegetables whose keeping qualities are limited. In spite of such obstacles, however, it is only in rare instances and for comparatively limited periods of time that some fresh fruit and vegetable does not appear on the menu. This in itself is a tribute to the Service Force and the work it is doing to supply our fleet. The quantities of food required to subsist the ship's complement is enormous, as it requires five tons of dry stores such as flour, sugar, canned fruits and vegetables, and one and a half tons of fresh and frozen feeds such as meat, eggs, butter, fruit and vegetables, to feed for one day alone. The S-2 division which is super-

vised by Lieutenant (jg) A. C. Badolato provides the manpower for operating the captain, wardroom and warrant officers' messes, which function individually and separately from the general mess except for baking which is usually done in the general mess bake shop. This same S-2 Division is responsible for the care and upkeep of officers' rooms throughout the ship.

Ship Service activities aboard ship include two stores which provide personal requirements of the men, ranging from toilet articles, soaps and candy to fountain pens, wrist watches and cigarette lighters. The laundry operates on a twenty-four hour schedule to provide all hand clean laundry once a week. There are officers and enlisted men's barber shops which turn out an estimated six thousand regulation hair cuts a month to keep up the snappy and military appearance of the BENNINGTON'S crew. With prices at home as high as one dollar for a haircut, this service is provided free of charge aboard ship. There is a tailor shop and cobbler shop to keep uniform items in good condition. In addition to the Ship Stores there is operated a store for clothing and small stores. The function of the latter store is to provide officers and men with uniforms and uniform accoutrements. The Ship Service and CSS activities are under the supervision of Chief Pay Clerk R.D. Sprayberry.

Because of the great part played by aircraft on a carrier, a separate Aviation Division is maintained by the Supply Department. It is under the supervision of Chief Pay Clerk R. G. Smith. The work of this division is particularly exacting because