

Beginning with your berthing compartments, you can start off with the decks and work right on up to the overheads. Instead of hitting that cold steel every morning at reveille, you may now hit a deck that's covered with fire-retardant linoleum tile in dark green, terra cotta or six marbled color patterns—and the colors may be mixed or matched to suit yourself—or your bosses. (Note: fire-retardant linoleum is being superseded by fire-retardant plastic tile. This change will be added to *Habitats* later.)

If you're tired of the usual white or green bulkheads, they can be repainted in such fashion-plate tones as Beach Sand, Clipper Blue, Rose Wood, Sun Glow, Pastel Green, Green Gray, Yellow Gray, Pearl Gray or Light Blue. Practically all of these

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semi-gloss pastels are already available at naval supply centers in an improved chlorinated-rubber base paint. These paints can be applied by brush, spray or roller, and may be used unadulterated on bulkheads. Because of the higher light reflectance needed, overheads should be painted white. However, if you so desire, you can mix your chosen color with white to produce a pale tint with adequate reflection. Use of these paints doesn't require Bureau of Ships approval. The cost is only about \$30.00 for 1000 square feet, and BuShips is made available all the dope you need to be your own decorator.

But before you paint, check your insulated bulkheads. If the insulation is scarred and broken, you can only new brattice cloth right over it and all. Then your new paint will really look shipshape.

If you've got empty bulkhead space that could stand a bit of brightening, you might have a shipboard artist paint you a mural, or mount photographs or mural wallpapers. No glass, though, because of the water hazard; and pin-ups are not considered to add anything homelike to the general atmosphere of your living compartments. Pictures may be covered by a commercial coating. If painted borders can simulate glass while eliminating the weight of panes. These, too, need no BuShips approval.

Another inexpensive — and easily



REMODELED AND NEW—Above: Crew of USS Albany (CA 123) enjoys remodeled lounge. Below: Sailors inspect new lockers on USS Haverfield (DER 393).

