



FOREWORD

This book is for ALL HANDS . . .

who were shipmates on the Samuel Chase during her last wartime cruise . . .

The story of the Chase has two chapters. The first—the dramatic role of our ship in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Normandy and Southern France—speaks for itself. We need only say that our ship made history there, and that we are proud of the history she made.

This book carries her story into the Pacific. It tells in a few words and a good many pictures where she carried us, and what we did when we got there. It also shows a little of what life on an assault transport was like, so that we can show our folks and our friends at home. Because all of us are in this book, and because all of us helped make it possible, it seems simplest and best to dedicate it to . . .

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