

DEDICATION

This book, published by the men of the Fire Division, Captain of the Port, Los Angeles, could be dedicated to no one more worthy than our own division officer, Lt. Comdr. Philip C. Pifer. Any number of words, no matter how they are grouped on this page, could completely reflect the admiration, respect and...yes, affection...that his men hold for him. Few officers in any military organization have worked as closely with their men as Mr. Pifer. For that reason few officers have commanded a more tightly knit, efficient company than our own. The men of the Fire Division are rightfully proud of their outfit and its war record. We respectfully dedicate this book to the man we will long remember with deference and admiration as the "Old Man."

From Fox Dog #1

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE
CAPTAIN OF THE PORT, LOS ANGELES,
FIRE DIVISION

We are mindful of Captain Gelly's "WELL DONE" and his high tribute to your service for Our Country. That our Fire Division merits such praise is due largely to the splendid personal attitude toward our Service, attention to duty and fire fighting skill as ever evidenced by you, the men who made up the Division. Of that, your Division Officer is as certain as he is secure in the knowledge of how fortunate he has been to have served with you.

As you return to your native communities, carry along your fine ideals of service to Our Land, the courage and warhood you all possess,-for they will be vital to the accomplishment of the tasks of the peaceful years ahead. To each of you,-my friendship and good wishes as I say, "May the Hand of Our Lord rest upon your shoulder, My Son."



P. C. PIFER
Lt. Comdr., USCGR
Division Commander



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