

## BOOK MEN

Little ground work has been laid for this book before the war was brought to an abrupt end. For that reason gathering material and putting it together for publication has been no simple task. Units have been disassembled and men scattered to other stations and duties. We have tried, however, to portray the Fire Division as it was at the peak of fitness. As it was when it helped in its major way to keep the port of Los Angeles the safest harbor in the United States.

It was evident to the editors from the outset that all the men of the division could not be pictured in these pages. But every effort has been made to cram as many pictures of the various units into this book as we had available. In attempting to cut down the cost of publication, it was necessary to eliminate some of the details that would ordinarily be included in a book of this type.

The editors make no claims to being experienced publishers. The photographic work of Jack Leeds, Sp2c, however, are obviously of professional quality, and the Fire Division is deeply indebted to him for his assistance and fine spirit of cooperation.



Editor Stanley Newman



Photographer Jack Leeds



Editors Carlson and Newman select pictures for Fire Division Book. (Right) Don Carlson gets wet ride in M-boat.

