

foreword

This pictorial album about some of the events, and some of the personalities which characterized the Coast Guard's seven years service as a Receiving Station at Ellis Island, is not intended to be in any way a complete or factual report. Of necessity, a good many things have been left unsaid—and a good many shipmates, many who were a definite part of the "Rock" at one time or another, have been omitted from the pages of this book.

In all fairness, however, it should be explained that there has been nothing intentional or personal in any omissions. This entire publication has been assembled and prepared from pictures and material which were available at the time when the Receiving Station was decommissioned on 15 August, 1946, and is offered solely as a souvenir reminder of various memorable phases of our never to be forgotten days in uniform at Ellis Island.

Each of us have an ample number of stories to tell and of incidents to recall. The record, as given here, is merely a crude skeleton to be clothed with the flesh and sinews of your individual recollections. If presenting this book will keep fresh in your memory the strong bond of patriotism and friendship which was characteristic of Coast Guardsmen at Ellis Island during the war, it will have been well worth the time and effort expended in assembling this pictorial souvenir.