



Mate, second class, USCGR. Several photos of the crew were made by the writer. The artwork, including the jacket design and front cover, was executed by E. C. Donohue, Seaman first class, USCGR.

It might be of interest to note that all the work, which includes planning the book, writing it, developing and printing all the photos of ship life, making the layouts and doing finished art work, was accomplished aboard the GORDON while she was under way at sea. This was done in addition to regular duties.

Other Coast Guard photos were obtained through the cooperation of Captain Ellis Reed-Hill, USCG, Director of Public Relations, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and his assistant, Lieutenant Commander Jack Dixon, USCGR, Director of Photography. Pictures of the ship under construction were provided by Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Kearney, N. J. Photo of the ship's Christmas party was made by Drucker Hilbert Co., New York. Photo of U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., was furnished by Navy Public Relations division.

In selecting the photos shown here, the main object was to tell the complete story of the U. S. S. General W. H. GORDON as far as censorship would permit; second, to include in pictures as many crew members as possible. Unfortunately, with the limited amount of space, and with the large organization on board, it was impossible to show everyone. To those men whose photos do not appear go sincere regrets.

It is hoped that after the Victory is won and the smoke of battle clears that we can all sit back in our easy chairs, light our pipes, break out this tome, and enjoy memories of the GENERAL W. H. GORDON.

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