



After this came the reading of a message from R. R. Waesche, Admiral, USCG, Commandant of the Coast Guard. It said . . . "The GENERAL W. H. GORDON is about to take her place on the armed forces fighting team upon the field of action, and every task and mission to which she is assigned will fit into the general pattern in the drive for victory . . . I, personally will feel an added interest in your accomplishments as a Coast Guard-manned vessel of the Navy. . ."

