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Few of the thousands of civilians who served in the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve realized they were making an important contribution to United States naval history. They were thinking of the job to be done and how best to accomplish it.

Perhaps that is why so little of human interest was recorded — so few pictures made of beach, boat and shore activities, of rugged winters, lashing storms, man against the elements.

Shortly after victory in Europe the Editor obtained permission to make some 100 Speed Graphic shots around the waterfront, out on post and at the Base. Group photographs were arranged and plans were made for a souvenir book.

This work is an important document. Nowhere else exists so complete an account, pictorial and otherwise, of Division 5A TRs. This is an accurate and completely unbiased record of war activity in a major seaport of the Nation.

The Publication Committee which has met regularly during the past eighteen months acknowledges the support of the 1031 original subscribers. From this expressed interest came encouragement during the many hours devoted to the project.

If these pages help you to recall more fully the long days and nights on watch, and some of the humor along with the tragedy of those war years, our purpose will have been fulfilled.

Your story — the one that you alone can tell — will be the most interesting of all.

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