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Captain of the Port, Boston

Praise from the COTP

EARLY in 1942, the Captain of the Port, Boston, utilized the services of the Coast Guard Auxiliary to replace regular Coast Guardsmen withdrawn from harbor duties for service aboard seagoing vessels of the Coast Guard.

Later, when the Coast Guard was given the responsibility for the security of the waterfront facilities, it became necessary to establish guards along the waterfront, on the piers, bridges, etc., and it then became necessary to enlarge the volunteer forces available for this duty.

Accordingly, the Temporary Reserves were brought into being, and all throughout the war they functioned extremely efficiently in every type of duty assigned. This duty involved everything from manning the harbor patrol boats, standing guard on the docks, acting as interpreters in any one of twenty-one languages, assisting the Army in the handling of prisoners-of-war, radio sealing, boarding duty, and all of the many activities that occur in a busy port during wartime.

I believe that I can safely say that without the service of the Temporary Reservists, the Coast Guard would not have made in Boston the fine record it did. I have a deep sense of personal obligation, and a high regard for every Temporary Reservist who served with me throughout the war.

The Director of Auxiliary says:

THE work which the members of Division 5A performed for the Coast Guard in assisting in the security of the Port of Boston during wartime conditions was without parallel.

In other sections of the country similar work was done by temporary members of the Reserve, but the conditions under which this duty was performed, that is, both as to physical set-up and climatic conditions, was entirely different. The methods of setting up and covering the watches, the cooperation with the Captain of the Port organization, and the general relationships between the temporary members of the Reserve and the regular Reserve of the Coast Guard all indicated that you men were as much a part of the Coast Guard organization as any other group. Such a feeling could only have been built up because you performed such a splendid tour of duty, and I am sure that the Coast Guard in general is just as proud of your work as you men were in doing it.

Perhaps the best and simplest compliment which you can receive is the traditional "well done".



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