



Rear Admiral Spencer congratulates Division 5A

Citation for Aiding War Effort

"For valued and important contributions to the Port Security program of the United States Coast Guard.

"Division 5A, of the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve, Boston, Massachusetts, its individual members motivated by an unselfish desire to serve their country and protect their community, has not only materially furthered the security of the Port of Boston, but by consistently contributing the greatest number of hours of active duty of any Temporary Reserve Unit in the First Naval District, has enabled the Coast Guard to release many full-time personnel for sea duty.

"The members of this Temporary Reserve Unit entered into the performance of their various responsibilities, including pier and beach patrols, signal tower watches, boat operations, standby watches on fire boats, garage mechanic and yeoman services, with zeal and a real understanding of the importance of their respective roles in the war effort; and they have conscientiously and faithfully performed their duties with efficiency and resourcefulness, frequently under adverse conditions and with many personal sacrifices.

"By its outstanding contributions and devotion to the Coast Guard, Division 5A of the Temporary Reserve of Boston, Massachusetts, has materially assisted and facilitated the effective prosecution of the war effort."

R. R. WAESCHE, *Admiral, USCG Commandant*

Security Shield of Honor Awarded to Division 5A

One of the finest of tributes was paid members of Division 5A on 12 April 1945 at a general muster at Irvington Street Armory in Boston, when the United States Coast Guard Security Shield of Honor was awarded by the Commandant, Admiral R. R. Waesche.

The citation pointed out that Division 5A had materially assisted and facilitated the effective prosecution of the war effort, contributing the greatest number of hours of active duty of any Temporary Reserve Unit.

Admiral Waesche, unable to leave Washington on that date, sent as his personal representative Rear Admiral Lyndon Spencer, USCG.

A committee of Temporary Reserve officers composed of Comdr. (T) R. P. Collins, Lieut. Comdr. (T) G. W. Wightman, Lieut. (T) W. G. Butterworth, Lieut. (T) H. W. Lewis and Lt. (jg) (T) F. V. Ward met Admiral Spencer and escorted him to the Tennis and Racquet Club for breakfast.

At the Custom House they met Commodore W. N. Derby, District Coast Guard Officer, and there followed an inspection of Chelsea Base and the East Boston sub-station. A visit to Division Headquarters preceded an inspection of Constitution Base. After chow the party went down the Harbor on CG66002 to the Boston Life Boat Station. Returning in time for

muster of Temporary Reservists and Regulars at 1500, Admiral Spencer read the citation to be presented that evening. He spoke in praise of the work being done in the Division.

It was during dinner that night that the officers learned of the death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, necessitating major changes in the scheduled program for a muster and review.

More than 1300 Temporary Reservists of Division 5A had mustered at 1930 at the Irvington Street Armory. Troops formed by companies in columns of platoons for an official military ceremony in salute to their departed Commander-in-Chief, with Lieut. (T) Butterworth as Commanding Officer, Lieut. (T) H. P. Duffill as Commander of Troops and Ens. (T) W. T. Smith as Adjutant.

In presenting Admiral Spencer, Commodore Derby pointed out that he was Commanding Officer of the communication flagship of the Commanding Admiral at the Utah beachhead in the Normandy invasion, and later at the invasion of Southern France.

"It is my privilege," said Admiral Spencer, "to represent the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, who takes pleasure in awarding the Security Shield of Honor to Temporary Reserve Unit, Division 5A, for services as set forth in the citation."