

COMMANDING OFFICER
U. S. C. G. C. WACHUSETT (WHEC-44)



Seldom in modern history has the Coast Guard been called upon to actively participate in our nation's fight to maintain world freedom. Equally as infrequent has been the opportunity for a Coast Guard Commanding Officer to observe his ship's company in a battle situation. I had the privilege of experiencing both of these during our WESTPAC deployment.

The achievements as set forth in this book testify to the individual effort and pride in a job well done of WACHUSETT'S crew.

On this note of pride, I respectfully dedicate this book as a fine example of a performance that is a credit to the service.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. S. Lucas". The signature is fluid and cursive.

R. S. LUCAS
Commander
United States Coast Guard