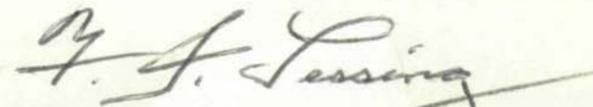


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MEMO to future CO's, XO's and Officers assigned to USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719)

Subj: Ship's Scrapbook

1. This Scrapbook was started in the late Spring of 1973, hopefully in time to record the major facets of BOUTWELL's History to date.
2. Such scrapbooks were common aboard U. S. Military vessels in WWII and were required to be maintained by Custom and by regulation as an adjunct to the Vessel's War Diary normally maintained by the Executive Officer
3. The Ship's Scrapbook is not similar to a Cruise Book - but contains only key items of Historic and documentary interest pertaining to the vessel or its personnel. Usually a few special snapshots and photographs, Various Newspaper articles, Change of Command info, Important messages and Important or spectacular mission oriented results or data. It should not contain miscellaneous pictures/snapshots of the crew or their activities as this is more proper for a Cruise Book, since it is of interest only to the personnel present on that particular voyage and not of overall historic value.
4. I feel that the USCGC BOUTWELL will have a proud history and eventually earn some claim to fame, at least within the Coast Guard. This of course remains to be borne out by future events and how you handle them! I earnestly request you make a sincere effort to maintain this scrapbook and the Chronological History filed inside during what I hope is a happy and successful tour aboard this fine ship so long as it remains in commission.



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Commanding Officer