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This is a story of a ship, and the men who serve aboard her. A remembrance of one year in the lives of the Officers and Crew of the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter CAMPBELL in Viet Nam.

The CAMPBELL is a ship with a proud past. She was constructed by the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard and commissioned on 16 June 1936. Named for the fifth Secretary of the Treasury, George W. Campbell, the CAMPBELL was the first of seven 327 foot cutters built for the Coast

Guard. Of these, six are in service today. The seventh, the HAMILTON, was sunk by a German U-Boat during World War II.

During World War II the CAMPBELL and her sister ships were assigned to the dangerous task of escorting the merchant vessel convoys and transports in the North Atlantic. With the help of these cutters the Navy maintained the vital lifeline to the Allied Forces during World War II.