CHAPTER 9

HUMANITARIANISM

Song Ong Doc

The village of Song Ong Doc was located in the primary patrol area of the high endurance cutters from their arrival in 1967 until November of 1970. Song Ong Doc was the location of a United States Special Forces (USSF) camp, which had an aggressive Commanding Officer. He persuaded the early units into performing MEDCAPS and other Civic Action Projects which not only greatly assisted the people of Song Ong Doc, but also proved to be a great morale booster for the men of the WHEC's.

The Cutter HALF MOON built and installed playground equipment at the village school. The ANDROSCOGGIN painted the school and gave a Christmas party for 500 children. ANDROSCOGGIN also purchased an engraved bell in Hong Kong for the school and WINONA on more than one occasion had the ship's band perform for the village. The ANDROSCOGGIN repainted the popular village school and repaired a generator while the MINNETONKA painted the local dispensary, repaired playground equipment, and distributed over 50 boxes of clothing, toys, and soap.

The ANDROSCOGGIN participated in the commencement exercises at the village school and presented 400 dolls and 400 yo-yo's. The MENDOTA
poured a new concrete floor for the village dispensary. The DALLAS erected a building to be used as a Vietnamese dispensary and refur­bished the village school.

The people of Song Ong Doc appeared to have the best medical treatment of any place in Vietnam. Nearly every cutter stationed off Song Ong Doc conducted MEDCAPS in the village on a frequent basis. Cutters providing MEDCAPs included the ANDROSCOGGIN, YAKUTAT, WINONA, CAMPBELL, MINNETONKA, WACHUSETT, WINNEBAGO, MENDOTA and others.

**Saigon School for Blind Girls**

This school received early attention from the Saigon contingent of COGARDACTV. In late summer of 1966 Coast Guard personnel purchased and gave the school a refrigerator. The refrigerator was followed up with a washing machine from Japan. Gifts of food and clothing were common.

The Squadron wanted to help send one of the girls to the United States for further education. They contacted several schools and in July of 1967 they were successful in obtaining a $5000 scholarship from the Perkins School of the Blind. The biggest obstacle was arranging for an exit visa for the girl selected. The Squadron personnel visited seventeen agencies in July and the end was not in sight. The visa was approved by President Thieu and the Minister of Education, along with many lesser titles, but each time there was a referral to another agency. Finally on 4 August the exit visa and passport were arranged. Pan American Airlines graciously arranged for special VIP treatment for the young girl from Saigon to the East Coast.
The Saigon school constantly received support from the Squadron with most of the men giving up a small portion of their pay each month for its upkeep. Dental treatment was arranged from a woman dentist trained in the United States who volunteered her services after seeing the generous support given by the Coast Guardsmen.

RONONE also arranged for transportation by Air Force helicopter of a girl from the school to the hospital ship, USS SANCTUARY, for eye surgery. The Squadron Commander hand delivered a cornea transplant for the eye operation to be performed on the girl.

Island Adoption

In August 1966, the patrol boats instituted an island adoption program. There were four main objectives of the program: 1) to provide educational and informative materials to promote understanding; 2) to counter VC propaganda through the distribution of effective PSYWAR leaflets; 3) to provide material treatment; and 4) to promote imaginative projects and services to improve the civilian-military relationship. To implement the program certain ground rules were established: 1) since food was plentiful on the islands, none was to be distributed, but rather news media and the like; 2) sparingly give gifts of cigarettes, candy, fish hooks, salad oil, etc.; 3) personalized gifts have more value; 4) avoid disruption of community life, not during siesta hours, no promises that cannot be kept, obtain permission of the village or hamlet chief; and 5) not more than once very two weeks, for only 3 hours, and with a VNN liaison.

Other Efforts

The Coast Guard units assigned to Vietnam performed so many
different types of humanitarianism it would be difficult to put
them into a narrative so short sketches will be used.

- Catholic personnel renovated the local church at An Thoi
- WPB's evacuated refugees from the vicinity of Cape Batangan
- RONONE personnel visited Buddhist and Protestant orphanages to
distribute clothing, soap, toothpaste, and toys brought to Vietnam
on the Commandant's plane
- the Cutter HALF MOON delivered medicine, toothpaste, and clothing
from Coast Guard personnel in New York City
- Division Eleven men helped make voting booths in An Thoi
- POINT ORIENT went to the aid of a cargo junk loaded with school
children bound for Hue. The junk was dewatered and escorted to Hue.
- the BARATARIA gave medical aid to acute asthmatic on a Chinese
Nationalist trawler
- the POINT ARDEN saved an LCM taking on water north of Da Nang
- Division Twelve personnel distributed Christmas gifts to VNN
dependents in Da Nang
- the POINT GRACE saved a PCF from sinking after the PCF lost all
power in rough seas
- the ANDROSCOGGIN took two Vietnamese fishermen aboard for surgery
saving both their lives
- the HALF MOON went to aid of Filipino tug whose last barge sank.
HALF MOON personnel cut the barge loose preventing loss of the tug
and the other barges
- Division Eleven personnel constructed a fresh water well and stor-
age system, and planted vegetable garden for 2 families on an island
the cutters assigned as Hong Kong Station gave a large number of pints of blood to the Hong Kong Red Cross

CAMPBELL's medical officer performed surgery on a nine year old girl wounded in the chest and both legs by the VC

ANDROSCOGGIN rescued 27 South Vietnamese refugees fleeing the VC from a small junk lost in heavy seas. The people were taken aboard, given food, medical treatment, and shelter. The junk was repaired and towed to port.

DUANE treated a medico on M/V YOCHOW for pneumonia and asthma

ANDROSCOGGIN medical officer removed a benign tumor from a Vietnamese and treated five fractures

CAMPBELL personnel repaired the Save the Children Hospital at Qui Nhon

MEDCAPs, MEDCAPs, MEDCAPs

CAMPBELL's medical officer treated a VNN officer's badly swollen leg

the ANDROSCOGGIN treated as an inpatient, a Thai sailor whose toe had been amputated by a winch

BIBB personnel fabricated new drive shaft for a fuel pump on the Thai M/V DAKTACHI

the CAMPBELL aided the Filipino vessel CARMELITA which had a broken propeller shaft and was drifting in the extreme current of the San Bernadino Strait

the WINNEBAGO aided the Vietnamese coastal freighter THUAN HING which had a broken shaft and was taking on water
the OWASCO responded to SOS from the S/S POH KONG which had lost
tower and was flooding. OWASCO rescued the 23 POB and towed the
vessel.

- WINNEBAGO responded to the SOS of the S/S AGINAR which had been
abandoned

- Division Thirteen personnel visited the 36th Medevac Hospital
Children's Ward giving toys, games, candy and clothing

- WINNEBAGO rescued 35 persons from the distressed M/V FAIR PHILIPPINE
ANCHORAGE

- KLAMATH personnel donated 200 man hours of work and $187 to Holy
Family Hospital in Qui Nhon

- the TANEY's medical officer remained in Qui Nhon when the cutter
went to Japan. He organized 16 MEDCAPs and treated over 3200
villagers plus another 300 patients at local hospitals

- HAMILTON personnel repaired the Save the Children Hospital at
Qui Nhon

- KLAMATH aided a fishing vessel that had been drifting for ten days
with engine trouble. KLAMATH towed the vessel to Vung Tau.

- HAMILTON personnel assisted in preparing dependent housing for VNN
personnel

- BLACKHAW rescued a Vietnamese national drifting on a plank at sea

- the Cutter HAMILTON delivered 2500 pounds of canned goods, clothes,
toys, and school supplies to Love of the Cross Orphanage, Cam Ranh
Bay donated by the New Bedford, Massachusetts junior high school.

- CHASE dewatered USS WINNEMUCCA which had been taking on water
and sinking
- MEDCAPs, MEDCAPs, MEDCAPs
- CHASE personnel fabricated a complete playground aboard CHASE for the 50 children in Coastal Group 16
- the YAKUTAT delivered 500 pounds of materials to Can Tho orphanage from the people of New Bedford, Mass
- BERING STRAIT's crew installed playground equipment near Coastal Group 16 which the crew had purchased
- MORGENTHAU delivered clothing donated by the people of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y.
- the PONTCHARTRAIN provided engineering assistance to the M/V SEA PROSPERITY which had been drifting for three days
- the MORGENTHAU rescued 23 persons from the sinking M/V JOY TAYLOR
- SHERMAN responded to a possible cholera epidemic at New Song Ong and immunized over 600 Vietnamese civilians
- MORGENTHAU medical teams conducted 25 MEDCAPs treating over 2600 people
- MORGENTHAU personnel donated $2200 to Operation Schoolhouse allowing 25 children to attend four years of high school

This list is by no means exhaustive, but rather representative of Coast Guard non-military operations.
CHAPTER 10

CONCLUSION

Though the activities of the Coast Guard in South East Asia are relatively unknown, it can be easily deduced from the material in this report that the Coast Guard played a significant role in the war. Not only were 56 different combatant vessels assigned to duty there, but they participated in and were normally the primary unit in all trawler destructions. This alone set the VC/NVA back many months. The statistics show that Coast Guard units boarded nearly a quarter of a million junks and sampans to attempt to stop infiltration. They also show that these cutters participated in nearly 6,000 NGFS missions causing extensive damage to the enemy. Of these 56 vessels, 30 of them were turned over to the Vietnamese and the Coast Guard played a significant role in training the Vietnamese Navy to operate these vessels. The former Coast Guard cutters and the Vietnamese sailors aboard them form the nucleus of the Vietnamese Navy.

The Port Security and Waterways Detail was an important factor in the prosecution of the war. They provided the necessary expertise to allow the safe loading and unloading of vitally needed ammunition. The Explosives Loading Detachments taught the Vietnamese safe ammunition handling procedures which they will now have to use on their own.
Teaching was also an important factor in Aids to Navigation. However, the Aids to Navigation personnel and ships succeeded in their primary duty of assisting the safe navigation of ships.

Merchant Marine Detail personnel helped keep the merchant vessels sailing by providing investigative services, judicial services, and diplomacy. They served the merchant sailor both afloat and ashore. Though normally in the background these officers were vital to the supply effort in Vietnam.

When the Coast Guard went to Vietnam it did not forget its training and tradition. The primary peacetime mission of the Coast Guard is the safety of life and property at sea. Frequently the cutters of RONONE and RONTHREE went to the aid of those in distress. In helping to relieve the sufferings of others the Coast Guard personnel in Vietnam conducted numerous MEDCAPs, Civic Action Programs, and distributed considerable quantities of food, clothing, toys, and love to those in need. The relieving of suffering will probably remain in the minds of the Vietnamese and Americans alike long after the battles have been forgotten.
APPENDIX I

EIGHTY-TWO FOOT PATROL BOATS ASSIGNED TO
COAST GUARD SQUADRON ONE

DIVISION ELEVEN
USCGC POINT BANKS (WPB 82327)
USCGC POINT CLEAR (WPB 82315)
USCGC POINT COMFORT (WPB 82317)
USCGC POINT GARNET (WPB 82310)
USCGC POINT GLOVER (WPB 82307)
USCGC POINT GREY (WPB 82324)
USCGC POINT MARONE (WPB 82331)
USCGC POINT MAST (WPB 82316)
USCGC POINT YOUNG (WPB 82303)

DIVISION TWELVE
USCGC POINT ARDEN (WPB 82309)
USCGC POINT CAUTION (WPB 82301)
USCGC POINT DUME (WPB 82325)
USCGC POINT ELLIS (WPB 82330)
USCGC POINT GAMMON (WPB 82328)
USCGC POINT LOMAS (WPB 82321)
USCGC POINT ORIENT (WPB 82319)
USCGC POINT WELCOME (WPB 82329)

TURNOVER
26 May 1970
15 September 1969
17 November 1969
16 May 1969
14 February 1970
14 July 1970
15 August 1970
16 June 1970
16 March 1970
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## APPENDIX II

HIGH ENDURANCE CUTTERS ASSIGNED TO

COAST GUARD SQUADRON THREE

4 May 1967 to 31 January 1972

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FOURTH DEPLOYMENT

USCGC SPENCER (WHEC 36) 11 Feb 69 - 30 Sep 69
USCGC MENDOTA (WHEC 69) 28 Feb 69 - 3 Nov 69
USCGC SEBAGO (WHEC 42) 2 Mar 69 - 16 Nov 69
USCGC TANEY (WHEC 37) 14 May 69 - 31 Jan 70
USCGC KLAMATH (WHEC 66) 7 Jul 69 - 3 Apr 70

FIFTH DEPLOYMENT

USCGC HAMILTON (WHEC 715) 1 Nov 69 - 25 May 70
USCGC DALLAS (WHEC 716) 3 Nov 69 - 19 Jun 70
USCGC CHASE (WHEC 718) 6 Dec 69 - 28 May 70
USCGC MELLON (WHEC 717) 31 Mar 70 - 2 Jul 70
USCGC PONTCHARTRAIN (WHEC 70) 9 May 70 - 3 Sep 70

SIXTH DEPLOYMENT

USCGC SHERMAN (WHEC 720) 22 Apr 70 - 25 Dec 70
USCGC BERING STRAIT (WHEC 382) 17 May 70 - 31 Dec 70 * **
USCGC YAKUTAT (WHEC 380) 17 May 70 - 31 Dec 70 * **

SEVENTH DEPLOYMENT

USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723) 28 Oct 70 - 15 Jul 71
USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722) 6 Dec 70 - 31 Jul 71

EIGHTH DEPLOYMENT

USCGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383) 9 Jul 71 - 21 Dec 71 *
USCGC COOK INLET (WHEC 384) 2 Jul 71 - 21 Dec 71 *

* Turned over to the Government of South Vietnam
** Second deployment
APPENDIX III

OTHER COAST GUARD CUTTERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

BUOY TENDERS
USCGC BASSWOOD (WLB 388)
USCGC BLACKHAW (WLB 390)
USCGC IRONWOOD (WLB 297)
USCGC PLANETREE (WLB 307)

CARGO VESSEL
USCGC NETTLE (WAK 169)
APPENDIX IV

COAST GUARD SQUADRON ONE STATISTICS

27 May 1965 - 15 August 1970

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## APPENDIX V

### COAST GUARD SQUADRON THREE STATISTICS (1)

4 April 1967 to 31 January 1972

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1U.S. Coast Guard Squadron Three (Subic Bay, Philippines: U.S. Coast Guard Squadron Three, 1972(?), Extract.
APPENDIX VI

MAJOR TRAWLER ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVING
U.S. COAST GUARD UNITS

10 May 1966
Trawler destroyed: POINT GREY, POINT CYPRESS

20 June 1966
Trawler captured: POINT LEAGUE, POINT SLOCUM, POINT HUDSON

14 March 1967
Trawler destroyed: POINT ELLIS

15 July 1967
Trawler captured: POINT ORIENT

29 February - 1 March 1968
1. Trawler destroyed: ANDROSCOGGIN, POINT WELCOME, POINT GREY
2. Trawler destroyed: WINONA, POINT GRACE, POINT MARONE, POINT HUDSON
3. Trawler destroyed: WPB's (names unknown)
4. Trawler turned back: MINNETONKA

21 November 1970
Trawler destroyed: RUSH, SHERMAN

11-12 April 1971
Trawler destroyed: RUSH, MORGENTHAU
ANOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

Compiled by

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U.S. Coast Guard Historian

Describes the activities of the 285 officers and enlisted men of the U.S. Coast Guard and their 17 cutters and 8 smaller, swifter patrol boats in Operation MARKET TIME, as they patrol 1,500 miles of the Vietnamese coastline.

A letter by the Executive Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Owasco (WHEC 39) describing its deployment to the Western Pacific from 20 May 1968 to 19 April 1969 and its participation in Operation MARKET TIME in South Vietnam.

A dramatized account of the varied experiences of U.S. Coast Guardsmen in the Vietnam Conflict. Deals primarily with the role of the U.S. Coast Guard cutters in Operation MARKET TIME, but also describes other activities, such as providing aids to navigation, rescue operations, handling merchant seamen problems, etc.

Page 174 contains a brief narrative description of the varied U.S. Coast Guard activities during the Vietnam Conflict, while pages 204-206 contain photographs with detailed legends illustrating some of these activities.

A historical account of the activities of the Service Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet during the Vietnam Conflict by one that commanded it that, of necessity, touches upon U.S. Coast Guard activities in Southeast Asia during the period 1965-1968. Check Table of Contents and Index for pertinent U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard-related subjects.


The Commanding Officer of TIGHT REIGN, the Southeast Asia LORAN chain, discusses the highlights of its first year of operation since it became operational on 28 October 1966.


A description of U.S. Coast Guard activities in the Vietnam Conflict, including the denying of the sea routes to Communist forces for infiltration in South Vietnam by U.S. Coast Guard cutters, as well as other U.S. Coast Guard specialties, such as explosive loading, port security, aid to navigation, etc.


An account of the various ways, besides combat, that the U.S. Coast Guard was assisting the war effort in South Vietnam, such as port security, the handling and transportation of cargo from ports, the handling and stowing of military explosives, aids to navigation, the handling of personnel problems of merchant seamen that caused delays to shipping, etc.


Summarizes the five-year accomplishments of the U.S. Coast Guard in Vietnam at a time when the service was phasing out its participation in the Southeast Asia Conflict.


A description of U.S. Coast Guard activities in the Vietnam Conflict, containing identical information as the preceding entry, (H.R. Kaplan. Coast Guard in Vietnam. (Washington: Public Information Division, U.S. Coast Guard, 1967)

The author, who was then serving both as the Commander, Gulf of Thailand Surveillance Group (CTG 115.4) and the Fourth Coastal Zone Advisor to the Vietnamese Navy, explains the relationship between his two jobs.


U.S. Coast Guard participation in the Vietnam Conflict is specifically discussed on pages 286-294, including such topics as MARKET TIME, command structure, port safety, shipping advisor to the Military Sea Transportation Service, surface aids to navigation, LORAN, and U.S. Coast Guard aviators assigned to the U.S. Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron.


The Commanding Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Barataria, operating as part of the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet with the U.S. Coast Guard Squadron Three off the coast of South Vietnam, gives lessons learned in underway replenishment.


Describes the activities of the medical officers of the Public Health Service assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard cutters of Squadron Three, as well as those stationed ashore in South Vietnam.


First account by the first U.S. Coast Guard Shipping Advisor to the U.S. Navy's Military Sea Transportation Service from 1966 to 1968, with the responsibility of handling all problems involving merchant seamen not only in Vietnam, which the U.S. Military Police and the Vietnamese authorities could, or would, not handle, but those arising elsewhere in the Western Pacific, including the major seaports of Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Manila, and Keelung.
An account of the activities of the last remaining U.S. Coast Guardsmen in Vietnam after the U.S. Coast Guard Squadron One completed the turnover of the last of its twenty-six 82-foot WPBs to the Vietnamese Navy in August 1970. These activities included the Senior Coast Guard Officer Vietnam (SCGOV), port security, marine safety, aids to navigation, the handling of personnel problems arising among merchant seamen, flying "Jolly Green Giant" helicopters in the recovery of downed American airmen, and the operation of two LORAN stations.

An account of the activities of the last remaining U.S. Coast Guardsmen in Vietnam after the U.S. Coast Guard Squadron One completed the turnover of the last of its twenty-six 82-foot WPBs to the Vietnamese Navy in August 1970, being a shorter, edited version of what appeared in the preceding entry. (Lieutenant David L. Powell, USCG, "The Last and Forgotten 100, "United States Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association Bulletin, Vol. XXXIV, No. 2 (March-April 1972), pp. 49-53)

As part of the overall story, the author recounts the role played by the U.S. Coast Guard and its cutters in MARKET TIME, the operation designed to prevent Communist infiltration by sea into South Vietnam.

Pages 56, 151, 174, 187, 190, 193, 195, 197, 213, 217, 218, and 322 of this paperback edition contains mentions of the U.S. Coast Guard and related matters. Page 187, for instance, describes how Lieutenant Commander Marcus Aurelius Arnheiter, U.S. Navy, got "chewed out" by his commanding officer, a Coast Guard Commander, on one occasion during his brief tour in Vietnam waters, while participating in Operation MARKET TIME.

Historical summary of the activities of U.S. Coast Guard squadron Three, composed of high endurance cutters (WHECs) during its existence in the Vietnam Conflict from 4 April 1967 to 31 January 1972. In all, 30 WHECs deployed to the Western Pacific, 2 made a second deployment, and 4 were turned over to the
Government of South Vietnam. Besides providing naval gunfire support and participating in MARKET TIME—an operation designed to prevent the flow of enemy men, arms, and supplies into South Vietnam by sea—these WHECs and their crews also engaged in civic action projects, medical civil action programs, and the Vietnamization program. Appendices give detailed information on: (1) the 8 deployments, including names of ships, commanders, home ports, and dates deployed; (2) significant dates in the squadron's history; and (3) total statistics of the squadron's operations summary.


Pages 106-9 contain reproductions of the combat drawings that the author made of U.S. Coast Guard activities in Vietnam.
GLOSSARY

ADCON - Administrative Control
ARL - Repair Ship
ARVN - Army of the Republic of Vietnam. Also soldier of same.
A to N - Aids to Navigation
CASREPT - Casualty Report
CHICOM - Chinese Communist
CHNAVADVGRPMACV - Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command Vietnam
CHOP - Change operational control
CIA - Captured in action
CINCPAC - Commander in Chief, Pacific
CINCPACFLT - Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet
CNO - Chief of Naval Operations
COMCOGARDRONONE - Commander Coast Guard Squadron One
COMCOGARDRONTHREE - Commander Coast Guard Squadron Three
COMNAVFORV - Commander Naval Forces Vietnam
COMUSMACV - Commander United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam
CONUS - A mythical island far away (Continental United States)
COTP - Captain of the Port
CTF - Commander Task Force
CTF 115 - Commander Coastal Surveillance Forces
CTG - Commander Task Group
CTG 70.8 - Cruiser-Destroyer Group Seventh Fleet

CZ - Coastal Zone

ELD - Explosives Loading Detachment

H & I - Harrassment and Interdiction

KIA - Killed in action

LCM/LCU - Landing craft

MACV - Military Assistance Command Vietnam

MEDCAP - Medical Civil Action Program

MEDEVAC - Medical Evacuation

MMD - Merchant Marine Detail

MSTS - Military Sealift Command

NAVADVGRP - Naval Advisory Group

NAVAID - Navigational aid

NBC - Nuclear Biological Chemical Warfare

NGFS - Naval Gunfire Support

NVA - North Vietnamese Army

PCF - Patrol Craft, fast

POB - Persons on Board

PSYOPS - Psychological warfare operations

PSYWAR - Psychological warfare

ROK - Republic of Korea

RONONE - Coast Guard Squadron One

RONTTHREE - Coast Guard Squadron Three

RVN - Republic of South Vietnam

SCGOV - Senior Coast Guard Officer Vietnam
SOPA - Senior Office present afloat
SOPA ADMIN - Administrative deputy to SOPA
SRO - Standing Room Only
TAD - Temporary Additional Duty
UNREP - Underway replenishment
USSF - United States Special Forces
VC - Viet Cong
VERTREP - Vertical or helicopter replenishment
VNN - South Vietnamese Navy
VS - South Vietnam
WAK - Small Coast Guard transport
WHEC - Coast Guard high endurance cutter
WIA - Wounded in action
WLB - Coast Guard large buoy tender
WPB - Coast Guard patrol boat