

NIGHT ORDERS

1 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway making Market Time patrol of Cap Mia - Cap Sahai 'ZE' area, South China Sea.
2. Radar is inoperative necessitating a close watch for unlighted and lighted vessels. Helmsman and OOD to be extremely cautious while approaching land. DR's to be accurately plotted and logged as such every 30 min. When closing land to within 4 miles try to obtain EP's using lights of Cap Sahai and sounding. CPA of land to be no more than 2 miles. Keep fathometer constantly energized.
3. Soundings should be no less than 20 fathoms at all times. If soundings fall below 15 fathoms, immediately come to an easterly heading and call me. This should not happen.
4. At 0400 H we are to call AL concerning radar transformer transfer. If negative comes from Astido or Peemeste concerning this matter, relay to AL that transfer is still on for 0800 H.

30 November 1967

0930 - Debrief

1000 - Inspection of vessel by LCDR BAUMAN in his sloppy greens and navy cap. Found most skin valves frozen, filthy galley, and sardine can used for ash tray. Missed Faltoff or else didn't say anything. Half the inspection made in pouring rain. Sea needed third haircut.

1050 - After brief insp. by myself, relieved P.K. Valade, LTJG as Commanding Officer of USCGC PT ARDEN (WPG-82309)

1400 - Trip to CSC to get new Reg Pubs. Two swifts in trouble of one hit - one finally averted trying to rescue Tumb Force Command Boat. No injuries, one boat missing.

1600 - Star dispatch w/ sea.

2000 - 3RD MACV for jube box by myself. Duong still wants me to meet her mother. Sea came about 2100 - no show.

2300 - Hit rock and raised out by SMC Kline for possible hose job. Long haulage. 0100 Hit the rock

1 December 1967

0430 Underway. Increasingly bad weather all the way down. Really surfing past Cu Lao Re Islands 1130 Started first official patrol.

Very difficult to sleep due to jostling about. Boat really is top heavy. Kept waking up due to odd rolls; felt like we were being caught in surf and being beached or bottomed.

5. Keep me constantly informed of any unusual activity. Keep a sharp lookout. If in doubt or if any questions, do not hesitate to call me at any time.
Keep me informed!

6. Wake me at 0600 H.

Respectfully
W. C. Con. Commanding

	HEM	OOD
2000-2400	<u>SZ</u>	<u>QAB</u>
0000-0400	<u>JmH</u>	<u>REH</u>
0400-0800	<u>HSM</u>	<u>ERK</u>

NIGHT ORDERS

2 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway patrolling southern two-thirds of ZE area on Market Time, South China Sea.
2. Radar inoperative. Keep an extremely close watch for unlighted vessels and approach of land. Remain outside the 20 fathom line at all times. Use accurate DR's being careful not to over estimate while heading into the seas. Select most comfortable courses to northern and southern boundaries. Be ~~very~~ wary of courses that will cause more than slight closing of the beach but remain inside eastern boundary.
3. The grounded ocean going Navy tug at Cap Mia can be seen quite easily and can be used for approximate bearing on the Cap Mia point. Use bearings and soundings for EP's whenever possible.
4. The fathometer is to be operating until dawn.
5. Call me at anytime and especially when in doubt. Keep a ~~tight~~ watch and sharp lookout. Call me at 0600 H.

	NEON	OOD
2000-2400	<u>ALH</u>	<u>LHB</u>
0000-0400	<u>MH</u>	<u>RE</u>
0400-0800	<u>NB</u>	<u>EM</u>

Respectfully,
 W. J. Lee, Commanding

This morning we wound up way south of EP'S. Could have
been in trouble vicinity ILE TORTUE. Based by visual
inspection one junk we thought might be evading. Swells
very heavy

Damn fathometer throws me way off if a feet over 100ft
Paris!

NIGHT ORDERS

3 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway 'ZE' area on Market Time patrol covering southern two-thirds of area, South China Sea.
2. 0400-0800 watch arrange for rendezvous with SDR sometime after 0800 to receive BMC and CSZ and to start Daisy Chain of liaison officer back to Da Nang. Be in such a position so as to be able to make rendezvous time.
3. Keep a tight radar watch and account for all contacts. Advise me of any unidentifiable contacts after you have exhausted all means to contact them.
4. Maintain a sharp lookout for action on the beach. Inform me of any unusual activity. Also, begin RPS accountability.
5. Keep at least 2 miles off the beach and run up and down on as comfortable a course and speed as possible.
6. Wake me at 0800.
7. If in doubt at anytime, do not hesitate to call me.

0000-0400

0400-0800
0800-1200

HMM

RBM

ODD
BEY

ERK
LS

Respectfully,
WC Cas, Commanding

3 DECEMBER 1961

Thought we would get some action south of San Nyer as we observed trace fire from N to S but turned out to be H&I of friendlies. Called 69 too rapidly. Fathometer deceived me again. Another panic! Weather starting to abate.

Find three 200 14404 for Salted Flakes 26C to aid in sighting of possible infighting. Negative results.

Spotted definite enemy signal to us probably thinking we were friendly. 1st Air Cav to investigate with land forces so as not to compromise our intell. Saw 60 salting from helos in action - among way. They wounded me friendly.

NIGHT ORDERS

4 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway 'ZEM' patrol area on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. At approximately 0400, SDR will request from Attide that this unit take a medivac case to Qui Nhon and attempt to get man transferred at first light. SDR will give us a call; I want to either make the call or be informed of the results and decision from Attide.
3. Continue RPS accountability.
4. 2000-2400 watch to make up a list of frequencies of use to next SDRM unit for transfer to SDR.
5. Be at the northern end of the area at 0700H. Run at least two miles off the beach maintaining a comfortable course within boundary limits. Run at least 300 RPM unless you feel too rough for comfortable cruising.
6. Keep a sharp radar lookout. Account for all contacts. If in any doubt at any time, do not hesitate to call me. Wake me at 0630H.

2000-2400 SA 2/13 0000-0400 SMH 0400-0800 RR
 Respectfully,
W.C. Carr, Commanding

0730 Ready w/ PT GAMMON (Hannie) to get TUGMAN BME &
HAULER CS2, ~~and radio~~

NIGHT ORDERS

5 DECEMBER 1967

1. Moved part side to Swift Boat Mooring, Qui Nhon, South Vietnam.
2. Watch is established topside and is to be particularly alert for swimmers or frogmen. As recently as last week, sniper fire was received on this base; one month ago, several structures in the area were destroyed with Zappan attached charges. Intelligence reports indicate increased VC activity in the area. Be alert and keep a sharp watch.
3. Generator to be checked every 30 min. We shall soil app. 0830H; have all electronics gear on the line by 0430H.
4. If in doubt at any time, do not hesitate to call me.
Wake me at 0700H.

2000-2400

J.F.L.

0000-0400

J.M.V.

0400-0800

A.B.M.

Respectfully,

W.C. Cox, Commanding

0000 Off to Qm Hwy with NO medicine of GAMMON.

Went to see LINDBERG at 67TH Evacuation Hoop with

BOALWERS. Rode M boat back to arrive in time for base

6Q. Requested to fire on hill / really shook them up. Beer & popcorn at club, over for paid lines, supper, more beer. Left club -
navy all shop talk.

NIGHT ORDERS

6 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway area '30' on Market Tuna patrol, South China Sea.
2. This area has three islands of importance to the navigation of this unit and one set of islands just south of the baseline with area '3E'. Extreme caution must be used at night while in this area. Positive radar fixes shall be obtained at least every 20 min and position logged. Vessel will steam at 300 RPM throughout the evening. Navigation of the area will be conducted in one of the two following manners:

1 - Radar scope clear of all weather on the eight mile scale. The patrol shall be run in a clockwise ^{counter-} ^{RECS} manner from the northern most border $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles offshore down to the southern border, due east to approximately four miles off shore, due north keeping approximately six to eight miles offshore, and then due west to the starting point.

2. - Radar fouled on the eight mile scale. Only the western most leg shall be run, both north and south.

NOTE:

Each of these legs is noted on the chart. Follow the appropriate one. Depth of water should never be under 10 fathoms. If it does go below this level, stop the vessel

immediately and call me to the bridge. If the depth continues to fall before I get to the bridge, back down in a northerly direction.

3. A very strong current exists in the area with a set of approximately 180° T and drift of at least 2 knots. Account for this in your navigation. At 300 RPMs, you will make approximately 9 knots when headed south and 5 knots when headed north.
4. Several messages have been received indicating possible, very possible, attempts of large scale infiltration. The coast line here is predominantly VC and NVN controlled. We must account for all contacts and all activity on the beach. You must stand an extremely alert watch; it is imperative that you do.
5. Be especially careful to keep me informed of all suspicious contacts or activities. Do not hesitate to call me at any time. Wake me at 0200 / make sure I get up.
6. The Hanover should call concerning TV sets aboard one of the cargo junks we boarded today. Let me know what they have to say.

7. If one 20 min fix is missed on the inbound leg, call me.
If a fix cannot be obtained within 30 min on the outbound leg, call me.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	PHB	ASH	XCB
0000-0400	REY	JMN	ILL
0400-0800	EPK	NBM	BYK
0800-1200	_____	_____	_____

Respectfully,
W.C. Carr, Commanding

8. CPA to following islands:

HON TRAV - no less than 2 miles - watch that current

ILE TORTORE - no less than 1 mile

~~ILE R~~

ILE NUOC / ROCKER PIOT - no less than 2 miles

0830 Ongoing Held Log GUNEX; really misty and
poor shots. Did lots of practice. Night GUNEX cancelled
because of radar failure 2100 radar back with help of
PT ELLIS (SEG) expended 50 RDS 50 cal 2 RDS HE

NIGHT ORDERS

7 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway '30' area on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Due to increasingly heavy swells, we shall run on easterly and westerly courses in the southern part of the area using ILE NUOC / ROCHER PLAT as a northern boundary and HON TRAU island as a southern boundary guideline. Choose the most comfortable courses keeping foremost in mind the heavy southerly current in the area: 2 KTS AT 180°T. Run at 200 RPM to lessen the pounding. Note the fact that the southern area is only 7 miles wide; keep a sharp eye when approaching land and come no closer than 2 miles from any land area. You may run up to 3 miles outside of our eastern boundary.
3. We must account for all contacts and log the results.
4. Keep me informed of all suspicious or unusual activities in the area and on the beach.
5. Fixes are to be obtained every 30 min; if you miss a fix, call me. Wake me at 0315; I shall be standing watch with Chief Tugman.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0000-0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

Respectfully,
 WC Carr, Commanding

Held night GUNEX, 250 rods 50 cal 2 ILLUM, 1 WP,
2 HE. WP was hit, illum not so good. Seas increasing.
Made high due to GUNEX. Captain at that! Boarded me
cargo junk. Shot up West's admiral's flag.

8 DECEMBER 1967

Bad night. Was called up several times, rough seas.
Very grumpy and tired. Stood 0400-0800 w/ BMC; best time
of day — so peaceful. Took me huge wave at 200 RPM head
m. Lost coffee pot & grill. Couldn't do anything. Sea
moody. Hope he controls it or it could be responsive on his
part.

Rough weather all day — no work done. Extremely
moody night. Almost pleasant.

NIGHT ORDERS

8 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway patrolling areas '3E' and southern half of '3D' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea. All swift boats are in due to weather.
2. By 0700H have unit in vicinity of southern boundary of '3E' for relief by PT GAMMON. Work down the area using speed of 200 RPM'S and courses of approximately $085^{\circ}T$ and $230^{\circ}T$ as the most comfortable courses. Again, keep on top of your navigation being especially alert for radar contacts; account for all contacts.
3. Be especially aware of the islands ILE HOA TRAU, ILE NUE ONG Co, & ILE NUE ONG CAN located in the northern parts of '3E' and '3F' area. Current set $180^{\circ}T$, drift 2.0 KTS - keep this in mind.
4. Unit may be acting as a relay for traffic from Flashy. Don't become so involved in communications that you overlook your primary duties as OOD & Navigator. Tips to be taken and logged every 20 MIN.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when

in doubt. Wake me at 0315.

6. EWO's to make 15 mid rounds of engine room; every hour include berthing areas and topside areas. In between rounds, remain on bridge. OOD's to insure this order is carried out on all forthcoming watches.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0000-0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u> </u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

Respectfully,
W C Law, Commanding

Very dull patrol. Arrived Qui Nhon 10:30 AM. Really ran
into harbor; w/ current of 2.0 kts and swells locally astern (3-4ft) we
must have been downing at least 20 kts (at 600 RPM) Chief Engineer
docked vessel.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

11 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway areas '3C' and northern half of '3D' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. 'ASADAT' and 'SDZ' may be in and out of the area this evening. Initiate proper challenges and be ready to give a sharp and correct reply to challenges this unit may receive. Keep clear of their operations as much as possible.
3. CPA to ILE TORQUE will be no less than two miles. Stay at least 300 YDS off the beach being careful of shallow waters in the area. ~~Conduct~~^{out} to cover the area at random and are to be as comfortable as ^{is} practical. Stay at 300 RPM and reduce to 200 RPM only if of significant benefit to a comfortable way.
4. Account for all contacts. Keep me informed of all suspicious activity in the area. Call me at anytime and especially when in doubt.
5. Wake me at 0330 H.

2000-2400 OOD HELM EWO
 llb AT AB

0000-0400 REP SMH BSH

0400-0800 Wld. ARM Shw

Respectfully,
 W.C. Carr, Commanding

1400 - 'ASSAULT' firing routine firing mission off our old quarter.
Started me at first. Held instructors on 50 cal and reviewed condition
settings w/ XO, BAC, & ENZ. Slept fitfully last night as seas
very rough - about 23ft as rptd by SOZ; kept sliding up and
down and across the rack w/ water from air conditioner dripping
on my head. These boats are real bouncers and really tire me
out; also get hurt easily too. Started Standing Orders today.
Think I'll take a short nap. Chief Teyman beat me in chess last
night at my standard defense. Good game!

— NIGHT ORDERS —

12 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway area '3C' and northern half of '3D' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area in a random manner on most comfortable course practicable at 200 RPMs.
3. CPA to ILE TORTUE to be no less than two miles and stay at least two miles off the beach due to constant drop over to 2000 yds off almost the entire beach length of our area.
4. Account for all contacts and log new contacts coming into area.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.
6. Wake me at 0700H.

	OOD	HELM	EWG
2000-2400	<u>PHB</u>	<u>GH</u>	<u>VR</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>Jim</u>	<u>Bell</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.G.A.</u>	<u>RRB</u>	<u>Stu</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Con. Commanding

1030 Received mail from PT GREY; first mail in 5 days. Last night was very rough; felt like we were falling into holes and scaling high mountains both in a total of about 3 sec. Back hurts and bruised all over. Had damn rough weather - forecast for more of the same. Spotted 1 helo washing off the beach; some troop contact with VC. Assault called into support.

13 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway areas '3C' and northern half '3D' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Proceed north at 2 miles distance from the beach until well north of ILE TORTUE. Once north of ILE TORTUE, CPA to the island to be no less than two miles to the north; do not proceed south of this limit and, if possible, stay well into the northern two-thirds of the '3C' area.
3. Choose most comfortable courses and speeds being careful to stay at least 1000 yds outside of the marked contact drop areas. Do not proceed closer than 2000 yds in other areas and give a wide berth to charted shallow areas.
4. Account for and log all new contacts in the area. Keep a sharp radar watch.
5. Call me at any time, especially when in doubt.
6. Wake me at 0700 H. Be at northern boundary line of '3C' area at 0700 H.

2000-2400	⁰⁰⁰ PMB	HELV MY JMH	EVO XFB B-2-H
0000-0400	KEV	JMH	
0400-0800	RAL	ABM	

Respectfully,
W C Lan, Commanding

0930 - Relieved late by Chris on the 'FV', PT CLOVER as
he started to bring out Jim Bohart, EOD and later
discovered we were heading for Da Nang vice Qui Nhon.
Nannie Newhoff got some action last night down in '3F'
area. Sector caught a VC company on the beach &
PT GAMMAD threw in about 50 lbs HE and WP.
Very wet evening. We had to chase down a Seattle tug in
tow. We had to close to 250 YDS before her light was
visible; at that, she still was completely hidden in the banana
troughs. As we had been traveling south at 600 RPM to
catch her we had to beat back all night. Once on
scene we illuminated with hand flare and large flashlight to
get her to answer up. Precipitation was so bad that she
wasn't in the scope much of the time. Seas so rough that,
coupled w/ rain, radar reception very poor. We should
reach Da Nang tonight about 2100, 14 Dec. Pounding rather
badly now as seas / swells NE, 3-4 ft and rapidly building.
Love my wife.

Learned that on 6 Dec a B41 on Swift 79, Ed Blyer's boat,
was killed with 30 cal in head off Mui Batages. Unit conducting
perpops warfare and ambushed on the beach in intense cross fire.
Swift lived in close by groups of 3 on beach.

NIGHT ORDERS

17 December 1967

1. Underway area 1A1 on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Enfield Cobra A is standing by for security purposes at approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the Cua Viet as requested by Plastic Charlie One. She will also be responsible for the southern half of the area.
3. This unit shall patrol at 300 RPM's from one mile north of the Cua Viet to the 17th Parallel at 1500-2000 yds off the beach. Try to stay as close to 1500 yds as practical without closing under that range.
4. Beach to be inspected with night scope every 15 min by EWO or OOD. Keep a sharp eye for small raft in the surf or any movement of personnel or equipment on the beach. Call me immediately if anything of a suspicious nature arises.
5. If surface traffic increases in our patrol area, call me. Gunfire support ships may make runs into the beach to fire without informing us. Attempt to stay clear of their operating area.
6. Maintain an alert radar watch; keep track of all naval

17 Dec 67

Pulled alongside only Porpoise to receive water. a
warrant took a lot of pictures (2) for me so my wife will
be happy ☺. We rode about 3 ft off on her starboard side on
E1; #4 due to unbalancing effect of 2 kt current running
through. Nifty piece of ship handling but I must admit it
wasn't planned that way.

Crew was somewhat disgruntled at my demands for
running a tight ship; Chief Tugman & I've set them
straight however. Good men.

vessels in the area. Avoid CPA's of less than two miles.

7. Wake me at 0600H. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWD
2000-2400	<u>PHB</u>	<u>AJ</u>	<u>BYK</u>
0000-0400	<u>REG.</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>HB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.L.</u>	<u>IBM</u>	<u>SL</u>

Respectfully,
WCCan
Commanding

8. EWD to keep a close watch on #1 ME and keep OOD informed of any problems.

18 DEC 67

Actually, we fired 6,600 80s 50 cal and also possibly hit a 60 mm heavy mortar in the area, however, we must give some credit to the air strikes and artillery. The jets dropped napalm - devastating. One jet got off his only about 200 ft above the beach and flew right through smoke from an earlier bomb-batch.

Barker, FD, had to swim for the note which was dropped by the Marine paper spotted plane working with us. The friendly forces turned out to be NVA! But we hadn't been firing on them.

Feel my presence is worthwhile.

The crew did an excellent job, esp Chief Tugman on the 81 mm; his second man was superb with fall of shot walking right along the intended ridge. He almost burned the barrel out though when I switched him to the 50 cal. A recoilless rifle round hit just under the flare on the port side as we were coming around and another said hello to HUFF at 25 ft off the port quarter. AW fire just missed WEST as we later noted that three rounds had walked up from under him and forward. The WLO did a great job of helping us to load the 50 cal's; I'll have to put in a letter for him. All my men really came through.

We received quite a bit of AW and small arms fire; I could hear it whistling by. Didn't have time to worry over it though. All in all it was quite a show.

P 18 1030 Z Dec 67

FM ECVI

TO ARTICLE

INFO LATCH, MOOSE HUNTER, PERMEATE, EC'C', EC'A'

BT

UNCLAS

1) Maritime Special Report 18/1/ECVI/11

1. AMERICAN BEAUTY 'C', Fingers Point '53', ECVI, ECC, ECA,
2. NVA CENTIPEDE B

3. 1505H/1610H

4. YD 283970 GZ YB SV YU JK

ECVI updated with
5. 11 CONFIRMED WIA, 5 PROB KIA, 1 RECOLESS RIFLE PROB DESTROYED
during first attack.

6. Called by Bodinette 3 app 1430H that NVA forces moving
in for around above ~~point~~ area. This unit to search for
activity in area with American Beauty 'C'. Detected suspected
troop movement adjacent area and cleared H&I ~~through~~ for
area. While closing beach, received several volleys
AW fire and hit stbd side with ~~three~~ ^{four} rounds, port side
with ~~two~~ ^{one} rounds. Returned fire expending 10 RDS VT, 24 HE,
3400 50 cal. Motor fire occurred, called in by American
Beauty 'C'. Unit also received two rounds recoilless rifle
close aboard to port within 25 ft. Multiple air strikes
(called and coordinated with artillery). This unit recalled
to stbd area a 1550H with EC'C' and EC'A' with ECVI

as on scene commander, using Finger Unit '53' to call
shots. Coverage considered good. ECVI expended 5 WP,
4 VT, 26 HE, 80 ORDS 50 CAL, ECA expended 10 HE, 4 WP,
800 50 CAL, ECC expended 5 WP, 30 HE, 350 50 CAL
Approximately 3000 small arms fire rounds ECA
Further results unknown

7. Ammo replenished at ~~2~~ ~~Plato Chodis~~ Badmitten

8. ~~Final~~ FINAL.

AT NY VE 87 50

YOU'RE FIRING ON

FRIENDLY

POSITION

COME UP TO

FREQ 34.10

— NIGHT ORDERS —

18 December 1967

1. Underway area IAI on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Area IAI is to be patrolled from northern to southern boundaries keeping between 1500 yds - 2000 yds from the beach except for the restricted area as marked on the chart vicinity Quahiet and fuel buoys. The beached barge of yesterday is now accompanied by a Mike boat; no security sea watch is being maintained so Enfield Cobra 'A' will be working the same area. Patrol at 300RPM's.
3. Beach to be inspected by watch every 15-20 min with night scope. Reports continue of junks carrying weapons and ammo, possibly in this area. Keep a sharp watch for small craft in the surf or any movement of personnel or equipment on the beach. Call me immediately if any movements of this nature are detected. We very well know NVA are in the area.
4. Stay clear of gunfire support ships in the area. If you feel we should alter patrol pattern because of increased surface traffic, call me first. Maintain an alert radar watch and account for all contacts; log new contacts in the area.

5. We are scheduled for an HFI at 0300H at YD 270 718.
 Only the duty section shall be required to fire. Be within
~~two~~ ^{two} miles of this position by 0230H and give me a call.
 Make sure I get up. Wake G43 LONDON at 0245H to participate
 in the shoot.

6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in
 doubt. Be sure I am up at 0230H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>WAB</u>	<u>WV</u>	<u>BKK</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>Smth</u>	<u>WAB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.G.S.</u>	<u>ABM</u>	<u>LWW</u>

Respectfully,
 W.C. Can
 Commanding

1264

19 Dec 67 + 0000 - 0400 Held H/I in area
2 1/2 to 3 1/2 miles south of bad guy's river and fired
9 ROS WP and 3 ROS HE. Results unknown but
during first run Centipede observed outgoing and
claimed two secondary explosions but we believe all
that was us. The SD cal was ricocheting out to
seaward somewhat. ECIA' on the first run came
damn close to kissing our bow several times; had
to stop for him once.

Bounced about 25 junks this morning. Destroyed
(partially) one junk that evaded. Occupants gave us the
finger as they left as they knew we couldn't fire on them
due to friendly villagers and ARVN troops in area. He who
laughs last laughs best, however. Used small boat
to great advantage.

VNLO was a sight during small arms practice
firing; he's so small that the hail from the shotgun
and M-1 nearly knocks him over — he persevered though.
Good man; did a good job the whole patrol.

17 December 67

USN

1315 Remained 600 gallons fresh water from Potosko, AO I off Cua Viet. Weather calm. ~~Describe method of riding while~~ ~~select anchor.~~ ~~PT~~ POTASKO was anchored and steaming in approx 2 KTS current drift enabling PT ARROW to ride alongside at approx 15° angle using current as ~~water~~ cushion. Makes for excellent ride in relatively calm sea with 2-3 ft swell.

PT ARROW

18 December 67

1345 While conducting small arms training 2 miles north of Cua Viet, noticed motor fire on beach possibly directed at ^{Maine, VT} Antlaks approximately ~~three~~ ^{one} mile north of our position. Called Badmitter and they had spotted NVA moving south about 4 1/2 miles north of Cua Viet and asked us to investigate. While running close to beach, spotted air craft ~~spotted~~ ^{attempted} continually, ~~attracting~~ ^{to} attracting our attention, dropped note and said we were firing on friendly ~~position~~ ^{troops} troops in area / also gave us frequency. Called them and informed them we were not firing; also asked them to investigate position YD 283 970 as we saw possible troop movement. They immediately confirmed it as NVA platoon 1-10 men. Area had been partially cleared for H&I immediately preceding radio contact with spotter. We commenced firing on a ~~road~~ run south 500 yds off beach with 24 HE, 10 VT, and 5500 rds 81mm fire and all 50 cal. mounts. As we turned to star run north, received AW / SA fire and observed two near misses of recoilless fire fall within 25 ft of both port quarter and port bow under flae. ~~Failed to~~ ~~hit~~ MT 55, 54, / 52 were splashed with water from splash from first miss. ~~PT~~ Took six hits under and just forward of MT 52

Spatter confirmed 1 WIA, 5 PROB KIA.

6900

BVT
60 HE 57
16 WP

Expended 10000 VT, 24 HE, 4000 50 CAL

found two hits were later found on other side. Spatter dropped white and red flags on enemy positions; M51 gave them good coverage. On second run south we were called off by spatter due to incoming ^{coordinated} multiple air strikes and field artillery combination. Area saturated with WP and HE bombs, ~~and~~ lots of ~~napalm~~. ^{Two} Jets made ~~approximately~~ ^{four} runs each; ~~two~~ strafing, ~~two~~ ^{two} WP, ~~two~~ ^{two} HE, ~~and two~~ ^{two} napalm for total of ~~12~~ runs. Artillery called off after ~~two~~ strikes, PT ARDEN recalled for another run. Expended 7000 HE on run 500 YDS from beach, 8000 50 CAL; ~~before completing run~~ excellent mortar cover of ridge tree line. Before completing run, again called off due to coordinated air and field artillery strikes. ^{Two} Jets made four runs each, two strafing, and two napalm. Artillery HE and WP followed for approximately 10 min. During this time Enfield Cobra 'A' joined the unit for PT ARDEN's third run south after recalled for second time by spatter. After two legs of race track pattern completed at 500 YDS off beach, PT ARDEN and Enfield Cobra 'A' joined by Enfield Cobra 'C' with PT ARDEN as On-Scene-Commander. On third leg of race track pattern PT ARDEN shifted On-Scene-Commander to Enfield Cobra 'A' and departed scene due to ^{nearly} exhausted magazines enroute to ~~market~~ for ammo replenishment. PT ARDEN expended 5 WP, 3 VT, 21 HE, 7000 RDS 50 CAL. Enfield Cobra 'C' also departed scene shortly thereafter having expended 500 WP, 30 RDS HE, 3500 RDS 50 CAL. Enfield Cobra 'A' while remaining on scene received approximately 50 RDS outcoming small arms fire with no hits.

after returning fire for a short time, she seemed having expended
10 ROS HE, 4 ROS WP, 800 ROS 50 cal. No friendly casualties
on any unit. ^{Spotter aircraft departed scene as no further observations were made} As no recoilless fire was observed ^{entire time} after the first
two near misses, ^{enemy} recoilless rifle was probably damaged or destroyed.
Later information also indicated 60 mm mortar position was
destroyed. ^{also action of all units involved possibly broke up planned attack by NVA as friendly forces.} All action terminated approximately 1700 H.

PT ARDEN replenished of entire stock 81 mm and 50 cal at
Cua Viet Navy swift base ~~at~~ by 1955H and proceeded to scene
for further investigation. After reaching scene and finding no
further suspicious activity, PT ARDEN commenced regular patrol of
entire IAI areas.

19 December 67

0050 PT ARDEN while at ~~1700~~ 1700 ROS off beach observed
B-52 bomb drop on area earlier under attack off ~~the~~ beam. Unit
was not informed of this attack; immediately opened beach.

0300 PT ARDEN ^{engaged} ~~1~~ H/I in area expending 35 ROS HE;
no return fire. No friendly casualties.

Boarded jumb at morning. Two detainees turned in to
CG 11 ^{at 1430H} - no papers and improper papers.

1000 Partially destroyed one jumb that evaded to beach
with MK 79. Unable to fire on occupants, due to friendly villages
and ARVN troops in area. Thought at one time we had received ^{AW} fire
from beach but it was ARVN troops in immediate area on an operation.

1600 Observed NGF in area earlier under attack on 18 Dec.

20 Dec 67

0000 Bulldozer 26'0" recommended targets for H&I fire. PT ARDEN and Enfield Cobra 'A' conducted H&I fire 0000H with PT ARDEN expending 600 WP, ^{3000 HE} and 700 RDS 50 cal. No return fire observed. Centipede artillery also joined H&I

0400 Conducted H&I same area with same units, some negative results. PT ARDEN expended 500 WP, 700 RDS 50 cal.

WP believed bad - one miss fire, from duds entire 1600s of point detonating.

Unit could well use MK 99 in IC & IAI areas. Should obtain on high priority.

1100 did artillery work

24/25 1300-1830
X mas party

found missing vehicle - khaki type
00 temporary fence
new in hat charts
no other alcoholic beverages
on WPB's

obtain beauty codes

1700 H - 165

USS Atama

Operation Ridge
Future Ridge
30.9 mc

Japanese trailers

spend all
contract spent.
On new signals

4100
0000
0000

leave security watches alone

1220 PBR base

1345-1400 Watch stander f X0 - secret clearance

— NIGHT ORDERS —

19 December 1967

1. Underway area 1A1 on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Areas 1A1 will be patrolled at 300 RPM's from the northern to southern boundaries at a distance of 1500-2000 yds from the beach except for the restricted area around Cu Viet approach as marked on the chart. Enfield Cobra 'A' is also patrolling this area but will probably stay more to the north. Stay clear of her when she closes range as sometimes she is careless in coming too close.
3. Beach to be inspected with night scope every 15 min as last night. Be sure to do this. Call me if you observe any suspicious activities.
4. Maintain an alert radar watch; account for all contacts. Stay clear of gunfire support ships and fire line. Call me if you encounter any difficulties.
5. Due to continued NVA activity in the area, this unit will conduct two H&I firings in conjunction with Enfield Cobra 'A' at 0000H and 0400H. All hands to be at General Quarters manned and ready by 2350H and 0350H, respectively. Call all hands at 2345H and 0345H,

respectively. Unit to be within two miles of beach at position YD 270 780 by 2330 H and 0330 H, respectively.

Do not close beach under 1500 YDS.

6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2330 H and 0330 H and insure that I am up both times.

	OOD	HELM	EWG
2000-2400	<u>SHB</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>BYG</u>
0000-0400	<u>REB</u>	<u>SMH</u>	<u>KB</u>
0400-0800	<u>WAS</u>	<u>ARM</u>	<u>SLC</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Carr
Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

22 December 1967

1. Underway area IC on Market Time patrol, South China Seas.
2. Patrol from boundary to boundary at 400 RPM's keeping 1500-2000 yds off shore. Vary your leg sweeps instead of continually completing a north bound and then south bound leg but keep the legs at least 10 miles long. If a pattern is established and recognized by an infiltrator, his job will be much easier and ~~more~~ probably successful.
3. If weather picks up to such an extent as to cause a rough ride, call me first before reducing speed. We should be able to stay at 400 RPM's throughout the evening.
4. Account for all visual and radar contacts; maintain an alert radar watch, especially in the northern quarter of the area. Challenge all unknown contacts and log same.
5. Be especially alert for unlighted contacts in the Hue river approaches. When SLAR calls a contact into Article, listen up and copy POSIT if in IC area.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	JHEM	EWO
	<u>REB</u>	<u>JHEM</u>	<u>EWB</u>
2000-2400			
0000-0400	<u>REB</u>	<u>HAB</u>	<u>REB</u>
0400-0800	<u>WGP</u>	<u>ROB</u>	<u>ALL</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Con
Commanding

- NIGHT ORDERS -

23 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway enroute 'IC' area to resume Market Time patrol, South China Sea. Proceed at 550 RPM's and reduce to 400 RPM's when arriving on station. Secure running lights upon arrival.
2. Upon assuming station, send a CASCOR message to include the words 'RESUMED NORMAL PATROL' from ENC 'T' to outside, Permeate and info ENC 'C' + ENC 'CM'.
3. Proceed north and keep 1500-2000 YDS from the beach at 400 RPM'S. Be at southern boundary of ENC 'VI' at first light for rendezvous with ENC 'VI'. ^{0900H} Send encoded break traffic ^{WCC} requesting the rendezvous ^{for hand transfer of secret message.} Let's be COMSEC conscious.
4. Once in patrol area, account for all contacts both radar and visual; initiate proper challenge.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at first light ^{030H.} ^{WCC}

	OOD	HELM	FWO
0000-0400	<u>R.E.G.</u>	<u>AM</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.G.S.</u>	<u>LOD</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. San
Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

24 December 1967

1. Underway on Market Time patrol area 'C', South China Sea.
2. Patrol area in usual manner at 400 RPM's from northern to southern boundaries at 1500-2000 YDS from the beach. In area from New River entrance to southern boundary stay 2 miles off the beach to avoid fuel mooring buoy located 2 miles south and one mile out from the river approach. Position is plotted; give it a wide berth.
3. Maintain an alert radar watch. Account for all contacts. A truce is in effect, however, possibility of infiltration from seaward remains high.
4. Reduce speed to 300 RPM's if weather deteriorates; call me first however. Also, no Santa Clause messages are to be sent.
5. Be in southern part of area by 0900H.
7. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0700H.

2000-2400	<u>OPD</u> <u>PHB</u>	<u>HELM</u> <u>JMB</u>	<u>EWO</u> <u>BSH</u>
0000-0400	<u>BEs</u>	<u>HBM</u>	_____
0700-0800	<u>W.D.S.</u>	<u>RDM</u>	<u>SSW</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Can
Commanding

2000 26 December 1967 - action on Marble Mt. with NVN
regiment tonight about 7 miles south of here on highway 13; can
see the illumination from the flash ships and tracer fire very little bit.
Understand the NVN was bringing in rockets for an attack on MAC 16.

On 23 Dec, Qui Nhon was hit hard by expected zapper platoon
of NVN. One Coastal Force jumb was blown to smithereens, a
satchel charge found on the fender of PCF-100 - cut away, chief
quarters blown in and sprayed with machine guns, one civilian Korean
had his throat slit while walking back from a club alone, one
army lance corporal and one navy PO. were killed with stray
bullets. Over 20 NVN were on the base for more than four hours. The
CO of the Vietnamese Naval group killed two swimmers; the satchel
charge on the jumb went prematurely, or else things could have
been much worse. An M50 and two WPB's could have been
zapped very easily. Market Time down there, leads a charmed life.
Understand two chiefs later died.

Talked to a Marine LT, surgeon,† who has seen a lot of action; has
made him very callous. Con Tin, mispatrol, etc - really bad. But then
he was bragging - in a nice sort of way. 'Americanization of Cindy'
People in general really do suck up this killing. Amazing & very sad.

Was thinking tonight about the eight hits we took. Have finally
realized that I was shot at - very sobering.

God damn grenades keep going off around the boat - never reaching!

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FIRST COAST ZONE ADVISOR
Advisory Team 143
Danang, RVN
26 December 1967

PERINTREP NO. 37-67

Period Covered: 160001H to 242400H Dec 67

REF: (A) Maps: JOG (G) - Vietnam 1:250,000, Sheet NE 48-13, NE 48-16,
ND 48-4, ND-1, ND 49-5

1. QUANG TRI PROVINCE

Activity in Quang Tri Province has increased since the last reporting period.

OPERATIONAL CONTACT

A. Between 161000H and 161205H Dec 67, CG-11 received approx 60 rounds of 100mm artillery near their location and 1st AMTRACT BN location. Rounds landed VIC YD 331692. No rounds landed within CG-11 compound. Negative CG-11 personnel casualties. Casualties at 1st AMTRACT BN location UNK. Upon completion of artillery barrage CG-11 received information (Source Unknown) that a VC forward observer with radio was spotted South of CG-11 location. CG-11 patrol swept area, however unable to locate any trace of VC or radio.

B. On 161430H Dec 67, USCJC PT. ARDEN called by 1st Marine AMTRACT BN to search for suspected enemy troops VIC YD 233770. 12th Marines detected suspected troop movement and cleared area for H and I. While closing beach, PT ARDEN RECD several volleys A/W fire. STBD side hit with four rounds and port side hit with one round. PT ARDEN returned fire with 50 cal and 81mm Mortar and multiple air strikes/ARTY called in. On 1550H, PT ARDEN recalled to area with PCF 55 and PCF 22 to provide 50 cal and 81mm Mortar fire. PCF 55 RECD approx 30 rounds SA fire. Results: PT ARDEN credited with one confirmed WIA, five PROB KIA, one RR PROB DEST. NEG friendly casualties.

C. Between 190730H and 191530H CG-11 units, with advisors present, provided troop lift and blocking force services in support of operation IAN SON 163 VIC YD 2704 to YD 3263. Negative friendly casualties.

D. On 190930H Dec 67, USCJC PT ARDEN conducting boarding operations VIC YD 4065 noted one junk returning to beach and observed occupants fleeing to avoid inspection. PT ARDEN unable to take fleeing occupants under fire due to friendly village nearby. Junk Destroyed by M-79 fire.

E. Between 220700H and 221400H Dec 67, CG-11 provided blocking force for operation IAN SON 164 with elements 1st ARVN REGT and 1st Marine AMTRACT BN. At COORDS YD 4302 to YD 5056. Two VCS detained, no friendly casualties. Advisors present.

F. Between 230745H and 230810H Dec 67, PCF 101 provided H and I fire for PROV ARTY BN C&D GRP 12th MAR. COORD YD 209730. Five rounds WP and 17 rounds HE fired. No material or personnel casualties. Results unknown.

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1650
27 December 1967

From: Commanding Officer, USCGC PT ARDEN (WFB-82309)
To: EN Kenneth F. BORCHERS 359 692, USCG

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. On the morning of the 25th of December, 1967, you were assigned with LTJG BARRY to assist with the pumping of flooded bilges aboard the U.S. Army Mike '8' boat 23'0' being towed alongside the YFU-70 enroute DaNang from the Cua Viet.

As reported to me by LTJG BARRY, you showed a great deal of initiative in effecting repairs in as much as was possible by using basic damage control techniques; without being instructed to do so, you proceeded to investigate the boat for hidden damage. I understand that you did a very thorough and careful job. By doing so, you demonstrated your capability to assume the responsibility and leadership so essential for the making of an effective petty officer.

2. I was very pleased to be informed of your responsiveness to a difficult situation; you have contributed a great deal to my already high respect for the abilities and capabilities of enlisted men in the United States Coast Guard. I commend you for a job well done.

3. A copy of this letter will be inserted in your service record.

W. C. GARR

Copy to: (1) Enlisted Service Record
(2) Commander, Coast Guard Division Twelve

NIGHT ORDERS

27 December 1969

1. Underway on Market Time patrol are 2'D running barrier line, South China Sea.
2. Barrier is marked on the chart; keep relatively close to its track and run at 400 RPM. If signaling becomes difficult, slow to 300 RPM until finished and then increase again.
3. An Army sweep is being made along Mui Batangan; expect a lot of activity on the coastlines. For tonight most of it will be two to four miles inland. We will be called if needed or some Same Drink unit in the area will. If you do see a lot of action and do not hear anything on 3750, switch to 5725 and monitor to see if any naval type units are involved. If so, call me. Be at southern boundary at 0700H.
4. Account for all contacts, either visual or radar. Do not leave the track line by more than four miles to identify a contact. If the unit must go further out, call me first.
5. Inmate EWO helps out on the radar watch. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Call me 0700 H.

2000-2400	OOD <i>[Signature]</i>	HELPL <i>[Signature]</i>	EWO <i>[Signature]</i>
0000-0400	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
0400-0800	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

Respectfully,
W. C. Carr
Commanding

1200- Informed by Scouter 26's that supply kelo had been shot at over NE tip of Muu Bataugen by squad of VC, 6 men.

1205- Opened fire upon arrival on scene with Same Drink 'DM' and expended 24 Rds HE/VT and 975 Rds 50 cal with 50' DM' expending 13 Rds HE and 1000 Rds 50 cal. Not a stir from thicket. VC probably had long left vicinity so no results known. I'm sure it was futile shooting. Found out later that we also had the wrong target area. Should have been on the ^{left} rather than ^{right} side of the red clay jut. Kelo later fired two WP rockets to mark the spot. We were finished by 1230H.

0845 - Rendezvoused with USS CAMP DER and picked up bilge cleaner and director (for transport CTG 115.1) Aa bad ship handler. Chief Tugman & he aren't going to hit it off so good; have had to mediate several times already. Couple of holheads.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

28 December 1967

1. Underway area 2'D' barrier patrol on Market Time operations, South China Sea.

2. Barrier patrol to be run at 400 RPM's along course as plotted on chart. If weather becomes increasingly bad and riding conditions very uncomfortable, reduce to 300 RPM's; call me first.

3. Keep a sharp watch for all lighted and unlighted contacts; account for all of them and direct for contacts that won't take out more than five miles off plotted barrier line unless contact is acting in a suspicious nature.

4. Be in center of patrol area by 0600 H. Call me at 0600 H.

2000-2400

0000-0400

0400-0800

CGD DLB HELM JMT EWO SKK

RES ROM DLB

W.W. JMT DLW

Respectfully,

WC Can

Commanding

5. Stay at least three miles off Muir Batangan and Rocky Plateau

Had enough time getting ~~some~~ Moore, West, & Dier off
a junk we boarded just before dusk; Moore slipped partly into
open hatch and hurt knee. Chief Tugman had a hard time bringing
her alongside. Made about 7 passes total.

29/0130H on station just north of Muir Botanger for
exfiltration attempt by VC in area. Army units had killed
five yesterday but about nine got away. Village is An Coon in
Baie de My Nam. They decided to try again today so they
surrounded the village and sent in a platoon of national police. Neg
results. Army people are really trigger happy.

Lost inboard turbo at 1000H this morning. What next.
Will rendezvous with Chris behind Cu Lao Rea about
midnight. Swifties went in on false weather reports for the
holiday - so it seems anyway.

We are being relieved early tonight.

0800-0800
0800-0800
0800-0800

2 story of boat that was sent off Muir Botanger and Rover Plot

— NIGHT ORDERS —

29 DECEMBER 1967

1. Underway area 2'D' on barrier patrol, Market Time, South China Seas.
2. Unit is to seek lee of Cue Lao Re at 1500 yds from shore line south of island and is to run at 200 RPM's. Stay at least 1000 yds from the reef on south-eastern tip of island. Reef and shoreline are well high lighted on radar. Be extremely careful of navigation in this area.
3. Keep a sharp lookout for other units in the area also seeking a lee. Keep a good distance from any such contacts.
4. The PT GLOVER will rendezvous with this unit approximately 30/0030H. Call me 30 min before his revised ETA; he should call in a revision.
5. Call me at any time and especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWG
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0000-0400	<u>BEY</u>	<u>hpm</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

Respectfully
WCCan
Commanding

30 December

As we come into the harbor off patrol, noticed no ships at deep water pier - was curious. Found that ground swell was tearing them apart. Thought at first that the expected attack of last night might have had something to do with it.

31 Dec.

Am taking duty for Tugman tonight; have a premonition that attack may be forthcoming. A week ago, marines caught forward element of NVN regiment 15 miles west of Da Nang with single 124mm rocket launchers. Regiment expected to attack soon. The rockets are ~~destructive~~^{destructive} weapons.

NIGHT ORDERS

1 January 1968

1. Underway area '2E' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Area to be covered extends from top third of 2E to line just north of Mui Batanger. Pass close abeam to Batanger each time you transit northern area. Keep a sharp eye for ground activity. Patrol the rest of the area in a random manner choosing comfortable courses. Run at 300 RPM's.
3. The message for Ragged Ladder and Ragged Ladder 'C' still has to be passed. Attempt course with these units throughout the night. If message does get through, inform Article of TOD.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0730H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
0000-0400	BEV	AK	RS
0400-0800	WHL	BDB	HBM

Respectfully,
 W. C. Carr
 Commanding

New Year Eve — stayed aboard & took duty for Chief Tugman; hit the rack about 2300 after enjoyable hours with National Observer. Woke up to many concussion grenades; went outside to see 1968 come in to hundreds of parachute flares & green & red & white very flares, trace bullets from 50 cal^{m1} & 45 cal pistol, cluster hand held flares parachute flares, night signal orange flares — the works. What a sight! Everyone was outside because of the racket — all in skivvies it seems as libo was over at 2300 for most. Surprised fire wasn't started; if VC was around within 10 miles, I bet we got some. Really put up the ammo.

Chief Tugman was brought back by two Navy warrant officers; he came home after 0100. Was out with Chris & Leo Black. Must have spent \$30 buying booze & cigars for everyone; very generous when drunk. Peaked five times next day & I stole all his watches.

Could hardly walk. That's drinking!

Tugman was going to take on 4R-70; says he doesn't remember.

0540H Chief Tugman saw man from APL 5 jump in the water; put small boat over and sent Barchis in after him. Got his name & was going to make him pay for that stunt. Very, very dangerous due to concussion grenades. Almost lost my head hat.

Article 134 - In that James R. GRODIE while in an ~~extremely~~
intoxicated condition did willfully jump over the side of APL 15'
at approximately 0540 H, 1 January 1968.

~~By doing~~ Such action on GRODIE'S part ~~did~~ placed not
only himself in real danger of drowning but also the rescue party from
the ^{USCGC} PT ARDEN (WPB-82309) due to the concussion grenades being
thrown by security watches in the near vicinity. ~~And danger~~
~~exists~~ that injury or death of either man was highly possible; ~~of~~ ^{three}
minutes before GRODIE jumped overboard, a grenade exploded ~~at~~ in the
~~immediate~~ vicinity of GRODIE'S entry into the water.

Due to the disregard shown by GRODIE to his own safety and to
those of others ~~and due to the fact~~ ^{it is felt by the command} that such action should ~~not be~~
be severely punished to prevent recurrence by any individual, it is
requested the command be furnished with a written or verbal report ^{regarding}
the disposition of this offense.

NIGHT ORDERS

2 January 1968

1. Underway area 2'E' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Unit to patrol upper third of 2'E' to point just north of Mui Batangen, passing within 2 miles of the Batangen peninsula and patrolling rest of area in a random manner. Choose relatively comfortable courses and stay at 400 RPM'S unless weather deteriorates enough to justify 300 RPM'S. Call me first before decreasing speed.
3. As VNN PG4 is in the area due possible attack on CG 16; stay well clear passing with a CPA of at least one mile. Be prepared for proper challenges and replies.
4. Call me if you observe any significant action on Batangen or around CG 16 as we might be called on for gun fire support. Be off Mui Batangen at 0500 and call me at that time. We can possibly be of some use for exfiltration purposes due Army sweep in area.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	FWO
2000-2400	<u>SMB</u>	<u>SMX</u>	<u>BSK</u>
0000-0400	<u>REX</u>	<u>TC</u>	<u>KCB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.D.L</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>ABM</u>

Respectfully,
 W C Con
 Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

3 January 1968

1. Underway area 2'E' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Unit to patrol at 300 RPM's over upper third of 2'E' to point just south of Mui Bataugen to approximately six miles off-shore. Patrol in a random manner choosing as comfortable a course as practicable.
3. Be in a position to switch areas with SD's' so we may move northward for later relief. Arrangements have been made; only relief message has to be sent.
4. Account for all contacts in area; insure EWO stands radar watch as appropriate.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>SM</u>	<u>SM</u>	<u>BSK</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>ATK</u>	<u>XFB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>BOS</u>	<u>HBM</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Cox
Commanding

1967 for I Corps 40,943 KIA; 37,939 PKIA; 25,534 detained.
22 Cu Hai, 10,000 were captured ($\frac{1}{2}$ by C.G.)

23 Dec. Main force team captured 6 VC/NVA with 122mm rocket launchers moving towards Da Nang. Two heavy artillery regiments in hills west of Da Nang.

Intelligence reports of another attack planned on Qui Nhon
1 NVA company, 2 sappers PLT, 19 guerrilla pl, 5 frogmen on perimeter
PT ORIENT & PT YOUNG were in last time.

1 Jan - large VC force reported 1000 yds west of CG-16. We were called to standby in area for possible NGFS. CG-14 should get hit soon.

17 Dec CG 11 send 100 rds 100 mm artillery fire from DMZ PCF & shock force aircraft demolished. They moved out base days before.

2 Jan 0200-0430 CG 14 send 300 rds AW Fire. Nearby subsector attacked by two companies
9 ARVN KIA 20 WIA
30 VC KIA 1 VC WIA

also many attacks nearby subsector; 13 Marines killed at one outpost.

3 Jan 0430 Da Nang AF base hit by 24 rds 122mm rockets from north across the bay - two planes damaged 2 GIs killed. Gunships got 3 VC KIA and recovered 14 more rockets from crew bed after dragging.

Elements of 196TH Infantry light brigade got 4 VC KIA while on first night of taking over Qui Batangas.
I Corps is a hot place.

NIGHT ORDERS

6 January 1967

1. Underway area 2'E' patrolling southern half as SD'RM' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area in random manner at 400RPM's. If junk traffic in area, slow to 300RPM's.
3. Continue boarding any fishing junks in the area throughout the night. Inevitable one man is stationed well aft and aimed; also man on bidge to be aimed with remaining watch stands checking ID's etc.
4. Account for all radar / visual contacts; infiltration of food supplies very possible due VC food shortage in area. Stay alert while boarding.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EW0
2000-2400	<u>SHB</u>	<u>SOV</u>	<u>BKH</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>CB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.A.S.</u>	<u>ABM</u>	<u>BDB</u>

Respectfully,
 W.C. Can
 Commanding

Very full sexy moon out; gives us a fair light for sighting small unlighted fishing junks. Gave out many damaged #10 cans of food; also some bad line. The people can use it well.

FRED ABLE
Had American advisors from Vietnamese PGM come aboard for two hours — milk milk milk. They drank at least a gallon. Also made up some sandwiches for them. Rather dirty, chow bad, crew not very efficient and ill trained. CO is from North Vietnam but went to French Naval Academy — five every year for four years. Advisor was telling about technical potential of Vietnamese vs Koreans. Koreans not particularly good fighters; did honey got on Batangan. Once two companies, NVA surrounded by 8 companies Koreans & Koreans really got it. Typical village situation.

Vietnamese vessel supply very bad. One only used per quarter 20 gal grey, 20 gal nitro green, 3 blooms, 3 swabs, 5 gal aluminium paint. That was it! Now they have ^{out} allowance. Evaporator stay & use of fire main to pump bilges. Men won't work in bilges because it is demeaning work. Also think demons run engines so they don't run the generators at rated speed — don't want to anger demons by over working them!

Vietnamese promotion system completely politic. COs have no means to punish except use of brig. All 7 Engines have been in brig at least today. Ouch!

junks suspicious if entering middle of night or early morning
sail fishing junks except when two together for haul are relatively
motionless

squid season in northeast May to June & late fall - use carbide
lights

1* Ben Hai river mouth - staging area & ammo dump

Cua Viet river - all restricted

2* YD 4564 YD 5055 - numerous spl of riflet 300 troops 13 June 67 YD 440603

3* Can Nai Bay YD 9770 rice pick up point

4* May 67 1G VC coast watches
18 June junk unlighted medicine

1* BT 1757 VC R20 & V25 kettles

Trung Giang River

2* BT 3422/VC 72 batt

Cape Batangas three bases BS 3* 4185 4* 3679 5* 4669

two trawler attempts 5*
14 Mar 67 trawler blew up BS 7290
15 Jul 67 6* BS 7788

support base
med most active
1st VC 521st NVA regiment

BS 6050-7030 ~~VC~~ 30th VC Batt

← Cap Mias & CG 16 infiltrators

74 BS 9022 salt producing area

inubs off loading
unmanifested gear

VC 22nd reg - until recently
VC controlled

VC distribution of far foodstuffs

BS 9701 to BR 9090

84 18th / 22nd reg 74 April 67 12 VC taken from Cass

← Sang Tra Bay miss

sail in during last part of lunar month
watch for people beating on bamboo poles
gunpowder & sulfur - in large jars hidden w/ fish

Major landing beaches

YD 252 818 - YD 808 330 45.5 miles

806 336 122 105 23.5 miles

2D 162 084 814 060 4.5

AU 840 054 892 960 18.25

hook up with H-11-A-1

14 May 65

YD

410670

30*

SUN GUSF captured weapon carrying boat
P 5 Labang

31 May 65

2*

50 VC a ground started from Quang Ngai

— NIGHT ORDERS —

7 January 1968

1. Underway southern half 2'E' area or SD'RM' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area in random manner at 300 RPMs.
3. Board all fishing junks you come upon using only duty section unless weather is inclement or seas become very rough. Inmate men with weapons are properly stationed as per Standing Order No. IV.
4. Radar to be energized (high voltage) every hour to obtain fix and to scan area for contacts. Concept has been sent to Permate; if we do not receive a call from Permate by 080100H, call me immediately. Make sure to get up. Permate should send traffic indicating that requested parts are on their way down by diary chain. As radar will be inoperative most of the time, keep a sharp eye for small unlighted fishing junks or larger unlighted vessels.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt

	OOD	HEM	FWO
2000-2400	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
0000-0400	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
0400-0800	<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>

Respectfully,
W. C. Lan
Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

8 January 1968

1. Underway southern half area 2'E' or 5D'RM' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPM selecting most comfortable courses while still conducting patrol in a random manner.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts, logging same. Do not switch radar from 8 mile scale unless occasion calls for use of that scale as picture is lost upon switching from low scale to high. AFC switch still giving us problems.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>PJB</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>BKk</u>
0000-0400	<u>RES</u>	<u>JK</u>	<u>KTB</u>
0400-0800	<u>WAN</u>	<u>WBM</u>	<u>BOB</u>

Respectfully,
 W. C. Can
 Commanding

7 January

0630 H Expended seven rounds of illumination searching for suspicious junk activity, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles off Cap Mis. Boarded several fishing junks in pouring rain. We all got very wet; bad way to start the day.

Had Huff give our head a real clean up: was very filthy. He administered first aid to two cut fishermen. They have to show off their patches.

Observed heavy H⁵I fire off Sa Huyke nightly and occasional detonations three miles north.

Rada keeps overheating and crapping out.

CREW

PL51230Z/09 JAN 68

FM: COMUSMACV

TO: VMAG

BT

UNCLAS EPTO FOUO FROM MACJ15

SUBJ: CONDUCT AND SECURITY- TET HOLIDAY PERIOD

1. THE COMING TET HOLIDAY PERIOD, 30 JANUARY THROUGH 1 FEBRUARY 1968, IS AN IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT VIETNAMESE HOLIDAY. PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE AND MOTOR CYCLE TRAFFIC CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE ABNORMALLY HEAVY IN POPULATED AREAS. THIS PERIOD ALSO OFFERS THE ENEMY INCREASED OPPURTUNITIES TO CONDUCT EFFECTIVE SUBVERSIVE AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES EFFORT IN VIET NAM.
2. THE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF U.S. FORCES PERSONNEL IS IMPORTANT ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. ALL PERSONNEL ARE CAUTIONED TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY. MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF U.S. PERSONNEL WILL AFFORD THE ENEMY AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROPAGANDIZE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AT A TIME WHEN THEY WILL BE MOST RECEPTIVE AND CRITICAL OF U.S. ACTIONS AND PRESENCE IN VIETNAM.
3. ALL MAJOR COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MODIFIED INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH THIS DIRECTIVE AND WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO THE LOCAL AREA AND SITUATION. THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST INSURE THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. THAT AN EFFECTIVE SECURITY POSTURE BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.
 - B. THAT ALL PERSONNEL BE INFORMED OF THE IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TET HOLIDAYS.
 - C. THAT ALL PERSONNEL BE CAUTIONED AS TO PROPER CONDUCT AND DECORUM EXPECTED DURING THIS PERIOD.
4. THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WILL APPLY DURING THE PERIOD 30 JAN THROUGH 1 FEB 68, IN THE SAIGON/CHOLON AREA ONLY, TO INSURE MAXIMUM READINESS AND TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS:
 - A. ESTABLISHED CURFEW 2300-0200 HOURS REMAINS IN EFFECT.
 - B. TRAVEL OF PERSONNEL AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM OUTSIDE THE SAIGON/CHOLON AREA INTO THE CITY WILL BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM CONSISTANT WITH MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.
 - C. PERSONNEL WORKING OR LIVING IN THE POPULATED AREAS WILL MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF GROUP TRANSPORTATION AND AVOID USING LOCAL TAXIS, CYCLOS OR OTHER INDIGENOUS MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.
 - D. THE REGIONAL EXCHANGE STORE, COMMISSARY STORE AND LIBRARY WILL CONDUCT BUSINESS AS USUAL. MODIFICATIONS TO NORMAL OPERATING HOURS FOR OTHER U.S. RECREATIONAL AND FACILITIES IN THE SAIGON/CHOLON AREA WILL BE POSTED.
 - E. ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE CAUTIONED TO REMAIN ALERT AND AVOID CONGREGATING IN GROUPS OR OTHERWISE AFFORD TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY TO THE ENEMY.

BT

NIGHT ORDERS

11 January 1968

1. Underway areas 3E and southern half 3D as Rice Twiggs 'S' on Market Time patrol, South China Seas.

2. Radar is inoperative. Rice Twiggs Xray is maintaining a plot for this unit and will relay fixes every half hour. This unit to maintain a separate DR track in addition to given fixes; log only fixes given by RT 'X'. Fathometer to be used throughout the night. Depth of water to be maintained from 35-55 fathoms. If depth falls to below 35 fathoms and does not correspond with fix, stop immediately and call me. If depth ^{drops} ~~falls~~ to over 55 fathoms, alter course accordingly to get into proper depth. Navigate manual ASAP.

do not apply until further notice

3. RT 'X' will possibly recommend courses and speeds for this unit; comply only if charted course is clear of islands in our area and does not cause unit to close the beach. RT 'X' may also want to vector us to investigate a contact; if this occurs, call me before vectoring in. If moon disappears, call me immediately. Keep 15 fathoms under keel at all times.

4. Stay clear of GUNSMITH'S areas of operation and give a wide berth.

WAKE CO 0500H RES

5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

0000-0400

ODD
RES

HELM
JH

EWD
RES

0400-0800

WAL

JM

BDB

Respectfully,
W. C. Cox
Commanding

9, 10, 11 January.

Talked a good deal to Jim Bohart concerning VC raid on the base. Some groups blew up water and empty fuel tanks on 8 Nov 67; ~~noticed~~ ^{noticed} the scrunched up fuel tank for the first time; nothing left of the water tanks. Raid 23 Dec - three hits in succession of fire trucks put it out of commission, Kovan had throat slit as he ran out of hut about 100ft from 'O' deck, 14 out of 20 grenades duds, saw blown junk - no stem. Not as much damage as expected; wouldn't send a WPB but would do it in for awhile.

Officers were working on sandbagging huts. Barricade has been cleared of all underbrush, more lights and guards. Policy on base of announced 'FREEZE, FREEZE, FREEZE' and if you don't you'll be damn cold in a couple hours. Death to he who moves.

Never thought ~~it~~ ^{situations} would require sleeping with pistol, loaded & half cocked, half drawn from holster & belt with two extra clips, no tracer, on my right side at hip and arms length. Also M-16, loaded, on safe with magazine of 20 rounds on table beside rock laying with muzzle to entrance, Chief Tagman & I had home pistols, M-16s in forward and petty officers bethring and mess deck. Same policy of freezing. Security watch on the more topside to day, back - helmet, flak jacket, M-16 & offensive grenades. Banding & locking lights on; constant checking of fenders for satchel charges. No lights above decks allowed.

Would be very easy to capture WPB normally. Only have to get past a normally slack security watch. My boys aren't dumb.

Condition Gray - base heavily exposed 1800H; PT ARDON personnel to carry pistols after dusk and in groups. Didn't sleep well thru

report.

Da We means ~~we~~ CAPT (LT) on the 'hot shot' West had it wrong.

Went greens to Special Forces club last night; Capt Frazier host. Saw 4 of 5 boots left / probably won't get back. What a place; what a piece of shit. William Blake is a bastard. Rum / coke did not phase me. Sitting dumbly. Goin' around 2330H. All quiet.

Expected mortar attack on base; two VC ^{mortar} companies in village top of peninsula; ARVN won't go after them or allow ROKs to. Wounded parade. Swift and jumb were shot at while on patrol off village.

While leaving for RT's' area, observed jet streak off another side of mountain. 40mm mortars on Tango beach & further down also opened up. Saw and touched tank last night - what a death trap. Bunker made up of ammo & some sand bags. Took tank on 'M' boat several days ago for an operation.

Talked to American advisor on PGM - destroy; PT HUDSON got 44 KIA that were firing nightly on PF light house. Sea ambush.

Mike Kier and boarding party. That raised a storm. Pagoda in case.

CG 21 seemed to be under mortar attack but only ROKs ranging mile miles. Thought we would see some more action.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

12 January 1968

1. Underway area 3'E' and southern half 3'D' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Radar to be used to obtain fix only once every hour; only high voltage needs to be energized. Do not touch any controls on radar or the bridge! Radar will not stay in tune if adjustments are made. ETS MORTON to check radar at 0100H; make sure he gets up.
3. With radar fix obtained every hour, use the fathometer and half hourly DR to obtain an estimated position between fixes. If visual fixes can be had due to well lighted silhouetted islands, do not use the radar; conserve it as much as possible but do not do so at the expense of good fixes.
4. EWO is to scan horizon frequently with night scope for detection of islands in the area. Fathometer to be used throughout the night; if depth falls below 35 fathoms and you are not absolutely sure of your position, stop the vessel and call me immediately.
5. Run north at 400 RPMs and south at 300 RPMs; follow course line paralleling eastern boundary of our area of responsibility. Do not lose the beach unless you have called me and I am on the bridge.

6. Inform me immediately as to any change in status of the radar; also call me just before moon sets or if blacked out by clouds. Take full advantage of the well lit night when obtaining positions.

7. Be on the constant lookout for lighted and unlighted contacts in our area. GUNSMITH may be in southern part of 3'D'; give her a wide berth. Give me a call as soon as GUNSMITH comes up on any frequency.

8. Navigation of this vessel under present conditions is extremely hazardous and requires your utmost and undivided attention. Stand a tight watch; keep a sharp watch for all dangers to navigation. Run an accurate DR.

9. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0100 H, 0500 H, and if unable to obtain hourly position.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	Respectfully,
0000-0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	W. C. Lan
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	Commanding

10. Be at northeastern most part of area at 0500 H.
MESSAGE ON Deck.

FIRE POWER 7A REQUESTS UNIT AT POS. 1
CRO 65 735 AT TIME 130600H CONTACT

RAT PATROL THIS CIRCUIT UP 27.95
AT TIME 130600H

37.50
65.45

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was helping the Chief again; we really bombed our heads. His
hand is bigger than mine though.

Crew seems to be generally in high spirits even tho we are
working them fairly hard. Believe in miss swim call, lots of
small arm and M6 practice, active drills, and good attitudes
of men in general are responsible. Besides, I'm great too. An
excellent CO always helps.

Saw a fisherman ~~last~~ tonight with clubbed foot and ugly
face. Looked very diseased; Sea made boarding team scrub up
afterwards. All of them want cigarettes or chop chop. We'd like
to go broke fixing them up. They really appreciate the old
equipment we give them esp old line. Valves to us. Several
weeks ago we gave away some damaged can goods; great payoffs.

HOOPER'S REPORT FROM 18 JAN 65

350235

COASTAL SURVEILLANCE CENTER
QUI NHON, VIETNAM
APO 96238

CSC/AJY:stm
5000
13 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR Commanding Officer, USCGC PT ARDEN

1. It is requested that the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of USCGC PT ARDEN meet with LCDR S. L. CARR on Monday, 15 January to discuss events of 13 January 1968.
2. Prior to coming over call LCDR CARR (phone 3065) to arrange a mutually convenient time for the meeting.

A. J. Yanovsky
A. J. YANOVSKY
By direction

LCDR CARR is CSC boss at Flosky; he wanted to see sea and me to chew us out for giving his watch officer a hard time while trying to obtain permission to fuel on N6FS mission on 13 Jan. We told watch officer to expedite! Whereupon the W.O. got very excited on the radio and tried to 'get us' for it. Failed however as we had to return to Da Nang early for radar repairs. He wouldn't see us on Sunday when we first got in - was his 'day off'. I was unsympathetic. Evident out this.

Account of events for 13 Jan 68:

While on exfiltration patrol for Red Patrol (1st air com) units we picked up 3 detainees w/ mutilated IDs; turned them in using small boat to the beach and brought the army types to investigate possible

ammo cache found by Silver Team below we used for mobile
lookouts after day break. They appreciated eggs and chicken dinner - I
guess; no shower for 6 mos!

Attempted to put party ashore - too rough so they attempted
to destroy w/ M-79 and small arms. Boat outboard began acting up
and boat was beginning to swamp. We were in very narrow and
restricted canal. Suddenly small M6 and large caliber M6 opened fire
close abeam. My tongue sticks when I get scared & mouth gets very
dry; not a pleasant feeling. My body trembles too; cold sweat too.
I don't like being scared. Had 50 cols open up over the boat into
the hills; noisy business. Tried to get boat to return w/ long blast
just like in Sand Pebbles; stupidly enough we hadn't worked out an
airial return signal. I thought he might have seen the mania and
remembered. He didn't remember.

at one point fire became very intense and I thought small boat
was being taken under fire; also heard very loud explosion and thought
recorder was in the act. However, all fears were unfounded as all fire
except mine was over the hill and most friendly. Only a few rounds
fired by VC into the village. Loud explosion was ^{old} 60MM round that
EOD team set off. RAT PATROL got 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, & 1 VC WIA in
a hole. VC stated that 13 others in hole but would not permit.
We destroyed 3 canoes, PLF 91 destroyed me. Acted as spatter for 8" guns,
105MM and 81MM; was disappointed in Army fire power. Also 8" people were
very bad shots.

Utilized late afternoon for NGFS gunex. Expended total of 10000
166MM, 15 ADS WP (5 duds), approx 30000 HE, and 80000 50 COL.
Results unknown. Had me WP RD center over hill, just missed AMTRACK by
50 m.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

16 January 1968

1. Underway area 3'C' and northern half 3'D' as RT'T' on Market Time patrol, South China sea.
2. Patrol at 280 RPMs in a random manner choosing fairly comfortable courses. Account for all visual and radar contacts; insure the EWO stands on alert radar watch. Use the night scope while running close to the beach.
3. Be alert for activity on the beach; keep me advised.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

Respectfully,
W. C. Lan
Commanding

	COB	EWO	ALERT
2000-2400	<u>WJ</u>	<u>Jm/K.</u>	<u>BYY</u>
0600-0800	<u>BEY</u>	<u>JJK</u>	<u>XEB</u>
0800-0800	<u>Whk</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>BLOB</u>

NOTE.

INTERFERENCES WITH ART V (RTS) 0700H SOUTHERN
BOARDER. WAKE CAPTAIN 0600H

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of gear box aft and move gas can racks to more convenient location. Also want to obtain another can; only able to carry 15 gal on board and need gas not only for boat but fire and salvage pumps. Use 5 gal / day if small boat used in boarding. 10 gal won't keep the emergency equipment going very long, 3-4 hrs maybe.

Constructed shelving and storage areas for the ET while being able to keep emergency hotel clear; now corner will look much better. Was a real garbage pile before. DC equipment (OBA's, fire accessories, hoses, etc) are being overhauled; need new fire pump last patrol. Things keep going like this, we may get this boat squared away. Chief Tugman is a real hot shit; really puts in the hours and Jack-of-all-Trades type. Everything from carpentry to welding; he may be able to get a small welding machine next time we are in Qui Nhon. Have mucho sacks, clips, etc to be fabricated.

After fire drill and sound powered phone instructions today held swim call and small arms practice. Ludbey, Lauda, Huff, Baehner, & Martin ~~and~~ took a dip; was very refreshing & undisturbed. I was dying to go but besides wanting to keep water for sharks, eels, & snakes, didn't want to infect puncture wound in hand. Got that from a nail that went in about $\frac{1}{2}$ " while helping Chief Tugman make that shelf for ET. Soaked it good though and believe all the germs are out; next morning I didn't know I had it. He did good job of doctoring. Besides, it was a 'clear nail'. Today I

— NIGHT ORDERS —

17 January 1968

1. Underway as RT'T' in northern half of area 3'D' and all of 3'C' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Conduct normal patrol at 200 RPMs choosing random but comfortable course.
3. Account for all contacts; standard procedures apply.
4. If Trail Blazer '65' calls for RT'C' on 37.50 mcs, inform '65' that Homestretch 2 is in effect. Ask '65' if this unit may be of any assistance; advise me of results of inquiry.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.
6. Call me at 0500 H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>JAB</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>BLL</u>
0000-0400	<u>REG</u>	<u>JSP</u>	<u>HJD</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.D.S.</u>	<u>HBL</u>	<u>BOB</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Can
Commanding

PALE I

18 January 1968, 2100H, Ica Bay, Gothon, + Nuff are boarding fishing junks; seas are extremely calm w/ only slight swell action. Fishermen believe monsoon is over and have begun night fishing w/o nets but with hook & line. Can see fruits of wintery seasons work on the boats; many new motor sheds, new planking. Many children helping papa be the bread winners.

These waters yield some of the ugliest creatures, mainly huge eels and snakes; eels in many of the boats; one I saw was over 10 ft long and a foot in diameter. Very much alive too. This afternoon we purchased a large fish for 500 p. and some old rain gear. Had some tonight - extremely good. Either King mackerel or Spanish mackerel - 6 1/2 lbs. Had half and froze rest. I think we gave them a fair deal w/ the rain gear; they get about \$ American for that size and type fish on the Vietnamese market.

Overhauled food hold today and pulled out much mildewed rain gear, rusted boats, gas masks / protective clothing, old bins, etc. Intend to stow paint there after overhauling. Was much wasted room that we can now use. Have put in two very full days work; yesterday I had to do something so fabricated aluminum frame work for petty officers quarters off mess deck; bulkhead is ready to collapse. Today I made support for locker in hold to strengthen top used for step into hold. Very enjoyable and relaxing to be able to wind up the day with having done something constructive. Have maintenance planned to cut down on man hours required to keep weather decks in shape. Have eliminated sand box & all 5 phone boxes; intend to dispose

— NIGHT ORDERS —

18 January 1968

1. Underway area 3'C' as RT 'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Conduct normal patrol running random courses at 300 RPMs. Continue intensive boarding program throughout the night; duty section to handle one junk at a time. Have one weapon at the ready on the bridge wing and one to be handled on waist. A pistol ^{shall} ~~should~~ be carried by OOD.
3. OODs are to keep track of areas in which junks have been boarded and pass same on from watch to watch. Continuous boarding of the same junks is not necessary.
4. Illuminate only with search light and signal light. If additional illumination felt necessary, call me.

5. Wake me at 0500H. Call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWG	
2000 - 2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	Respectfully, W. C. Can Commanding
0000 - 0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	
0400 - 0800	W.C.C.	—	<u>[Signature]</u>	

20 Nov 67 - Intelligence reports: anti aircraft battery in hills in peninsula north of Vinh Da Nang. Has been credited with one aircraft; others have seen air bursts close aboard. Four Vietnamese Naval Officers were killed yesterday in Da Nang and two Navy enlisted men. Da Nang off limits for Coast Guard Personnel. Expect attacks CG 135 CG 14; one WPB stationed in IF as intelligence reports indicate attack on Marble / Monkey Mountains due before Tet. And from seaward no less!

Noticed during last two patrols that cargo junks are travelling more or less in convoys of 3-6 in a group. Rpts indicate NT 90 TTDC may be on two cargo junks; only one is registered. Possibly the VC are infiltrating following procedure: start convoy out - all legitimate cargoes, crew, etc. As all get boarded and move through areas northward they are only visually inspected (NTRANS reports) thus providing possibility of substituting junks w/ some members w/ war material for cargo. ~~Safe~~ Relatively safe journeys for upwards of 70 miles may result. Also could switch numbers in route. Many numbers look freshly painted on. Junk convoys are also beginning to travel very close inshore. With radio coverage they do have, it seems as though infiltration could become relatively feasible.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

22 January 1968

1. Underway area 1A1 as ECV 1 on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol from southern to northern boundaries at 300 RPM keeping clear of area off Cua Viet as marked on the chart; except for this area, patrol at 1500-2000 yds from the beach.
3. Use night scope continually to check surf line for possible junk traffic; there should be none. Account for all visual and radar contacts; if you notice a radar contact moving rapidly from north to south from vicinity of 17th Parallel, call me immediately. There have been reports of a possible infiltration attempt using very fast PT type boats from across DMZ.
4. Be at position YD 3871 at 230500H and call me. Make sure to get up. *Operation postponed.*
5. Stay clear of NGFS ships in area. Give them a wide berth.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELH	FLD	
2000-2400	<u>WHP</u>	<u>JMR</u>	<u>BLL</u>	<u>SEE NOTE</u> <u>ON BACK</u>
0000-0400	<u>KEY</u>	<u>RSR</u>	<u>KFB</u>	
0400-0800	<u>WAS</u>	<u>BRN</u>	<u>BOB</u>	

Respectfully,
WCCan
Commanding

Turn radar on every half hour for approximately 15 minutes to obtain fix and account for radar contacts. Keep radar on if large contacts in area. Keep checking indicator if radar energized.

Weather picked up over the night; radar started overheating again.

Sea is becoming quiet mod. Am making him stand in port duty; believe he is starting to turn to crap. Either shut times attitude or else persecuted attitude; such a child. Either ecstatic or dejected; little emotional control. At least he isn't as nervous as once before.

Mucho work was done yesterday. Learned how to short splice nylon line; different than working w/ manila. Small boat getting new paint job as is fwd hold (future paint locker). So good to have good boom chief.

NIGHT ORDERS

23 January 1968

1. Underway area IAI, South China Sea.
2. Unit is chopped to Red Catekill, CTG 17.5; assignment is to patrol within three miles of Red Catekill which is APA 215. She has her own boats in water in her vicinity for additional defensive protection. This unit to account for all movement within three miles of APA 215. Patrol at 300RPMs or 250RPMs. Beat Cua Viet sea buoy 0700H.
3. Operational net is S9 (37.50 mcs), using old squelch.
4. Patrol areas between beach and APA 215 within limits specified; if APA 215 moves over three miles from position in less than 1 hr., call me immediately. If she moves south, stay well clear of shoal areas off Cua Viet.
5. Upper towing light is energized to serve as aircraft warning light.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time and especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELBY	EWO
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0000-0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	—	<u>[Signature]</u>

Respectfully,
 W C Con
 Commanding

VC have hit village across from CG 11 last four days; over 10 VNA types have been killed and 20 wounded. Marines are making continual sweeps of area. Talked to coastal force jumb; he advised VC is for hostile activities. Faced out and recreation at the house known as rape and pillage. VC have mined river leading north and have machine gun emplacements along banks. Three American 'M' boats have been badly hit; using command detonating mines. So far we have been lucky; none of the boats were total losses.

Saw coastal force jumb anchored off Chu Viet anchorage off; we held almost steady.

Yesterday saw 7-10 NVA on beach less than one mile south of 17th. Expended 700 rds 50 cal / 15 rds HE. NVA fled beach before we could get good shots. Lulu, Cudy, Tucks came under attack and we were asked to attempt to locate mortar positions. Spatty A/C, Callahan 13, located suspected position & we fired 2 N6AS missiles to attempt to destroy. Fired 7 rds WP and 13 rds HE. Results negative except 2/1 on a mission came for day. Made big mistake on grid lines for first round and put me 1500 yds off target. Ouch. Just before that A/C had asked us if we were shooting up beach w/ big guns and commented about poor shooting after our miss. Didn't impress anyone w/ shooting of first mission - rats. I held to goof.

Many helos & ships in area while we are chopper to Red Cat hill for helo beach assault. Landed full battal last night.

Had trouble w/ radar & experienced first fog.

NIGHT ORDERS

24 January 1968

1. Underway area IAI under operational control of Moonfish 5, South China Sea.
2. Unit to patrol at 250 RPM at 1500-2000 yds off shore from Cua Viet to 3-4 miles north and back.
3. Energize radar every half hour for fix and for getting good contact picture of area. Keep clear of all contacts vicinity Cua Viet. Account for all contacts north of Cua Viet. Make use of EWO for night scope scanning in between radar fixes.
4. Guard 38.50 mcs as operational net. Night watch to submit routine SITREP and number as SITREP 2 BADGER CATCH. See earlier message for further info.
5. Keep clear of friendly activity on the beach; report to me action that appears to involve definite enemy contact.
6. Inform me of any operational orders from Moonfish 5. Call me at anytime and especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0300 H.

2000-2400	<u>DD</u>	<u>EWO</u>	<u>HELM</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>WV</u>	<u>XFB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>BDB</u>	<u>ABM</u>

Respectfully,
 W.C. Con
 Commanding

2. Special Operations on Hoachuan

23 1030H - sighted 8-10 NVA on beach at YD 7679; expended 15 RDS HE & 700 RDS 50 CAL. ^{off NVA files} ~~Called friend~~ ^{to} nonavailability of spotters A/C. Results unknown.

23 1215H - rec'd call from Candy Trucks 63A that they were taking incoming mortar and requested we check beach north of their position and try to locate mortar position. Spotters A/C located above suspected position. During course of afternoon ~~we~~ fired two N6FS missiles; expended 13 RDS HE and 7 RDS WP. Results unknown, however, no more incoming mortar was rec'd by Candy Trucks 63A.

23 2030H - Chopped to CTG 77.5 for Operation Badgercatch. Battalion of marines helo lifted into area north of Con Viet; big sweep now on.

24 1455H - Moonfish 5 (CTG 77.5) sighted junk purportedly taking pictures of LPH (Bear Cat) and requested we investigate. Junk ~~that~~ and fishermen thoroughly inspected and ^{chain} dragged bottom; nothing suspicious found. Also requested to investigate shiny object in water. Sighted oil can; sawb same.

25 0800H - ~~rec'd~~ ^{rec'd} from special ops.

25 1900H - ~~Spotters~~ ^{at bunker position} Fired requested H&I at YD 283 764; expended 12 RDS HE 400 RDS 50 cal; results unknown.

26 0630H - Fired requested H&I at bunker position YD 284 760; expended 12 RDS HE 400 RDS 50 cal.

26 1430H - Rec'd Cdr Huid / VIP

16 Jan - sunset } relief of Wilson as RTT

17 Jan - sunrise } sunset

18 Jan - sunrise } sunset } XO sign

19 Jan - sunrise

20 Jan - quarters } sunset } initial ^{additions} sunset - do not write
with full name

21 Jan - quarters sunrise

NIGHT ORDERS

25 January 1968

1. Underway in area 1A1 as Enfield Cobra Victor One on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Reville to be held 0600 H for all hands. Gunnion, 841, to instruct Tim in use and firing of 50 CAL before 0615 H. All hands are to be ready for General Quarters at that time.
3. Candy Trucks 63A (37.10 mcs) has requested this unit and Enfield Cobra A to keep a sharp lookout for troop movement at Oceanview, YD 291 155 which is a large break in existing tree line. ENC 'A' is going to concentrate his patrol in that area. Conduct our patrol at 300 RPM at 1500 - 2000 YDS from the beach except for area approach to Cue Velt as marked on the chart. Patrol from the northern to southern boundary.
4. Account for all contacts in the area, with radar or visual. Only US Forces should have vessels in area; any other are to be considered suspicious and must be taken in. Make constant use of the night scope, especially in area of Oceanview. Report any suspicious activity to me immediately.
5. Enfield Cobra 'A' is to fire H&I at 2330 H and 260400 H.

Stand well off from their position seaward and stay clear of gun line. They should call before each firing.

6. Radar to be checked half hourly by EWO and is to be operated continually. Martin, ET3, is to check radar personally every two hours; make sure he gets up and reports results to OOD. If any heating increase occurs, call me immediately and remove high voltage.

7. Wake me at 0230H and 0530H. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in any doubt as to any situation.

	OOD	EWO	HELM
2000-2400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0000-0400	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u> </u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Can
Commanding

3. Comment and suggestions:

Continued handling and ~~of~~ pay ops material; ^{attempted to} repaired
repair juul motor. Many people requesting medical attention.
Can we get consumables and supplies for the patrol in IC

Radon problems again second night out; repaired
upon arrival of parts.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

28 January 1968

1. Underway area 'C' as Enfield Cobra 'T' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 400 RPM at least 2000-3000 YDS from the beach; stay well clear of fuel barge south of Hue as marked on the chart. Double back occasionally in the northern portion of the area rather than continually patrolling from southern to northern boundaries.
3. Account for all radar and visual contacts; EWO and OOD to utilize night scope throughout watches.
4. Northern portion of area potential trouble infiltration point; keep an extra sharp watch.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>2MB</u>	<u>JMB</u>	<u>BLL</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>2Y</u>	<u>LLB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.G. J.</u>	<u>HBA</u>	<u>BOB</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Can
Commanding.

29 January

Just read flash traffic that trace was over; it suffered only one hour. Someone somewhere must have been hit bad.

Can still smell the gunpowder when we get near Cu Viet; very pungent as we were dropped 6 VNN off at 0611. Were informed by LT 'Sandy' that they had lost just the command detached mine just around the corner. No one killed.

McGill really ~~made~~ ^(Laska was replaced) riled me about relieving late; our continuing light animosity may have finally consolidated. I was very unkind to him on the radio; placed him on the receiving end of a very embarrassing transmission.

Spotted the persons running south on beach for 8-10 minutes after hearing gunfire. Strong possibility they were NVA; they hid in base line after they realized we were observing their actions. Happened just before dusk.

29 January 1968

1. Underway area 1'C' as Enfiled Cobra 'T' on Market Time patrol, South China Sea.
2. The truce is not in effect; regular rules of engagement apply.
3. I expect an active boarding program to be conducted equally throughout periods of darkness as well as during daytime. Small numbers of junks over 1500 yards off shore are to be boarded by the duty section of three men. Junk closer in are to be reported to me for disposition. Account for all visual and radar contacts. Be prepared at all times to provide me if I should ask ~~of~~ with a complete rundown of these contacts.
4. Run patrol at 400 RPMs at 1500 - 2000 yds from the beach. Keep clear of area near fuel buoy's off Hue as marked on the chart; also stay at least 2000 yds offshore from tug weeds to northern boundary. A large recoilless rifle is expected in that area. Be especially careful for contacts in this area; if any contacts are within the 2000 yds limit of this area, call me. Area is highly suspected as an infiltration point.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in

doubt. Wake me at 0600 H.

	OOD	HELM	FWO
2000-2400	<u>JAB</u>	<u>JMN</u>	<u>BKH</u>
0000-0400	<u>REG</u>	<u>AK</u>	<u>KCB</u>
0400-0800	<u>WAD</u>	<u>ABM</u>	<u>BOB</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Con
Commanding

Be AT NORTHERN BOUNDARY AT 0800 TO
SWITCH AREAS WITH V-1

29 1835 H - observed three (3) people running down beach after hearing several volleys of gunfire position YD 66 43; reported to Potter Spools but they took no action due to return of hour.

30 1005 H - observed two NVA entering bus line from sand dune just above Oceanview at YD 27 77; no spotty A/C available. Expended 5 rds HE and 300 rds 50 cal. Results unknown. # 2659P HST 102

31 0305 H - watch ^{radar} observed contact along the beach position YD 48 60; heavy fog made identification very difficult. Contact was LCU, ¹⁵⁰⁸ lost, with no radar and no fathometers; also negative contact with anyone. All LCUs controlled by clippings on 52.20 out of Cua Viet. Escorted 1508 to Cua Viet with infield Cobra V 1 assisting.

Radar was a dream entire patrol. Many junkies trail for shrimp in the area; can best be boarded with small boat and by directing those returning up current for another drag out to a PCF or the WPB.

~~1/2145~~ 012145 H - while on harbor anchorage patrol, spotted swimmers in water in conjunction with sightings by ARTICLE I and later at 2210 H by American Pacer. Area was well illuminated and searched; nothing found.

30 January 1968 .

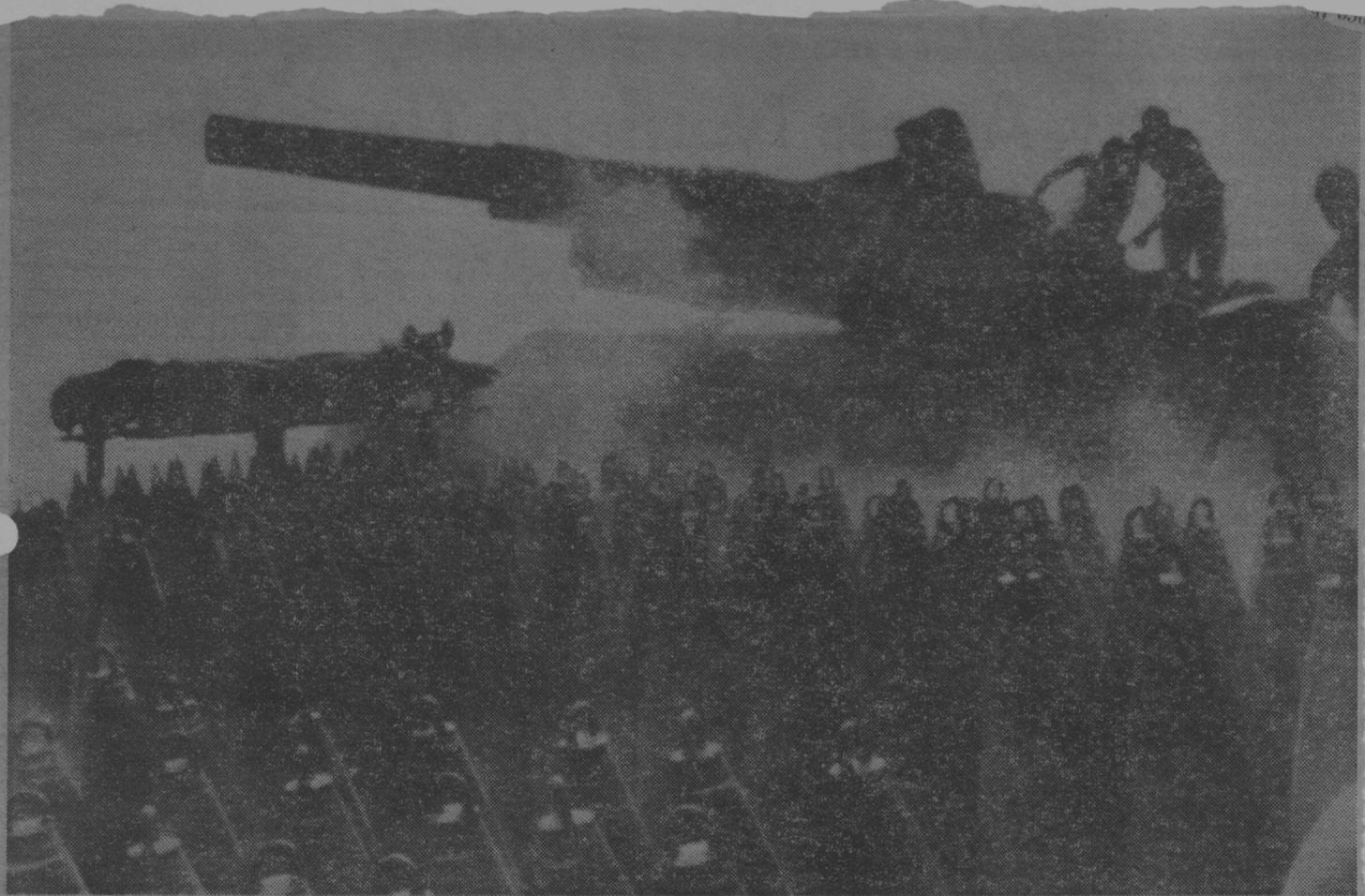
1. Underway area 'C' as Enfilled Cobra 'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 400 RPMs at 1500-2000 yds from the beach. Keep clear of fuel buoys in the area as marked on chart and stay at least 2000 yds off shore in area north of tug.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts; call me immediately if any small contacts are close in shore. Conduct active boarding of any junks off shore over 1500 yds. Use night scope.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0600H.
5. 'EP', Coastal Group 12, may be attacked tonight; keep a close listen on circuits for any traffic concerning such attack.

	OOD	EWO	HELIM	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>PHB</u>	<u>BYH</u>	<u>JMN</u>	W. C. Lan
0000-0400	<u>R.E.H.</u>	<u>XLB</u>	<u>SK</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>W.L.J.</u>	<u>D.P.B.</u>	<u>H.R.M.</u>	

Friendly casualties as of now were 273 US KIA, 450 WIA, 320 VN KIA, over 700 WIA / 3 allies KIA with 20 WIA. Civilian casualties will be fantastically high.

~~Coincidental~~ but I have an inkling of the traumatic experience that Sunday afternoon on 7 Dec 1941 must have been to those, all those caught unawares; reports have definite sense of urgency. A Hawaii's song program is in process. US forces are in a grave situation.

Understand the DaNang is under heavy fighting especially in bridge complex area post 3rd Mar. WPB's and PCF's are underway every night until dusk; enemy swimmers are feared. A lot of ships could go up.



AP Radiophoto

BIG GUNS LIKE THIS 8-INCHER CONTINUE TO FIRE IN SUPPORT OF KHE SANH AS AREA TET TRUCE IS CANCELED

Reds Shell Da Nang, Attack Nha Trang

Compiled From AP and UPI

DA NANG, Vietnam — Communist forces launched a heavy rocket attack Tuesday against the U.S. airbase here. Fighting also broke out in Nha Trang, an American base and popular seaside resort.

Only hours earlier, U.S. and South Vietnamese authorities had announced that the threat to South Vietnam's northern

quarter was so severe the 36-hour Lunar New Year truce would be disregarded there.

At Da Nang, the Communists struck at 3:37 a.m., slamming in 40 rockets in a furious 17-minute attack and then lobbing in occasional rockets for another hour to harass fire fighters.

Marine spokesmen reported at least five planes destroyed

and another damaged. First reports said American casualties were light, with only two Air Force men wounded. Another eight men were said to have been slightly hurt as they scrambled for bunkers.

One of the rocket rounds reportedly cratered a runway of the sprawling air base.

The village of Ap Ba, just south of the base, was also hit.

About 15 or 20 homes in the town were burned to the ground.

The raid touched off several secondary explosions on the Da Nang base. Marine spokesmen said some damage was done to an ammunition depot.

At Nha Trang, the fighting erupted at about 1:15 a.m.

Details of the fighting were not immediately available. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

BULLETIN

SAIGON (S&S) — South Vietnam and her allies ended their scheduled 36-hour war truce at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday because of repeated Communist violations of the cease-fire. The truce started at 6 p.m. Monday and was to have run until 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Da Nang—

(Continued From Page 1)

American military policemen blocked off the center of the city and battled the attackers.

At least five persons were shot to death in the center of the city, two of them Viet Cong who were gunned down near an American officers' billet.

The attack was apparently aimed at the U.S. Military Assistance Command compound in downtown Nha Trang.

Nha Trang, about 200 miles northeast of Saigon, has a large American air base and houses the headquarters for all U.S. Special Forces troops in Vietnam along with the headquarters of Lt. Gen. William B. Rosson, commander of the U.S. I Field Force.

Reporting cancellation of the truce in the northern sector a few hours earlier, U.S. and South Vietnamese officials in Saigon said the enemy had four or five divisions—40,000 to 50,000 men—along the Demilitarized Zone and over the border in Laos. It includes a new enemy unit, the 320th Div., the officials said.

"The threat is serious up there," a senior U.S. spokesman asserted. "It is not militarily logical to let the enemy have 36 hours of resupply and movement while we sit there and get hit."

Another senior U.S. officer said: "There are three divisions in the Khe Sanh area, and possibly a fourth. It is something I would label an invasion. It is no longer just infiltration."

U.S. officials also said air raids would continue during the truce period in North Vietnam's southern panhandle for a distance of about 25 miles north of the DMZ to Vinh on the northern coast.

The Allied Tet cease-fire went into effect elsewhere at 6 p.m.

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— NIGHT ORDERS —

31 January 1968

1. Underway area 'C' as Enfield Cobra 'T' on Market Tinn Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 400 RPMs at 1500 YDS offshore from northern boundary to the northern bank of entrance to the New River. Do not go south of that entrance. If visibility decreases to less than 1 mile, reduce speed and call me.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts; be sure to log all contacts as identified or as having properly replied to challenges. Conduct boarding of all junks in area only 1500 yds off shore; they shouldn't be out until about 0530H.
4. Holiday routine tomorrow until departure from station at which time a complete washdown will be held. Hold no meals except for watch standers.
5. Coastal Group 12 may come under attack tonight; we will receive a call on 37.50 mcs if help is needed. Call us if you observe an attack.

6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

2000-2400

WCB

HELM
JMK

EWG
Bkk

0600-0400

BEY

SLR

A2B

0400-0800

DAJ

HBM

BOB

Respectfully,

WCB

Commanding

Cui Lai, Phu Bai, Tan Son Nhut & other air bases hit badly, Da Nang
air bases hit by rockets and over 70 ROK mortar followed by ground
attacks, US Embassy held for six hours by VC, 5000 infiltrators known to
be in Saigon, VC control part of city of Hue, tremendous build up
of NVA south of DMZ. B-52's and heavy artillery polluting air with
acid gun powder; it collected in the streets. Night lit again and
again with 500 lb bombs, HE explosions, WP, Napalm, ~~and illuminators~~
illuminators seems a secondary source. US & allied forces have killed
over 4,400 VC & NVA in less than three days. (The French thought they
were winning until loss of Dien Bien Phu because they were killing
so many.) The enemy has certainly gained a propaganda victory.
How many ~~100,000~~ hundreds of thousands of peasants have we
again lost to their cause.

Called Pistol Pete to get additional info on enemy activity
in Hue; their units trying to secure LCD docks for out going LCD's;
fighting throughout the city. VC in quantity throughout area.

1240H - radio just announced that military courier extended
until further notice in Saigon; also two full barracks have been
ordered to duty stations by US Mission - to be transferred under armed
escort. Ruined terrible Hawaiian song.

MACV annex ~~5000~~ ^{Nearly 5000} enemy killed in last 54 hrs. Page Comm, TFK air
Boa 1 F2
Jawans, Saigon
1/245H - US Embassy, GHO, RYK, Alaba Base / Transport
Co, CORDS, an electronics co, and USAID civilian personnel just
ordered to remain in quarters until all clear is finally sounded.
Instructions for reporting to work will be given over the radio.

VC HIT SAIGON

Reds Invade Embassy, Air Base

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Thursday, Feb. 1, 1968

SAIGON (UPI)—Viet Cong forces launched heavy attacks against Saigon Wednesday. Guerrillas fought their way into the U.S. Embassy and occupied five floors of it for several hours.

Other Reds invaded Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport and battled American and Vietnamese troops and tanks.

American military policemen fought around the gleaming, new embassy for more than four hours. Helicopters dropped troops onto a roof-top pad to help rout the Communist suicide squad.

Radio reports from the embassy reported at 9:15 a.m. that it was secure and said 19 Viet Cong had been killed inside.

American casualties were reported as eight dead with an unknown number wounded.

Another 21 U.S. military police were killed while defending the military billets.

A U.S. spokesman said Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker was not in the embassy when it was attacked.

"There were no senior officials in there," the spokesman said.

The Communists bombed at least four American military hotels in Saigon and struck Independence Palace, the office of President Nguyen Van Thieu, with rockets and mortars in a pre-dawn raid. There was fighting in the streets near the palace.

The headquarters of the South Vietnamese military also came under ground attack.

The attacks were the most audacious of the new Communist offensive which erupted in eight cities Tuesday.

The attacks in Saigon began shortly before midnight. One of the American billets was reported still under heavy attack at mid-morning.

The Communist force fought defenders on three sides of Tan Son Nhut and then battled their way inside the barbed wire.

The military police made several assaults against the Embassy but the Viet Cong threw grenades and drove them back.

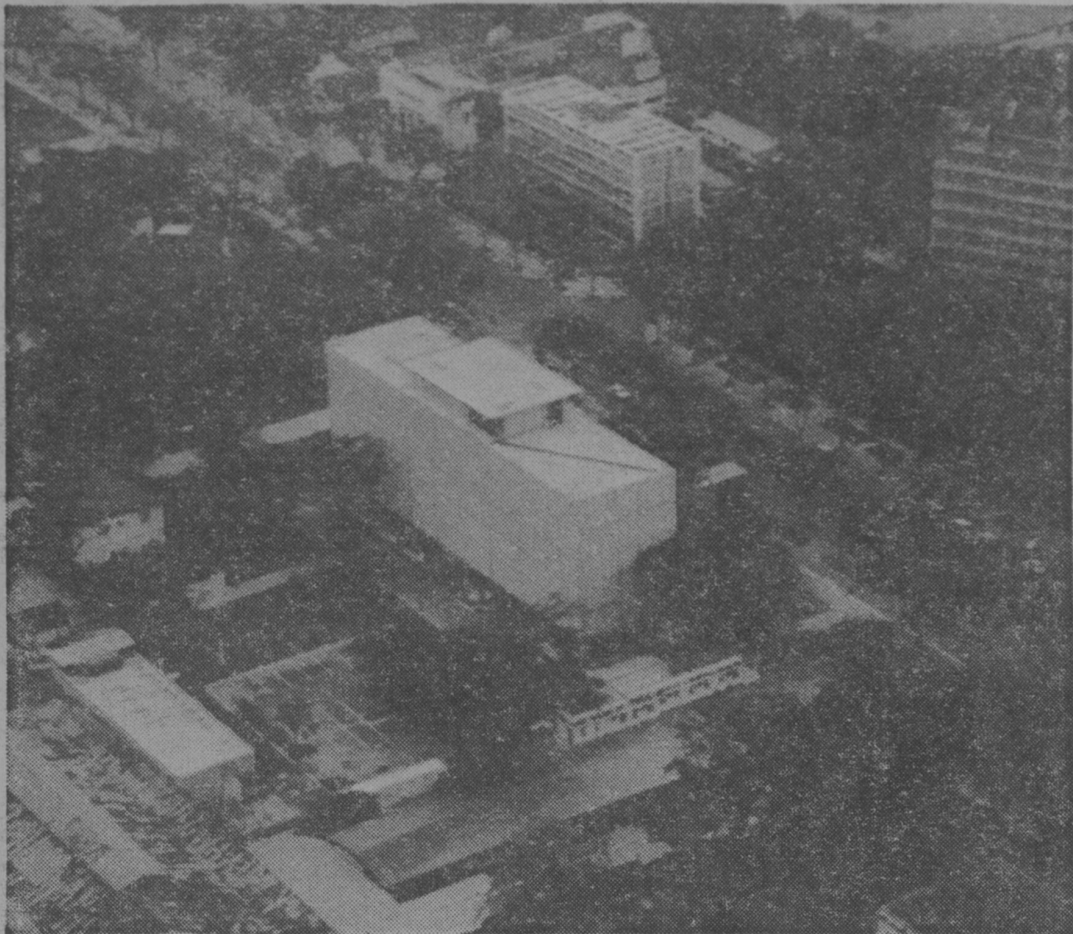
Saigon Radio also was attacked. A U.S. tank that came to rescue it was knocked out. But at mid-morning it broadcast a curfew announcement by Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky.

Viet Cong terrorists stole an American jeep with a .50-caliber machine gun mounted on the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)



A South Vietnamese soldier fires from behind an improvised right background. At left is a fleeing man, and more furniture used by soldiers as barricades. (AP Radiophoto)

Viet Cong Invade U.S. Embassy, Air Base



U.S. EMBASSY BUILDING AND COMPOUND IN SAIGON, INVADDED BY VC.

AP Radiophoto

Report 1 Pueblo Man Dead, Others Being Treated Well

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department said Tuesday the government has received a report that one member of the crew of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo, seized by the North Koreans, is dead. But the department spokesman, Asst. Secretary of Defense Phil G. Goulding, said, "We are not able to confirm the reliability" of this report, or of other re-

ports that the 83-man crew is being treated properly by North Korea and that the wounded have been given medical care.

Goulding noted that White House press secretary George Christian had told newsmen earlier of hearing reports that the crew is being properly treated.

"The government still has no firm information on injured or wounded among the crew of the

USS Pueblo," Goulding said in a statement.

Brief messages received by radio from the Pueblo at the time she was seized off North Korea Jan. 23 indicated that three or four men had been wounded or injured, Goulding said. He described this as constituting "our only firsthand knowledge."

When Christian supplied the word on reports that the crew was being properly treated he did not identify the source of the information or say how much credence the government placed in it.

So far, Christian said, there have been no reports received from the international committee of the Red Cross which is seeking to intervene on behalf of the 83-man crew of the Pueblo.

President Johnson was awakened before dawn Tuesday for reports on new Communist attacks in South Vietnam, and held meetings with Democratic congressional leaders to review the situation in Vietnam and North Korea.

Republican leaders will be briefed and kept advised on the developments in these areas, Christian said.

(Continued From Page 1)

back and drove it through the streets.

Viet Cong forces also invaded the residence of one of Bunker's assistants, Col. George Jacobson, mission coordinator, and occupied the bottom floor for several hours while Jacobson holed up in the floor above.

MPs finally charged the residence, next to the Embassy and routed the Viet Cong.

The attacks were part of the largest terror offensive yet launched by the Communists. The Reds ushered in the Lunar

SAIGON (S&S)—Pacific Stars and Stripes Vietnam Bureau, in a late report from Saigon, listed these developments:

—A demolition team was disarming two mortar rounds fired into MACV headquarters near Tan Son Nhut Airport.

—An MP machine-gun patrol jeep was blown up in Saigon, killing two military policemen.

—The Viet Cong set up a machine gun in front of a bowling alley and opened fire. Vietnamese tanks were heading for the scene.

New Year early Tuesday with attacks against eight major cities, at least three American airfields and some 20 to 30 towns and military positions throughout the country.

Early Wednesday they were at it again.

Military spokesman said the huge Marine helicopter park at Da Nang's Marble Mountain was hit with rockets early Wednesday for the second day.

Can Tho, a key government city in the Mekong Delta and headquarters of the IV Corps Region was attacked.

At Kontum, the Military Assistance Command headquarters was under heavy attack early Wednesday. Fighting also was reported in Ban Man Thuot and light action at Pleiku.

(The U.S. helicopter assault on the Embassy began about 8:35 a.m., with the choppers swooping in over downtown Saigon rooftops to unload troops, AP said.)

(By 8:55 a.m., the U.S. forces had secured the grounds of the Embassy and troops were working their way through the building to flush out remaining Viet Cong.)

(By that time, 17 Viet Cong bodies had been counted in the Embassy grounds.)

(Other Viet Cong were known to be in the basement of the building and possibly on other floors. They also were in a two-story building behind the Embassy, and gunfire was coming from both buildings.)

(The white embassy building, opened only last November, was badly shot up and the Great Seal of the United States was knocked by bullets from the wall above the entrance.)

(The body of one Vietnamese Embassy employe was found on

the grounds. In the street in front was a black sedan that had been shot up when it failed to halt. The driver was believed to have been mortally wounded.)

On Tuesday, the Communists quickly ended a planned 36-hour holiday truce when they attacked seven provincial capitals and the city of Da Nang. *Pacific Stars & Stripes* Vietnam Bureau reported.

The U.S. command acknowledged "full scale" attacks on Kontum, Ban Me Thuot, Nha Trang, Hoi An, Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon and Pleiku. Ton Canh, a village in the Dak To area, was reported burned.

The attack on Kontum cost the enemy 139 dead while the defenders lost 9 dead and 50 wounded.

At Ban Me Thout, A Vietnamese Army regiment reported finding 150 Communist bodies. The Vietnamese reported 20 friendly troops killed and 46 wounded.

Fighting was reported in the streets and a Viet Cong group was holding out in Nha Trang late Tuesday afternoon. The city is the site of I Field Force headquarters, which controls all U.S. forces in the II Corps zone.

Sources said 32 Reds had been killed in Nha Trang.

At Da Nang, six planes were destroyed and one Marine killed in a rocket attack on the U.S. air base. In the city itself, reports said 64 enemy soldiers were killed and 231 suspects detained. A Red squad reportedly penetrated I Corps headquarters in the city before being driven off.

At Qui Nhon, an estimated two platoons of Reds were reported to have occupied a radio station and maintenance building. The Reds were reported to be dug in but surrounded by nightfall.

At least 28 Reds were reported killed in Qui Nhon.

Diplomat Kills Cong

SAIGON (AP) — A senior American diplomat, trapped in an upstairs room during the fight for the U.S. Embassy, fought a duel with a Viet Cong suicide squad man and killed him with a pistol thrown up to his room from outside.

The diplomat, U.S. Mission coordinator George Jacobson, 56, blasted the wounded Viet Cong with two rounds from the .45.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central

TEMPERATURES

Jan. 30

H L		H L	
Bangkok	91 73	Naha	66 63
Chitose	25 -7	Soigon	88 73
Gum	80 68	Seoul	27 14
Holulu	46 28	Taipei	66 61
Manila	84 68	Tokyo	52 34
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Albany	36 33	Memphis	69 55
Albuquerque	58 32	Miami	73 69
Amarillo	50 42	Milwaukee	48 35
Atlanta	68 43	Moscow	23 14
Birmingham	72 47	N. Orleans	73 59
Bismarck	64 20	NYC	39 36
Boise	38 29	N. Platte	31 15
Boston	35 32	Okla. City	65 45
Chicago	52 40	Omaha	26 18
Cincinnati	54 47	Paris	48 37
Cleveland	46 38	Phila.	47 38
Denver	41 23	Phoenix	66 45
Des Moines	39 25	Pittsburgh	45 39
Detroit	43 35	Port., O.	31 25
Duluth	29 03	Rapid City	29 -2
Fargo	07 -2	Reno	45 32
Fort Worth	68 62	Richmond	66 33
Hong Kong	75 60	Singapore	88 72
Honolulu	81 62	St. Louis	65 47
Houston	74 60	St. Paul	25 08
Indianapolis	51 43	Salt Lake	44 21
Jackville	74 51	S. Antonio	73 62
Jakarta	85 72	Son Diego	59 45
Kansas City	60 36	Son Fron.	53 46
K. Lumpur	88 73	Seattle	35 29
Los Vegas	55 28	Shreveport	74 53
London	52 48	Sydney	79 71
L.A.	58 40	Tucson	63 46
Louisville	55 49	Wash.	57 35
Meibourne	88 64		

Bunker Safe In VC Raid

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker was whisked safely away from his residence under heavy guard early Wednesday when Viet Cong attacked and seized the American Embassy in Saigon.

Bunker's residence is about five blocks from the Embassy.

U.S. officials would say only that the 74-year-old Bunker was safe, but refused to give any clue as to where he was taken.

He had been scheduled to leave for Nepal Tuesday to visit his wife, who is the ambassador there, but the trip was canceled.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

2 February 1968

1. Underway southern area of 1'F' as Article '21' off Marble Mountains on Da Nang Perimeter Defense Patrol.
2. Patrol area as marked on chart at 280 RPHS choosing courses at random. Do not under any circumstances enter small cove located at bottleneck in north west corner of patrol area without calling me first. OODs to carefully examine combat chart and note shoal water in the area. Stay at least 1000 yds off shore with the exception of the cove as noted above; stay at least 3000 yds off shore in that area.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts; EWO to stand tight radar watch in addition to the OOD. The night scope is to be used frequently by each. There should be no fishermen or any junk traffic whatsoever; call me immediately if there is. Do not close to less than ^{200 yds. of a contact} _{unless positively identified} to the bridges; insure that at least five rds of illumination are in the ready boxes ready for immediate use.
4. Report any suspicious activity on the beach to me; also, there should be no traffic in the surf line.

5. Maintain comms with Peewee, Article, and Fudge Cake (46.70); Fudge Cake is call sign for friendly forces on Marble Mountain. Coastal Group 14, Echo Papa, is Mis Direct on 49.20mc at coordinates BT 205 570; we may be called down to assist if she comes under attack.

6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2300H, 0200H, and 0430H ~~at these times~~; make sure I get up. I intend to make an inshore inspection of the cone each of these times.

	OOD	HELM	EWG
2000-2400	<u>RAF</u>	<u>JmH</u>	<u>BKH</u>
0000-0400	<u>REG</u>	<u>WJH</u>	<u>KJB</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.A.I.</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>BOS</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Cox
Commanding

Frantic Battle Saves U.S. Embassy

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Total for 54 Hours

5,000 REDS DIE IN RAIDS



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AMERICAN MP'S LEAD A VIET CONG AWAY FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY DURING WEDNESDAY'S ATTACK IN SAIGON.

80,000 Stage Anti-Red Rally in Seoul

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SEOUL — Thousands of angry Korean students and citizens burned an effigy of North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung in City Hall Plaza and loudly denounced the hijacking of the Pueblo and the Communist attempt to assassinate ROK President Chung Hee Park.

The 10-foot image was splashed with gasoline and set

ablaze after 80,000 persons, mostly industrial workers and black-clad middle and high school students, crowded Seoul Stadium to hear Mayor Kim Hyun Ok and other speakers assail the ship seizure and the assassination attempt that ended with most of the would-be killers dead.

Other exhorted the crowd in frigid Seoul Stadium to prepare both the South Korean populace

and military to repulse further attacks that might include an all-out North Korean invasion.

They demanded that the four remaining infiltrators of the 31 discovered near Park's residence at Blue House Jan. 21 be tracked down and killed.

Three ROK Army veterans of Vietnam slashed their fingertips and scrawled in blood on banners: "Kill Kim Il Sung" and

"Fight for Reunification."

Hundreds of colored banners called for the return of the Pueblo and her crew, the defection of North Koreans, the death of the remaining infiltrators and for citizens to steel themselves for a second invasion and another war.

The Seoul rally marked the fifth day of demonstrations all over the republic. It fitted the

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SAIGON (AP)—For the handful of Americans inside the glossy white U.S. Embassy, the fight that began at 2:54 a.m. Wednesday was one of survival.

The 19 Viet Cong commandos who blasted their way through the embassy's ornate concrete outside wall with explosive charges made it clear early that they intended to stay until they were killed, and to take as many Americans with them as they could.

For the young soldiers of the 716th Military Police Bn., crawling along the exposed gutters and sidewalks toward the besieged embassy, the mission was to clean out the enemy before he could get inside the building.

The Viet Cong planned the embassy attack well.

They dressed some of their commandos in the black pajamas of the Vietnamese peasant, others in the white shirts of the

Saigon white collar worker. All carried perfectly forged curfew passes.

When the attack began, those in white shirts fastened the top button as a mark of identification. Those in peasant garb pulled red armbands up their sleeves.

At the designated time, enemy mortars and rockets began crashing down on the capital.

The Communist commandos sprinted down the wide treelined boulevard, dodging

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from trunk to trunk. The Vietnamese guards outside the embassy were crouched down to avoid the incoming shells. The Viet Cong laid the charge in an instant. The loud explosion blew in the northern corner of the embassy outer wall and they were inside.

The first shell fired against Saigon sent window glass spraying over the bed of

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SAIGON (AP)—Nearly 5,000 Communists have been killed in 54 hours of savage fighting that has swept across South Vietnam, the U.S. Military Command said Thursday.

The soaring casualty toll was announced as sharp firefights erupted again Thursday in outlying sections of Saigon and heavy action was reported in other areas of the country.

Command spokesmen said 4,959 enemy were killed in action during the period from 6 p.m. Monday to midnight Wednesday. Another 1,862 persons were seized as Viet Cong suspects.

U.S. casualties for the period were listed at 232 killed and 929 wounded. South Vietnamese government casualties were 300 killed and 747 wounded, spokesmen said. Other Allied casualties were put at three killed and 22 wounded.

The bloodiest general fighting of the war broke out after the enemy launched a series of devastating lunar new year (Tet) attacks on South Vietnam's major cities and on key Allied airfields and other military installations.

South Vietnamese authorities said 650 Viet Cong were killed in Saigon alone in less than two days of fighting.

The Communists captured capital 400 miles north of Sai-

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Miss Your Paper?

Sorry, fellows. We're having trouble getting the news to you because Charlie's been making too much news, disrupting aerial deliveries of Pacific Stars and Stripes. If you miss your paper a day or so, we're really sorry—not just "sorry 'bout that." We'll do our best. Bear with us.

Frantic Battle Saves Embassy in Saigon

(Continued From Page 1) the tall, graying U.S. Mission coordinator, George Jacobson, a veteran of nine years in Vietnam and a retired Army colonel.

Hearing heavy weapons fire in the embassy grounds below, he grasped the only weapon he had, an M26 grenade, and waited.

At 2:53 a.m. in the floodlit embassy lobby, Sgt. Ronald W. Harper of Cambridge, Minn., the senior Marine guard, was idling away the hours before dawn.

"Explosions, bangs, thumps crashed all around me," the 20-year-old Harper said later. "I figured the VC were coming in. I slammed the heavy wooden embassy doors shut and as I did so a rocket, probably a 3.5mm, hit the window and the side of the door, wounding my Marine buddy in the arms, face and legs and throwing me to the ground."

A few seconds later a Viet Cong sapper dropped a grenade through the smashed embassy window. Soon afterwards another rocket smashed through the door.

Rockets fired from across the road tore four jagged holes in the concrete lattice-work facade of the building. Bullets tore into the scalloped portico.

One Marine guard in the embassy fell dead and seven others, including Harper, were wounded, the sergeant only lightly. Two Vietnamese embassy drivers were cut down by bullets.

In his two-story frame house 50 feet from the embassy, Jacobson casually talked over the telephone to his friends and superiors.

Phone lines to the guards in the embassy were cut but he knew that one Marine was wounded seriously and needed evacuation, that one was dead, and that the handful of civilians working late in the upstairs floors were still safe.

The Viet Cong, meanwhile, searched in darkness for another entrance to the building. The cherrywood doors of the main entrance, although battered by rockets and grenades, held fast.

One part of the Viet Cong force was trying to hold off the American relief troops with grenades and small arms fire while the other part looked for a good place to plant explosives.

Pfc. Paul Healey of Holbrook, Mass., called from his U.S. military police patrol, was crawling up near the outer wall. He lost one buddy killed, then another, and he was pinned down.

Other military police had scaled an apartment house opposite the embassy and their heavy fire into the embassy garden cut down some of the sappers.

Capt. Robert O'Brien, 36, of Marshfield, Mass., commander of a fresh U.S. Marine guard unit, decided a counterattack in the darkness would be too costly.

By radio, he asked those inside the embassy if they could hold out until dawn. They said they would try.

But the wounded Marine needed immediate evacuation. A helicopter was called to land on the heli-pad on the embassy roof.

At 5:30 a.m. its bright floodlights picked out the pad but the Viet Cong drove it away with a fusillade from the ground.

Fifteen miles away a battalion from the "Screaming Eagles," the 101st Airborne Div., was seeking Viet Cong sappers who had infiltrated the Bien Hoa air base.

Maj. Hillel Schwartz, 33, of Tacoma, Wash., newly arrived in Vietnam, was called urgently

to his field radio and told his first helicopter assault in Vietnam would be against his own embassy.

Crouched outside the embassy, Healey and a score of others were quietly given the order to move.

"My job was to open the front gate and get inside," Healey said. He slammed against it with his shoulder and he was inside, sprawled on the dewy grass.

Schwartz and two platoons of his "Screaming Eagles" paratroopers roared over the embassy roof but again the Viet Cong opened up with heavy fire and Schwartz had to turn away.

As grenades and automatic weapons fire poured out at Healey and his buddies, they presumed that the Viet Cong had occupied the lower floors of the embassy building. Not so, Harper said later: "They tried to get in, they nearly got in. But in the end they did not make it."

By 8 a.m. the military policemen had cautiously occupied the 30-foot wide lawn between the embassy building and the outside fence and were preparing to enter the building.

With the outside grounds apparently clear, the troop-laden helicopters were called back.

From the first chopper, Schwartz and six other paratroopers leaped to the roof. Eight seconds later the helicopter was gone and another was hovering in. It was a perfect assault in the most unusual circumstances of the war, but too late for the kill. Moving down through the six-story structure, the paratroopers found no resistance.

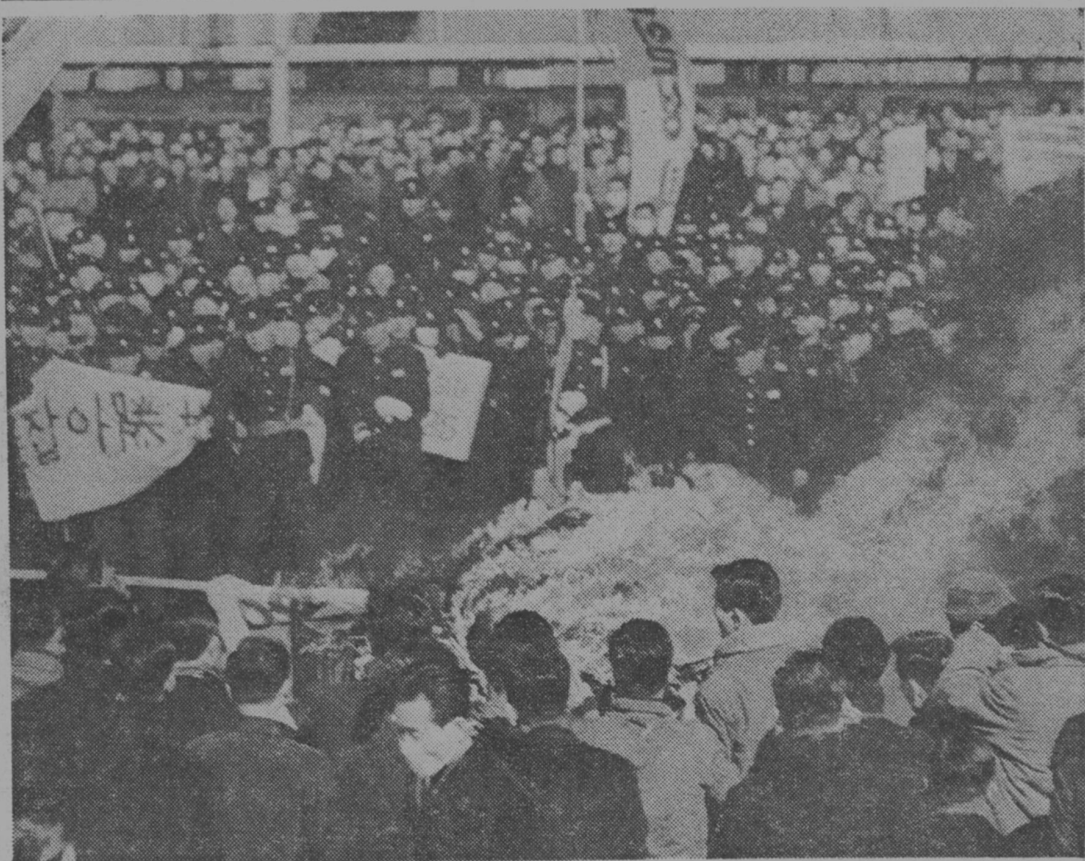
Jacobson had been waiting quietly and his house was the final building in the compound checked out by the relief forces.

Healey entered the ground floor and was nearly killed when a guerrilla in black pajamas stepped from a bathroom and fired at him.

The military policemen called for tear gas to drive the guerrilla outside, and threw a gas mask and a .45-caliber pistol up to Jacobson on the second floor.

As the diplomat was pulling on his mask the wounded guerrilla staggered upstairs and fired three shots at him with an M16. Jacobson took aim and killed him with two shots.

The battle for the embassy was over.



South Korean students and citizens burn an effigy of North Korean Premier Il Sung Kim in front of the Seoul City Hall during anti-Communist rallies Wednesday. (S&S)

MACV Knew Enemy's Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House said Wednesday, the American Command in Saigon had "advance information" on the actual day the Viet Cong would launch its coordinated attacks across South Vietnam.

George Christian, President Johnson's news secretary, said information collected by American and Vietnamese intelligence was to the effect that terrorist activities would begin in South Vietnam at the start of Tet, the lunar New Year, even though the Communists had proclaimed a cease-fire for the holiday period.

The President met Wednesday with Democratic and Republican leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations committees.

(Continued From Page 1) prevailing mood in Seoul.

An Associated Press report, based on a random poll of Seoul citizens, said, "There was a lot of talk about too much talk by the United States at the present time." A bank clerk said about the Pueblo seizure and other incidents, "Action, that's all the Communists ever understand."

Lee Byung Doo, vice director of the ROK Central Intelligence Agency, was quoted in a UPI report as saying the U.S. should blast all major North Korean cities with massive air strikes. Lee said a raid on Wonsan, where the Pueblo was taken after the seizure, would be inadequate and might provoke a North Korean invasion.

ROK Foreign Minister Choi Kyu Hah, according to AP, said his government "categorically

opposed" any American moves to place the main emphasis of the current crisis on the Pueblo and less on other Communist moves.

There was a one-day lull in hostilities and flare-ups along the demilitarized zone during Lunar New Year's Day, AP reported, but by late Tuesday four separate infiltration attempts had been repulsed by 2nd Inf. Div. troops.

Bombing Target That Talks Back

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (UPI)—The Waikato Skindrivers Club has complained that the New Zealand Air Force had been using them for bombing practice.

The club said one plane dropped five bombs around their lair as they swam near volcanic White Island. No injuries were reported.

The Air Force said it was investigating.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central				
TEMPERATURES				
Jan. 31				
	H	L	H	
Bangkok	91	73	Naha	61
Chitose	13	-4	Saigon	88
Guam	89	77	Seoul	21
Hazuke	34	32	Taipei	59
Manila	88	68	Tokyo	43
	H	L	H	
Albany	38	34	L.A.	61
Albuquerque	55	27	Louisville	55
Amarillo	63	34	Melbourne	104
Atlanta	69	44	Memphis	62
Birmingham	68	48	Miami	72
Bismarck	32	-6	Moscow	23
Boise	38	33	N. Orleans	72
Boston	40	33	NYC	42
Chicago	40	33	Okla. City	41
Cincinnati	35	32	Omaha	40
Cleveland	49	40	Paris	48
Denver	36	34	Phila.	49
Des Moines	58	17	Phoenix	70
Detroit	44	18	Pittsburgh	43
Duluth	36	30	Port., O.	39
Fairbanks	18	-17	Reno	37
Fa. go	-15	-32	Richmond	70
Fort Worth	31	04	Singapore	87
Hong Kong	56	49	St. Louis	39
Honolulu	63	59	St. Paul	36
Houston	79	62	Salt Lake	48
Indo'polis	76	64	S. Antonio	71
Jacksonville	41	37	Son Diego	59
Kansas City	77	46	Son Fran.	49
K. Lumpur	83	72	Seattle	49
Los Vegas	38	24	Shreveport	38
London	91	72	Sydney	68
	59	30	Tucson	81
	54	46	Wash.	72
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5,000 Reds Die in Attacks

(Continued From Page 1) gon, and seized control of half of Kontum in the central highlands. Two other major cities along the coastline in the north, Nha Trang and Qui Nhon, came under fresh mortar attacks and ground probes for the third straight day.

President Nguyen Van Thieu declared martial law throughout the nation in the wake of the Wednesday attacks against the U.S. Embassy and military and civilian installations from Hue to the Mekong Delta.

The U.S. Command reported shortly after midnight that the situation in Saigon was under control, but soon afterward the Viet Cong blew up a power station in the Cholon section and attacked two national police stations there.

The two police stations in Cholon were attacked within 30 minutes of each other with 40 to 50 Viet Cong blazing away with small arms and machine guns, informants said.

There were several minor attacks on U.S. installations in Saigon, where at least 12 U.S. soldiers and Marines were

killed in fending off a guerrilla onslaught at the U.S. Embassy and other installations Wednesday.

In the western suburbs, 300 Viet Cong attacked the headquarters of the South Vietnamese 25th Inf. Div.

Communist mortars hammered the big U.S. airfield, the 1st Field Force Artillery headquarters and the 5th Special Forces headquarters at Nha Trang, on the coast 190 miles northeast of Saigon, in another phase of a Red drive launched Tuesday at the outset of the greatest of the Vietnamese holidays, the lunar new year Tet.

While claiming a heavy toll on allied installations, the Communist high command sacrificed manpower at an unusual rate.

Military spokesmen said allied forces had killed 2,643 Communist troops across the country in the 48 hours up to noon Wednesday, more than are usually killed in a week.

Preliminary reports said 68 Americans and 78 South Vietnamese soldiers died in the action, which would mean the Red detachments were losing 10 men

NIGHT ORDERS

3 February 1968

1. Underway on harbor barrier patrol as marked on chart.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs or less depending upon traffic in area; choose random courses so that area is well covered.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts; log same. No junks should be in area before 0600H. Do not approach any unidentified contact under 750 yds without first calling me to the bridge.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

0400-0800

OOD

W.G. Y

HELN

AT

EYO

BRS

Respectfully,

W.C. C

Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

4 February 1968

1. Underway on DaNang Harbor Entrance Barrier Patrol as Article 'F.'
2. Patrol area as marked on chart at 300 RPMs or less depending upon traffic in area; choose random courses so that area is more or less well covered. Do not close the beach under 2000 rpm and be especially careful of charted rocks in southwestern corner of area.
3. Account for all visual and radar contacts; log all challenges and replies. Keep an accurate log of all contacts transiting the barrier. There should be absolutely no junkies in the area before 0600H; intelligence indicates the NVA may use junkies to transport troops south to Monkey Mt. / Marble Mt. Do not close any unidentified contact to less than 750 yds without first calling me.
4. Guard freq. 33.30 mcs, 52B, and Perimeter push. A change in ^{message} area may be ordered by Article at any time; call me if any traffic concerning same.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2330H, 0300H, & 0530H.

2000-2400

Fulcher

B&K

H&M

Respectfully,

0000-0400

REY

J&T

K&G

W & Lan

0400-0800

D.A.J.

J&M

B&S

Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

5 February 1968

1. Underway area I'F' as Enfield Cobra Quebec on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.

2. Patrol at 300 RPMs or under from Marble Mt. complex as southern limit of area around and up to DaNang Harbor Barrier Patrol limits which is in approximate vicinity of charted off shore rocks in the harbor. Stay 1500 - 2500 yds from the beach; stay well clear of rocks in cove in northwestern area of southern shore line of peninsula. Make two sweeps of the southern peninsula to each sweep to northern most limit.

3. Account for all contacts as usual and log new authorized contacts into and out of the area. No junks are to be transiting any area at any time from dusk to dawn; no junks whatsoever in restricted areas. Any junks fishing must be at anchor and well lighted; all junks not adhering to these standards is to be considered extremely suspicious.

4. Do not close any unidentified contacts ^{to} under 750 yds without calling me to the bridge.

5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0100H / 0500H.

	OOD	HELM	EWB
2000-2400	<u>Reatcher</u>	<u>SRM</u>	<u>1344</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>XSB</u>
0400-0800	<u>L.G.J.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>BOB</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Lan
Commanding

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FM ARTICLE

To FLIP FLOP

BT

VNCLAS

"All indications are that tonight is push for DaNang area. All units be especially alert."

BT

an ominous pale

~~Aspect~~ hangs over DaNang harbor; seas are building from 5ft to expected 10-12 ft, winds up from 15 kts to 20-25. Very cold, overcast, ^{mountain} ~~mountain~~ north shadowed with low grey clouds, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{installations} ~~installations~~ and NVA guests. Dril is very edgy; believe he knows what is coming and fears for his children at home. He is also, characteristically, ~~is~~ sea sick.

~~Some~~

atmosphere is tense; three LCU's loaded with troops & equipment at anchor or moving in and out of harbor; also one LCHP here too. Many troop planes ~~in~~ in flight approach; helicopter and spotters planes canvassing the entire area constantly.

Rumble of bombs occasionally. Cruise
menacing & kills north of harbor

— NIGHT ORDERS —

6 February 1968

1. Underway area I'F' as Enfield Cobra 'Q' on Market Time Patrol, South China Seas.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs or slightly under off Coastal Group 14, ER, from approximately three miles north to two miles south keeping clear of all shoal water by at least 2000 yds. Area of patrol and danger areas are marked on the chart; be especially careful of shoals directly east of Coast Group 14.
3. VNN PGM 'India Victor' is in the area; under no circumstances are you to pass inboard of her or close under 2000 yds. She will be firing H/I throughout the evening, as will this unit.
4. Be especially alert for action on the beach; monitor all traffic. Keep me informed of any such action and inform me immediately of any large scale attack on Da Nang or installations within the area. Also account for all surface contacts as usual.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2300 H, 0230 H, and 0430 H.

2000-2400	OOD Rut	HELM RPM	EWO B&K
0000-0400	REY	SDT	KCB
0400-0800	WLS	JMO	BGB

Respectfully,
W. C. Carr
Commanding

Understand that at the night of the seventh, 3RD MAU, Chien Beach, and hospital areas were involved in fire fights.

8 Feb 68

Went to bed about midnight and as I was settling down I could hear the rumblings and groans of bombs and artillery ^{distantly}; went to look and observed large white explosions occasionally either on northern harbor or western harbor areas. This ^{noise} ^{trains} draws me.

• Have to carry weapons; part of road out front are unsafe.

9 Feb.

Not by Rearming 'ACTIVE' still not armistice; no damage

— NIGHT ORDERS —

7 February 1968

1. Underway area I 'F' as Enfield Code 'Q' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPM's or slightly under on comfortable and random courses within area as marked on chart. Be especially careful of shoal waters; stay clear at all times by at least 2000 yds.
3. Stay clear of all NGFS ships in area and also of VNS PGM 'IV'; under no circumstances pass inboard or within 2000 yds of any of these vessels.
4. Be alert for action on beach or DaNang area; account for all contacts as usual.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me for N'I at 0300 H and 0600 H; be prepared to conduct firing runs as instructed last night.

Respectfully,
WCCan
Commanding

	OOD	HELM	EWG
2000 - 2400	<u>Rest</u>	<u>HBR</u>	_____
0000 - 0400	<u>REB</u>	<u>HEP</u>	<u>RS</u>
0400 - 0800	<u>W.H.S.</u>	<u>J.M.W.</u>	<u>BOB</u>

V Da Nang get out, take station off ~~the~~ beach houses

5 February - 8 February

050930H - boarded ^{unscripted} 24 sinks in restricted area of cave at BT 066 809; turned
~~the~~ ~~into~~ ~~the~~ boat papers into CSC for disposition by Joint Force;
appears they have been moved.
~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~date~~

061800 - shifted ~~to~~ with EC 'F' to patrol station off CG-14 for remainder of
patrol ~~direct~~ increased results.
Position of fuel dump off Ching Beach is BT 075 789

Fired five (5) strikes HE for H/I fire as requested by CG-14 of ~~the~~
each six targets all in close proximity position BT 195 582 with following
results:

062300H - negative results (rpt by land patrol)

070240H - negative results (rpt by land patrol)

080310H - negative results (rpt by land patrol)

080314H - negative results (rpt by land patrol)

080610H - one small secondary explosion observed at position BT 193 579;
land patrol rpt secondary ~~explosion~~ destroyed ~~primary~~ ~~mine~~ ~~target~~

080620H - negative results (rpt by land patrol)

Eye ball & slow roll as same 40.00 mcs

Common with all spalls A/C can be established through straggled on Moon Crest.
Direct fire dies to CG-14 are approximately 3200 m NW of position BT 1859

Call sign is Midnight 5' on 49.20 mcs.

VNN, 85M 'IV' on station also off CG-14 and fires H/I nightly; recommend
units stay well clear; can be contacted on VNN Common (46.4) or 40.4 (sector 1
CG-14 push)

also two large N6FS missiles Strambres & Fighting Devil on 46.85 will
in vicinity supporting continuous air and artillery strikes further

— NIGHT ORDERS —

9 February 1968

1. Underway area 2'E' and southern portion of 2'D' as Same Drench 'R' or Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area as marked on chart at 300 RPM staying approximately 1500-2000 yds off shore. Do not close to within 1500 yds of the rocks (Black Rock / Flat Rock) in the northern part of the area.
3. Intelligence reports of a low grade indicate possible infiltration attempt somewhere within our area, possibly in river delta area south of Mui Batauger or on Mui Batauger itself. Coastal Group-16, as usual, is expected to be attacked.
4. Account for all contacts both visual and radar; keep a very sharp radar watch. VON PGM 08 ('IS') may return to this area; if she does, enlarge running lights and illuminate this unit with spotlight. If she closes under 1500 yds, call me immediately.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.
Wake me at 0630H.

	OOD	HELM	EW0
2000-2400	<u>RF</u>	<u>NBM</u>	<u>RLC</u>
0000-0400	<u>RES</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>BHK</u>
0400-0800	<u>WLS</u>	<u>JMK</u>	<u>SOB</u>

Respectfully,
WCL
Commanding

refer to the study its 10 Feb 68

— NIGHT ORDERS —

10 February 1968

1. Underway area 2'E' as Same Divis 'R' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area to Mui B atangs at 300 RPMs as marked on the chart; select as comfortable courses as possible. Speed can be reduced to 200 RPMs on the down swell leg to increase time on that leg but increase again to 300 RPMs upon turning into the seas.
3. Account for all contacts, visual and radar. Intelligence on possible infiltration still applies.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EW0
2000-2400	RWT	AKM	SLP
0000-0400	PEY	RSF	BBK
0400-0800	WAJ	JMA	BOB

Respectfully,

W. E. Can

Commanding

3. (CONT)

Had several rendezvous with Ashville, Gallup, & Duane
for transfer and pick up of parts, packages, and personnel.
Weather generally rainy and sloppy.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

11 February 1968

1. Underway northern section of 2E and southern section of 2D as Same Drive 'R' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area at 300 RPMs throughout the night. Area is marked on chart and should extend from four miles above Cap Mia to Mui Batauger just above flat rock. Stay approximately 500 yds offshore.
3. EWO to check on three detainees every 15 min and insure they are still hand cuffed; check very thoroughly with flashlight. EWO to keep a sharp eye on detainees the remainder of his watch when not making his rounds.
4. Account for all visual and radar contacts as usual. Be sure to log challenges and replies as appropriate.
5. Inform me when Article gives us disposition of detainees. Also call me as soon as PCFs return to station.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000 - 2400	<u>RJK</u>	<u>NSZ</u>	<u>BE</u>
0000 - 0400	<u>RRV</u>	<u>RT</u>	<u>BKH</u>
0400 - 0800	<u>W.G.J.</u>	<u>Smith</u>	<u>ZOB</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Can
Commanding

092000H Ductomy of possible trouble, infiltration,
New unit # 'SD' RM' extended area to include Mini
Batangas

2. Special operation & hostilities

120900H called by Sunny Scorpion 'G' to provide blockade
at exit of the SONG PRA KAVC and restricted area north
during the day sweep of area by Island Codes. 120930H on
station; 121100H/121500H light contact with personnel on beach by
this unit. 121230H heavy contact BS 785 725 and elements
the beach by land elements; this unit had light contact on beach
~~at~~ vicinity, that area. Land contact was with mortar
squad of 3-4 VC and also with force of unknown size further
east. 3 KIAs confirmed by helo body, count with 3 very probable
additional KIAs and at least 2 WIA confirmed by this unit. Believe
one body removed by two personnel before we could bring under
fire a second time (mortar covered due to heavy rain) Had
frequent sightings of personnel movement in the tree line. Expended
a total of 46 rds HE, 3 rds WP, and 1050 rds 50 cal. at
1600H, helo that confirmed KIAs sighted three junks moving
north ^{BS 743 757 on} restricted river but could not remain to spot; we did
not bring junks under fire. Sounded from blockade at 121730H.

3. 11 Feb 3 detainees for improper ID's and suspicious markings

12 Feb 3 additional detainees for no ID's and suspiciously new ID.

Extreme difficulties in getting detainees to ET on Low Pellet 'C'.
Transferred to relief for further action.

D BB I

43 13 16

10811 Feb DD 759 'FIGURE HEAD' in area between E-W grid lines 70500

NIGHT ORDERS

12 February 1968

1. Underway area 2'E and southern portion 2'D on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs in area marked on chart and maintained courses as comfortable as possible in covering the area.
3. EWO to check after hatch every 15 min to insure properly secured; be sure to be secured when giving detainees a head call. Keep a close watch on them.
4. We have rendezvous obligations at 0800H in lee of Cu Lao Re; be within one mile of the lee by 0700H and insure that I am on the bridge at that time.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0615H.

	OOD	EWO	HELM	Respectfully, W. C. Can Commanding
2000-2400	Rest	RAC	ABM	
0000-0400	PEJ	BAB	ATK	
0400-0800	W. J.	BOB	SMN	

6. Call Island Codes 'C' on 43.0 every 2 hrs to see if they have renewed contact with VC / need assistance; keep me advised.

19-13 February

1. Incidents, sightings, or info of intelligence value

Army and Navy elements located on Cu Lao Re call sign GREEN CENTRAL and guard 7.59Z; occasionally come up on 37.50mc if they see Market Time unit in the area. Junkies in this area have very infrequently if ever been boarded; few carry IO's. Recommend SDX or unit in that area of responsibility, start an active boarding program; all junkies in that area are considered non-suspicious by Green Central.

Area below Muoi Batorien between east-west grid lines of 754 to 800 and 1000 m inland is completely off limits to any personnel; only personnel sighted in that area are VC or ~~the~~ strong VC supporters and should be brought under fire after first clearing ~~the area~~. The 5006 Krich Giang is also completely restricted to any travel. Any junkies on this stream are to be considered VC.

Island Codes and Island Code 'C', working under Sundry Suspect 'G', operate on 43.0 and 65.10. Most active (APCs and forward elements) to be heard on latter frequency.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

16 February 1968

1. Underway near Z'EM' as Same Drink Romeo Mike on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area at 300 RPMs in a random manner; do not patrol less than three miles to the beach unless investigating a junk or contact. Cover the area as effectively as possible using radar for maximum coverage (8 mile scale).
3. Possible infiltration attempt Cap Mia area; patrol to two miles north of Cap Mia and down to one mile north of Sa Nuyer. Account for all contacts; be sure to send out proper contact radio reports.
4. Fishing at night is permitted if junks are anchored and lighted; conduct ~~an~~ active boarding throughout the night. Insure you comply with applicable standing order; Tink should be up for all boardings unless boardings are frequent.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0630.

6. EWO to service engines on mid-watches daily.

2000-2400	<u>ODD</u> <u>RET</u>	<u>EWO</u> <u>RIC</u>	<u>HELM</u> <u>JMH</u>
0000-0400	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>AB us</u>
0400-0800	<u>RJF</u>	<u>Bell</u>	<u>527</u>

Respectfully,
WRCam
Commanding

BS 92 16 'SEE BEES' SEA DOG 13 69.6

FIREPOWER ~~49.75~~ 65.05

COWBOY 40 62.40/65.50

BLACK PANTHER 18 69.6

Apache BS 92 15 (approximately)

Big Ben 46'C' (Sa Nuyah) 43.05

Security freq. 66.70

Due Pho 53.85

LZ ENGLISH

HQ - 7/13 ARTY - DS FOR THIS AO

COBALT SEADOG 13 - (34.00, 67.60, 59.25)

LAISON WITH ALL INF. BNS. ALSO HAVE

ACCESS TO IPW, EOD, ARVN ADVISORS,

LOCATED HERE - BN HQ 2-8, 2-7 INF,

C 7/13 ARTY (105) C 7/15 ^{ARTY} (8 IN), ARA,

LIFT SHIPS, GUN SHIPS, OTHER SUPPORTING
AGENCIES.

SEADOG 13 CONTROLS FIRES IN AO - YOU
CANNOT FIRE ANYWHERE IN AO WITHOUT
CHECKING WITH US.

ALONG HIGHWAY 1 - VARIOUS UNITS, ARVNS
GUARDING BRIDGES, ETC

LZ GERONIMO 878 173

C/2/19 ARTY (105 mm)

BLACK PANTHER 63 (67.60)

C-2-B INF - DIFFERENT INF. UNIT
EACH FEW DAYS. CONTACT BP63 FOR
INTELLIGENCE

LZ Low Boy 912 142

USUALLY A COMPANY OF 1-50 MECH INF
ALSO CONTACT DN 67.60 - (FO is

BIRTH CONTROL 82 AT PRESENT)
19th ENGINEERS (REVERSE VICTIM 6-67.90)

LZ TOM 898 090

A/7/13 ARTY (105)

(COBALT SEADOG 23) 34.00 -

ALSO HAVE ARUN ELEMENTS HERE

LZ ENGLISH NORTH 880 055

19th ENGINEERS HQ

TRIM RAMS (61.25)

NORTH OF 22 GRID LINE IS AMERICAL DIV

CONTACT STARFISH 8 ON 63.85

— NIGHT ORDERS —

17 February 1968

1. Underway area 2'EH' as Same Drink Romeo Mike on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses throughout the area concentrating on the northern section more so than the southern.
3. Be alert for contacts during the beach or fishing junks underway. Conduct active boarding; insure proper number of weapons are handled.
4. Be alert for action on the beach, especially in the southern area; call me if anything significant occurs.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.
Wake me at 0630 H.

	OOD	FWO	HELM
2000-2400	<u>REG</u>	<u>RIC</u>	<u>JMH</u>
0000-0400	<u>W.G.I.</u>	<u>BDB</u>	
0400-0800	<u>RAT</u>	<u>BGG</u>	<u>SSZ</u>

Respectfully,
W. L. Can
Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

18 February 1968

1. Underway areas 2'EM' as Same Div's Patrol Make on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses; if weather continues to deteriorate and seas build, select comfortable courses.
3. Be alert for tracer fire in the area; give me a call if any see that looks within 2 miles of the beach. Units south of Sa Hyuen sustained ground attacks earlier.
4. Make use of the night scope periodically; utilize the EWO to fullest extent. Be on the lookout for unlighted junks in the area; board some if anchored. Call me first if they are underway. Account for all contacts as usual.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0630H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	REG	JMH	RHC
0000-0400	W.A.J.	HPM	BBB
0400-0800	REG	WJL	BYG

Respectfully,
W.C. Carr
Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

19 February 1968

1. Underway area 2'EM' as Same Drills 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.

2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on a basis patrol at 2 miles offshore from southern boundary of area to three miles north of Cap Mia.

3. Account for all contacts as usual and be alert for activity on the beach. Establish comm w/ Savage '65' or 60.25 if possible.

4. Insure EWO services engines and keep a close check on the fuel.

5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0600H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully, W. C. Can Commanding
2000-2400	REG	Jmb	SLC	
0000-0400	W. C. Can	AAA	BOB	
0400-0800	REG	JL	B. L. H.	

6. 0400-0800 watch to continue infiltration patrol of beach between gridlines 233 / 253; report all movement of the beach suspected of trying to embark on junks. No junks are authorized to leave before 0600; call me immediately if movement detected.

D 170
B 82
I 50
CAP MIA

human file

219 to 240 completely evacuated 21 February (reduced)
threats. Any movement to be considered VC

SAVAGE '65' } located along 60.25
BULLET '65' } southern bank of river 56.20

Sa Huynh

BIG BEN '40' (BS 928 225) 43.05
SIERRA '65' (BS 929 220) 61.90

POINTE de KIM BONG

APACHE 9215

SEA DOG '34' m '13' (BS 9216) 67.60 (OLD SAVELCH)
BLACK PANTHER '18' 67.60 (OLD SAVELCH)
PEACEMAKER UNITS (SLICKS - CONTACT BLACK PANTHER UNITS)
CLUSTER DODGE '16' (BS 923 165) 67.60 (OLD SAVELCH)
FIRE POWER
AMERICAN DIVISION (ABOVE E-W 9110 22) 65.05
STARFISH '8' 62.85

18 0130H - handed 4 nos ILLUM to identify CHINAT HUNGTAI 21 + 22.

Only 8 CHINAT trawlers noted in area this date

19 2100H - called by BIG BEN '40' to provide urgent NGFS BS 935 223
to suppress hostile fire from approx 15 VC. Expended 22 nos ILLUM, 18 WP, 600
50 eac and suppressed fire in conjunction with land mortar and machine gun fire.
Sweep next morning yielded negative results. No friendly casualties.

19 0700 H - detained one person for ^{multitasked} SAIGON ID (with picture replaced; names
given and ID did not correspond. Daisy claimed to NIKO Qui NHON

Put on the bars, I found cases of beer for the first VC; and you don't have to bring the body back.

Killing people — a not so pleasant job; but then, not so unpleasant either. Too far away to see the anguish, twisted pain racked faces of fleeing life, blood spitting where men run waded hills or where hands are crossed loaded men or where feet are trampled on to do battle. Too far to tell age, or distinguishing marks, or intent of actions. No reason to know exactly why they are running or even walking in the restricted area; no need to know if they are innocents ~~and~~ unaware of the sweep close by and the tag of availability for death pinned on their backs. No need to know if they are VC; they are trespassing on Vietnamese soil. Kill them.

And you do. Have you any idea ~~of~~ of dying at 1000 yds? The blast mushrooms down and sweeps away debris; the shock causes the little puppet to run all over, back and forth holding their head. Have you had the pleasure of watching the tracer walk into the target and through the target and know you can claim a KIA. A tracer in the head is best of all. Have you seen them fall down braining the sand gather the quantity of blood with hardly a mess. Killing an old woman and two children may not be so pleasant; you couldn't really see. Besides they should have been running. Old fool woman, running along the beach. Why not into the tree line. She could have escaped; no spots available to walk the side in. She would have been alive if she hadn't been such a stupid old woman. The boys took. They tell me one lost his leg and arm first; I didn't see. Looking for other VC.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

22 February 1968

1. Underway area 3D as Rice Twiggs 'S' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Conduct patrol at 300 RPMs and in such a manner as to include entire area from close inshore to the outer limits of the boundaries. No barrier patrols are in the area so we are the only unit for inshore and offshore patrol coverage. Conduct the patrol to cover for their absence.
3. Be particularly careful and thorough in identifying all visual and radar contacts and in the message reporting of same. Stay out of the group of lighted fishermen in the northern portion of the area. Call me if you notice any unlighted junks underway; they are to be considered very suspicious. Keep the EWO on the radar, night scope.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0530 H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>W.A.S.</u>	<u>J.L.</u>	<u>R.A.E.</u>	W.C. Lan
0000-0400	<u>Roy</u>	<u>J.M.H.</u>	<u>B.O.B.</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>R.E.G.</u>	<u>H.B.M.</u>	<u>B.H.H.</u>	

23 February 1968

1. Underway area 3'D' as Rice Twigg's 'S' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Radar is inoperative; Mantis is to work until fixed or problem is definitely found and cannot be fixed due to lack of parts.
3. Patrol at 300 RPMs on a north-south line following approximately the 50 fathom line. Do not close islands to south of boundary to under 7 miles at any time. Run accurate DR using speed north of 6 kts and speed south of 10 kts from fixes obtained from either RT'T' or RT'Z'. RT'T' should be able to give a fix at least once an hour. If at any time the DR does not correlate to within 2 miles of the fix, call me immediately. If DR speeds work out differently from fix to fix than given above, call me before using new speeds. The depth of water should never fall under 43 fathoms; if it does, call me immediately.
4. The trawler under surveillance the past several days has been lost and is suspected ~~to~~ making dash for the coast tonight. When Black Hawk 12 calls for correlation of contacts, be certain of any contact that you think it may be before reporting it as same. If any doubt exists as to the contact, call me and we shall proceed to investigate if possible. Challenge all visual contacts and log

contacts transiting the area. EWO to stay on the night scope while on the bridge. Without radar we are very ineffectual; however we could get lucky and spot an unlighted contact on the scope. Ensure a tight lookout is maintained.

5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0330H and 0600H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	
2000-2400	<u>W.D.S.</u>	<u>AFJ</u>	<u>BPD</u>	Respectfully,
0000-0400	<u>RWT</u>	<u>Jim X</u>	<u>RTE</u>	W.C. Law
0400-0800	<u>REY</u>	<u>ARM</u>	<u>BWB</u>	Commanding

6. EWO to check hourly on darker ship condition. Use running lights only if necessary due to traffic in near vicinity; be wary of RT'Z' closing this unit to investigate. Call me immediately if any contacts are noticed closing liberately.

— NIGHT ORDERS —

25 February 1968

1. Underway enroute area 3'D' to assume station as Rice Twigg's's' for Market Time Patrol duties, South China Sea.
2. Proceed to station at 400 RPMs; upon arrival on station send a message to Flaky as noted in message log, encrypted text.
3. Patrol station at 300 RPMs at random courses trying to cover the area while also keeping relatively comfortable courses.
4. Account for all radar and visual contacts; EWO to stand alert radar watch and to use night scope frequently.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Inform me when on station; wake me at 0800H.

	OOD	EWO	HELM
2000 - 2400	_____	_____	_____
0000 - 0400	_____	_____	_____
0400 - 0800	<u>BEY</u>	<u>BEY</u>	<u>HRM</u>

Respectfully,
 WCCan
 Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

25 February 1968

1. Underway area 3'0' as Price Twigg's 'S' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs picking random, but somewhat comfortable, courses to cover the entire area.
3. Account for all contacts as usual; use your EWO to the best possible advantage.
4. Be within 5 miles of position CR 080 660 by 0800H.
5. Have EWO inspect for darkness periodically.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0400H and 0800H.

Respectfully,
W C Cox
Commanding

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>J.D.J.</u>	<u>W.B.F.</u>
0000-0400	<u>R.W.F.</u>	<u>J.M.H.</u>	<u>B.O.B.</u>
0400-0800	<u>R.E.H.</u>	<u>A.B.M.</u>	<u>R.A.E.</u>

Patrol procedures:

260900H - in station position CR 080 660 to assist Trach, Patrol, and other units acting as exfiltration blockade; also coordinated communications between these units and Coastal Group 21 units providing for exfiltration blockade on the inner bays. Four Trach Force units with a US adviser were in station. Bombs reported by HawkEye II at CR 035 694

Trach Trach 3 66.35 ; 44.10

Fast Gun 1A 41.90 can give freq of almost any shore unit

Melone Hunter T (GFS liaison) and small VS compound 44.70

Melone Hunter G 44.70 to clear area for fire before Flashy

Cat 35.80 spally AK

can possibly get them through Melone Hunter R

	Max Sea	Max Swell	Max wind
22 Feb 68	0	1	18
23 Feb 68	2	5	15
24 Feb	3	5	20
25 Feb	2	5	15
26 Feb	2	5	15

— NIGHT ORDERS —

28 February 1968

1. Underway area 3'C' or RT'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs at random courses covering area from northern to southern boundaries.
3. Junkies must be lighted and anchored during hours of darkness; report to me any signs of junk movement. Periodically inspect anchored junkies by running up alongside using search light as you pass close aboard. Board unlighted junkie if detected.
4. Make full use of radar and night scope; watch for movement close in to the beach.
5. Stay alert for activity on the beach; inform me immediately if you spot tracer fire, air strikes, etc. Wake me at 0700H.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	EW0	HELM
2000-2400	<u>ROY</u>	<u>WCF</u>	<u>NRM</u>
0000-0400	<u>REY</u>	<u>NTE</u>	<u>STZ</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>J.M.H.</u>

Respectfully,
W.C. Can
Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

29 FEBRUARY 1968

1. Underway in area 3'C' as Rice Twiggs 'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.

2. Two trawlers have been detected approximately 50 miles seaward and losing the beach, both within our area. Contact reports are being sent by the following units: RT 'Z', RT 'X', RT 'Y', LATCH, FREE TRANSIT, and FLASHY. Copy all contact reports and all traffic between these units that may pertain to the infiltration attempt. If traffic becomes too voluminous to handle, call me to the bridge.

3. Two PCFs are also in the area and closer in shore. Run at 300 RPM at approximately 6-8 miles offshore. Account for all contacts in the area. Check frequently to insure we are at darker ship.

4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2330H.

	OOD	EWO	HELM	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>Rus</u>	<u>WBF</u>	<u>_____</u>	W. Con
0000-0400	<u>_____</u>	<u>RTE</u>	<u>_____</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>W. C. J.</u>	<u>BDB</u>	<u>JMH</u>	

— NIGHT ORDERS —

EU

1 March 1968

1. Underway area 3'c' as Rice Triggs 'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Run normal patrol at 250 RPMs on random courses throughout the area.
3. Account for all contacts using night scope and keeping EWO and helm sharp on the radar. When close to the beach, periodically inspect anchored, lighted junks with spot light. If junks are unlighted but anchored, board some inspecting weapons are manned properly. If junks are observed unlighted and underway, call me immediately.
4. Attempt to intercept position, course, and speed of 29F1, the one remaining trawler, from MANDATE W and following trawler's movement.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2315H and 0130H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	
2000-2400	<u>RWT</u>	<u>NB M</u>	<u>WCF</u>	
0000-0400	<u>WCC</u>	<u>BYJ</u>	<u>RAE</u>	
0400-0800	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>DOB</u>	

Respectfully,
WCCen
Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

02 March 1968

1. Underway in area 3'C' and northern half of 3'D' as Rice Twiggs 'T' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 280 RPMs on fairly comfortable courses. Give the Tortue a wide berth.
3. Arrange for a rendezvous with Rice Twiggs 'S' on our southern boundary of the extended areas at 0630H to pass MK 79, checks, mail, turnover file, and II Corp SOI. Make arrangements using break traffic.
4. Account for all radar and visual contacts as usual.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0600H.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>RWT</u>	<u>WOS</u>	<u>WBF</u>	W. Lan
0000-0400	<u>REB</u>	<u>WJ</u>	<u>RT</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>BOB</u>	

Rendezvous at position CR 0986 APPROX 2 miles SSE OF ILE TORTUE at 0630H with RTS TO PASS CHECKS, TURN OVER FILE, SOI, M79 & AMMO. THEN HEAD FOR DANANG.

R. W. Fulcher

CONFIDENTIAL (When ~~Classified~~)

COASTAL DIVISION 15 POST PATROL AREA DEBRIEF SUMMARY

AREA XXX 3'C' PATROL PERIOD FROM 28 Feb 68 TO 3 Mar 68

USCGC PT ARDEN (WPB-82309) William C. Carr, LTJG, USCG

1. PATROL PROCEDURES

Over 100 junks fishing at night during first three days of patrol; most managed to stay out of restricted areas. Unit inspected approximately 20 with spot light third night out. All seemed to be anchored and well lighted.

Observed two coastal force junks from EU boarding in this area afternoon of the first of March; they were boarding on their own and doing a fine job in close to shore.

On station with 'C' and 'CM' PCF units on night of ~~XX~~ 29 Feb 68; observed trawler detonate north of this location at 0230H, 01 Mar 68.

Rendezvoused with Same Drink 'Z' afternoon of 29 Feb to obtain fresh water; water on board was ver brackish.

2. INTELLIGENCE

Army units in area include Sherry Codes 83 (46.60) located 15 clicks west of BS 9205, approximately, and are believed to be large artillery units.

Sea Dog 23 (67.60) units located inland of Pointe de Kim Bong.

3. WEATHER

Good entire patrol; started to pick up last day late in afternoon to about 3-4 ft.

Parthen 3 61.50

W. C. CARR, LTJG, USCG

CONFIDENTIAL

COASTAL DIVISION 15 POST PATROL AREA DEBRIEF SUMMARY

3/2/68

AREA 3D PATROL PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

USCGC PT ARDEN (WPB-82309)

William C. Carr, LTJG, USCG

1. PATROL PROCEDURES

Very few junks in the area, weather generally choppy with maximum seas of 3', swells of 5', and winds of 20 kts.

260900H - on station position CR 08- 660 to assist Tanker Track units in acting as exfiltration blockade; EU units provided blockade for inner bay.

Tanker Track (66.35 & 44.10) Fast Gun (41.90)

W. C. CARR, LTJG, USCG

NIGHT ORDERS

5 March 1968

1. Underway area IAI on Enfield Cobra Victor One on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Conduct surf line operations at 1500-2000 yds from the northern to southern boundaries at 300 RPMs. Stay clear of area marked on chart so as to avoid shoal water and contacts in area.
3. From 2300H to 0400H conduct the surf line search at 1000 yds; EWO to search area with night scope and radar to be on the one mile scale. OOD to remain at the radar set. If, due to radio traffic or for any other reason, the OOD has to leave the radar, open from the beach to 1500 yds so as to prevent accidental closing on surf. Fathometer to be engaged when 1000 yds offshore. Conduct this close in search only north of the Cue Viet; remain at 1500-2000 yds offshore south of the Cue Viet. Inshore patrol extends all the way up to the northern limit.
4. Two junks laden with weapons and ammunition were detected and caught in the surf less than 5 days ago. Both were not motorized and were not caught until they were within 1.5 miles of entering the Cue Viet. The marines claim they have seen other similar junks enter the river undetected by Market Time units. This requires the utmost search by the OOD on the radar and EWO.

on the night scope; the junks have an extremely low fuel board and are very hard to pick up as they travel right outboard the skyline. It is interesting to note that during the course of the night of the capture, a NGFS missile was fired by one unit while the junks were within 1000 YDS of this unit. They were undetected at the time.

5. If any movement is suspected or any unlab contacts appear on the scope, call me immediately.

6. Keep a constant check on actions ^{on} of the beach; report such actions to me. Also be alert for NGFS ships firing over this unit onto the beach; if this does occur, open to 2000 YDS and call me immediately. Rounds have been known to fall short!

7. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at ~~0600H~~ and 0600H.

Respectfully,
W. C. Can
Commanding

	OOD	EWO	HELM
2000-2400	<u>REM</u>	<u>BDB</u>	<u>JMH</u>
0000-0400	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>W.C.F.</u>	<u>ARM</u>
0400-0800	<u>RW</u>	<u>R.E.</u>	<u>A.J.</u>

— NIGHT ORDER —

6 March 1968

1. Underway area $\pm A1$ as Enfield Cobra Victor One on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. The enclosed night orders for 5 March 1968 apply in full except as noted herein.
3. Candy Tucks 'B' has a night scope device that detects and plots an accurate position of vessel or boat movement out to 3000 yds from the beach. If 'B' does detect movement he will call on 37.50 yds to insure he did not detect this unit or Enfield Cobra 'A' while on surf line operations. If detection and position of these units do not correlate, call me immediately.
4. EWO to use night scope on the surf line throughout the night; if any movement whatsoever detected or suspected on the radar or night scope, call me immediately. Helm to check radar scope frequently if OOD is busy with radio traffic, etc.
5. If traffic become heavy with NGFS ships working close in, do not proceed north of the Cua Viet. This does not mean, however, that I am discouraging you to proceed north; run an aggressive patrol. Use your own judgement.
6. Be wary of NGFS ships firing overhead; if impact over

near or on the beach, leave the area immediately. Several VT rounds fired during the day were observed to detonate prematurely.

7. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0300H and 0700H.

8. Your initials below indicate that you have read the night orders for both 05 and 06 March. Assume that you read them.

	OOD	FWO	HELM	
2000 - 2400	<u>REE</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>JMH</u>	Respectfully,
0000 - 0400	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>WGF.</u>	<u>J.B.V.</u>	W.C. Can
0400 - 0800	<u>Ruf</u>	<u>RAE</u>	<u>W.D.L.</u>	Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

7 March 1968

1. Underway area IAL as Enfield Cobra Victor One on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Enclosed night orders apply in full (5 & 6 March) except as noted herein.
3. While in extreme northern portion of the area, keep a good radar check for possible contacts in the Cap Lay area about 5 miles north of the DMZ. The contact we were trying to identify this afternoon may attempt to proceed south to enter river just north of the DMZ.
4. Insure you understand contents of the enclosed night orders for both 5 and 6 March.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0300H and 0730H.

Respectfully,
W. C. C. C.
Commanding

	OOD	FWD	HELM
2000-2400	<u>REG</u>	<u>BOB</u>	<u>JMH</u>
0000-0400	<u>W.D.</u>	<u>W.G.F.</u>	<u>HBM</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

NIGHT ORDERS

9 March 1968

1. Underway area IAF as Enfield Cobra Victor One on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Night orders for 5/6 March apply; mine you read and understand.
3. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Exchange areas with Enfield Cobra Tango 10/0600H using local traffic. Wake me at that time if mine I remain up.

	OOD	HELM	EWG	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>R EG</u>	<u>JM H</u>	<u>BOB</u>	WC Con
0000-0400	<u>W.A.J.</u>	<u>HBM</u>	<u>WCF</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>RJA</u>	<u>SDJ</u>	<u>RIE</u>	

USCGC POINT ARDEN WPB 823 09

AREA 1A1 FROM 5 March 1968 TO 10 March 1968

1. INCIDENTS, SIGHTINGS, OR INFORMATION OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE (what, where, when, who, why)

05/2150H - recieved call from Badminton 3 that contact definately spotted by night scope devise at position YD 313 737. Enfield Cobra Alpha and this unit fired approximately 45 rds illumination and illuminated to two miles either side. Contact was finally evaluated as this unit; radar contacts reported were individual breakers due to extremely calm conditions.

07/1715 - had two definate radar contacts just north of DMZ that appeared to be moving south and into the Song Ben Hai; contacts were jettisoned wing tanks. Could not investigate vessel that had beached near ~~XXXXXX~~ Cap Lay.

09/1900H - covered EN 'A' during psyops; recieved approximately 5-10 rds small arms sniper fire and returned with 3 rds 81mm and 300 rds 50 cal. Results unknown. They often recieved fire during these operations and have requested EN 'VI' to standby each time. Be at full general quarters!

10/0805H - see enclosed narrative concerning Cue Viet ammo fire.

2. SPECIAL OPERATIONS OR HOSTILE ACTIONS

7 March, boarded and detained 16 junks fishing north of Cue Viet in restricted areas. Junks turned over to EO. EO units out for three days of the patrol.

3. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

CG-11 E6 FLAXEN SORTIE 'F'	39.8/(57.95 always up)
Quang Tri Sector RAGGED LADDER	39.8/57.95
Division FLAXEN SORTIE	48.7/35.3
3rd MARDIV BADMINTON '3'	59.45
NSAD CUE VIET CLIPPINGS	53.60/ 52.20 52.20
Spotters and NGFS ships BEACH BOY 26'0", Centipede, American Beauties (AO)	38.8/35.2/ 42.8/ 48.6/ 45.6/ (43.4 best freq)
1st Air Cav BIRTH CONTROL 8	58.40/ 65.45 65.45
Marines north of Cua Viet CANDY TUCKS B	59.45

NARRATIVE OF CUE VIET LST RAMP AMMO FIRE

10/0805H - while fueling alongside USS POTAPSCO, observed fires and secondary explosions near LST ramp on the Cue Viet; several LCUs and one LST appeared to be in trouble. Called Badminton 3 who requested we enter river and assist if possible.

10/0830H - upon entering inlet, observed smoke issuing from hatch of an LCU loaded with 5" projectiles with one man aboard about 75 yds from ramp fire; closed and brought man aboard. Stood off in western part of inlet trying to evaluate fire and attempting to organize fire fighting parties. Eastern most section of ramp scene of many detonations of rockets, flares, MK 79 ammo, 81mm Mortar rds, and small arms ammo; three other large stacks of crates ranging across the ramp contained C-rations, empty sand bags, and, as we later discovered, 5" and 8" projectiles.

10/0845H - placed rescue and assistance team ashore on Marine APC with P-250, accessories, and radios to attempt to fight fire spreading to huts and buildings. Party included BMC TUGMAN, CS2 LINDBERG, KMH EM2 BENGE, and EM3 HUFF.

10/0905H - towed LCU out of cove and away from ammo fire; the fire aboard had been only overheated engines with resultant smoke. Man returned aboard and managed to get LCU underway and to sea.

With the help of Enfield Cobra Alpha (PCF - 81), organized and obtained fire-fighting teams and equipment and four medivac helos from CROSSWALK. Also organized teams from LST and LCUs in inlet. Advised Badminton 3 that five men from clippings trapped in van 50 ft from fire unable to evacuate and requested APC to get men out. (I understand they were finally rescued). After ammo detonations had abated, PT ARDEN, a harbor tug, & one LCU moved up to ramp, beached, and managed to get three lines up into the fire. O3KMH additional personnel ashore from PT ARDEN aiding LCU on their line and working on line from the ARDEN. Small detonation near fire fighting teams wounded several men and possibly buried and killed one man; GM2 LANDON received shrapnel wound in right thigh, was treated, and medivaced to Dong Ha enroute DaNang. Shortly thereafter all personnel and units evacuated ramp as more ammo was observed in the fire.

During this time BMC TUGMAN and shore party had arrived on scene south of ramp. Fire fighting equipment was available but personnel disorganized. TUGMAN took charge, set up equipment and began to fight fire that had enveloped two huts. One hut had a 5" rubber gasoline fuel line still pumping fuel to the ammo dump which was located further south of the ramp. TUGMAN managed to extinguish the fire and secure the fuel thus most probably saving the main ammo dump and preventing the many casualties and tremendous material damage that would have certainly resulted from its detonation. While fighting the fire on the second hut, BMC TUGMAN was wounded in upper right side of head by shrapnel from the first large detonation on the ramp. CS2 LINDBERG also received slight wounds in lower left leg at some unknown time during the fire fighting attempts.

Just before this first large detonation, two new LCU units had landed on the ramp and were attempting to fight the blaze which looked as if it had just about burned itself out except for one large pile of C-rations and other boxes of seemingly non-explosive material. Approximately twenty Navy personnel were on the ramp when first blast occurred. Some how the second landing party from the ARDEN had joined TUGMAN and were well south when the detonation happened. The PT ARDEN was 75 yds from the detonation and received the full force of it across the port bow knocking out 5 brid

windows and doing other damage as listed at end of report. CO managed to grab B41 GARRISON and prevent him from going overboard. Debris fell for a good 90 seconds. One fire was started aboard a small yard tanker still pumping fuel to ramp (he had earlier been requested to cease pumping and get underway). That fire was quickly brought under control. After pulling GARRISON and L.O. inside to escape debris, CO and XO closed ramp to effect rescue of Navy personnel injured by blast. One man was observed swimming to the ramp from approximately 50 ft out; he was unhurt and had been blown off the top of the ramp for about 150ft. Two men were observed stumbling in the rubble and debris near the remaining piles of ammo and crates. All men were then headed down to evacuate. CO ashore to pull one wounded man from debris; man had suffered severe wounds in arms and left leg and was bleeding profusely from the mouth. He was in severe shock but managed to say another man was further up in the rubble. After dragging him to protection of LCU, searched for 5-10 minutes on top of ramp but to no avail. Believe man's name was GOLF; he was definitely missing at the time. Of the twenty originally on the ramp, one is presumed dead, approximately ten wounded, three severely. Most of the blast was over the LCUs at the ramp due to elevation of ramp up from the water; only this saved all from being killed or severely wounded. Needless to say, all personnel and units evacuated and moved off the ramp. One wounded man remained aboard the ARDEN.

The PT ARDEN moved to eastern cove area, beached bow, and began knocking out shattered windows, removed crates, debris, and shrapnel still on the decks and began an assessment of the damage. CO ashore to check on landing parties. Observations as listed above. CO aboard with doctor and two medics to treat wounded. Shortly thereafter second large blast occurred, much larger than the first. Some men were fighting the fire from behind sand bag emplacements but two or three were in the open when blast occurred. ARDEN underway immediately to medivac seriously wounded and beached bow again near ramp. One seriously wounded aboard; right hand half missing and man in extreme stages of shock. While man was being treated on deck, third blast threw every man across the deck and into or under the small boat. PT ARDEN immediately departed inlet for helo medivac which was done as ARDEN was still in channel. PT ARDEN then returned and transferred doctor, medics, and wounded to LST via LCU. By this time PRC 46 was out making communications with other units ashore impossible. As the ARDEN was no longer considered an effective fire fighting or medivac unit due to many material casualties and losses, we departed for DaNang. We departed Que Viet at 1300H.

Material lost as observed by this unit; 3-8 howitzers, 5 trucks and some fork lift lifts, two fuel dumps, 2 buildings completely destroyed, unknown but large number damaged from concussions, all supplies that had been off loaded from LST with exception of 2 or 3 LCUs laden with 5" projectiles.

Possibly 3 KIA and approximately 20 - 30 MIA.

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4730
13 March 1968

From: Commanding Officer, USCGC PT ARDEN (WPB-82309)
To: Commander, CGDIV 12, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam

Subj: Damage incurred by PT ARDEN on 10 March 1968; report of

1. Equipment lost and present status of replacement as follows:

- (a) 1 1/2" fire hose, #6 50' lengths - replaced with new hose
- (b) Navy all purpose nozzles, #3 - replaced with new nozzles
- (c) 2 1/2" suction hose, #2 10' lengths - using old hose from PT COMFORT
- (d) foot valve strainer for suction hose - using strainer from PT COMFORT
- (e) spanner wrench, #4 - not replaced to date, on order
- (f) standard fire axe, #1 - not replaced to date, on order
- (g) P-250 fire pump, #1 - using pump from PT COMFORT, new pump on order
- (h) engineroom door and parts - plywood door replaced, new door on order
- (i) telephone talkers helmet, #1 - not replaced to date
- (j) regular helmets, #2 - not replaced to date
- (k) PRC-59 radios, #2 - not replaced to date

2. Damage and status of repair as follows:

- (a) port polaris blown from yoke; yoke locks need to be replaced
- (b) port engineroom main blower; fan off balance; will not operate on high speed while underway
- (c) port screw definitely out of balance causing vibrations at all rpms; these vibrations are not of a serious nature in a relatively calm seaway
- (d) main fire pump burned out; has been repaired
- (e) doors to cabin and mess deck have been damaged to some degree and need eventual replacement; doors are on order
- (f) mirror in cabin head cracked; needs replacement
- (g) electrical panel in companionway for radio equipment blown from bulkhead; panel partially repaired
- (h) windows on bridge blown out; 5 replaced with plexi-glass and two with shatter proof glass; plexi-glass must eventually be replaced with proper glass windows
- (i) metal panels and shells around windows blown loose; have been repaired
- (j) doors to various lockers have been warped to various degrees
- (k) typewriter platform bent and loose and sticks when trying to get into desk; needs repair
- (l) shower bulkhead in cabin has sprung causing water to leak into cabin; needs repair
- (m) loud hailer damaged; replaced with new loud hailer
- (n) electrical panel on mess deck has grounds; needs repair
- (o) soap dishes in cabin head blown from bulkhead; have been replaced
- (p) fathometer was inoperable; has been repaired

- (q) coffee maker inoperative; repair or replace
- (r) PEC-46 radio inoperative; has been repaired
- (s) hatch above fwd crew's quarters sprung; can see daylight when battened down; repair or replace
- (t) packing on stbd rudder post leaking badly; tightened down and repaired
- (u) insulation in trunk leading to engine room has been blown loose; needs repair
- (v) bracket to secure crown of anchor broke loose; need new bracket fabricated
- (w) blower for exhaust in cabin head shorted out; needs repair
- (x) light fixture in cabin warped; replace if possible
- (y) sound on television set out; needs repair
- (z) wash basin in cabin head pushed out from bulkhead; ~~REPAIR~~ resecure
- (aa) meters on back of both generators are out; need repair
- (ab) tachometer on bridge 200 rpms different than tachometer in engine room; needs repair
- (ac) shore tie connector blown loose on bulkhead; resecure
- (ad) switch for hydraulic steering inoperative; has been repaired
- (ae) cables for steering have been stretched; need to be shortened
- (af) weld on spray shield to pilothouse has split; reweld
- (ag) electrical box in fwd crew's berthing needs work on rewiring

3. In addition to the above work list, it is strongly recommended the PT ARDEN be dry-docked for a through inspection of the underwater body. Rudder posts, rudders, skeg, struts, cutless bearings, and all fittings should be carefully checked for cracked or split welds. All major piping should be hydrostatically tested, and all electrical systems should be thoroughly checked for faulty or loose connections, grounds, etc.

4. An additional list for yard work is being compiled by this command and will be submitted in the very near future.

W. C. CARR

— NIGHT ORDERS —

12 March 1968

1. Underway area 1'C' as Enfield Cobra Tango on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Run normal surf line operations at 300 RPMs at 1000-1500 yds from the beach. EWO and HELM to rotate on helm and night scope and radar as determined by OOD. Keep a sharp radar and night scope watch for small junks in surf line. Also keep me advised of any action on the beach.
3. Do not run below three miles above Hue River mouth and run up into IAI for at least two miles. Stay outboard of tug & barge and ammo ship in northern part of area. Small boats will be operating between these units and the beach all night. NOTE: EWO to keep close watch on loggnette hulks!
4. Be on northern boundary at 0400H and have stations ready for H+I firing by watch sections only. The new cooks to be up for this firing also. Have 20 rds of HE prepared.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0400H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully,
2000-2400H	<u>W.G.J.</u>	<u>RTB</u>	<u>RAE</u>	W.C. Can
0000-0400	<u>Ruz</u>	<u>ImH</u>	<u>BOB</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>PEG</u>	<u>JRB</u>	<u>WCF</u>	

3 March - Da Nang hospital hit

7 March - CG 16 hit

Units in area for Cua Viet fire

CROSS WALK LPH - Iwo Jima

LST IREDELL CITY

2 KIA - James Monns DCI

26 WIA

1 KIA NSAD CUA VIET

2 WIA LST 839

4 LCU 1498

1 PT ARDEN

6 FIRST ANTRAC BN

1 LPD-7

2 3RD ENGINEERS

3 NSAD CUA VIET

1 1098 TRUCK CO

1 LSD 33

first rd hit at 0753 H.

NIGHT ORDERS

13 March 1968

1. Underway area I'C' as Enfield Cobra Tango on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Run normal surf line operations at 300 RPM; stay in area bounded as last night — three miles north of Hue river to two miles into ILL. Run outside of anchored AK and barge.
3. Send message concerning request for H/I; if approved, be in northern area at 0400H for watch section H/I fire. Call me if H/I not approved.
4. Be at northern boundary at first light.
5. Keep me informed of all activity on the beach. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in any doubt.

Respectfully,
WCC
Commanding

	OOD	HELM	EWD
2000 - 2400	<u>W.C.L.</u>	<u>R.L.B.</u>	<u>R.T.E.</u>
0000 - 0400	<u>W.C.L.</u>	<u>J.M.H.</u>	<u>B.B.B.</u>
0400 - 0800	<u>R.E.H.</u>	<u>H.B.M.</u>	<u>W.C.F.</u>

NIGHT ORDERS

14 March 1968

1. Underway area I'C' as Enfield Code 'Tango' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 280 RPMs on regular surf line operations. If any junks detected call me immediately. Rapidly close the jumband beach and prepare MT 51 for firing illumination. Keep a close eye on fathometer while closing.
3. Be at the wreck at ⁰³⁴⁵~~0400~~ H for H¹I fire. Have MT 51 ready to fire 15 ROS HE. Call me at ⁰³³⁰~~0345~~ H.
4. Continue with scanning of surf line with night scope.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0130 H and mine to get up.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>W.D.J.</u>	<u>R.B.</u>	<u>R.A.E.</u>	W.C. Lan
0000-0400	<u>R.V.</u>	<u>J.M.H.</u>	<u>BOB</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>R.E.G.</u>	<u>H.B.M.</u>	<u>W.C.F.</u>	

16 0810 H - line removed from post survey by Navy lines from
diving barge located off Utah Beach.

16° 46' 30" N
UTAH BEACH 107° 20' 30" E YD 495 563 Army amphibious
which is just off road leading into beach landing area

Intended LEU camp is 200m north of YD 495 563

Large barge off UTAH beach position 16° 47' 30" N
107° 21' 20" E
YD 512 578

The wreck is definitely at position YD 570 510 and not at
YD 557 522. Former position checks out with UTAH Beach
location. Suggest survey vessel accurately establish position as
the wreck is used as a major aid to navigation. ~~at~~

C designations

C-19 41.00

C-22 47.40

C-22A 46.25

C-30 35.20

C-31 42.80

C-32 48.60

C-33 45.60

C-34 43.40

NIGHT ORDERS

15 March 1968

1. Underway area 'I'C' as Enfield 'Cobra' 'Tango' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 400 RPMs on etbd shaft on regular surf line operations. Same procedure applies if any junk is detected — prepare MT 51 and close junk as rapidly as possible. Do not exceed 500 RPMs and do not exceed 400 RPMs without calling me immediately.
3. EWO to keep sharp eye for possible freeing of port screw from line. OOD to watch for rotation on tachometer.
4. Be alongside salvage barge at first light and call me. Assume that I get up.
5. Stay two miles north of Hue river and give ships in northern part of area a wide berth. EWO to use night scope periodically.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	EWO	HELM
2000-2400	W.A.I.	R.E.	R.B.
0000-0400	Rux	BOB	J.M.H.
0400-0800	R.C.	W.G.F.	H.B.M.

Respectfully,
 W.C. Lee
 Commanding

131430 LO, aboard

~~121015H - inspected junk purportedly carrying long silver cases at position 16°50'N 107°38'E; cases were empty 5" containers picked up by fishermen in the area.~~

~~130415H - H+I YD4462 w/ 15 nos HE; negative results~~

~~13400H - transported Senior Naval Advisor for Base Defense, and a LCDR to CG 12 from ENC'VI'~~

~~140405H - H+I YD436A w/ 15 nos HE; negative results~~

~~141045H - while making approach to Con Viet, area bounded by YD 3369, 3871, 3371, 3673 rec'd 50 rds 140 mm rockets. 1 civilian in village KIA, 3 WIAs; ^{and 4 WIA fishermen} Chippings had 2 minor WIA; Badminton rec'd light damage. Neutral rds 150 nos; area was completely saturated.~~

~~150345H - H+I YD525 545 w/ 15 rds HE; one small secondary.~~

~~150840H - two ^{for no ID's} steamers aboard, turned out to EOMs ENC'VI'~~

~~151540H - rendezvoused w/ Birth Control 3A on hold deck of USS TULARE to get SOI for 1st Air Cav~~

~~151645H - rec'd call from ENC'O' that VNN LCM rapidly taking on water; this unit wants to assist. 1945H Salvage team aboard ENC'O' for relay and faster arrival on scene. 1840H on scene position YD 988/230; attempted to get line aboard with line throwing gun and swimmer. VNN OINC would not accept tow. 1940 Messengers failed in part seen 2015H Swimmer aboard; underway manual patrol.~~

P 15 1300Z MAR 68

FM ENC'T'

TO ARTICLE

INFO PERMUTE, ENC'CM'

BT

UNCLAS

MKT Tm SPT RPT 15/2/ENC'T'/1

1. ENC'T', ENC'CM', ENC'D', ENC'OM'

3. 15/1700H/152030H

4. YD 988 230 [YC SU YT WB ZH]

6. VNN 'M' boat sinking and beached above position. ENC'T' on scene 1840H attempting to get line aboard. 1900H swim line ashore and aboard. VNN O-N-C refused tow and threw off messengers. 1930H messengers caught in pool screws 1940H swimmers aboard. 2000 Underway enroute normal patrol. Line can be removed first light by salvage barge in the area. Request you or your counterpart arrange for gun fire coverage for VNN 'M' boat. ENC'CM' expended ^[4M] 15 illuminators. No friendly casualties. Maximum speed ^[VL] " etc.

7. None

8. FINAL

BT

UTAH Beach units

~~AMILE SHORES 3 or 3B (57.85)~~

~~H' boats / LCVs working in area (35.50)~~

1ST AIR CAV

BIRTH CONTROL 8 located 10 miles SW of UTAH BEACH (65.45)

F 65.45 F3 46.40

F1 58.45 CR 35.35

F2 37.90

NOTED: ARTICLE HAS SOI

for 1ST AIR CAV; you should be

QUICK COUGAR 8 (53.00)

F 46.30 F3 62.90

F1 60.70 CF 40.45

F2 53.00

able to work from these listed frequencies. If not, ARTICLE can give you necessary info.

CG-12 EP FLAXEN, SORTIE 'E' 46.7 / 56.75

HUE RIVER MOUTH SECURITY ABOLITION 40.5

Nags Head 26'0' guards 37.50 both Nags Head 26'0' need

QUICK COUGAR 8 usually have requests for H&I

1'C'

12 March 1968

16 March 1968

- 121015H - inspected junks purportedly carrying long silver cases at position 16°50'N, 107°38'E; cases were empty 5" containers picked up by fishermen in the area.
- 131200H - transported Major, Senior Naval Advisor for Base Defense, and a LCDR to CG-12 from ENC'V1'.
- 150840H - two detainees aboard for no ~~XXXX~~ IDs; turned over to EO via ENC'V1'.

Army amphibious landing area, Utah Beach, at position YD 495 563 and is located just off a sand road leading up to the beach. (refer to combat chart for charted road)

A LCU ramp is planned in the near future to be located 200m north of Utah Beach position up on the beach.

Large salvage work barge off Utah Beach position YD 512 578.

Tug wreck is definitely at position YD 570 510 and NOT at YD 557 522. Former position checks with Utah Beach location. Suggest survey vessel accurately establish position as wreck is used as a major aid to navigation.

Y2X01KXX

- 130415H - H&I YD 44 62 with 15 rds HE; negative results.
- 140405H - H&I YD 43 61 with 15 rds HE; negative results.
- 141045H - while making approach to Gua Viet, area bounded by YD 3369, 3871, 3371, 3673 received over 50 rds 140mm rockets, 1 civilian in village KIA, 3 WIA, and 4 WIA fishermen in area; Clipping had 2 minor WIA; Badminton received light damage. Nearest round to this unit was 150yds; area was completely saturated.
- 150345H - H&I YD 525 545 with 15 rds HE; observed one small secondary.
- 151645H - received call from ENC'D' that VNN LCM rapidly taking on water; this unit enroute to assist. 1745H salvage team aboard ENC'CM' for relay to and faster arrival on scene. 1840H on scene position YD 988 230 attempting to get line aboard with line throwing gun and swimmer. VNN OINC would not accept tow. 1940H messenger fouled in port screw. 2015H swimmer aboard; underway normal patrol. 160810H - line removed from port screw by Navy divers from diving barge located off Utah Beach.
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- 151540H - rendezvoused with Birth Control 3A on helo deck of USS TUDARE to get SOI of 1st Air Cav.

C Designators

C-19 41.00	Utah Beach units - Agile Shores 3 or 3B (57.85)
C-22 47.40	all landing craft on 35.50
C-22A 46.25	1st Air Cav units - Birth Control 8 (65.45) located 10 mi SW of Utah Beach.
C-30 35.20	Designators used by this unit:
C-31 42.80	F 65.45 F3 46.40
C-32 48.60	F1 58.45 CR 35.35
C-33 45.60	F2 37.90
C-34 43.40	Quick Cougar 8 (53.00)
	F 46.30 F2 53.00 CF 40.45
	F1 60.70 F3 62.70

Above are Navy designators.

Note:

Article has SOI for 1st Air Cav;
you should be able to work from these listed frequencies and
designators. If not, Article can give
you necessary ~~INT~~ info.

CG-12 EP Flaxen Sortie 'E' 46.7/ 56.75

Hue River Mouth Security Abolition 40.5

Nags Head 26'0' guards 37.50 and both Nags Head 26'0' and Quick Cougar '8' usually
have requests for H&I.

William C. Carr, LTJG, USCG

— NIGHT ORDERS —

18 March 1968

1. Underway in area IF 'as Enfield Cobra' Quebec' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses covering the entire area from the southern boundary up to the Da Nang harbor entrance buoy.
3. Restricted areas are marked on the chart; fishing at night is allowed. Boats must be anchored or within a relatively stationary area, and they must be lighted. Reports of VC movement by boats in the area have been fairly frequent; several very highly suspect VC have been detained recently. Keep a sharp radar and night scope watch for any unlighted movement. Call me immediately if any movement noted. There should be no fishing at all up in the harbor or in the entrance. Also, read attached notes concerning radar.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0730H and make sure I get up.

	OOD	HELM	EW0	Respectfully,
1600-2000	W.G.J.	JMH	BOB	W.C. Can
2000-2400	Ro7	AKK	WF.	Commanding
0000-0400	—	RTB.	NAE	
0400-0800	—	—	—	

— NIGHT ORDERS —

19 March 1968

1. Underway in area 1° F' on Enfield Cooper 'Quebec' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses covering area from southern boundary to DaNang entrance buoy.
3. Standard procedures apply for junk activity at night.
4. ER has a message for this unit when we can get comms and most probably concerns a request for H¹I. Record coordinates & L will clear during mid-watch.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2320H and 0800 H.

Respectfully,
 W. C. Can
 Commanding

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>Roy</u>	<u>HBM</u>	<u>WFi</u>
0000-0400	<u>—</u>	<u>RIB</u>	<u>RAC</u>
0400-0800	<u>U. G. J.</u>	<u>JmH</u>	<u>BoS</u>

NIGHT ORDERS

20 March 1968

1. Underway area 'I'F' as Enfield Cobra Quebec on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Contact ER for possible H/I; put coordinates on status board. I will clear.
3. During your watch try to complete cover the entire length of the area from the mooring buoy to the southern boundary at 1 mile from the beach. Investigate all basket boats and junks with the searchlight. All unlighted boats shall be detained; also those underway. Call me if this occurs. Patrol at 300 RPMs.
4. Area around most of peninsula is no longer restricted; refer to recent message in message log.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2320H and 0800H.

Respectfully
W. C. C.
Commanding

	OOD	HELM	EWD
2000-2400	<u>RWZ</u>	<u>ABNY</u>	<u>WF.</u>
0000-0400	<u>RIB.</u>		<u>AJE</u>
0400-0800	<u>W.G. J. JmH</u>		<u>BDB</u>

NIGHT ORDERS

21 March 1968

1. Underway in area 'I'F' as Enfield Code 'Quebec' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area in normal random manner at 300 RPMs.
3. Continue to inspect junks anchored and lighted. Report any suspicious junk activity to me.
4. South of Marble Mt. is a restricted area for HI-I fire by a cruiser; area is marked on chart. Remain clear.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 2325H and 0800H.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>RNF</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>WFC</u>	W. C. Lan
0000-0400	<u>—</u>	<u>RTB.</u>	<u>—</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	

18-22 March 1968

Various transfer of personnel to USSV ANCE AND LSMR 1 (Expert Alpha)

Tanks again established in cave and fish in restricted areas. Old restriction still apply.

Tanks leave harbor and cave areas approximately 0400H and are well lighted; they return by 1500 to area of cave or into harbor to sell at various fish markets.

Expert Alpha and a cruiser were in area vicinity ER; constant bombing heard. Enemy troops purportedly on the move south.

NIGHT ORDERS

24 March 1968

1. Underway in area 2'E', northern section, as Same Drill 'Romeo' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs from southern boundary at Capria to the northern boundary of Min Batauger just south of Flat Rock. Cover entire area in random manner; do not run a regular Syrian type patrol. Cover out to the boundary limit also.
3. Restricted areas are as marked on the chart; very few junks normally fish at night in this area. Any junk fishing in a restricted area must be boarded even if well lighted and anchored. Any junk in the northern part of area to be considered highly suspect. Keep well informed of such junk activity and any significant actions on the beach.
4. PGM 618, Mike Papa, may be in the area off CG-16; stay well clear.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0130H.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully, W Chan Commanding
2000-2400	<u>WBS</u>	<u>JMA</u>	<u>BOB</u>	
0000-0400	<u>W.L.J.</u>	<u>PRM</u>	<u>WCF</u>	
0400-0800	<u>RUF</u>	<u>MDA</u>	<u>RAC</u>	

NIGHT ORDERS

25 March 1968

1. Underway northern half area 2'E' as Same Dirib 'Romulo' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area from Cap Mia to Mui Batangas at 300 RPM ^{running} ~~on~~
~~random courses involving coverage of entire area.~~
 barrier patrol from BS 8645 to BS 9085. Give Flat Rock a wide berth. Stay within three to four miles of coastline.
3. Inspect junks fishing at night with search light; inform me of any junks in Batangas area. Same procedures as last night apply to junks on the move or unlighted — get me up.
4. PGM 618 still in the area; stay clear.
5. Have EWO and HELM on night scope when close watches; have EWO check vessel for darkness occasionally.
6. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0730/7.

	DOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>SPZ</u>	<u>JMN</u>	<u>SEB</u>
0000-0400	_____	_____	_____
0400-0800	_____	_____	_____

Respectfully,
 W. C. Can
 Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

25 March 1968

1. Underway area 2'E' on Same Divid 'R' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Unit proceeding at 240 RPMs to lee of Cu Lao Re with cargo jumb. NT 257 TTDC in tow with 300ft hawser to the hittle. Run with proper navigational lights and keep boarding light trained on fantail to observe hawser working. Watch to periodically check chaffing gear on hawser.
3. Hold a radio check at least once every two hours and obtain informal situation report from pump team. Call me in the event problems arise in jumb.
4. Continue regular radar watch for contacts; SD 'X', SD 'RM', and SD 'Z' will be covering our area for us.
5. Wake me when one mile from island lee. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. ^{Make sure you} up by 0730H.

OOD HELM EWD

2000-2400

0000-0400

0400-0800

W.A.J.

R.V.J.

ABM

R.H.E.

W.G.F.

R.H.E.

Respectfully,

W.C. Lan

Commanding

P 25 1605Z MAR 68

3/25/68

FM SD'R'

TO ARTKLE

SD'Z'

INFO SD'X', SD'RM', PERMEATE

BT

UNCLAS

SITREP ONE SINKING CARGO JUNK 2200H

[SB DC TI ZU]

1. 2200H INVESTIGATED A ^{TWO} DIW CONTACTS POSITION BS 9538

2200H ON SCENE. ~~DISCOVERED~~ ^{DISCOVERED} NT 257 TTDC RAPIDLY TAKING
~~SCUPPER~~ RESCUE AND ASSISTANCE

ON WATER. 2225H A ~~PIPER~~ ^{SCUPPERS} TEAM ABOARD ~~TO INVESTIGATE AND~~
FOUND A 3 FT WATER IN HOLD AND BILGES. ^{3 POB} ~~AND SCUPPERS~~ ^{PARTIAL} BEGAN TETTERSON OF SALT ^{CRUDE OIL}

~~AT 2300 H~~ 2300 H REGAINED 1 FT FREE BOARD AND DISCOVERED

RUPTURED STUFFING BOX, ~~REPAIR~~ ^{PLUGGED} AND PATCHED SAME.
VALVE PUSH ROD ON ^{MISSING} AND VALVE STEM ^{POSSIBLY} PROBABLY BROKEN. JUNK WAS
~~JUNK ENGINE~~

~~HEAVILY~~ OVERLOADED WITH SALT AND NUOC HAN AND HAD ^{TAKEN} ~~BELOW~~
ON WATER WHILE WALLOWING IN MODERATE SWELL.

2. ^{2330H} TWO MAN PUMP TEAM REMAIN ABOARD. JUNK IN TOW. FLOODING UNDER CONTROL.

3. UNODIR INTEND TOW TO BS 9999 [MLA NJ KJ] [ZN KT CO AV TR SS] ETA 0600 H.

~~REQUEST SD'X' AND SAME DRINK UNITS MAKE NECESSARY MINOR~~
~~COMPENSATIONS IS REQUIRED.~~

4. CASE PENDING

26 March 1968

1. Underway near 2'E, northern portion, as Same Direct 'Rames' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol on barrier from position approximately two miles east of Cap Mien to two miles to the north and four miles east of Black Rock near the Song Tra Khuc just south of Muoi Botanger. Patrol at 300 RPMs ^{when} on a westerly heading and 200 RPMs while heading south. Choose fairly comfortable courses.
3. Be at position BS 0150 at 0800 H for infiltration patrol.
4. Maintain sharp radar watch as usual.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0700 H.

Respectfully,

	OOD	HELM	EWO	WCC
2000-2400	<u>SBZ</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>POB</u>	Commanding
0000-0400	<u>W.L.J.</u>	<u>ARM</u>	<u>WF.</u>	
0400-0800	<u>RWJ</u>	<u>ROM</u>	<u>ATC</u>	

— NIGHT ORDERS —

27 March 1968

1. Underway area Z'F', northern portion, as Same David 'Ramos' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol area covering same on random courses at 300RPMs.
3. Account for all radar and visual contacts. Keep me advised of action on the beach.
4. Be two miles off Coastal Group 16 by 0730H. Morning watch to contact CG-16 and arrange for intended personnel pickup at 0800 or vicinity thereof.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0700 H.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>WBJ</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>EBB</u>	W.C. Can
0000-0400	<u>Wid. J.</u>	<u>NS12</u>	<u>WBF</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>RWF</u>	_____	<u>RIE</u>	

New TANGO Circuit 38.50
" TANGO Mike Circuit 60.40

~~TOWAGE 40 60.95 Sa Huyah~~

~~GUNSLINGER 65 66.05~~

~~COVOTE 56.20~~

~~JUNK 470 QNG NOT QN QUANG NAM~~

✓ ~~28/0900 THREE VAD / ONE US~~

~~NO ARVN~~

~~EXPECT ATTACK LAST NIBUT / NEXT TWO~~

✓ ~~L56 ART BRENN~~

~~24 4K-79 GUN EX~~

✓ ~~24/2030 FROM JNN LO TO SD'N OSS CROCKETT~~

~~PCM 618 IN AREA - SHARP ON CHALLENGE / REPLY~~

~~SD'N~~

~~25/1000 USS HISSAM for medical aid to fishermen w/ gasoline~~

~~25/2200 NT 257 TTDC sinking 2330 TOWED/1020 DROPPED TOW
little rough afternoon 1200-2000 on 26~~

~~26/1500 56 26 TTDC tow 1645 got some small post handover in~~

~~27/0800 infiltration patrol for GUNSLINGER 65 - no junk out Sa Huyah~~

31 March 1968

1. Underway in area 2 'EM' as Same Drums 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 350 RPM into the seas and 200 RPM with them on relatively comfortable courses.
3. Activity in Sa Huyen and Cap Mia tonight; inform me of any heavy activity on the beach. Some small lighted and unlighted junks as in the area. Inspect with search light.
4. Arrange for rendezvous, weather permitting, with PT CAUTION sometime in early morning after 0800H. Use encrypted beach traffic to arrange.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt. Wake me at 0700H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully,
0000-0400	<u>Fwt</u>	<u>JMA</u>	<u>BOB</u>	WCLan
0400-0800	<u>Rly</u>	<u>Agar</u>	<u>RIC</u>	Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

1 April 1968

1. Underway in area 2 'EN' as Same Drink 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPM on random courses, covering the entire area. Make several runs out to outer boundary. Inspect all fishing junks with search light; call me if suspicious activity noted. Also inspect junks in close to the beach but do not close within 1000 yds without calling me. Keep a tally.
3. EWO to stand a tight radar watch, keeping especially alert for small wooden hulled junks. Use 0, 3/2 mile scales frequently.
4. Station vessel at entrance to Sa Huynh at first light to board inbound junks. If weather too rough to board, inspect.
5. Report any significant action on the beach to me. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0500H and advise by get up.

	OOD	HELM	EWO	Respectfully,
2000-2400	REY	RDM	RdB	W. C. Carr
0000-0400	KWJ	JMH	BOB	Commanding
0400-0800	REY	NSM	R/E	

— NIGHT ORDERS —

2 April 1968

1. Underway area 2'EM' as Same Drills 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.

2. Patrol on random courses at 300 RPMs covering entire area from close inshore (1000 yds) to outer boundary.

3. Have EWO and helm rotate on the radar; keep the ~~signal~~ ^{suppressors} down so small junks can be picked up. A number of junks are fishing throughout the area every night; inspect with the searchlight or hand held flares when inshore. Inspect as many junks as possible and keep a tally on status board for inclusion with 2400H reports. This is to be standard policy henceforth. We have an active daytime boarding program. This is to be extended into night time inspections.

4. Report any significant action on the beach. Also, remember, I want to be on the bridge if you are closing cargo junks or highly suspicious fishing junks. Large contacts that are well lighted and not on a penetrating course to the beach can be inspected and reports sent and such action reported to me in the morning. However, unlighted, relatively large contacts should entail you calling me. Do not hesitate in the least to call

me in such situations. I do not mind getting up at any time or for any matter that you feel may warrant my presence. Keep me informed!

5. Wake me at first light.

Respectfully,

WCCan

Commanding

2000-2400

OOD

HELM

EWO

~~REY~~

RON

RIB

0000-0400

REY

JMB

BOB

0400-0800

REY

RR

K/E

NIGHT ORDERS

3 April 1968

1. Underway over 2'EM' as Same Drift 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on various and random courses covering the area from close inshore to outer boundary. Continue inspection of junks throughout the night.
3. Be at southern boundary at one mile from beach at ~~0330H~~ 0330H and call me to the bridge.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EJO
2000-2400	BOB	ROD	RJB
0000-0400	RWY	JMT	BOB
0400-0800	REL	ABM	RAE

Respectfully,
WCCan
Commanding

NIGHT ORDERS

4 April 1968

1. Underway area 2'EM' as Same Drub 'Romeo Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses covering entire area.
3. Inspect junks at random as you come upon them while on legs of patrol. No special effort to be made for inspecting this evening.
4. Be at northern end of area at 0100H and wake me. Make sure to get up.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially when in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully,
2000-2400	<u>Bob</u>	<u>Rom</u>	<u>RHB</u>	W. E. Lan
0000-0400	<u>Ruf</u>	<u>Smith</u>	<u>BOB</u>	Commanding
0400-0800	<u>REY</u>	<u>HBM</u>	<u>RLE</u>	

~~Rosemary Ave~~ 007

① Use of techniques

Alpha 6 Kilo 44.05 new squelch

BS 872 323

APC unit 1-2 miles SW

CG-16 ET ORAL TREAD 'B' 67.05

DOC PHO 'C' 4

SECTER 'V' 11

DIVISION DUNBAR SECTOR 48.7/33.1

SA HUYNH TONNAGE 40 60.75

Pointe de KIM BANG VALLOR 3F 68.15

CAP M14 RAW HIDE 65 57.45

ELBOW H 56.20 45.00 BS 9040

Red Wings 8 BS 8637

032030 me to illuminate Cap this inlet

~~4 handflares~~

040415 4 handflares BS 930 115

041255 replenished with USS HESSEY for water & fuel

NIGHT ORDERS

5 April 1968

1. Underway in area 2'EM' as Same Dris 'Romed Mike' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses covering the entire area. Continue inspecting junk fishing at night and other contacts transiting area.
3. The PT GREX should relieve us sometime tonight; we must rendezvous. When she comes up on the radio, send beach traffic to let her know of this necessity.
4. If not relieved by 0600H, be at BS 9040 and call me. Keep me advised as to progress of relief, incidents on the beach, suspicious contacts, etc.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWD	Respectfully, WCCan Commanding
2000-2400	AWJ	ROM	RRTB	
0000-0400	AWJ	JMH	BAB	
0400-0800	RCC	USM	ALC	

NIGHT ORDERS

7 April 1968

1. Underway area 3'D' as Rice Twiggs 'Sierra' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea. We are also assuming the guard and station for Rice Twiggs 'Delta'. Take all traffic to that station, for action.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs at various and random courses covering the entire area. Under no circumstances close the beach to less than 1000 YDS unless I am on the bridge. Many wrecks and shoals in the rickshaw areas. Beat northern boundary by 0700H to shift up.
3. Conduct active night inspection of both lighted and unlighted boats; if any boats begin behaving in a suspicious manner, immediately call me and get the motor and MK 79 ready. This is especially true in the northwest corner of the area; successful infiltration has definitely occurred on a small scale in that area. Stay alert.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially if in doubt. Wake me at 0700H.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>RJT</u>	<u>ABM</u>	<u>R/E</u>
0000-0400	<u>BEY</u>	<u>ROM</u>	<u>R/B</u>
0400-0800	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>BeB</u>

Respectfully,
 W C Can
 Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

8 April 1968

1. Underway in area 3'D' as Rice Twiggs 'Sigma' and as Rice Twiggs 'Delta' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs at various and random courses covering the entire area. Do not close the beach to less than 1000 yds.
3. Continue active night inspection of fishing junks; all standing orders and general procedures apply. Do not hesitate to call me to the bridge.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWD
2000-2400	RWT	ABM	RLE
0000-0400	REY	RVM	RAB
0400-0800	REY	JMH	BOB

Respectfully,
WCCan
Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

9 April 1968

1. Underway in area 3'D' as Rice Twigg's 'Sigma' and Rice Twigg's 'Delta' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs on random courses occasionally closing the beach to 1000 yds and also patrolling out to the boundary.
3. Continue active night inspection of junks; board suspicious craft.
4. Rendezvous with PT WELCOME at first light for mail and transfer of their liaison petty officer.
5. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially when in doubt. Wake me at 0630H; assume that I get up.

Respectfully,

W Chan

Commanding.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	Rust	ARM	A/E
0000-0400	RCS	ROM	R/B
0400-0800	W Chan	JMH	BAB

Standard air/ Ground Frey.

46.00/40.10

41ST REC (north)

BROKEN RAILS ~~Bar~~

44.10

40TH REC (south)

PENSIVE CRIST

~~44.70~~ 35.70 NS

SECTOR PW MY

MALOWE HUNTER 'G'

44.70

RUSSET SHOVEL 'X'

33.10 NS

CG-21 (DEGI)

QUEBEC HOTEL

37.50 ~~ground~~

42.25 Van

PARTIAL

D I B

1 KS TNK

P092215Z

43 26 5

071458H - ~~at~~ Retrieved from USS ENGBE

071700H - called by B TOROOF to investigate underwater object

~~TOROOF~~ in surf line and junks in vicinity CR 015047

Was suspected as underwater cache for ~~ammunition~~ supply point. Expended 12 grenades ^{in object} with negative result. Object was near charted wreck

B D I

23 46 14

29 90 39

15 55 30

5 43 26

234 109

Joke F in area

— NIGHT ORDERS —

11 April 1968

1. Underway enroute area 3'c' to assume station as Rice Twiggs 'Tango' for Market Time Patrol.
2. Upon arrival on 3'0', Nambook 'P' will shift up to relieve Zilda 'A'. Continue up to 3'c' at 400 RPMs and rendezvous to get treasury files, etc. Wake me before the rendezvous.
3. Once on station conduct patrol as usual, covering the area on random courses at 300 RPMs.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at any time, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	PELM	EWD	Respectfully, W. C. Lan Commanding
2000-2400	REN	JMH	DOB	
0000-0400	REN	ARM	RIP	
0400-0800	REN	ROM	DOB	

— NIGHT ORDERS —

12 April 1968

1. Underway in area 3-C' as Rice Twigg's 'Tango' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea. Also patrol northern half of area 3-D'; Harvitch 'Two' is in effect.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs into the seas and 200 RPMs with the seas selecting courses as comfortable as possible.
3. EWO to make hourly inspections below decks to check galley for incoming water and all compartments. Main hold and logzette to be checked over each watch. Keep logzette pumped and as dry as possible.
4. Stand a careful radar watch and account for all contacts as usual. Inspect any cargo junks that may be out. Do not close the beach to less than 1000 yds without calling me to the bridge.
5. Wake me at ^{0600 H} ~~0200 H~~ and be in general area of Pointe de Hin Bong — within two miles. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	EWO	HELM
2000-2400	REG	BOB	Jm/16
0000-0400	REG	RAE	RBM
0400-0800	RWS	RPM	RLB

Respectfully,
W. Can
Commanding

— NIGHT ORDERS —

13 April 1968

1. Underway area 3'C' as Rice Twiggs 'Tango' on Market Time Patrol, South China Sea. Patrol area also extends into upper half of 3'D'.
2. Patrol at 300 RPMs into the seas and run with them at 200 RPM. Choose comfortable courses if possible.
3. Be at the northern boundary of 3'C' by 0600H. Wake next 0500H and make sure I get up.
4. Do not hesitate to call me at anytime, especially if in doubt.

	OOD	HELM	EWO
2000-2400	<u>REG</u>	<u>JMH</u>	<u>BDD</u>
0000-0400	<u>ABO</u>	<u>ABM</u>	<u>RAF</u>
0400-0800	<u>RW</u>	<u>ROM</u>	<u>RAB</u>

Respectfully,
W. C. Lan
Commanding