

## **STEVE COX**

**USCGC BERING STRAIT (WAVP-372) – Jun67 to Mar68**  
**Navy Unit Commendation - 24 Apr 67 to 1 Dec 67**

### **Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015**

...assigned as engineering watch officer and damage control assistant on BERING STRAIT ... when she was assigned to the original Squadron Three and posted to Vietnam for 10 months until March of 1968.

### **WIKIPEDIA**

...BERING STRAIT was transferred to South Vietnam and served in the Republic of Vietnam Navy as the frigate RVNS Trần Quang Khải (HQ-02) until South Vietnam's collapse at the end of the Vietnam War in April 1975. She fled to the Philippines, where she was incorporated into the Philippine Navy, in which she served to 1990...

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Dear Cdr. & Mrs. High;

It was wonderful to receive your Christmas card, note and my class' duty stations.

We have been fairly busy here in Vietnam maintaining the coastal patrol stations to keep "CHARLIE" from running guns into the country via the sea. It must be pretty effective from the reports the ship receives.

We have had what the Navy calls gun fire support missions every patrol we have made. We have managed to destroy a number of fortification, kill a few VC and generally harass him.

One gun fire support mission our second month out here we managed to disrupt a company of VC and another time destroyed a supply dump and staging area.

So as you can see we have managed



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to keep fairly busy.

I ran into Bob Walker, Mike Koloski, Larry Grief and Stanley Andrasick off the other four ships that went with us and they all are fine. Bob Walker got orders to MIO and Mike Koloski is DUNS to the University of Illinois. I am expecting orders shortly. (I hope!!)

In answer to your questions, yes, I think the Coast Guard is just great. I have had two excellent duty stations and I am looking forward to my next station with great anticipation. There is no disrespect meant toward Pres. Johnson but I think that this war out here is not being run right. I feel that we should have bombed Haiphong long ago and mined the harbor. That would have sure fixed N. Vietnam's wagon! But maybe fortunately I do not run the war; I only fight in it.



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It has been a great trip out here. So far for RTR we have seen Formosa, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore. The Far East is really a fascinating experience. As you know I made trips to Japan on Double Victor and thoroughly enjoyed every time I went, I especially enjoyed going up to Tokyo for the weekends - so much to see and do.

I think that I have managed to buy out the Far East as far as clothes, nick-nacks, etc is concerned and am ready to see the dear old USA for good now.

Well its getting late and I have the morning watch. Thank you again for your card.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen A. Cap