

MESSAGES RECEIVED UPON DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM

FM: CTF ONE ONE FIVE

1. Upon completion of your tour of duty with Market Time I commend you for your consistently outstanding performance.
2. As you turn homeward you carry my best wishes for a safe and quick voyage.

FM: COMNAVFORV

Bon Voyage

1. On your departure from Vietnamese waters I wish to express my most sincere appreciation for your fine performance while assigned to Market Time duties.
2. Your display of enthusiasm and dedication during many long hours of patrol was noted with pleasure and was essential to the continued success of Market Time.
3. Well done. RADM VETH SENDS

FM: CTU ONE FIVE PT TWO PT ONE

1. As you depart Patrol Area Three we at Qui Nhon wish you fair winds and a following sea.
2. We have noted your performance with much pleasure and are sorry to see you leave the team.
3. Our only regret is that we can't accompany you back to San Francisco.

FM: COMCOGARDRON ONE

1. Congratulations on completion successful Market Time tour.
2. The support and extra fine treatment extended Squadron One WPB personnel are appreciated.
3. Smooth sailing.

FM: CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

1. As you depart, I wish to congratulate you on a job well done. Despite prolonged on station periods, your performance in Market Time Operations and on Taiwan Straits Patrol was exceptional. Receipt of a Meritorious Conduct Award while visiting Hong Kong reflected great credit on ship's company and the US Coast Guard. You should feel justifiably proud of your accomplishments. Smooth sailing and Godspeed. REAR ADMIRAL SHELDON KINNEY

ACCUMULATED STATISTICS FOR ENTIRE DEPLOYMENT

16 April 1967 to 10 February 1968

Total possible time underway: 7188 hours
 Actual time underway: 5603 hours 10 min.
 Percent underway: 77.9%
 Traveled: 65,012.6 engine(s) miles
 Replenished at sea: 49 times
 Received at sea: 595,938 gallons fuel
 121,000 lbs (approx)
 Freight, Mail, Food Stuffs
 Expended at sea: 1,055,876 gallons fuel
 1,260,481 gallons fresh water
 Distilled: 1,175,159 gallons potable water
 135,070 gallons feed water

MARKET TIME:

Steel hulled vessels detected: 754
 Wood hulled vessels detected: 2,595
 Boarded and searched: 23
 Inspected: 1,038
 Classified as major merchantmen: 517

During Market Time deployment, the Gresham participated in ten (10) firing missions in support of friendly forces with the following known results:

Expended: 464 rounds 5"/38
 82% target coverage (average)
 Destroyed 14 buildings, damaged 38
 Sunk 8 sampans, damaged 4
 Destroyed 5 bunkers
 5 VC KIA, 5 VC WIA
 2 secondary explosions observed

Provided assistance (fuel, water, change of crews, etc.)

PCF . . . (Swift Boats) 22 different PCF's total time unrepped: 125
 WPB's (R2 Footers) 15 different WPB's total time unrepped: 34
 Misc. small craft unrepped or assisted: 5
 Grand total of small craft unrepped: 167
 Of 300 days of deployment, 75 days spent "In Port." Number of days liberty (crew) 50.

PORTS VISITED DURING DEPLOYMENT

Honolulu, Hawaii, 2 times
 Subic Bay, Philippines, 4 times
 Sattahip, Thailand, 1 time
 Hong Kong, BCC, 1 time
 Sasebo, Japan, 1 time
 Singapore, 1 time
 Kaohsiung, Taiwan, 1 time