

After a brief return to the Philippines, the MINNETONKA started her second patrol on February 24th near the coastal city of Qui Nhon. The men who went ashore for the initial briefing were able to see much evidence of the enemy offensive which had taken place shortly before we arrived. Two incidents marked our second patrol period. The first concerned the enemy trawler which was attempting to smuggle supplies into our area. The MINNETONKA confronted the trawler on the night of February 29th in international waters. Despite our attempts to engage her, the enemy ship turned away rather than risk destruction by our five inch gun. Although it was a disappointment for us, our primary goal had been accomplished in fine style. The second incident was our first Naval Gunfire Support mission near Tuy Hoa in early March. In this patrol area, as in others, we continued to provide logistic support for smaller vessels.



Artist's conception.

