



Above: ENDURANCE
and CGC SHERMAN.



Cargo recovered from
the sunken trawler.

From the Chairman of The Joint Chiefs of Staff

Dear Chet:

I noted with pleasure the performance of the CUTTERS RUSH and SHERMAN in the action which contributed to the destruction of the North Vietnamese infiltration trawler off the Southeast coast of the Republic of Vietnam on the twenty first of November.

The outstanding action taken by these ships is indicative of the continuing contribution made by the Coast Guard units in the naval effort in Southeast Asia over the past several years.

Please express my personal "Well Done" to the officers and men of RUSH and SHERMAN.

s T. H. Moorer
Admiral U.S. Navy

Dear Captain Durfey,

I followed with interest your surface action against an enemy trawler on 21 November 1970.

The comments made to me by senior officers in the Navy, together with the official messages of commendation, are a source of great personal pleasure and professional pride. I am enclosing a copy of a letter, concerning this engagement, I have just received from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I have received his approval to publish this letter in the Commandant's Bulletin in the near future but I wanted a copy to come to you directly.

Please accept for yourself and convey to your officers and men my "Well Done" for performance of duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

s C. R. Bender
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard