



MEDCAP was a word most of us had not heard before the tour, but it became an operation which proved extremely beneficial for the citizens of South Vietnam. Standing for Medical Civic Action Program, MEDCAP took our doctor or corpsman to an isolated village, treating villagers who had gone without medical assistance for years. By the end of the program over 5000 persons were treated for an assortment of diseases including malnutrition, skin diseases, cholera, and tuberculosis.

Thus while operating as a warship we still had a chance to provide help to those who needed it. On one occasion we tugged a distressed cargo ship into the nearest harbor and on another, delivered an injured man to a helicopter which took him to a nearby hospital.

By the time we were ready to return, we knew what our purpose had been, and knew that we had fulfilled it.

