

On Sunday the 25th we departed on our first patrol. All departments were making last minute preparations and assuring that everyone knew his job when we arrived in Vietnamese waters.

We relieved the SPENCER at our Market Time station on the 28th; the Captain and various department heads took the small boat and went over for relief conferences. At 1100 we assumed duties in Area 7 and began our first patrol.

"DECK FORCE STANDBY TO RECEIVE 82-Footer ON STARBOARD SIDE."

It didn't take us long to get started. By 1400 we were maneuvering at various courses and speeds investigating everything in sight. We made our first rendezvous with an 82-footer later in the afternoon, picking up an ET who had to be transferred to the WINNEBAGO.

