

"STAND BY TO RECEIVE SMALL BOAT ALONGSIDE"

... a pipe often heard in many of our operating areas off the Coast of Viet Nam which usually meant that we were about to give the DALLAS welcome to a U.S. shore based unit or V.N. Navy boat.

They came for many reasons, medical aid and advice, repairs, fuel for the shore stations, use of the ship's store, ammunition, supplies, or the use of our laundry. The men were always welcome since they broke up the routine of the day and brought information about what was happening on the beach. Usually the boat crews' planning was very good and they arrived at meal times, so we always managed to give them a hot meal with whatever else they needed. They all said that they would never forget the DALLAS and it is doubtful if we will ever forget the boat crews we met here.

