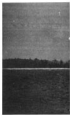


# NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT



On occasions the MENDOTA was called on to use her 5"/38 caliber gun to hit enemy targets. Some days we would fire for the U. S. Navy's operations at 0800 and then for the U.S. Army at 2100 and then fire H & I for the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam. Our enemy was never seen and we seldom saw the results of our shooting but we developed an excellent Naval Gunfire team that drew praise every time it shot.

