

# GUAM-SUBIC BAY-INCHOP

Upon arrival in Guam we received mail and refueled. Five days later we arrived in the Phillipines after passing through the San Bernardino Straits and approached Subic Bay, in the island of Luzon, from the South. We moored alongside the Cutter Hamilton, which was to be relieved of Squadron Three duty.

Even as the heaving lines were in the air, vital information was already being exchanged, both official and personal. The Hamilton's officers and men briefed us on the vital information necessary to the accurate performance of our duties, both on the gun line and for barrier patrol.

Unofficial briefings included information on where to buy the best cameras, stereos, china, and jewelry while in foreign ports. Commodore Hoover came aboard to welcome us into Squadron Three and personally wished us good luck.

We also received aboard several petty officers of the South Vietnamese Navy as advisors and interpreters who were going through familiarization training for future duty aboard the Coast Guard Cutters Yakutat and Bering Strait, soon to be officially transferred to the South Vietnamese Navy.



*These men of the South Vietnamese Navy were soon to serve aboard their own vessel.*



*Hospital ship Sanctuary was in Subic Bay*



Soon the inport was over and we headed for the combat zone and our first patrol. The crew was anticipating what it might be like, especially as we passed Con Son Island, a Vietnamese prison.

About our duties? We found out soon enough.