

# BARRIER PATROLS AND BOARDING OPERATIONS



*Commodore Hoover with the captain overseeing a boarding operation*



*Vessels suspected must be inspected*

The patrol of the outer barrier off the coast of Viet Nam was our most important duty. It was our mission to keep track of the vessels operating throughout our assigned area in order to prevent any attempt by an enemy vessel, possibly disguised, from reaching the shore and delivering arms, ammunition, and supplies to the enemy operating in South Viet Nam.

The activities of all vessels operating in our area were closely watched to detect any irregularities in their behavior. Any suspicious vessels were instructed to stop and prepare to be boarded for inspection.

At this time, one of our well armed and specially instructed boarding teams would be lowered over the side in a small boat to board the suspicious vessel, inspect its cargo, and check for identification papers of all persons aboard.



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