

MEDCAPS

We were fortunate on this cruise to have both an experienced corpsman and a doctor from the Public Health Service. Their duties included medcaps along with the medical needs of the crew.

Organized ashore by naval commands as a gesture of good will toward the people of South Vietnam, medcaps provide assistance to the medical needs of the people, performed by Vietnamese civilian doctors or South Vietnamese military corpsmen, and assisted by U.S. Naval forces medical staff.



The word is spread through the local area by leaflets or loud speaker. The U.S. doctor arrives by helicopter, or boat, and assists the VN doctor, or corpsman, in diagnosis and administration of medical aids.

As for action – there was plenty.

Sometimes by boat, sometimes by helo, the doctor would always travel in style.



What type of terrain they will be working in is always of interest to men usually at sea.