

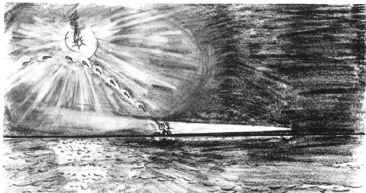
THE INFILTRATION TRAWLER

On the dark moonless night of November 21st., Sherman intercepted an armed enemy ship that was attempting the infiltration of South Vietnam. After the trawler had been engaged by other units of the Coast Guard and Navy, Sherman took the enemy infiltrator under destructive fire as he was headed for the beach at maximum speed just a few miles from his destination.

First, the target was illuminated for visual identification, and then Sherman commenced fire. Shortly thereafter, the burning vessel sank in the shallow waters of the South Vietnamese coast and disappeared from our radar. Just before he sank we received return fire from the trawler which fortunately did not hit Sherman.

This was the first major naval engagement in years and because of Sherman's proficient handling of the incident, many lives were saved.

A list of awards for distinguished individuals is included at the end of the book.



Caught in the spotlight of another ship and illuminated by star shells the infiltrator is identified.