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Operation Market Time

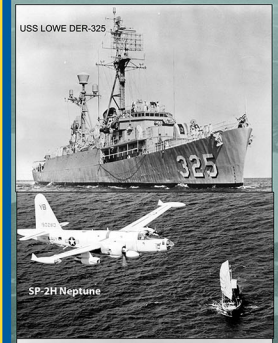
U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam 1965-1969

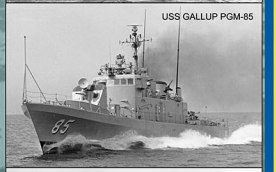
Operation Market Time was the U.S. Navy's effort to prevent the import of men and war materials by sea to enemy forces in South Vietnam.

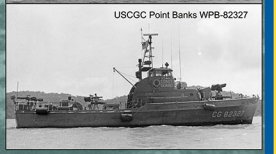
In March 1965, the Vietnam Coastal Patrol Force, TF 71, began counter-infiltration patrols. In July 1965, TF 71 was disestablished and CTF 115, assumed operational control of Market Time.

For the next three and half years, Market Time Coastal Surveillance Forces formed barriers at the Seventeenth Parallel and the Cambodian border. They also conducted offshore patrols along the coastline that were supported by over flights of VP aircraft.

Initially, the Market Time Coastal Surveillance Force consisted of Patrol Craft Fast (PCF) Swift boats, Destroyer Radar Picket (DER) ships, Ocean and Coastal Minesweepers (MSO and MSC), USCG Cutters (WPB), and SP-2H "Neptune" patrol aircraft.







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