

## NGFS MISSIONS

NGFS, meaning Naval Gunfire Support, was a major aspect of our Market Time duties. We conducted four basic types of gunfire missions. The most complex was in support of ground troops, aircraft, or smaller patrol boats, and we used an aircraft spotter to direct our fire. Similarly, we used aircraft spotters to hit non-visible targets not in a supportive function. At other times we saturated targets in a charted position. The fourth type of mission was fire directed against targets visible from the ship. The accuracy and efficiency of our gunnery crew drew repeated commendation from the spotters and shore operational personnel.



Left 5, drop 200.