

Hamilton's Role As Mother Ship



One of HAMILTON's "collateral duties," but an important one, while in Vietnamese waters was to act as a major support unit for the many smaller patrol craft in the area, such as Navy "Swift" boats, Coast Guard 82 footers, and Vietnamese Navy patrol boats. Providing support ran the gamut from supplying spare electronic and machinery parts, to fresh water and fuel, to ammunition, and last but not least, to a good hot meal and some much needed relaxation for their crews. Several of these boats, the 82 footers especially, responded by taking several HAMILTON personnel on board at various times for a day or two to see for themselves what the Coast Guard's "other arm" in Viet Nam was all about.

