

Naval Gunfire Support



HAMILTON fired a total of 4615 rounds of 5" 38 cal. ammunition while in Vietnam, in support of friendly troops ashore. The bulk of this total was fired during the final four months of deployment on Vietnam's western coast and in the Phan Thiet area just south of Cam Ranh Bay. Aside from routine troop support, HAMILTON was also assigned to cover several troop insertions, including one in March, 1970 on a large island near the Cambodian border. During our tour in Vietnam, we received numerous complimentary messages from high Navy commands praising our gunfire capability and accuracy. Though being assigned as gun-line ship meant long, long hours of work and many a sleepless night for much of the crew, the satisfaction gained was very much worth the effort, as this was our one sure way of inflicting direct damage on the enemy.

