

THE SPENCER HILTON

The John C. SPENCER Hilton also played host to an allied strike force composed primarily of Cambodian mercenary soldiers and led by U.S. Special Forces advisors. The troop of forty men camped on SPENCER'S fantail using it as a rest base of operation prior to their strikes ashore, where they were carried by U.S. Navy swift boats. While aboard they enjoyed the SPENCER'S hospitality in the forms of improvised chow lines and showers and an amazing device constructed by our own DC's, the "Guest Head". Just prior to their final departure on a strike mission ashore, the force presented the SPENCER their unit flag—a grim reminder of their fearsome power in battle.

Several Vietnamese detainees were also brought to the SPENCER for interrogation, having been picked up by swift boat crews during routine river boardings, or having been captured in a firefight.

