

AREA 6 AND 7



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The SPENCER crew quickly fell into the routine of barrier patrol. During this patrol the firepower of the five inch gun was frequently requisitioned by troops ashore in preparation for a sweep, or to pin down or harass the enemy. Replenishment at sea became a routine operation, as SPENCER took aboard large quantities of fuel, supplies, and ammunition. The SPENCER would in turn act as a replenishment station for the smaller craft, Coast Guard 82 footers and U.S. Navy Swift boats, which were patrolling in the shallower waters of the Market Time Barrier. "Vertical Replenishment" was experienced for the first time by the SPENCER crew on Area 7.

