

"NOW, HEAVE TO!"



Boarding by day or by night was standard routine as the SPENCER carried out her mission of watchdog for smuggled contraband and arms destined for Viet Cong forces in South Viet Nam. Any suspicious sampan, junk, or trawler entering the barrier was fair game for the SPENCER's investigation and boarding teams. Papers were checked, and the crew of the suspect vessel were interrogated by our Vietnamese liaison officer. Daily summaries and weekly reports were submitted to the Coastal Surveillance Center at Cat Lo. By years end, SPENCER had detected 3,642 junks, inspected 1,086 and boarded 27.

