

GUNFIRE SUPPORT



In mid-July, much to "Charlie's" chagrin, YAK fired her first shots in anger since World War II. In pre-planned Naval Gunfire Support Missions, the old warrior has shown she still has the teeth and vitality to inflict substantial losses on an extremely unfortunate enemy. As of this writing the enemy has suffered the wrath of YAK's five-inch/38 on three separate occasions at a cost of three base camps, four sampans, and at least 16 of Ho Chi Minh's Guerrillas. Violent secondary explosions were also observed which indicate that the VC may have lost a few cans of powder in their unprofitable encounters with the White One from New Bedford. Although these pictures belie the fact, the YAK's gun crew proved to be an effective deterrent to Communist aggression in South Vietnam.

