

39TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION (MT)  
APO 96316

14 DEC 1966

(Date)

From: Port Commander, Vung Ro Bay  
To: Masters of all Vessels calling at the Port of Vung Ro Bay  
Subj: Liberty at Vung Ro Bay

1. The beach area immediately adjacent to Vung Ro Bay is off limits to all merchant seamen calling at the Port of Vung Ro Bay.
2. Reasons for this restriction are security, the lack of adequate recreational facilities to accommodate your crews, and insufficient harbor craft to transport your personnel to and from shore.
3. I am fully aware of the tradition of seamen to visit their ports of call and the morale problem caused by this restriction. This letter will explain to your seamen the situation and reasons why they cannot be permitted to come ashore at this time.

W. V. POPE  
Major, TC  
Commanding

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hand 2000  
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