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Ralph: I was on the USS Mullinnix DD944 from 1970-74 including the 72 trip to Vietnam. The entire time I was over there my Dad saved all my letters home, newspaper articles, etc.

I'm in the process of developing a 'history' of the Mighty Mux. One of the articles Dad saved mentioned the mine explosion on your old ship. Thought you might want to add this to your website. Hope you enjoy it.

Regards,
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PS: Any photos, etc of the Mux would be appreciated. Tks, F

Explosions Rock U.S. Destroyer

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Saigon (UPI) – Two underwater explosions rocked the destroyer USS Warrington Monday off North Vietnam, the U.S. Command said Tuesday.

One crewman was slightly injured, the command said. He was given first aid and returned to duty.

The Warrington left the scene, about 20 miles offshore from the North Vietnamese panhandle, under its own power. But after its engine room began to flood, it was taken under tow, though the flooding was brought under control. The destroyer was enroute Tuesday to Subic Bay in the Philippines for repairs.

Other naval ships joined with U.S. Air Force B52 bombers and allied tactical aircraft and helicopters Tuesday to bombard North Vietnamese reinforcements trying to reach Quang Tri City. Military spokesmen said the B52s pounded Communist staging areas within 3 miles of the city Monday night.

A U.S. Command spokesman said 42 B52s dropped more than 1,000 tons of explosives on suspected Communist positions 3 to 14 miles west, north and south of the embattled city.

About 2,500 North Vietnamese troops were spotted last week in northwestern Quang Tri Province, and an estimated 15,000 Communist soldiers are believed to have been pulled

from the battlefields in Laos to North Vietnam. Allied officers expressed fears the fresh troops may be thrown in the battle for Quang Tri.

Radio Hanoi, monitored in Saigon, said 2 U.S. jets were shot down Tuesday over North Vietnam. The report, which brings to 3,749 the number of U.S. warplanes Hanoi claims to have shot down since 1964, did not mention the fate of the crews. The U.S. Command said 996 planes have been shot down over the North during the same period.