



Ted Wilming (USS OUTPOST AGR-10, 1962-65)

Some members of this auspicious group have knowledge of a dark incident on the high seas that happened on the CSS Outpost, AGR 10.

While on one of the picket stations, probably station 12 or 14, during the summer of 1964 the Outpost was in the vicinity of a Russian Elint trawler that was gathering electronic information of our (US) radars and other gear. While there was nothing unusual about this, these meetings happened frequently at sea; but on this occasion, the CO of Outpost, LTCDR R.N. Hamblin decided to scare those pesky ruskies and show them who was boss and possibly start World War III right then and there.

While Outpost went to GQ the stars and stripes briskly departed the mainmast and the Confederate Battle Flag was swiftly raised. All of this was captured on color 8mm film for posterity. And you never heard the saga of the Outpost defeating them foreigners?

After the ship was decommissioned in 1965, Captain Hamblin went to shore duty in New Orleans, La. In 1966, LTCDR Hamblin was killed in a helicopter crash in Vietnam while acting as an advisor.