



NISOV FAMILYGRAM



U.S. NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE, VIETNAM

from the
Commanding
Officer....

For the past few months, I have had the feeling that we here in Vietnam may not be doing our full share in keeping you - our families and friends - up to date on events in our daily lives. The reasons for this are numerous, but center on the pace that we must maintain in order to complete a job that we have undertaken.

I hope this Familygram, and those that follow, will fill in some of the gaps in our individual letters, and help you better understand what we are doing and how we are doing it. Since we are feeling our way on this project and need all of the help we can get, I would appreciate any suggestions from you.

This is a cooperative effort within NISOV, and none of us profess to be a professional newsman. However, LT Allan Sipe, by admitting to an academic background in journalism, has become our editor. Dick McKENNA, our Supervising Agent, has been printing an internal newsletter for the command so he has been prevailed upon to shift his talents to the Familygram as well.

At this point, I can not guarantee the frequency of our new publication, but from the enthusiasm shown by those working on it, the future seems assured.

n.e. moore

FAMILYGRAM GOALS

With hopes of making time pass faster and of spanning the distance between Saigon and the U.S., we are initiating a "NISOV FAMILYGRAM". We hope that this publication, in some small way, will help us share a common bond despite the fact that our families are scattered throughout the U.S. The brighter side of life will be featured along with items of news, humor, proud moments and accomplishments of our men. Publication of the "NISOV FAMILYGRAM" will by necessity have to depend on the tasks at hand. We plan on a quarterly publication; however, a monthly edition is our real goal.



SORE TOE...LCDR Marv McCOWN manages a smile after dropping a drawer on his foot.

departures & awards

September was significant as NISOV lost four of its troops. S/A Carl L. SKIFF departed on the 3rd to pick up his family in Texas and head to his next "overseas" assignment at NISO Honolulu. "This place" will never be the same....and it really isn't Carl. YN1 Lee FOSTER left on 6 Sept. to join his family before reporting to his ship, the USS WEXFORD COUNTY, in San Diego. When his wife sees the elephants he brought as a gift, he will be thankful for his sea tour. Fred GIVENS reluctantly gave the reins of SRA Saigon to Chuck BICKLEY and slowly headed for the plane on the 7th enroute to his next assignment at San Bernardino, Calif. Visible evidence to his second very successful tour at NISOV is the number of our personnel now participating in Fred's physical fitness program. YN2 Bruce ROBINSON was the last of the month's losses. Robey left on the 17th for a second tour in Washington D.C., this time at NAVSTIC.

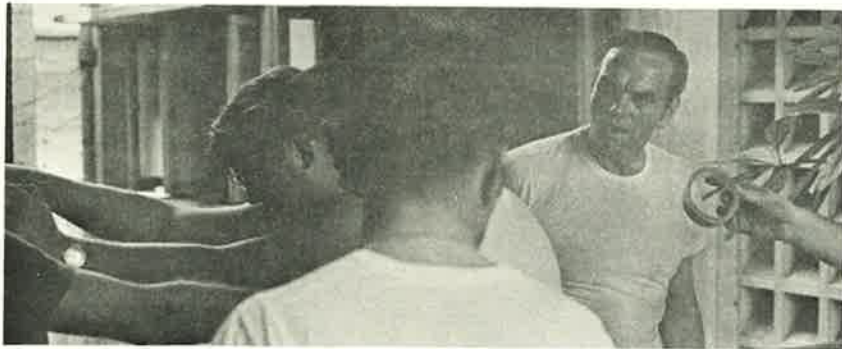
As their tours came to a close, our departees gained the following awards; Bruce ROBINSON was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal and Lee FOSTER received the Navy Achievement Medal. Fred GIVENS and Carl SKIFF were the recipients of the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal. Meaningful awards for fine service, but insignificant compared to the year that each gave in service to his country. We salute you.



TAKIN' A BREAK...SRA Chuck BICKLEY at a quiet moment.

"THE MOVE"

And then there were none.....ducks that is, and Sweet Thing and the patio and all the other features of the old office. NISO Vietnam finally closed the old office at Cofat Compound on 15 September 1971 and moved to its present location at 200 Nguyen Tri Phuong (in Cholon), and will share office space with the Army CID. Nothing



GET TO WORK...SA Dick McKENNA urges (L-R) S/A WHIDDEN S/A HICKS and LT KLAMPFER to move another safe.



ANOTHER LOAD READY...(L-R) LT WHITMIRE, S/A HUBBARD, S/A MORGAN and LT KLAMPFER prepare drawers for lift.



NEW NISO OFFICE...All of third floor

remains but the fond memories of all who have served there: the parades in front of the office, the cookouts at the old duck pond, the cramped quarters, the power failures, and so on. As we all know, the move required three days of back-breaking work by one and all to do the impossible of just getting all of our desks and safes and all the things accumulated over the years up to the third floor without benefit of an elevator. The memory of the block and tackle and pipe rollers for those safes will last for years; of LT J.D. WHITMIRE, Special Agent Doug HUBBARD, and CDR MOORE on the wench; of Special Agent Ted HICKS, SRA Chuck BICKLEY, and YN1 Jerry OTTNEY at the top removing loads from the line; of YN1 Ed WATSON sitting on top of the truck guarding against the firebombs; of YN2 Phil ZEMAN everywhere; of YN1 Bill ADAMS falling off of a moving vehicle; of LCDR Marv McCOWN limping on his sore toe; the list goes on forever. The important thing is that we made it without any serious mishaps thanks to an outstanding effort by everybody.

Not to be outdone, NISSU Danang not only phased down to a two man office this month from its former NISRA status, but also got into the act by moving across the road to the annex area of Camp Tien Sha. Special Agent Ed GIBLIN arrived in Danang just in time to help with his own move.

Special Agent Bill WORCHOCK also moved his office into suitable spaces in the FASU Admin Building at Binh Thuy. Three out of four offices moved.....what happened to you Wally BEASLEY?



GUARD DUTY...YN1 Ed WATSON guards against firebombs.

...personnel notes...

Special Agent Charles T. CAUBLE escaped the pitfalls of "The Move" by volunteering for the Agent Afloat Program. Ted returned on 3 October from his month-long cruise, visiting the scenic ports of Yankee Station and participating in the deck sports on his cruise ship, the USS ORISKANY (CVA-34).

Executive Officer Marv McCOWN spent two weeks with his family in the mile high city of Denver, Colorado. The snow and cool weather must have been a welcomed change from the constant rain and warm weather of Saigon, right XO?

Also recently returning from a well-deserved 30-day

leave in Lynch, Nebraska is YN3 Dale SEDIVY. We missed your cheerful disposition and office expertise, Dale. Welcome back.

Oct birthday greetings are extended to Supervising Agent Richard McKENNA, who like Jack Benny, celebrates his 39th, and to Special Agent Marshall WHIDDEN.

XO Marv McCOWN and YN2 Phil ZEMAN celebrate birthdays in November.

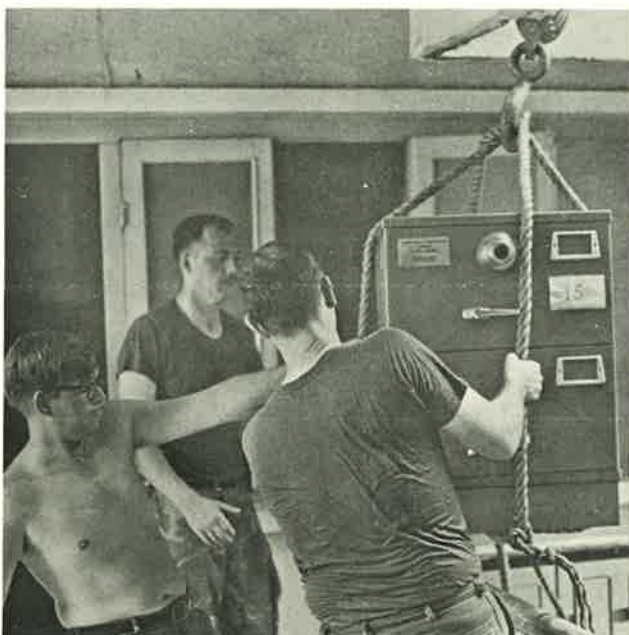
Ted and Grace HICKS celebrated their 8th wedding anniversary on 6 October. YN1 Larry COTTENGIM and his wife Libby observed their fifth anniversary on 4 Nov. Congratulations!



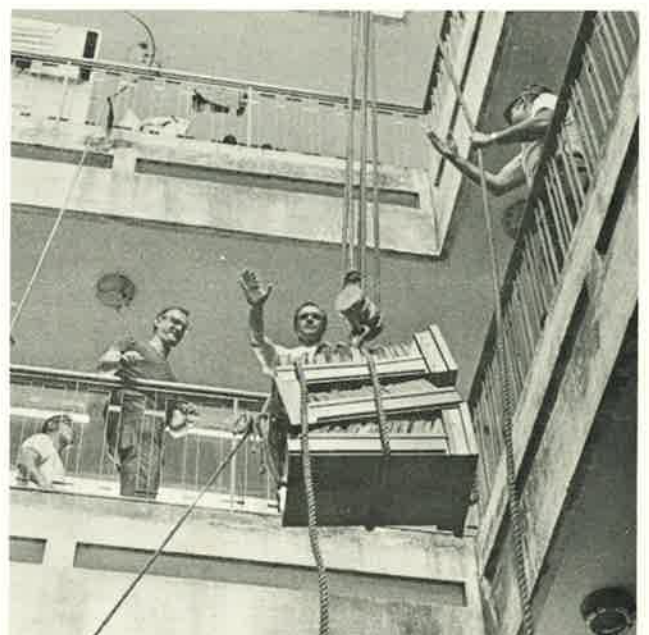
LT KLAMPFER, S/A MORGAN, and S/A HUBBARD Hoist safe drawers.



(L-R) S/A Doug HUBBARD, LT John KLAMPFER and S/A John MORGAN lift another load.



DON'T LET GO...CDR MOORE and unidentified Seabee wrestle with one of the many safes lifted during the move. S/A Doug HUBBARD waits in background to help.



EASY NOW...SA Dick McKENNA and S/A Ted HICKS can't seem to agree whether load should go up or down as CDR MOORE and YN1 Jerry OTTNEY stand by to assist.