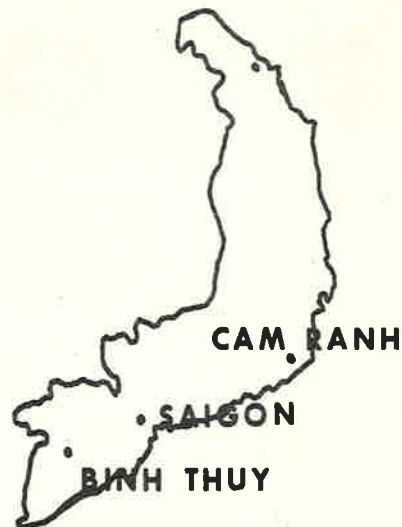




# NISOV FAMILYGRAM

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## personnel notes

As is necessary and proper after months of tension and frustration in the environment in which we exist, our personnel earn an occasional respite from the routine and experience the joys of paradise in the "world".

CDR MOORE, Commanding Officer, Supervising Agent Richard MCKENNA, SRA Chuck BICKLEY, S/A Charles CAUBLE and YNC William LUDCHAK all received a well-deserved "vacation" and an opportunity to recharge the old batteries. CDR MOORE took advantage of the 7&7 R&R program to spend fourteen glorious days with his wife Betty in Hawaii. SA Dick MCKENNA attended the recent Supervising Agents Seminar held in Washington, D. C. and in Hawaii and climaxed the experience by taking 7 days leave along the way.

SRA Chuck BICKLEY spent 7 fun-filled and expensive R&R days in Hawaii with his charming wife and young son. S/A Ted CAUBLE followed the lead of "Boss BICKLEY" and joined his wife, Peg, for 7 R&R days in exotic Hawaii. Chief LUDCHAK completed 30 days leave as a reward for having extended his tour in Vietnam.

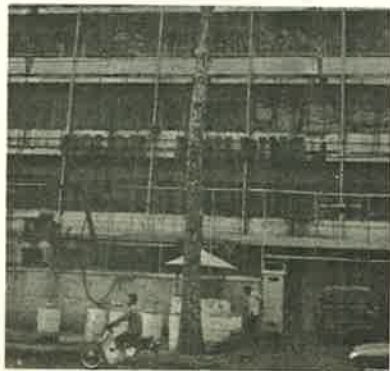
There isn't any doubt that all enjoyed their vacations.....but it would appear that the purpose of the various trips to "re-charge old batteries" failed miserably. All now walk around like tired zombies?

## medal presentation

On 12 November, LT. J.D. WHITMIRE was awarded the Vietnamese Staff Service Medal, First Class in a ceremony at the Vietnamese Navy Security Bloc (VNNSB). J.D. had been the NISOV Advisor to VNNSB for his entire tour in the RVN. He was presented the medal by LCDR CHAN, the Deputy Chief of VNNSB. Following the presentation, the officers of NISOV and VNNSB partook in a few glasses of the bubbly and wished J.D. happiness and success in his new duty assignment.



It is with a great deal of sorrow that we announce the demise of two of Saigon's landmarks, each of which has been recognized as home for NISOV personnel for so many years. The Golden BEQ (on the left), considered home-away-from-home for years by NISOV enlisted men, closed on 1 December. The 5 Oceans BOQ, on the right, served in the same capacity for most of the officers and special agents who have served in Saigon. It will close on 31 January. Many fine memories of these two buildings are recalled by each of us and those who have preceded us. YN1 WATSON, YN2 ZEMAN and YN1 OTTNEY were the first men to move from the Golden to their new home in our office building. CPO LUDCHAK, CPO MOPPS, YN1 COTTENGIM, YN2 ROSS and YN3 SEDIVY followed as space became available. YN1 ADAMS stayed in the Golden until shortly before he left country. Special Agents HUBBARD and MORGAN and LT SIPE were the first men to leave the 50's. By the end of January, the remaining officers and special agents will also be moved.



# departures

November and early December marked the end of tour for three more of NISOV's stalwarts. Special Agent Wally BEASLEY completed a fine year of service to our office on 22 November and departed for his home in San Francisco in time to participate in that great American custom of "turkey carving". For his fine contribution to NISOV's mission, Wally took with him the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal; however, more importantly, he took with him our sincerest heartfelt thanks for a job well done at 84SV, 84CA and 84LP.

LT J.D. WHITMIRE departed Saigon on 14 November after a few difficulties at the airport. J.D. is spending some time in school and with his beautiful wife, Sandi, before again heading west to his next assignment on Guam.

Speaking of difficulties at the airport, YN1 Bill ADAMS finally made a flight out on 2 December for his next assignment at Jacksonville, Florida. Bill left amid the plaudits and praises for an outstanding job in this unique "combat" environment. He displayed his fine administrative talents at both Danang and Saigon during his tour.

## three honored

Prior to closing of the Danang office of NISOV, three men who served there were awarded Letters of Appreciation from Vietnamese Navy authorities. Special Agent Ed GIBLIN, LT Allan SIPE, and Chief Petty Officer Jim MOPPS received the certificates for "close coordination with the Vietnamese Navy First Coastal Zone/Security Section in the task of collection and in the exchange of intelligence information, as well as provision of other assistance." WELL DONE!

## YN2 ROSS

# A HELPING HAND

While some American servicemen in Vietnam seem content with their jobs and have very little to do with the Vietnamese people, there are many servicemen who are helping these people through individual actions and efforts. One of the latter is YN2 Su1 ROSS from NISOV.



Petty Officer ROSS is voluntarily teaching English and the Bible to students at the Trinity Baptist Church school in Saigon.

For two hours on each of two evenings a week, ROSS meets with groups of young people. One group, consisting of 15 high school aged Vietnamese, is learning English through teachings of the New Testament. The second group consists of five young people who have converted to Christianity. All of the students in the school speak English with varying abilities and are grouped into classes according to these abilities.

Petty Officer ROSS is extremely enthusiastic about his work. "The Vietnamese students are genuinely eager to learn the English language," he said. "They appreciate our work, especially being taught English by an American."

A deeply religious man, ROSS arrived in Saigon in July knowing that he should further the teachings of Christ. He chanced upon this school soon thereafter and joined the eight other American servicemen teachers promoting good will and sharing knowledge of the English language. Although ROSS has no future plans to teach in the United States, he realizes the importance of his work at the school in seeking better understanding between the Vietnamese and American people.

Su1 ROSS, a 1968 graduate of the University of Texas, is from Fort Worth. He has been in the U.S. Navy for three years.

We are very proud of the voluntary work that PO ROSS is doing with the younger people of Vietnam. It is said that through learning comes understanding, and PO ROSS is truly doing his part to achieve this goal.

from the  
commanding  
officer....

As the holiday season and year end approach, there is time for reflection on the accomplishments of the past twelve months. NISOV people have had a full and challenging year as well as one filled with change. Along with the rest of the military forces in Vietnam, we have seen our numbers dwindle as fewer new faces arrive to relieve those departing. But in spite of our reduced numbers, there is still a job to be finished and success requires not only the continuing efforts of us here, but also the moral support of you at home.

The holiday season is an especially difficult time to be separated from family and loved ones. There is no way to make up for that, but the growing number of packages of treats arriving daily in the command attests to the fact that you are trying to bring some of home to us. I can assure you that all of us at NISOV appreciate your efforts.

I would like to extend my personal wish for a joyous holiday season and prosperous and happy new year to all of you.

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