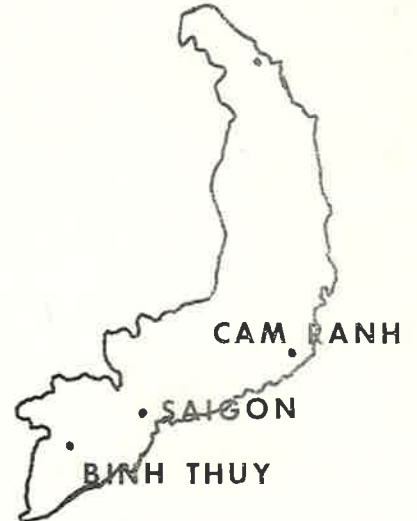




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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Navy's Chief of Information has recently begun publishing a newsgram that will provide current news to military, civil service, and dependent personnel. Our intention is to include pertinent articles from this newsgram in our familygram.

The Department of Defense announced further military and civilian manpower reductions January 7th. According to the new figures, total military manpower will drop 187,000 by June 30th, to a total of 2,391,000. The reductions will come mainly from the Army and Air Force, which will drop 147,000 and 27,000 personnel respectively. The Navy will lose 9,000 ---to a new level of 602,000 active duty personnel. The Navy civilian force level is to be reduced to 334,000 by June 30th.

President Nixon announced continued withdrawals of American forces from Vietnam January 13th. The President stated that 70,000 men will be pulled out by May 1st, leaving only 69,000 still in-country. Secretary of Defense Laird said an approximate breakdown of the remaining 69,000 would be 48,000 Army, 16,000 Air Force, and 4,500 Navy. The Navy force in Vietnam as of February 1st will be about 7,000.

PERSONNEL NOTES

This Christmas Season, for most of us, meant spending the holidays away from our loved ones. For three of our people, however, it was a time to rejoin families or do some traveling. S/A Doug Hubbard spent seven fun-filled days as one of the last US personnel to visit Sydney, Australia on R&R. This wasn't Doug's first visit to Australia, and we doubt very much that it will be his last.

LT Al Sipe and YN2 Sul Ross each returned to the States to spend the holidays with their families.

Al, despite some difficulties boarding his plane in Saigon, joined his wife Maureen and children in Glendora, Cal. Sul detoured to Hong Kong on his way to Fort Worth, Texas, and reunion with his parents and girlfriend. Rumor has it that Sul refurbished his wardrobe in Hong Kong.

Our Commanding Officer, CDR Moore, attended a recent seminar in Washington, D.C. He then spent a few hard-earned days rest with his wife Betty and family in Norfolk, Virginia.

from the commanding officer.....

From the comments I have received from many of you, the first two issues of the Familygram were well received. I believe much of the credit goes to LT Al Sipe who does a large percentage of the writing and preparation work, but numerous other people contribute as well. In hopes of getting even broader participation, any of you who have an item you feel might interest other families of NISOV men, please send it in. As the command grows smaller, we get to know each other better and hopefully through the Familygram, you will get to know something of us as well.

The structure of NISOV has altered during the past several months with the closing of the DaNang office and now Cam Ranh Bay follows

suit. These changes reflect those taking place in other commands throughout the country as U.S. forces depart. There is still a job to be done, however, and the diminishing numbers of NISOV personnel find that their work-weeks are just as long and demanding.

I want to make special note of the recent detachment and return home of three very important people in the NISOV organization. LCDR Marv McCown, Executive Officer; Mr. Dick McKenna, Supervising Agent; and Mr. Chuck Bickley, Senior Resident Agent, Saigon; all left near the end of JAN within a one week period. I personally, and the command collectively, will sorely miss them.

N.E. MOORE

sharpshooters practice on rifle range

"Ready on the left. Ready on the right", shouted LT John Klampfer. With these words, YN2 Phil Zeman, S/A Doug Hubbard, YN1 Jerry Ottney, YN3 Dale Sedivy, and S/A Ted Hicks opened fire with their M-16 automatic rifles at the targets in the distance. NISOV men were positioned on the rifle range to familiarize themselves with various weapons.

Saturday afternoon, 18 December, all NISOV personnel—with the exceptions of LCDR Marv McCown and YN1 Larry Cottengim who claimed they were too short to go—travelled about seven miles north of Saigon to the rifle range. There, under the direction of LT Klampfer, we all shot the M-16 and individual handguns. The Special Agents tried out their new 357 magnum revolvers and a 12 gauge shotgun.

Despite initial unfamiliarity with some of the weapons, everybody seemed to enjoy getting out of the office to try their weapons. Although the training was beneficial in all respects, hopefully we will never have to use these weapons other than on the range.

S/A MORGAN WEDS MISS WILLIFORD

Shortly after the new year, the NISOV family gained a new member. Miss Linda Williford of San Francisco became the bride of Special Agent John Morgan on January 5. Following the wedding, Linda and John spent 10 days visiting the sights of Hawaii. Linda will make her home in the bay area until John returns from Vietnam. We all wish the MORGAN's much happiness in the years ahead.

NISOV CHRISTMAS PARTY

25 December 1971 has come and gone. A joyous holiday season under normal circumstances, but our individual and collective joy was hampered this year by the required separation from loved ones. The Christmas season is a time for prayers and ours will be answered as we all return home in the next few months as our tours end.

The loneliness of this Christmas year at NISO Vietnam was lessened significantly by the warm friendship within the Command. Small dinner parties accompanied by a few drinks abounded and cemented friendships and the comradeship established by our close, confining working/living environment. The true Christian spirit of Christmas - brotherly love - was in evidence as one and all, Vietnamese and Americans alike, gathered for the Command Christmas Party at the villa.

The assemblage was complimented by the presence of the charming children of Mr. Thang, Mr. Duy and Mr. Ngau, our Vietnamese employees. The food was more than sufficient as was the champagne, and as the party ended all agreed that it was a success - a safe and sane Christmas. The only sad note was the marked absence of LT Al Sipe (our mild-mannered reporter), Special Agent Doug Hubbard and YN2 Sul Ross, who were away on leave and enjoying their own celebrations.

Not only did Miss Thu contribute to the success of the office party with her charming personality, but she aided greatly in furthering the holiday spirit around the office by decorating the traditional tree in the reception room. The mistletoe was noticeably absent again, Miss Thu? Safe for another year!

Our new found poet, Phil Zeman, summed the season and the party up very well in this his first NISOV published poem:

Christmas has come and has gone, at last!
Give our regards to old Christmas Past.
Flaming Hookers abounded on this Christmas Eve,
Doug Hubbard, Al Sipe missed all while on leave.
Boss Bickley walking fences lost his shoe-it's a fact;
he's now wearing his "tennies", give him some slack.
Ted Cauble, "The SHUFFLER", is still shufflin' around,
John Morgan still jumps when he hears shufflin' sounds.
Teddie-Poo Hicks is still twirling his 'stache,
he's beginning to look like something from "M.A.S.H."
Swedish Meatballs, turkey, deviled eggs and the like,
not to mention CHAMPAGNE made the CO's party a delight.
Speaking of deviled eggs, it was a race to the finish;
Cauble versus some guy out of a book by GUINNESS.
Marshall Whidden is STILL sitting drinking champagne,
the excuse he gives is his hollow leg has gone lame.
"Cotten" was quiet, not wanting to tempt his fate,
for January 14th he didn't want to be late.
The XO stayed sober, not drinking TOO much brew,
someone had to abstain and drive home the crew.
It was a rough Christmas, but we finished in style;
the SA predicts New Year will beat Christmas a mile.

new niso officer in vietnam

NISOV received its first new man in several months with the arrival on 14 JAN of LT Jim Coughlin. Jim comes to NISOV from a tour with an attack squadron in Lemorre, Cal. His wife, DeAnn, is making her home in San Diego, Cal while awaiting Jim's return from Vietnam. Welcome aboard Jim! It's good having you with us.

christmas party candid



(L to R) Special Agents Marshall Whidden, Ted Hicks and Ted Cauble sip champagne and partake of some of the food at the Christmas party.



Who knows what he is laughing about? YN2 Phil Zeman seems to enjoy the joke.



Executive Officer Marv McCown gets ready to eat a sandwich while LT John Klampfer enjoys his drink.



(L to R) Special Agents Ted Cauble and John Morgan and Senior Resident Agent Chuck Bickley are caught up in the merriment.



YN3 Dale Sedivy and YN1 Larry Cottengim (L to R) seem to be enjoying the festivities.

nisov abbreviations

It is not our intention to confuse our readers with unfamiliar abbreviations and pseudonyms. Accordingly, the following abbreviations, which have been and will be used, are explained for your convenience:

NISOV	Naval Investigative Service Office Vietnam
SA	Supervising Agent
SRA	Senior Resident Agent
S/A	Special Agent
CDR	Commander
LCDR	Lieutenant Commander
LT	Lieutenant
YN	Yeoman
PO	Petty Officer
VNNSB	Vietnamese Navy Security Bloc

departures & awards

During the month of Jan and the first week of Feb, four more of NISOV's stallwarts bade fond adieus to Saigon and boarded airplanes for return flights to the United States.

YN1 Larry Cottengim bid farewell to Saigon on 14 Jan for his next duty station in Omaha, Nebraska after a well-deserved leave with his wife, Libby, in Parsons, Kansas. Larry takes with him our sincere thanks for a job well done in our DaNang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Saigon offices.

LCDR Marv McCown departed on 26 January after serving as both NISO Representative in DaNang for several months, and, most recently, as our highly respected Executive Officer. Marv will soon report to Norfolk, Va. as Assistant Officer in Charge of the Fleet Operational Intelligence Training Center after spending some time with his wife, Beverly, in Denver, Colorado. Marv was presented the Vietnamese Staff Service Medal in impressive ceremonies at the Vietnamese Navy Headquarters prior to his departure.

Senior Resident Agent Chuck Bickley will return to his old stomping grounds, Camp Pendleton, after a highly successful tour in both DaNang and Saigon as SRA. Despite some last-minute difficulties getting to the airport, Chuck boarded his freedom bird on 29 Jan for the flight to San Diego, Calif. and his wife, Claudeen.

Supervising Agent Dick McKenna watched the departures of Marv and Chuck with anticipation as he realized that he would soon follow in their footsteps. And Dick did on 3 Feb. He flew to Washington, D.C. for a reunion with his wife, Evelyn, and family and will soon head west to Memphis, Tenn. for duty there as the Senior Resident Agent. Both Dick and Chuck received the Vietnam Civilian Service Medal prior to their departures; remembrances and indications of truly outstanding contributions to NISOV during their tours here.

As each of these four men left Saigon, NISOV lost a leader to whom much of the success of this office can be attributed. Those of us who remain in Vietnam will continue to serve as these men did, realizing and appreciating the knowledge and wisdom that they left with us.

ROBBY SENDS GREETINGS

Among the former NISOV men who sent Christmas greetings to our office was YN1 Bruce Robinson, now serving at the Naval Scientific and Technical Intelligence Center in Washington, D.C. Since leaving NISOV in September, Robby has sewed an additional chevron on his sleeve, and is now addressed as Petty Officer FIRST CLASS Robinson. Congratulations, Robby!

Along with his Christmas greetings, Rob enclosed a check with which all NISOV men were to have a drink. Thanks again, Rob.



LCDR McCown is presented the Staff Service Medal by Vietnamese Navy Chief of Staff.



SRA Chuck Bickley receives the Civilian Service Medal from our Commanding Officer.



CDR Moore pins Civilian Service Medal on a very proud and happy Dick McKenna.