

My Dear Family -

Evening time - a full and busy day - now a few minutes with you.

This morning we drove 20 miles NE of Saigon to Bien Hoa to visit the ceramics fine arts school. It was quite a trip - saw ^{many} American soldiers in tanks, armored personnel carriers on the way out and coming back. We seemed very close to the war.

The school was interesting - comparable to our secondary school except highly specialized in just ceramics.

This afternoon was very interesting - I went back to the Minh's - saw again the two paintings I have purchased and their studio - home, etc. Then they took us to see a couple of the Chinese painters - one who does very minute work (engraving) on ivory - another who does Chinese painting on scrolls. I purchased two of the latter - one for the Runk's and the other for the Vickers-Doyfs - one I brought home with me and the other one I'll pick up on Monday when I go back to get my pictures.

After visiting the Chinese painters we went to the Baegda - very interesting - large coils of incense burning - beggars, people selling things and occasionally someone coming in to offer a prayer. As we left Mr. Minh took our picture with his polaroid - the photo is enclosed.

We stopped at a Chinese restaurant for supper - had pigeon, duck, sweet-sour pork, fried rice and lychees (fruit). The food was good and we enjoyed the company of the Minh's.

Vince had another engagement this evening so we came back by 7:30 (1930). I hope you like the two paintings that I purchased. Today they showed us some other I still like the ones I purchased altho a couple of the medals were interesting - thought maybe Steve would like one for his wall but decided the colors wouldn't match (Waf).

My love to each of you - my prayers are with you tonight.
Love
Dad.