

One thing that most of the people come for is to get a free bar of soap given to each individual who comes for treatment. Some of the sanitary living conditions are so poor as to make these bars of soap a significant contribution in itself. Our diagnosis and treatment of approximately fourteen hundred civilians showed their everyday medical problems to include parasites, skin diseases, infected cuts, burns, and war wounds. Malaria, rare to us, is common in South Vietnam. Malaria, present in one out of five cases, was outdone by intestinal parasites, one out of four; and again, by skin diseases and infections, one out of three. Orthopedic problems, pregnancy, tuberculosis, asthma, and pneumonia followed closely. In contrast, the hearts of the older people were strong, in spite of the poor living conditions.

Dr. Sadoris and Chief Fleming responded to a threatened cholera epidemic and vaccinated six hundred South Vietnamese people in a very hazardous area.



*Early in our tour we were requested to aid a Polish ship. She was transporting cattle and one of her crew had been badly gored.*