



CARD WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE: Besides Christmas and New Year's greetings, this card asks its recipient to appeal in behalf of prisoners of war in North Vietnam. Cover painting is by Maxine McCaffrey. Card has been sent by some prisoners' families.

P.O.W. Reminders Sent on Holiday

A number of wives of American prisoners of War in North Vietnam have selected their Christmas cards to honor their husbands this year.

One of these wives is Mrs. Jeremiah A. Denton Jr. of Virginia Beach, Va., whose husband, a Navy captain, has been a prisoner in North Vietnam since July, 1965.

Mrs. Denton, the mother of seven children ranging in age from 7 to 23, is a director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, with headquarters in Washington.

In a telephone interview, Mrs. Denton said yesterday that she had designed the Christmas card, which has a photograph of her husband on the cover.

Inside the white green-trimmed card is the following message:

"On this, his sixth Christmas as a prisoner of war, remember him and his comrades there as he joins us in wishing you Peace and joy."

Mrs. Denton said that about two months ago she wrote to President Ton Duc Thang of North Vietnam asking permission to visit her husband this Christmas but that she had received no reply yet.

"But I'm still hopeful," she said.



Cover of the card sent by Mrs. Jeremiah A. Denton Jr.

Mrs. Denton said that she had last heard from Captain Denton a month ago when she received a note from

him saying that he was well. "He also said he would like some pipe cleaners and thermal underwear," she said.