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(Staff Photo by Mel Kenyon)

### BROWARD CHRISTMAS GIFTS BOUND FOR MEN IN VIET NAM

... being packed by Sgt. Ron Weinmann, Linda Ernst, Sue Gerlach, Capt. Al Rourke

## Many More Needed

# Students Collect Gifts For Soldiers

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There are still 42 days until Christmas, but more than 600 gifts have been sent to soldiers in Viet Nam from this area.

Wednesday night, the Navy picked up 45 boxes of presents to air lift to Viet Nam, collected by students at Broward Junior College.

"They called and said they had some extra room on a plane and asked if we had any boxes ready to be taken over," said Beverly Driscoll, switchboard operator at the junior college. "We got some ready."

"This doesn't end our project, though. Our deadline for contributions of presents is Nov. 30. We still need many more."

The project began more or less as a passing thought for a service club project, and now has spread almost county-wide.

Students at the college have received pledges for contributions from Nova and Stranahan High Schools, Parkview Apartments, Junior Achievement companies, the City of Plantation and the Crazy 8 Bunkle Club.

"There are many more," Beverly said. "Everyone has really taken this project to heart."

Students at New River Junior High School have taken the soldiers in Viet Nam to heart, too, for in three days the school's Future Homemakers of America collected more than 600 gifts for members of the Air Force's 307

TAC unit, a division of the 31st Fighter Squadron stationed in Homestead.

The FHA club sponsored the project in conjunction with the club's national theme for this year "Getting to know your neighbor," and gave up their school holiday Thursday to wrap the gifts before Fighter Squadron members picked them up at 10 a.m. Friday.