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QRF: Why do we need them ?

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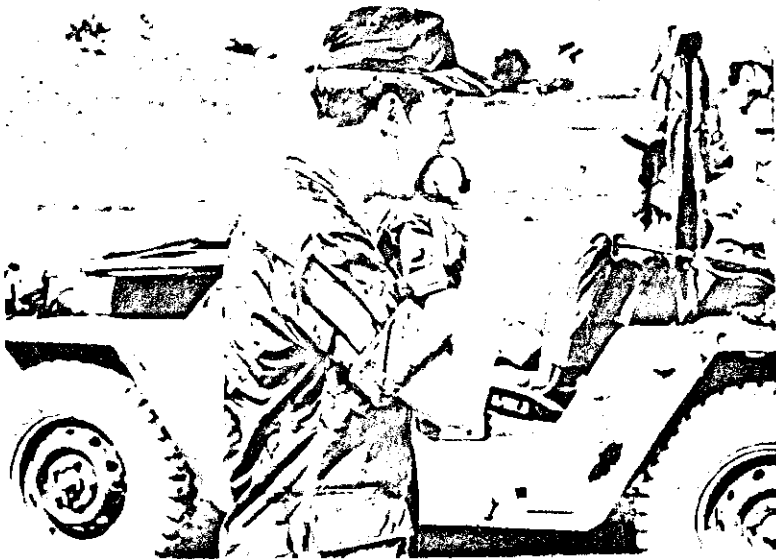
Flag Day == June 14

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERM V

The Education Center is now registering for Term V of the University of Maryland. Courses being offered at Ramasun Station during the period of June 4 to Jul 28, 1973 include:

THAI 333	Thai Customs & Culture	WED-SAT	6:00 - 9:00pm.
THAI 112	Elementary Thai II	TUE-FRI	5:00 - 8:00pm.
THAI 115	Intermediate Thai II	MON-THU	6:00 - 9:00pm.
HUIS 221	US History to 1865	MON-THU	7:00 - 10:00pm.
ENGL 292	Composition	TUE-FRI	6:00 - 9:00pm.

THAI 333 is a non-language course in Thai customs and culture. No language skills are required.



"SOUND-OFF LIKE YOU'VE GOT A PEAR!"

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dog flights ?

The start of June finds competition well under way in the 6924th Security Squadron for the coveted Commander's Trophy. At the present time, competition is being held in basketball, chess, and paddleball, with softball and volleyball tentatively scheduled to begin in the latter part of June or the beginning of July.

The basketball competition finds Baker Flight out in front. Due to solid team play and a strong and deep bench, Baker Flight has managed to zoom to the top of the league.

Behind the excellent play of SSG Roy Schmidt, Charlie Flight has moved out to command the chess tournament thus far.

With the departure of Charlie Flight's SGT Tom Kuzmik, the other three flights and the day shop can breathe a little easier. Behind, and to a large part due to SGT Kuzmik's fine play, Charlie Flight looked like a runaway for the championship in the paddleball phase of the competition. Now, however, the teams should be more evenly matched.

The hopeful softball players are getting some excellent "spring training" before the inter-flight competition begins. The 6924th currently has two teams entered in the Post slow-pitch league. Any member of the squadron may play either one of these teams, even though they are entered under the banners of Dog and Charlie Flights.

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Company News Briefs

A CO

As the end of May draws near and June approaches, we find we will soon be without the services of Company A's First Sergeant. 1SG Johnson will soon be leaving sunny Ramasun for the blue skies of Texas. Top's next assignment will be the Avn. Co. at Ft Bliss. Although 1SG Johnson's successor has not been named as of yet, we are sure he will find some "big shoes" to fill. 1SG Johnson's heir will have the advantage of a smoothly running company, thanks to Top's untiring efforts for Alpha's men.

ALPHA'S SHORT SHOTS:

New arrivals - A hardy Alpha welcome to SP6 Dennis Mandell, a 74 Echo, SP5's Albon Woods, and Charlie Anderson both 98 Charlies Spedy Four's Bill crews, Steve Delryia, Wil Fultz, Jim Harbison, Bob Hays, Clyde Hasty, and Jim Oatman all 98 Charlies, and PFC's Bob Banderet, Ron Clark, and Brian Hosier all three 98 Eravos. Also new additions to the Alpha roster are PV2 Pedro Guzman a 74 Echo, and PV2 Rich Davidson a 98 Charlie. Welcome to the best in Ramasun.

Company A is sponsoring a book and magazine drive. All books and mags that are collected will be forwarded to the MARS Station, so the men of the 7th will have something to read while they wait for their patch to go through. If you have any books or mags you would like to contribute, drop them off at the A Co. Orderly Rm.

awards

Specialist 5 to Staff Sergeant:

MCMILLAN, Charles H.
MASLEY, Thomas A.
MYATT, Robert J.

Specialist 4 to Specialist 5:

KROGMAN, Patrick J.
NELSON, Larry G.
BRUCE, Larry A.
POST, Darnell J.
RHEA, William M.
DEGELE, Ronald

B CO

Gaining experience is the name of the game as B Company gratefully accepts three new arrivals to help the Cobras. SP5 Dennis Morelli from Largo, Florida comes to us via sunny Hawaii; while the end of the world (Shemya) sent SP4 Jim McKnight. Jim calls Houston, Texas home and is fast waking up from his nightmare of the last 12 months. Representing Versailles, Kentucky and Misawa, Japan is SP5 James Lilly. This Jim, a former crossed rifle soldier, has noted some big changes since changing over to the Corps of the Elite.

Wonders never cease as the B Company Bulletin Board is back in operation. The Orderly Room staff is in appreciation of patience and cooperation by all as they used the makeshift counter top bulletin board.

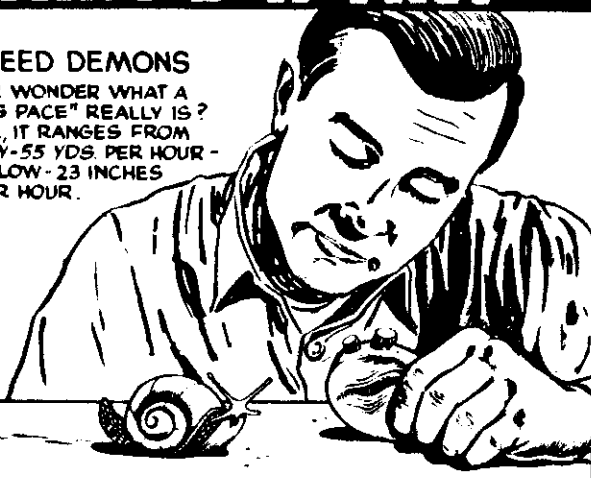
SP5 Dave Slagenweit was assigned the duties of Drug Education Specialist. His interest and knowledge of the Drug Education program makes him a valuable asset in this field. You can locate Dave at the B Company Orderly Room.

Under the direction of SSG Bob Maher and SP5 Larry Barker, progress has been made on B. Co. Recreation Area. SSG Maher formerly of Career Counselor fame (?), was assigned duties of Field 1SG this week. He currently has Chris Rounds and Rog Kendall as his eager volunteers. As materials arrive to complete the job, SSG Maher and SP5 Barker will be sending out invitations to join the ranks of volunteers.

THAT'S A FACT

SPEED DEMONS

EVER WONDER WHAT A "SNAILS PACE" REALLY IS? WELL, IT RANGES FROM SPEEDY-55 YDS PER HOUR - TO SLOW-23 INCHES PER HOUR.



Kobra-7 Interview:

Rick Ryerse

A CANDID CONVERSATION ABOUT THE HANG-UPS WITH THE DRUG REHABILITATION HERE

Rick Ryerse is from Washington DC, married and has two children ages 3 and 5. He attended the University of Maryland at College Park for 9 months before he was selected for service by Uncle Sam. Rick wants to be a social worker helping younger kids between the ages of 12 and 18 before the individual is set in his ways. He currently is occupied with the ADCO program - with offices to the rear of the mess hall.



KOBRA-7:

Tell us about the drug amnesty program.

RYERSE:

A guy that's on drugs won't turn himself in on amnesty - because supposedly under the amnesty program, nothing will be done against you, whatever the problem is. It's not really punishment when a guy turns himself in as a drug user, but what does happen is that he goes on the Golden Flow Test and the people here seem to be basing all of their opinions on a piss test, but this is the only way the CO can detect an abuser except for busting people.

A person has to want to be rehabilitated before he can be. No guy's gonna want to volunteer when S-2 is gonna pull his security clearance for admitted drug or alcohol abuse. He'll be taken out of "the box." It's not really a punishment because you can get your access pulled for anything. You can lose your clearance if you are in debt, or if you marry a foreign national or anything like that. That's why there hasn't been any drug volunteers. When a man shows up with his first positive, a man gets called in to his CO and an appointment is made with a social worker.

KOBRA-7:

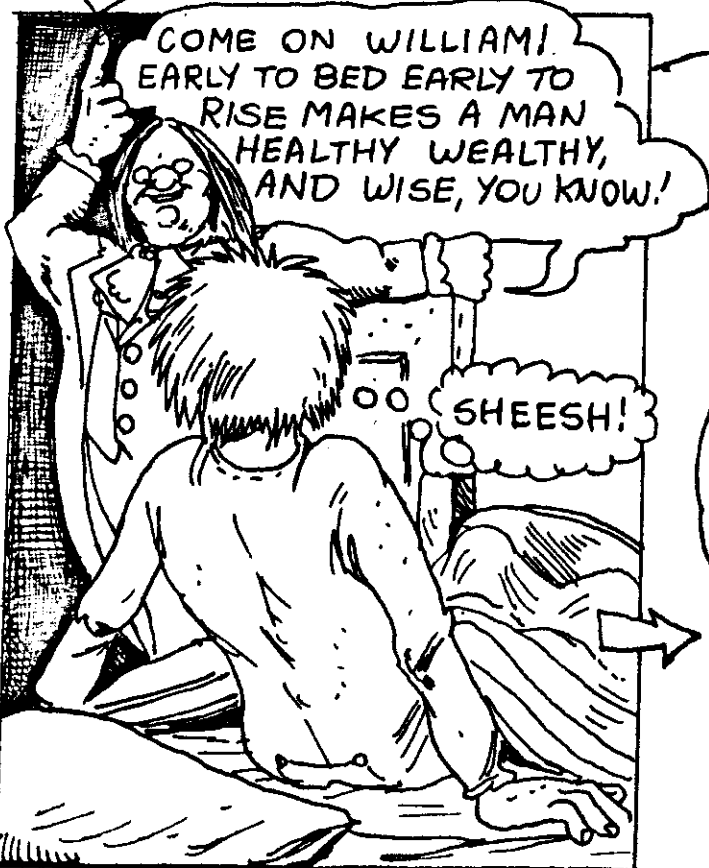
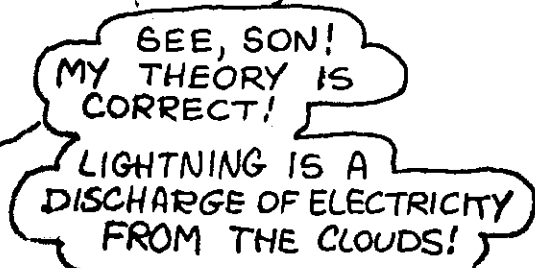
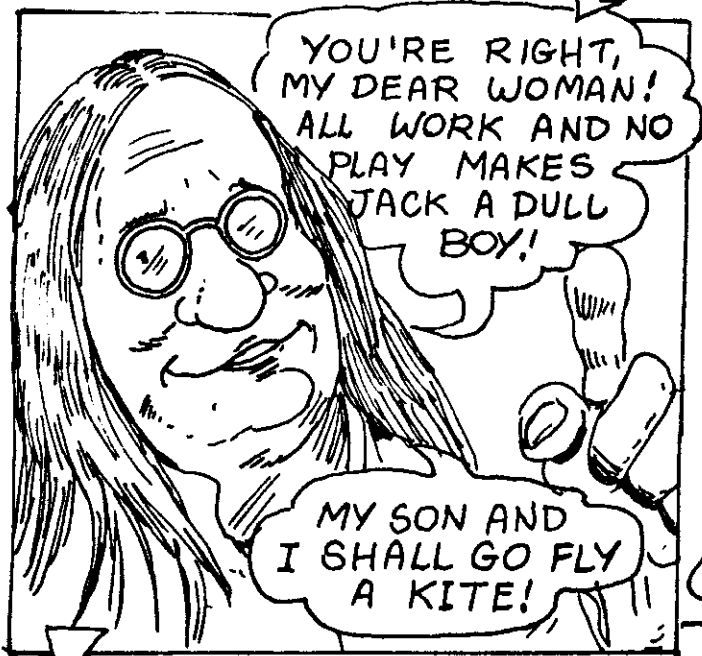
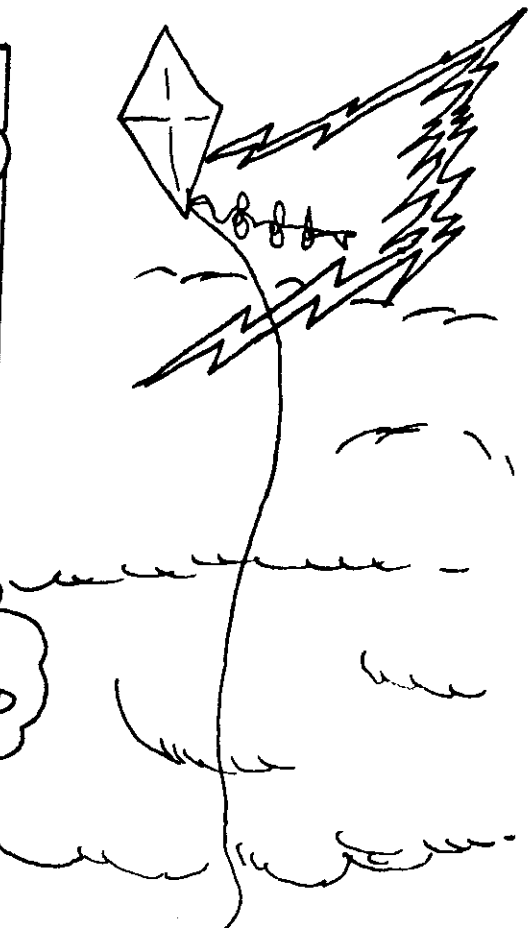
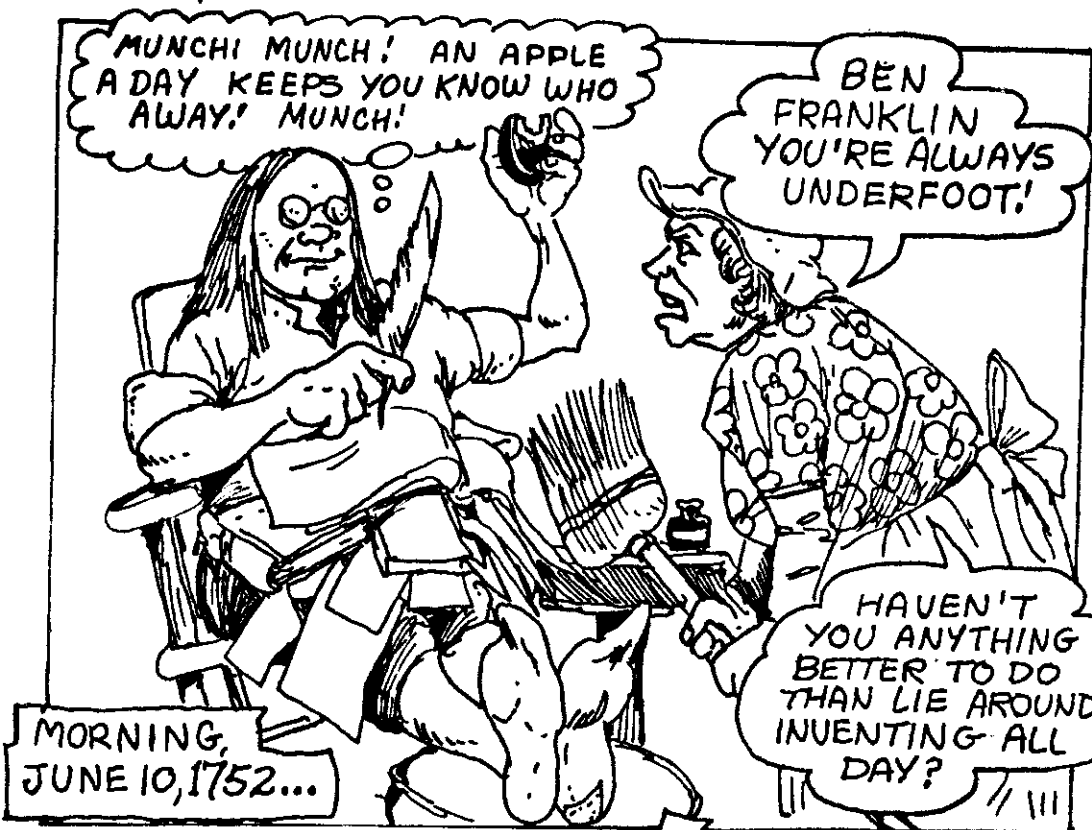
Who is the social worker?

RYERSE:

There is one social worker over here, SP4 Willis, 91G, trained social worker. They go down and talk to him and then the individual comes into our office but we really don't talk to him too much....and we say okay you have come up positive and explain the program to him that he will go on urinary surveillance for eight weeks and then the man will come back to our office three times a week and take a golden flow test. Depending upon which type of drug he comes up positive for.....now if he comes up positive for morphine they can suspend his access, but if he comes up for barbituates or amphetamines or one of the smaller narcotics.....he will be staying in the "box" and taking urinary surveillance tests and

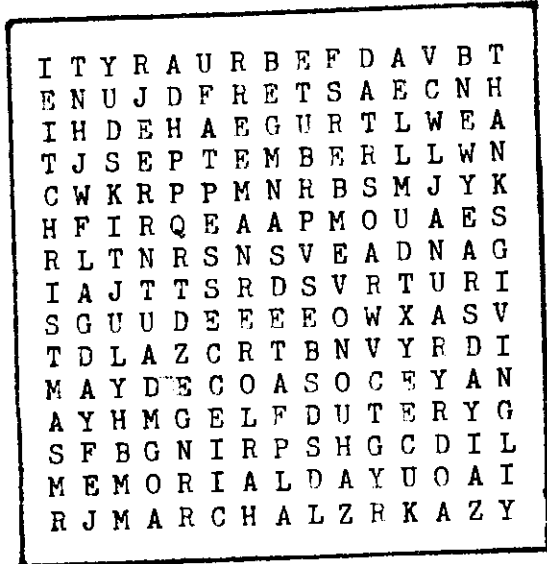
if he comes up positive the second time his access is pulled, then he is given to his company. They then make disposition on the man, whether he will work in the orderly room or go out and work details or something like this. The third or fourth positive.....he gets talked to but there's no chance of doing any kind of rehabilitation being done. A fully qualified staff is needed. What's being done is he gets talked to but there's really no chance of doing any kind of rehabilitation here. What's being set up currently is when a man comes up the second or third positive he will be sent to Bangkok to the Detox Ward and to the Halfway House. I don't have the exact figures

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Word Search

Look for the months of the year, days of the week (abbreviated to 3 letters each), the four seasons, and ten important holidays. Altogether, there are 33 such words to be found in the diagram.



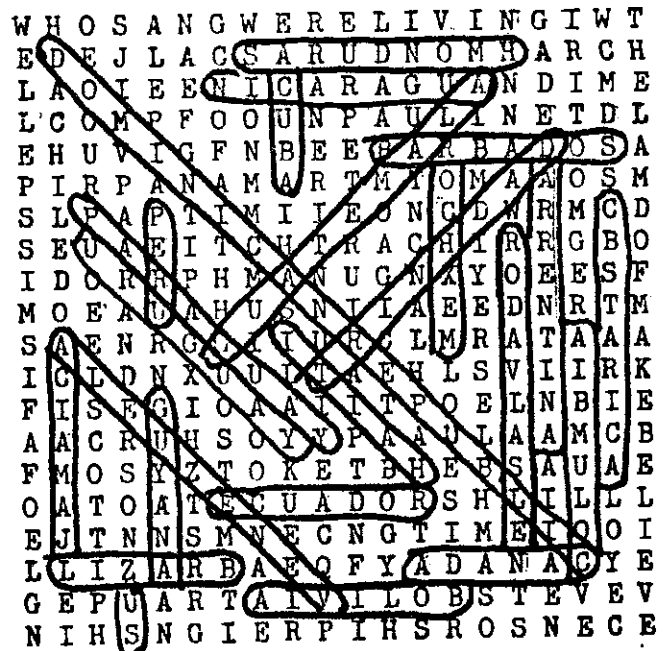
ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. "Slowhand" is Eric Clapton.
2. The name of the children's TV Puppet show starring Lambchop was "The Sherry Lewis Show."
3. The name of the space capsule that sank in the ocean was Liberty-7.
4. America's five great lakes are: Lake Superior, Huron, Ontario, Erie, & Michigan.
5. The first "fireside chat" was broadcast by FDR in 1932.

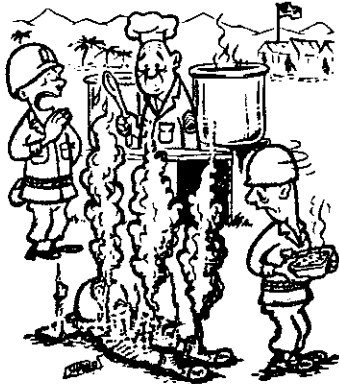
Winners of the May 25 GUF were LTC's Caruso & Whittle (the double deputies) who were caught in a momentous decision regarding how to handle a "double" date, and failed to see the obvious solution.

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S WB

Sorry about all the misspelled words; I'm breaking in a new typist.



"DON'T YA' THINK YOU'RE GOING A BIT HEAVY ON THE HOT SAUCE SARGE?"



Bus Sked

TIME	OFF POST STOPS
0100	5.
0630	4,6,7,8,9,10
0715	4,3,1
0900	1,2,3,4
1100	1,2,3,4
1300	4,3,2,1
1500	1,2,3,4
1700	1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10
1900	1,2,5
2100	1,2,5
2230	1,2,5
0030	1,2,5
0100	1,2,5

The 0030 bus run is Mon-Thu evenings. The 0100 run is for Fri, Sat, Sun, and nights preceeding legal holidays.

Key for RMS TMP Bus Schedule

1. Back Gate to Udorn RTAFB
2. Front Gate " " "
3. Base Exchange " "
4. 7th RRFS Flight Line - 6 Aerial Port
5. Second Circle - Udorn
6. Sri Udorn Hotel
7. Chai Pong Hotel
8. Chareon Hotel
9. Paradise Hotel
10. Udorn Hotel.

Quacky Quiz

1. At what age was Napoleon Bonaparte when he was commissioned a general?
2. How many Thai Guard towers are on post?
3. When was the Cuban missile crisis?
4. What denomination of "greenback" is President Grant pictured on?
5. How many of the nine MSG's on post have tealocks?

QRF: Why Do They Do It??



ABOVE: Jim Kelly shows excellence at shooting the bull.

BELOW: SSG Scott and SGT Ratteree instruct an individual in-processing into Ramasun what the codeword ERASS breaks down to.

by Tom Collins

The Quick Reaction Force here at Ramasun has an important role to sustain if the base is to hold off any kind of infiltration (or sapper), small unit attack, or any other kind of tactical offense. The QRF's role is not totally to save the post from 3000 communists; but rather, to secure particularly vulnerable and vital buildings on post from enemy exploitation should infiltration ever become a reality. These vital areas include: the telephone exchange, the power plant, the water supply point, and most importantly the operations building and the FLR-9 antenna.

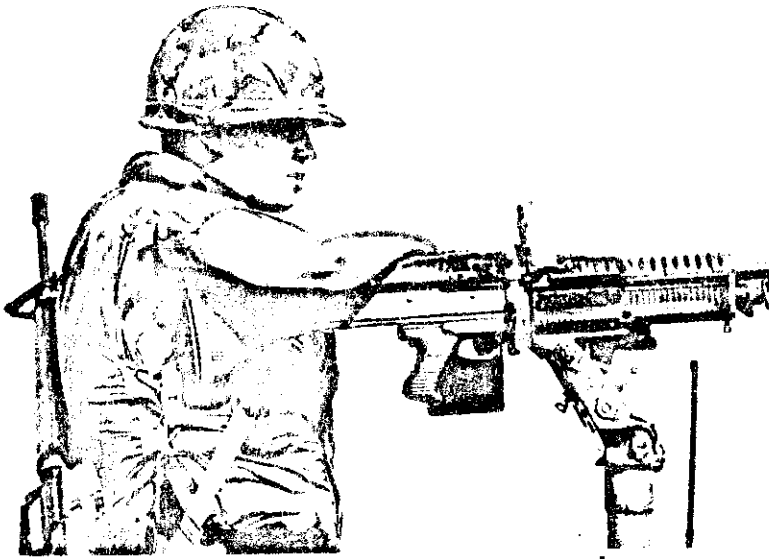
The training that the QRF undergoes is nothing extraordinary but might be defined in several aspects of that all-too common MOS 11 Push (infantry) and serves one purpose fully: to keep the men of this all-volunteer unit in shape physically as well as mentally and tactically. The QRF has three primary areas of training. They are: rifle range qualification and familiarization; physical training (PT); and classroom instruction.

The rifle range at the Thai Border Police Station just outside of Udorn is utilized on the weekends by this high-spirited group. All of the basic rifle positions are qualified on a monthly basis. Those weapons that are qualified include the M-16, M-203, M-60 and a weekly familiarization of the 81 mm mortar (this defensive organization is the only ASA unit in the world that teaches and fires the 81 mm mortar). Also included in the range-firing aspect is a weekly class in range safety. Since the QRF keeps their weapons in the barracks, they have often been referred to as "minute-men" and have been known (upon the sounding of an alert) to have secured their objective in less than 10 minutes. The QRF maintains their weapons a lot better than the average man on post by cleaning them 1-3 times a week.

The Physical Training program of the QRF is really a rather modest one.....compared to BASIC Training, that is. Actually, the QRF has the best organized and most rigorous training program on post next to Tae Kwon Do. Their PT program includes a 2 mile run twice per day, 5 days a week. This is in addition to the other training already mentioned and including practice night alert problems, in which the QRF is divided into two groups known as the offensive and defensive units. These squad and individual tactics occur at a minutes notice once or twice a month and generally take place in the areas of the FLR-9 and the power plant.

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THIS IS THAILAND**Pramane Ground**

This is also an excellent chance for acting squad leaders and outstanding individuals (per classroom instruction) to demonstrate their knowledge and leadership capabilities by organizing the defensive forces to defend the post.

Last, but hardly least, is the classroom instructional phase. These classes are held at different times throughout the month with three different sessions for the three different shifts that work at "the box." These classes include radio procedure, radio security, disassembly and assembly of the M-16, M-203, M-60 machinegun, care and cleaning of weapons, range safety, first aid, basic infantry tactics, infiltration, and sapper attacks. Also a critique of the last field problem is conducted.

There are basically two different kinds of alert problems that involve the QRF: night field problems in which the QRF is only involved, and post-wide alerts that are conducted once a month. Since the night problems have already been discussed, some light should be shed on the QRF's responsibility in post-wide alerts.

The post-wide alerts normally take place in the 4th week of each month (or at least they have for the last five months) and recently the QRF has been taking this opportunity to have maneuvers with the 13th Royal Combat Team (a Thai Army Tank group). The QRF splits into two groups: one of which secures the vital objective and the other supports the 13th RCT. This gives the Thais a place to maneuver and a chance to enhance Thai-American relationships by working and training together.

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The Pramane Ground is the broad space planted with tamarinds and surrounded by public buildings between Wat Phra Keo and Klong Lord in the traditional meeting place of Bangkokians. This is called the Sanam Luang (or Pramane Ground so called because it was the royal funeral ground and at such times symbolized Mount Meru, the Hindu centre of the world) and it is considered to be the centre of the capital. There, near the entrance to Wat Phra Keo, is the Lakmuang or the foundation stone of the city from which distances are measured. This stone is sheltered by a temple-like structure a little behind a filling station and is in the form of a lingam which is held in respect. Passers-by the whole day long go in front of the Lakmuang and put flowers on it or raise their hands in respect to it. In the adjoining room you can see a popular dance performance and lottery tickets are on sale. People believe that in buying tickets here they improve their chances of success.

The Pramane Ground is transformed each weekend into a large open-air market which is one of the most typical attractions of Bangkok. Stores from canvas-covered streets all over the area sell everything - food, artificial flowers, books, ironmongery, textiles, antiques and so on. In the centre, under brightly colored umbrellas, are more stores. Some alleys, like those which sell tropical fish, birds, and other live animals, are particularly interesting. The pavement which goes along Klong Lord is reserved for flowers and trees which are brought in by boat. Orchids are abundant and of infinite variety; bougainvilleas in the brightest colors; single or double hibiscuses and the thousands of kinds of flowering shrubs which grow in Thailand make the flower market at the Pramane Ground a delightful sight.

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In a way, we'd just as soon the street department wouldn't mess with the chuckholes. We have them plotted pretty well, now, and it upsets our navigation to have them moved to new locations.

COMMUNICATION

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ชวองกฤษ



(THAI GUARDS LEARN ENGLISH) TAUGHT AT PEPPERGRINDER BY MIKE SARPY

WORLD HISTORY**June 15, 1215**

The Great Charter of liberties of the English people is called the Magna Carta (or Charta) in Latin, the language in which it was written. Barons and churchmen drew up the document, and forced tyrannical King John to set his seal to it on June 15, 1215. Later kings repeatedly confirmed the Great Charter. The rights it proclaimed became part of the constitution of every English-speaking nation.

King John's cruelty and greed united against him all classes of his kingdom - the powerful feudal nobles, the churchmen, and the townsmen. While the king was waging a disastrous war in France the leading barons of England met secretly together and swore to compel him to respect the rights of his subjects, as provided by previous laws and customs. When John returned, they presented a series of demands. John tried to gather support, but almost all his followers deserted him. At last he met with the nobles and bishops along the south bank of the Thames in a meadow called Runnymede and affixed his seal to the Magna Carta. Copies of the document were carried home by the principal barons, archbishops, and bishops. Four of these copies are still in existence. The best known is the copy at the Lincoln Cathedral.

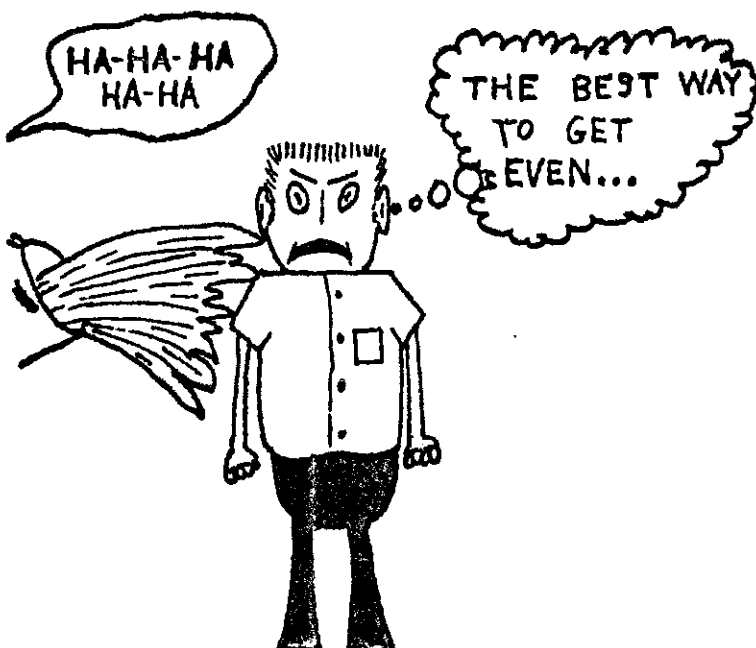


Historians now agree that the barons and bishops who forced Magna Carta on King John were acting in their own interests. Careful provision was made for limiting royal exactions, for reforming judicial matters, and for suppressing the misuse and extension of forest law. However, Magna Carta also provided certain guarantees for the people as a whole. Its 63 "chapters," or sections, necessarily deal with feudal rights and duties; but there are provisions to protect merchants and townsmen. One of these reads: "All merchants may safely go away from England, come to England, stay in England...for buying and selling, without evil exactions - except...if they are from a land at war with us."

Source: Compton's Encyclopaedia

Charlie Chaplain

Ernest G Engelo



I don't think there is...a drug problem...

because we're really getting in- to it now.....but he'll probably spend 2 weeks in Detox and the Halfway House, then he'll come back up here and work in the orderly room. Follow-up urinary tests and counseling takes over from there and the CO will contact him and see how he's getting along. That's the rehabilitation program.

KOBRA-7:

What happens at the Detox Ward?

RYERSE:

At the Detox Ward in Bangkok there are 3 or 4 trained psy- chologists and psychiatrists and 2 psychological technicians & 2 social workers. The man is primarily put in the ward to dry out of alcohol and drugs. While the man is here they talk to him about his problems and try to find out why he got into drugs. The program that I believe will be set up is one where the man will stay at the Detox Ward at night after he's dried out and during the day he will go to the Halfway House. What they try to accomplish at the Halfway House is to try to fill a man's void due to the absence of drugs with his other interests: such as hobbies, music, or reading. I don't think there is as much of a drug problem in Thailand as people make it out to be. As far as drugs go they are very accessible, you can do drugs just about anywhere.

KOBRA-7:

What is the main problem then?

RYERSE:

I feel that the main problem on this post is alcoholism. It is hard to define in the Army. The only way you can define alcoholism is when a man is late for work or when his job effectiveness falls-off or something like this. It just seems to me that there are a lot of people on this post that drink a lot. Really the program hasn't been geared to the people that drink. We are trying to get a program started by coordinating with the people at Udorn Air Base. I think the alcohol program has been kind of lax in the past, but then again the determination is gonna have to be made by a man's section chief and his OIC and the CO is gonna have to make a determination.

KOBRA-7:

What if "the man" IS the section chief?

RYERSE:

If it's brought to the attention of the CO, then he's gonna have to make action. In the past I think it's been "filed-13" or lost. Nobody thinks about helping the man when he comes in hung-over every morning and his job performance is falling..... you're just condoning his drinking problem.

KOBRA-7:

Doesn't a man's whole personality change when he becomes dependent?

RYERSE:

Right. There's a personality change. You can see it really if you look around.

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WINNER OF JUNE 1 GUF AWARD WAS COL JJ MCFADDEN FOR IMPROPER RADIO PROCEDURE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AN AERIAL DEBACLE..... "HOW THE HELL DO YOU WORK THIS THING?"

RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

"picks"

COMEBACK CHARLESTON BLUE

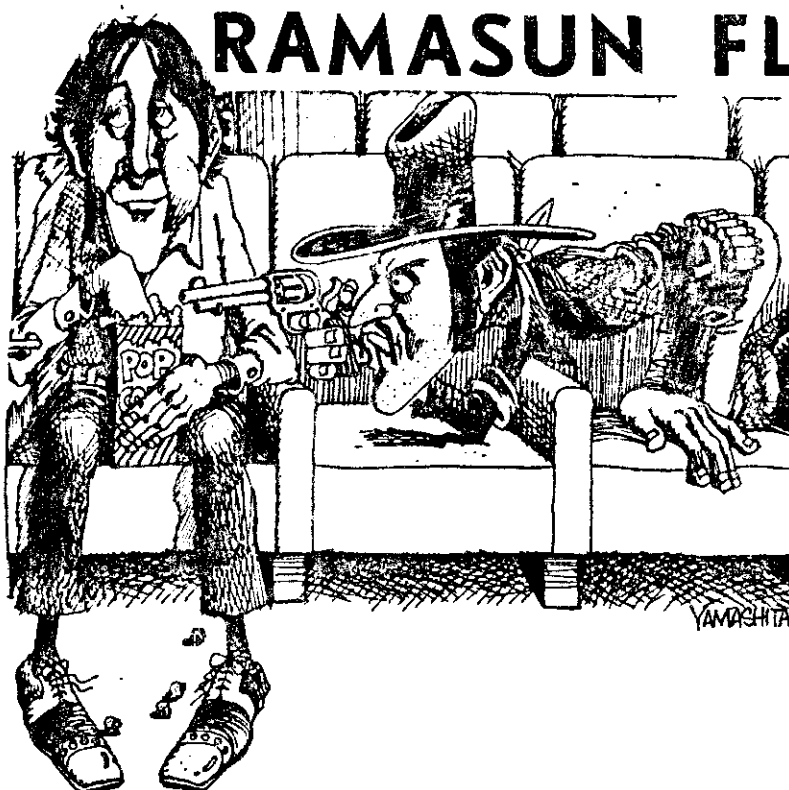
The Harlem adventures of grave digger Jones and Coffin Ed Johnson attain new excitement in this sequel to the popular "Cotton Comes To Harlem." The Mafia's drug operation is being threatened, apparently by the ghost of longdead hoodlum Charleston Blue. C.B.'s trademark of razors keep showing up beside slit throats, & why does the Queen of the Numbers keep saying that he's coming back for her in a 1932 Lincoln? With the help of their own stage-managed deaths and a whiz kid chemist, and with drugs blowing up all over town, Detectives Jones & Johnson make it a clean sweep in Harlem.

THE SALZBURG CONNECTION

A metal chest is fished out of the bottom of an Austrian lake by an ex-British agent. Realizing from its contents that his discovery has put his life in danger he buries the chest and is subsequently murdered. Foreign agents converge in Salzburg to find the chest. American lawyer, Barry Newman, becomes reluctantly involved in the bizarre mystery, & with the help of the murdered man's widow, determines to find the chest and deliver it to the CIA. Newman's mission takes him on a perilous chase in and around Salzburg and to a climactic rendezvous in a mountain chalet.

THE CANDIDATE

A brilliant movie and without a doubt the best political film ever made in the US. Honest, intelligent, knowledgable, witty, & perceptive. The film provides an extraordinary depiction of life on the campaign trail, with little moments of enormous impact. Robert Redford gives his best performance to date in the role of Bill McKay, a popular contender for a Senatorial seat. Peter Boyle is Redford's high-pressure political campaign manager and Melvyn Douglas stars as a former governor, political party leader and Redford's father. They said the Candidate was too young, too liberal, doesn't have a chance. He's perfect!



Flick Sked

4 JUN +COMEBACK CHARLESTON BLUE

5 JUN SALZBURG CONNECTION

6 JUN +THE WRATH OF GOD

7 JUN " " " "

Late Shows - TWO-LANE BLACKTOP
(JAMES TAYLOR)

8 JUN MAKING IT

9 JUN THE OWL & THE PUSSYCAT

10 JUN +THE CANDIDATE

11 JUN " "

12 JUN J.W. COOP

13 JUN +MELINDA

14 JUN "

Late Shows - M*A*S*H
(ELLIOT GOULD)

15 JUN ONE MORE TRAIN TO ROB

16 JUN GARDEN OF THE FINZICONTINIS

+ - 75¢ ADMISSION, ALL OTHERS 50¢
LATE SHOWS ARE AT 2030 AND 2330 ONLY.

SUN	1430	1830	2330
MON		1830	
TUE		1830	2030 2330
WED		1830	2330
THU		1830	
FRI		1830	2030 2330
SAT		1830	2030 2330

IN THE STATES - 6-8% PURE

Heroin: 96-98%

KOBRA-7:

Do you feel that a person who inadvertently smokes laced grass is a security risk?

RYERSE:

When you talk about security you get into a couple of areas that really is not a determination like I said before. Just because a man misses a few payments, is that grounds to pull a man's security? It is a determination made by S-2 and I don't know if I really qualify to say. You know, security is a very touchy thing. Some people have gotten their access pulled and never really know why. It's kind of like a privilege...we're gonna give you a ball to play with and you can play with it but we can take that ball back anytime we want to. Each individual is a separate case.

KOBRA-7:

What changes would you make in the drug rehab program?

RYERSE:

I personally feel that there is no effective drug rehabilitation in Thailand today. I think that the availability of drugs here is astounding. You can go anywhere off-post and get any drug you want. I feel that a qualified staff of medical people as well as social workers is necessary. The Alcohol problem hasn't even scratched the surface.

KOBRA-7:

Do the DES' really do the job?

RYERSE:

I think the DES' are a good thing but like I said when a man works 8 hours and then acts as DES after he's taken dits all day, then you can get tired. There are some good DES' on... ..but they need... .. A full-time company DES would be the ideal situation so that a man has time to work with his company commander, his first sergeant, and the men in his company during the day. Education is also done by these people.

KOBRA-7:

Do you think that off-post housing contributes significantly to drug abuse?

RYERSE:

We don't have any statistics on that but I can't see where it would contribute to it as far as drugs go because you can get drugs anywhere if you want them.

KOBRA-7:

Really?

RYERSE:

Yes. There is drug abuse on this post. The real problem here in Thailand is that when a man buys drugs here he really doesn't know what he's buying. I'm not really talking about marijuana, which is laced but I'm talking about barbituates, cocaine, heroin, and red rock heroin. We have found out that some of the supposed cocaine here has strychnine in it along with barbituates. Heroin in the states is 6 to 8% pure whereas the heroin here is 96 to 98% pure. A nug with a heroin problem is gonna go down and get his vial out, cook it up and put it in his arm and promptly OD. He is just used to a certain amount, and doesn't realize how strong it is here.

KOBRA-7:

You mentioned earlier that people here don't communicate with one another, do you feel that the new service club being built will allow a better environment for people to get together than down at the club?

RYERSE:

Yeah. Anytime you can get a facility that can bring people together to sit down and rap, it's really good. I feel people are afraid to talk to one another for fear others might find something out about themselves.

KOBRA-7:

Anything else?

RYERSE:

Yeah....a man will not get hassled by his section chief for using drugs as long as he's getting "his prescribed number of dits" for the day or as long as he fulfills the mission requirements at least satisfactorily. I feel that here the mission comes first and the individual comes second. If the man speeds, well fine....don't worry about that just worry about the mission. I feel this is wrong. If a man has a definite problem he should be helped.

ADCO...7:00 am. till 7:30 Pm,...

Temple of the Emerald Buddha

The Pramane Ground market lasts until Sunday evening and it is a popular place to go for a walk. A peaceful crowd including many children spends many leisurely hours there at the weekend looking at all the things on sale sometimes buying a few. Some come to bargain for orchids and increase with rare specimens their collection of pots which are hung on their balconies; others are more interested in tropical fish, the rearing of which is at the same time a pastime and a means of income.

When one arrives at the Pramane Ground from Klong Lord and the Royal Hotel, the scene appears in all its glory. The buildings surrounding it, in particular the heavy grey building of the Ministry of Justice on the left, the National Theatre and the Big Auditorium of Thammasat University on the right, are hardly of architectural interest. But one's eye is drawn to the castellated wall of the palace, whose sober white color is contrasted in the most striking manner with agitated roofs, golden spires, and pinnacles of the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. This sight has few rivals in exotic beauty and is probably less known than it ought to be. It can be compared to the sight of the Kremlin in Moscow or the Tien An Men in Peking, if not for size, at least for its brilliant colors, the freedom of lines and strange originality.

Wat Phra Keo, or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, is included in the compound of the Royal Palace which occupies the rectangle formed by the Na Phralan Road, the Sanam Luang, Thai Wong Road, and Maha Raj Road. It is open to the public on Sundays and on religious holidays; entry on these days is by the gate which is built into the wall opposite the Ministry of Defense. On other days it can be visited by paying a fee but on these days you have to enter by the principal gate of the palace, in the first court of which, at the end on the left, is the ticket office. By doing this one can combine the visit to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha with that of the palace.



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QRF Digs Cliffs

Rappelling (not repelling) is not really a necessary activity for the quick securing of any particularly vital points at Ramasun since we have no mountain cliffs within the confines: however, rappelling is a means of exercise that instills confidence in an individual besides being sporting. Rappelling is the descent of a sharp cliff by means of a double rope passed under a thigh, diagonally across the body and over the opposite shoulder.

You may have seen rappelling done in some of the World War II movies such as: "Where Eagles Dare." This activity takes place at the Thai Border Police Station and usually coincides with rangefire.

The QRF, who recently acquired a new NCOIC, has recently restructured and regrouped in leadership to try to "get right down" to business and to maintain readiness. One of the ways this group can "gear-up" so quickly is due to their blue with black-trim jumpsuits.....they are equipped with zippers!

promotions

Private First Class to Spec.4:

COLEMAN, Jack I.
SHUMATE, David S.
WALLACE, Henry A.
ELSESSER, James L.
FREIS, Richard O.
GREER, David A.
GRIZZELL, Danny R.
LANGKAU, David A.
HARTWIG, William J.
CLARK, J.F. Jr.

SPORTS FEATURES

ANCIENT KREE

KREE IS PREDOMINANTLY played in the North and Eastern sections of Thailand. The game dates back several centuries to a legend of a heavenly battle between two gods.

KLEE IS A GAME NOT unlike hockey, the puck, so to speak, is a chunk of wood measuring from the tips of the middle finger and the thumb stretched wide apart and about a hands breadth in width, or larger. The wood chunk is dried and thrown into a fire made at the corner of the field. When it starts burning the players, wielding hockey like sticks made from the main roots of a young bamboo tree, bash the flaming block back and forth across the field. The more the disk is hit the more it burns, it streaks across the field in the dusk like a disintegrating shooting star.

CARL LUPARDUS STROKES A 16-FOOTER IN THE CUP FOR HIS BEST SCORE OF THE DAY...A DOUBLE-BOGEY.



A TEAM IS MADE UP of five players, comprising a goalie and four fielders. They play on a rectangular field measuring 60 paces by 25. The goal is 5 paces wide and the first team to score five goals with the flaming missile wins the match.

KREE IS NOTED to be the only game in the world in which a player may be carried off the field because of severe burns.



BILL HEFFNER TAKES TIME OUT FROM THE GOLF TOURNAMENT TO PLAY IN THE SAND.

IT'S THE YOUNGEST GENERATION, as we well know that is rebuking its elders for trashing the environment. So how come the litter for three blocks around the schoolyard is thicker than anywhere else?

'BOX' Scores

Establishment	This week	Total
Paradise Pool	8	27
Playboy	4	13
Golden Gate	1	7
Erma's	1	7
Venice	1	6
Aloha	1	5
Jumpen	1	4
Golden Horse	1	3
Nit's	1	3
Little Lantern	3	3
Tokyo	-	2
Cobra Club	1	2
Caesar's	-	1
Moonlight	-	1
Lido's	-	1
Southern Belle	1	1

Total This week (May 23-29) = 24
 Totals since April 17, 1973 = 86

SPORTS

softball

golf

by Dan Guers, Sports NCO

RAMASUN'S CHAMPIONSHIP softball team defeated Peppergrinder on the 31st of May with a score of 6-0. Doc Frazier pitched a no-hitter for the Cobras while the team scored six runs, which was more or less a practice game for the Ramasun team as ten members of the team have been selected to represent Thailand in the 1973 USARPAC Softball tournament. Players from Ramasun to make the All-Thailand team are: "Doc" Frazier, Tim Wilbeck, Bob King, Derral Howard, Luis Renteria, Ken Jones, Steve Bailey, Dennis Gordon, Bob Smith, and "Mac" Brown. The All-Thailand team will be coached by Ramasun coach Gene Lyndes.

RAMASUN:

PLAYER	POS	AB	R	H	BI
RENTERIA	SS	3	0	0	0
SMITH	SS	0	0	0	0
JONES	3B	2	1	2	1
KING	1B	3	1	0	0
HORTON	1B	0	0	0	0
FRAZIER	P	3	0	0	0
BAILEY	RF	3	0	0	0
HOWARD	2B	3	1	1	0
SMITH	LF	3	1	0	0
GORDON	CF	2	1	1	1
BROWN	CF	1	0	0	0
WILBECK	C	2	0	1	2
LYNDES	C	1	0	0	0

PEPPERGRINDER:

PLAYER	POS	AB	R	H	BI
CURRY	3B	1	0	0	0
ROJA	CF	3	0	0	0
FRAZER	1B	3	0	0	0
SPIKES	P	3	0	0	0
FURR	LF	3	0	0	0
BORRERO	C	3	0	0	0
WILCOX	2B	3	0	0	0
YOUNG	RF	2	0	0	0
RICHARD	SS	2	0	0	0
TOTALS:					
RAMASUN:		26	6	5	4
PEPPERGRINDER		20	0	0	0

TOM STACY SHOOTING a 274 captured the Ramasun open golf tournament just completed at Udorn Golf Course. Tim Maroney placed second with a 288 followed by CPT Taylor, Remy Stewart and MAJ Carl Lupardus in that order. These five golfers will now represent Ramasun in the USARPAC THAI Tournament at Bangkok the 17th of June.

THE BACKGROUND of this page was taken during the third round and clearly shows the winning form of Tim Stacy. Statistics of daily results are as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

STACY	65	69	73	67	-	274
MARONEY	78	70	69	71	-	288
TAYLOR	74	71	77	77	-	299
STEWART	78	74	74	75	-	301
LUPARDUS	72	80	74	76	-	302

FLIGHT A

HEFFNER	79	86	79	87	-	331
CASTILLO	86	87	89	91	-	349
O'BRIEN	85	85	96	88	-	350
BURNELL	87	94	98	93	-	370
PECK	87	79	87			WITHDREW

FLIGHT B

LEWIS	94	98	86	100	-	378
MURRAY	109	95	94	96	-	394
COLEMAN	95	102	101	103	-	401
CRABTREE	96	94	92			WITHDREW

SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL moves into its last month of action with some pretty interesting pennant races. The most interesting race is in the South division as teams are trying for the first two places to get into the playoffs. Four teams in the South division are still fighting for first and second. While in the North division MML is sitting on top with a perfect 8-0 record. The race for second place is between EM Club, AFD, and NSB. The only teams that seem to be out of the picture are the NCO's and the Peoples Liberated Softball Team.

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PIVUP
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SWIM?
WHO'S HERE TO
SWIM?

