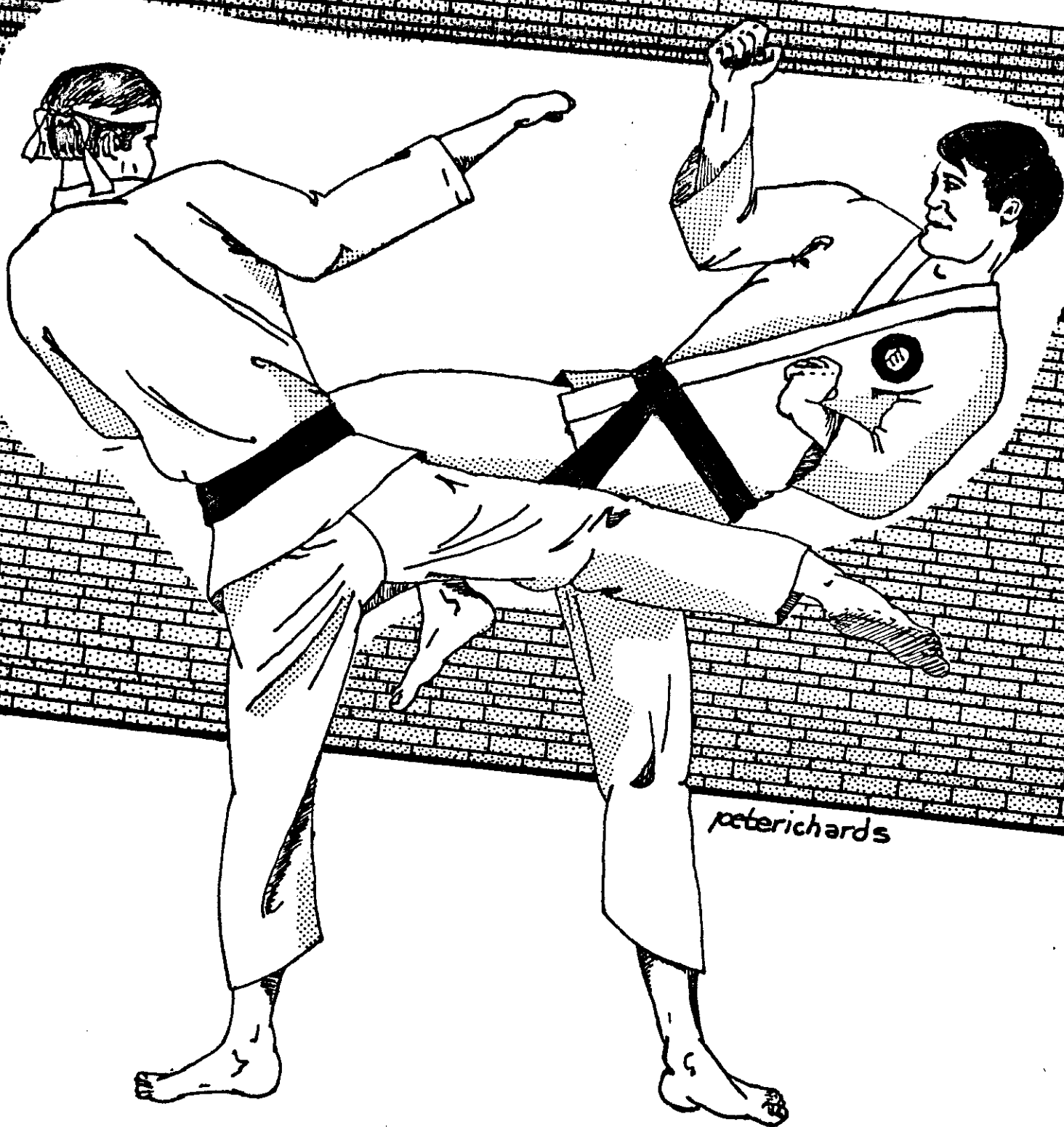


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Coberly, David L.

Scholastic Achievement Medal

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Udon celebrates Queen's birthday

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand will celebrate her birthday on Sunday, August 12.

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Company News Briefs

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During the 8th month of 1973, Co. A is in the midst of a number of stirring events. Firstly, the Co. A Paddleball tournament is in full swing and the quarter finals will be starting soon. The DeMoss/Stower team is the only team to qualify for the quarter-finals as of this date, but the matches to play include the teams of Murray/Pack, Gray/Cherney, Davidson/Banderet, and Sparrow/Sirola. Best of luck to them all.

Our Commander's Call this month was an informative session of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Another "First" for the "First Team". Come on Bravo and H&S -- we're waiting. To those personnel who missed Commander's Call, we would like to convey our thanks to you for your subsequent labors around the company area. Be careful -- the company bunkers are soon to be renovated. (Ed's. note - Let's hear it for the three day passes!!)

We would like to end our little article on a note of sadness. "A" Company's sincere condolences are extended to the CO of B Company for his unfortunate come-uppance on the tennis court. Good going, Davidson!!

Major General Walter T. Galligan, the Commander of the USAF Security Service, visited Ramasun on July 28. The purpose of this maiden visit was to get a first hand view of the 6924th and personally discuss problems and points of service-wide interest. Accompanying the General were specialists in most support and operational fields, as well as Colonel James Novy, USAFSS Deputy Commander Pacific.

The highlights of the visit as far as the men of the 6924th are concerned were the General's commander's call and the evening social hour plus dinner at the Charoen Hotel. During his commander's call, the General filled in the officers and senior NCO's on his policies and the Command trends. He also presented the Meritorious Service Medal to SGT Frederick J. Frevert - an E-4 - for his work at Ft Meade, Maryland.

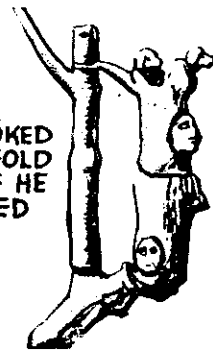
The General seemed extremely impressed with both Ramasun Station and the 6924th.

B CO

CONGRATULATIONS - as the B Company Soldier of the Month honors go to Roland P St. Germain. This was St. Germain's first attempt at the SOM Board competition and he will test his skills and knowledge again at the Post SOM Board later this month. Roland hails from Kenner Louisiana, and is currently the maestro of B Company as he brings with him the musical knowledge he acquired while employed by a musical studio before entering the world of "dies". Specialist St. Germain attended BCT at FT Jackson, S.C. and AIT at FT Devens, Mass. After graduating, Thailand became his first assignment as he reported in March.

Charles McMillan and Robert King have been appointed as B Company's A&R NCO and assistant. They will be organizing inter company athletics, such as handball, basketball, football, softball, and the like. Any questions or suggestions pertaining to B Co.'s sports program should be directed to one of these individuals.

The Pipe
SIR WALTER
RALEIGH SMOKED
ON THE SCAFFOLD
JUST BEFORE HE
WAS BEHEADED
IS STILL
USABLE
355 YEARS
LATER



H & S

H&S Company has been busy this month in preparation for a unit fund party tentatively scheduled for August 18th. Beer eats, and a lot of fun - watch the bulletin boards for further announcements.

Congratulations are in order for Daniel R. McClure on two accounts. First for winning Soldier of the Month, after some stiff competition, and second for promotion to his present grade.'

The following individuals from H&S have distinguished themselves, and are in receipt of awards this month: Eduardo Ortega received the ARCOM w/1st Oakleaf Cluster, and Norman Pullins received the ARCOM - congratulations are extended to these two men for a job well done.

Transcendental Meditation

by Mark MacKechnie

Meditation has been around a long time. Everybody does it from time to time whether they know it or not. Daydreaming is probably the most widespread form of meditation today. You might say it's letting your subconscious take over while you take it easy. Adam probably daydreamed while he chewed the apple.

Disciplined meditation has been around a long time too. Disciplined meditation differs from daydreaming in that it involves concentration. In the US, praying to God is probably the most popular form of disciplined meditation. Many priests, ministers, and chaplains pray 10 minutes in the morning and 15 minutes in the early evening. It can make you feel more peaceful and more at ease. For many it helps live richer and more meaningful lives.

In Yoga, before a student can learn to manipulate his body, he learns to relax, to meditate, to allow himself to be at peace. The student, in the "deep relaxation position" is flat on his back. Feeling his toes, his fingers, the arm around him and gradually relaxes each part of his body..... After a while, the

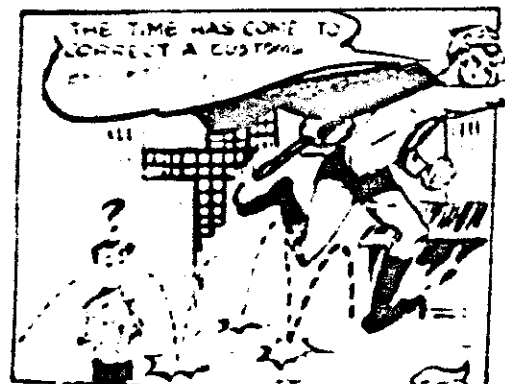
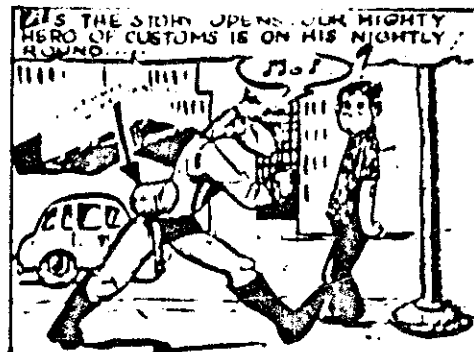
student begins to realize that he is feeling peaceful, not tense or slightly uneasy, or out of place.

One of the more popular ways of meditation in India but not so well known in the west is transcendental meditation.

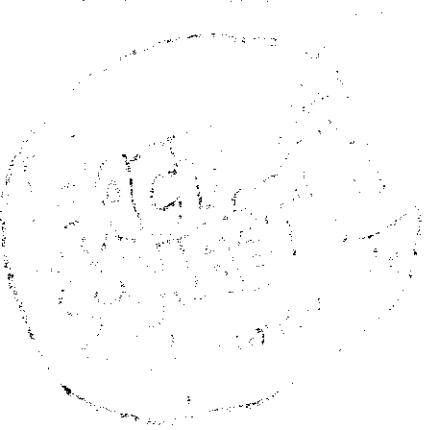
Zen Buddhists, found all over Asia (Thailand included), lean to meditate by focusing their awareness on one point, a body feeling - a foot falling asleep - or a point a few feet in front of them. When attention wanders, the student reisolates his focal point. Gradually, the student's attention wanders less and less and concentration becomes easier, and the body comes to peace. Zen meditation is very simple, very uninvolved. Another aspect Buddhists find beneficial to the human psyche is the chanting of rhythmic verses. Christians sing together, Buddhists chant together. The rhythm draws the people together in a collective whole and into the enjoyment of life.

Christianity has the "Lord's Prayer". For some mantras, it's the rhythm, others the feel of the sound, other it could be symbolic identification.

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WE'VE FOOT TREATMENT IS ONE OF A BUNCH OF THOU CUSTOMS
OH! KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE FLOOR!



ON WORLD TRADE AND A...
 THE UNITED STATES...
 OF THE CANAL...
 AND IN 1907...
 U. GOETHAL...

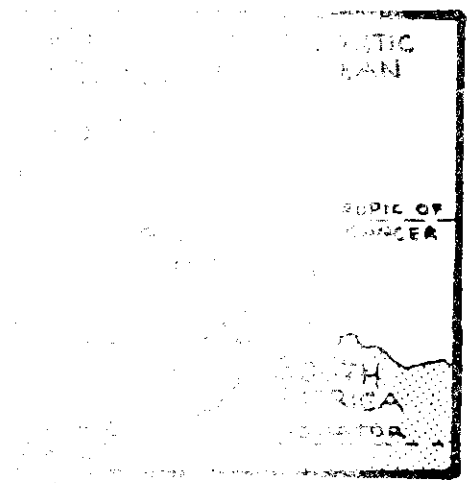


Diagram of the PANAMA CANAL

Martial Arts: Sport-Weapon

by Mark MacKechnie

Martial Arts probably originated somewhere in Africa a few million years ago when the first man to pick up a stick and belt somebody with it decided he had a good thing. Since then, people all over the world have been putting together ways of beating that guy with the stick when they were without.

In *Asia*, unarmed martial art probably originated in China shortly after the time of Christ. Priests were not supposed to walk around brandishing swords and as a result, a lot of priests got their heads knocked in. The surviving priests decided to work out ways and patterns - techniques - of using their bodies to defend themselves. Some of the priests lived to pass on what evidently were good techniques to their brothers and to the younger kids entering the priesthood. The younger kids worked on the successful techniques polishing them over the years. From China, unarmed martial arts spread into Korea, Japan, and the areas south of China. Today, unarmed martial arts are well entrenched and highly respected all over the world.

As *martial arts* spread into different geographical areas, they mutated, according to the individual styles of the priests spreading them and general cultural differences of the areas. In Korea the dominant art became known as Tae Kwon Do. In Japan, Karate and Judo took hold, in China, Chinese Boxing and Kung Fu were pre-dominant.

Tae Kwon Do is mainly a "hard" style. Basically a very aggressive art in nature, students of *Tae Kwon Do* learn to dispense plenty of power to an opponent's vulnerable areas. Employing an overwhelming assault, *Tae Kwon Do* types use their feet in front snap kicks, side thrust kicks, side-snap kicks, round house kicks, back kicks and wheel kicks. Hands and arms are used for offense too, but if a man gets through a *Tae Kwon Do* practitioner's repertoire of kicks, the hands and arms are mainly for defense.

Japan's Karate and Judo are almost at opposite ends of the martial arts spectrum. Karate, another power art, employs hands and feet almost equally for offense and defense. Hands are much quicker than feet and can strike much faster than feet but the legs are much stronger than arms and therefore supply many times the power of hands and arms. A good kick can break a man's back from the front.

Judo, a "soft" style employs very little striking. An opponent's weight and



Demonstrated above is Tae Kwon Do.

power are directed in ways that, hopefully, put him on the ground - where his arms can be broken or circulation to the head (choke holds) can be cut off. With good technique, no great strength is required in Judo. All power is your opponent's power redirected. If your opponent uses no power, there is no need to fight. Judo is basically self-defense.

Kung Fu and Chinese Boxing are probably the oldest established martial arts in Asia. Chinese Boxing employs some degrees of power, but not nearly as much as *Tae Kwon Do* or Karate. Speed is the most important aspect of either of the two Chinese arts. *Kung Fu* is very similar to Chinese Boxing, but there are differences in technique and in history.

Chinese Boxing is simply boxing with the hands and feet. It differs from American boxing in style and in that many medium blows are used to disable the opponent instead of great big heavy punches. The people of China, not just a religious sect, developed Chinese Boxing to waste their enemies and defend themselves.

Kung Fu, on the other hand, was developed by priests of the Shao-lin monastery. Under the guidance of a master, students would study different animal styles of fighting. The "lion" style was the palm of the hand, the "dragon" - feet and open hand. Any animal using particular techniques of striking, like the preying mantis, was studied. A "master" would decide which technique was best for the student and the student was stuck

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THIS IS THAILAND

Thai Funerals

When a Thai Buddhist dies, the body is washed, embalmed, and dressed in good clothes. This is to prepare the dead person for a new birth in the next incarnation, as Buddhists believe in reincarnation of life after death.

A bathing rites ceremony is held by descendants, relatives, and close friends shortly after the death. This ceremony signifies an act of gratefulness and forgiveness by the individuals who pour water over the palm of the dead person. Then the body is tied with sacred thread, covered with white cloth and placed in the coffin.

When lying in state, the head always faces west, as Thais believe that the rising and setting of the sun from east to west, symbolizes birth and death.

If the death occurred at a hospital or somewhere outside the house, the body is usually taken directly to a Wat. If the person died in the house, he may be kept there for a period of time and then moved

to a Wat. During the early period the body is kept (usually 7 days), monks are invited to chant for the spirit of the deceased and the survivors.

The body may be cremated immediately after death or kept for 7, 30, 90 days or even longer depending on several factors such as the family financial status, family members' convenience, etc.

On the 7th, 50th and 100th days after the death, alms are given to the monks on behalf of the deceased in the belief that the spirit will benefit.

A wreath or a black bow is displayed at the home, and black clothing or armbands are worn during the mourning period which lasts at least 7 days.



Thai Spotlight

(This writer works in the O Club. Not one word has been edited.)

by Panomsak, Sangsri

Thai people are the smiling, easy-going, and peace loving people who have inhabited one of the most fertile parts of Indochina Peninsula, bound by the southern province of China in the north, Laos and Cambodia in the east, Malaysia in the south, and Burma in the west.

The Thai nation has been able to preserve independence ever since the ancient times, even while neighboring countries in the Indo-china Peninsula were succumbing to the western powers and were losing their own. The reason why Thai people have been able to preserve their independence is the three admirable characteristics of the nation, the love of liberty and the national independence, the power of assimilation, and tolerance.

The love of liberty and national independence means that the Thai people always value their independence above all things - even life itself. Because of their love of national independence, the Thai people moved downwards from the farthest north until they came to settle down where they are now, and where they

are determined to fight and die for their independence to the last man, having nowhere else to go. Because of their love of national independence, their ancestors had laid down their dear lives and had watered every inch of soil with their sweat and blood and enriched it with their own bones.

The power of assimilation means that the Thai people realizing that they are only a small nation, are always ready to learn new things, and no matter what they have learned they are able to adapt it to their own use.

Most of the Thai people earn their living by farming. A great part of their country consists of fertile plain mostly suitable for agriculture. Only a few try their hand in industry and commerce, the majority of which has fallen into the hands of foreigners, namely the Europeans and the Chinese.

Most of the people prefer to live a simple life. The fertility of the land makes them take life easy and always content with what they have. It is not uncommon to see Thai families go on living generation after generation on the same piece of land and by the same means of livelihood, without the slightest change either in the social or in the economic point of view.



WORLD HISTORY

AUG. 15, 1769

To the troops he commanded in battle Napoleon was known fondly as the "Little Corporal". To the monarchs and kings whose thrones he overthrew he was "that Corsican ogre". Some believed him a great reformer. Others thought him a monster. In fact Napoleon I, emperor of the French and for 16 years master of most of Europe, was one of the greatest military geniuses of all time.

A FRENCH CITIZEN BY CHANCE

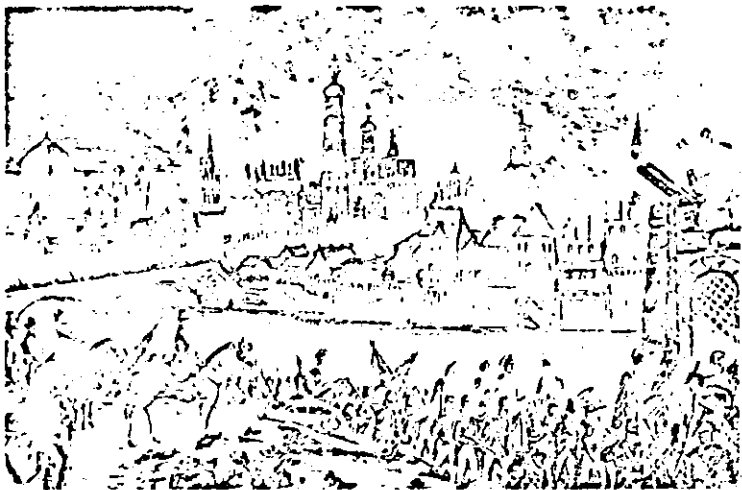
Napoleon Bonaparte was born in Ajaccio on the island of Corsica, Aug. 15, 1769. It was by chance that the future ruler of France was born a French citizen. His family had migrated to Corsica from the Italian mainland in the 16th century. The island had been transferred from the Republic of Genoa to France one year before Napoleon's birth. His christening name was Italian. It was spelled Napoleone Buonaparte. As a boy he hated the French, whom he considered oppressors of his native land.

REVOLUTIONARY ATMOSPHERE AT HOME

Napoleon was the second son in a large family. His mother was intelligent and beautiful. His father, Charles, was a lawyer who actively plotted against the French occupation of Corsica. Thus from childhood Napoleon was familiar with the ways in which revolutionists operated. This knowledge was to serve him in his rise to power.

THE PROFITS OF WAR

Napoleon had been victorious in 14 pitched battles and 70 combats. His army had conquered rich lands. These were forced to feed and to pay the French troops during the campaign. In addition millions of francs had been sent back to France to relieve the financial stress of the home country. The young general negotiated the treaty of Campo Formio with Austria. The Austrian Netherlands (Belgium) and Lombardy were ceded to France. These became the French Cisalpine Republic.

**BURNING OF MOSCOW**

The flaming city was a blood-chilling sight to Napoleon's tired troops. It was destroyed by the Russians to keep Napoleon's armies from finding shelter and provisions.



lic. Austria also recognized the Rhine as the eastern boundary of France. In return France gave Austria most of the old Venetian Republic.

IN ALEXANDER'S FOOTSTEPS

Napoleon's return from Italy to Paris was a triumph. No other general of the revolution had received such a welcome. He now began to think political as well as military power. He persuaded the willing directory to send him and a large army to Egypt. There he expected to duplicate the exploits of Alexander the Great by winning an eastern empire that included Egypt, India, and other Middle and Far East lands.

Egypt was the first step. By possessing it, Napoleon could menace the route to India, one of England's prized possessions. He won the battle of the Pyramids in July 1798. His fleet, however, was destroyed by the British in the battle of the Nile, at Aboukir Bay. The French were cut off from reinforcements. Napoleon then decided to invade Syria.

EXTENDING HIS POWERS

He now called himself Napoleon I instead of General Bonaparte. He held complete military and political power. Still he was not satisfied. He had failed to build up a great eastern empire. Now he wanted to restore the western empire of Charlemagne.

The Austrians had been defeated in the hard fought battle of Marengo (1800). The German states and England were worn out by the war. They had signed a peace treaty of Amiens in 1802. For the first time since 1792 France was at peace with the whole world. Nevertheless Napoleon continued his ambitious plans.

In the 14 months that the peace lasted he became president of the Italian Republic, reshaped Switzerland with France as "protector", and annexed Piedmont, Parma, and the island of Elba to France. In addition he planned the partition of Turkey and the founding of a colonial empire which would include America and Australia.

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Napoleon I (From Pg 10)

GREAT REFORM MEASURES

Napoleon also devoted himself to badly needed work in France itself. He restored friendly relations with the papacy. He established the University of France and reformed the educational system. He founded the Bank of France and the Legion of Honor. Above all he gave to the nation the Code of Napoleon. It was the first clear compact statement of French law in centuries. It became a model for law reformers throughout the world.

RUSSIA BECOMES THE TARGET

Napoleon realized then that until Russia was subdued his vast empire was still unsafe and all hopes of avenging himself on England were at an end. He decided to invade Russia.

It was not the best time to do it. In Spain his troops were having difficulties fighting the Peninsula War. The Spanish, aided by English troops, had pushed the French back beyond the Pyrenees. Austria too had renewed the struggle for freedom. Although it had been crushed by the bloody battle of Wagram, in July 1809, the threat of revolt still remained. Napoleon ignored these danger signals. He felt himself invincible.



"I'm thinking seriously of retiring and raising chickens!"

was one of the greatest disasters of military history. At the crossing of the Berezina River, later, thousands died. Of the nearly 500,000 men who had set out in June fewer than 20,000 ragged, freezing, and starving men staggered back across the Russian frontier in December.

THE CONQUERED NATIONS RISE

Now his enemies saw their chance. For almost 20 years the war-weary people of Europe had watched the armies of France, under Napoleon, crush all resistance before them. With the collapse of those once-mighty armies, the nations seized the opportunity to overthrow their conqueror. One by one they rose against him. England, Austria, and Prussia joined Russia in the War of Liberation. Napoleon conscripted new armies and won a few minor victories. In the three day's battle of the Nations - the French were outnumbered, outgeneraled and outfought. They were forced to surrender.

On March 30, 1814, the allies captured Paris itself. Napoleon's generals refused to continue the hopeless struggle despite all of the emperor's pleadings. He was forced to abdicate on April 11, 1814.



RETREAT FROM MOSCOW
Napoleon leads the retreat. It was one of the great disasters of military history. Napoleon fled to France, leaving Marshal Michel Ney (left) in charge of the armies.

NAPOLEON INVADES RUSSIA

With a Grand Army drawn from 20 nation he plunged boldly into the vastnesses of Russia. The campaign was to prove a disaster. Russian military tactics included a scorched-earth policy. Russian winters were incredibly severe. These were a combination of conditions Napoleon had never before experienced. Always the Russians retreated before him, drawing him deeper and deeper into their country.

On Sept. 7, 1812, the Russians finally gave battle at Bordino, but the results were indecisive. On September 15, Napoleon reached Moscow. He had expected to find provisions and shelter for his tired troops. Instead he found the city in flames. Since it was impossible to winter in the ruined city Napoleon, on October 19, began his retreat across the snow covered plains. The retreat from Moscow

'BOX' Scores

ESTABLISHMENT	THIS PRD	TOTAL
1. Paradise Pool (1)	32%	12 80
2. Playboy (2)	13%	4 33
3. Jumpen (3)		7 23
4. Erma's (5)		2 17
5. Golden Gate (4)		1 16
6. Golden Horse (6)		1 13
7. Venice (7)		1 11
8. Nit's (9)		2 10
9. Aloha (8)		1 10

Total this period = 34
Total since April 17 (16 weeks) = 248

RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

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The gold or the grave. The young widow could lead them to either.



**JOHN WAYNE • ANN-MARGRET
ROD TAYLOR**

THE TRAIN ROBBERS

* - \$1.00 Admission
+ - 75¢ Admission, all others 50¢.
Late Shows are at 2030 and 2330 only.

SUNDAY	1430	1830	2330
MONDAY		1830	
TUESDAY		1830	2030 2330
WEDNESDAY		1830	2330
THURSDAY		1830	
FRIDAY		1830	2030 2330
SATURDAY		1830	2030 2330

"picks"

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JUDGE ROY BEAN

In the role of the legendary "hanging judge," Roy Bean, Paul Newman is a self-proclaimed dispenser of Western Justice. Whether gunning down outlaws, arguing with a stubborn grizzly bear, revealing his affections for the unattainable Lily Langtry or at age seventy tangling with tommy-gun gangsters, Newman is totally brilliant. Jacqueline Bisset and an outstanding gallery of guest stars enter the Judge's life and times in John Huston's epic saga which is laced with salty language and violence.

HAMMERSMITH IS OUT

In a modern version of the Faust legend, Richard Burton plays the devil, disguised as a mental patient named Hammersmith. Burton persuades gullible male nurse Beau Bridges to sell his soul by freeing him from Dr. Peter Ustinov's asylum in turn for making him rich and strong. Elizabeth Taylor, a waitress of whom Bridges' is enamoured, travels around the world as

they murder and plunder their way to the top. Tiring of Taylor, Bridges asks Burton to destroy her. HAMMERSMITH IS OUT is a mature comedy of manners and murders.

THE TRAIN ROBBERS

John Wayne, Rod Taylor and their gunmen have been led to the wilds of Mexico by young widow Ann-Margret, the only one who knows the location of a half million dollars in stolen gold. She claims it is her duty to return the stolen gold to the railroad, which was taken by her deceased husband and gang. Wayne and company are being tracked down by the gang, who in turn are followed by a mysterious man. There is plenty of action for Wayne fans, and a climatic night shootout with a surprise ending. John Wayne is given an added dimension of a man who, despite his years, actually could fall for a woman. Ann-Margret is most convincing in a role which requires that she be of hardy environment, but above it as a lady-like attractive widow.

promotions

Private 2nd Class to Private First Class:

Earl, John D.
Lauricella, Dennis J.
Malveaux, Jerry J.
Middleton, Alfred L.
Morton, Leroy W.
Persinger, Ricky D.
Toft, James E.

Private First Class to Specialist Four:

Courtney, Glen R.
Richards, Peter D.
Miller, John J.
Forrest, James M.
Brown, Michael H.
Sonnenberg, Rodd A.
McClure, Daniel R.
Dahl, Gregory C.
Necessary, James M.
Dougless, Thomas C.
Elmore, Kevin M.
Williams, Wendell P.
Pair, Lawrence A.
Lawson, Kenneth B.
Forbes, Charles C.
Mensch, Michael R.
Mason, Donald J.
Jones, Drew A.
Carruthers, David S.
Purvis, Marc M.



Specialist Four to Specialist Five:

Robertson, Robert
Pluff, Theodore W.

How easily we are offended when we are not offered something we do not want.

No. 9 (From Pg 4)

Finding a comfortable place and sitting back and relaxing, you repeat a sound over and over again for 10 to 20 minutes in the morning and again in the evening. The most well known Mantra (sound) in India was made famous by the Moody Blues - OM - initially pronounced ohm. After repetition the sound may begin to change in tone, becoming longer or smoother. 15 minutes of meditation may be better than any grass ever smoked. It's nice. There are other sounds or combination of sounds that are good for use in meditating. The Beatles made "number 9, number 9... rhythmic.

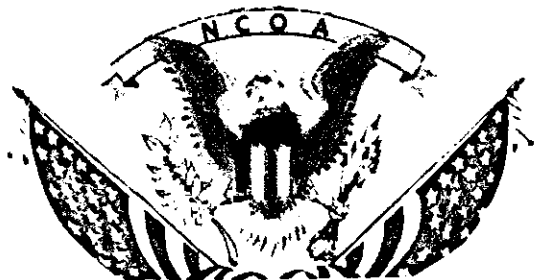
Kung Fu (From Pg 7)

with that style for quite some time. After a few years in one style, if the student was good enough, he would become a "disciple" of Kung Fu. He would then blend other styles with his primary way. After 15 to 20 years of Kung Fu, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a disciple underwent a trial that either killed him or made him a master. If he lived, as a master, he would teach others. A master in Kung Fu, in unarmed combat, is probably the deadliest man in the world.

Almost all styles of unarmed martial arts develop very strong healthy bodies. They all require a sincere wish to learn and much patience. Many of the arts employ meditation as a necessary part of the art.

There are many martial arts in Asia. Most are good for self - defense and many are very enjoyable. If you know somebody downtown, check out Chinese Boxing or Kung Fu. If not, Mr. Sun Moon Huh (HO) teaches Tae Kwon Do on post and Air Force SGT Fields teaches Moto-Marui Karate in the post gymnasium. Check 'em out.

NCOA



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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?
- WHERE ARE WE GOING?
- WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Watch for announcement of upcoming NCO meeting. These and other questions will be answered. Any current members please contact MSG Gagne phone 2104/2204 or MSG Uebelhor 2348/2349.

SPORTS

football Season Delayed!

In the last few days the KOBRA-7 Sports Staff has heard quite a few complaints about this year's Flag Football Season. In an interview with Sports NCO Dan Guers we tried to find out the reasoning behind the delay. Guers stated that

"Something has to be done to coordinate our schedule with SUPTHAI. I tried to convince SUPTHAI Sports Director that it would be easier for them to change their tourney date to Nov. rather than change the Post's entire sports schedule. I reasoned that SUPTHAI had nothing planned until Dec 15 when the Basketball Tournament would take place. By SUPTHAI moving their football to Nov. or late Oct we couldn't have had our football season in Sept. and Oct., play in the SUPTHAI Tournament, and get ready for the basketball tournament by playing Nov. and Dec."

Stern in their stand Samae-San will have the tournament in Feb. Because of this Ramasan will schedule basketball for Oct. and Nov. and have football in Dec. and Jan. Also affected by the change will be volleyball.

Asked if he saw any complications in scheduling or anything else because of the change that Guers stated. "Because of the weather conditions in Thailand scheduling is no problem. The one problem that I can see arising is in interest. Everyone that has interest in football looks forward to this time of year for both playing and watching. Everyone on earth that plays football, regardless of weather or anything else plays at this time for one reason; society's interest in professional and collegiate football. As I stated before, any sport can be played at anytime in Thailand. Whether or not as much interest will be shown in Feb. as there would be in Sept. is something we will have to find out.

basketball

Teamwork was the main reason given by Coach Williams as why 6924th captured this year's Monsoon Basketball season. Led by Braga, Wood, and Jonah the AF had little trouble in breezing through an undefeated season. During the season, the 6924th actually had three rough games: CRS, MMI, and UPO.

In the MMI game they built up a 34-20 lead at half and had to hold off a late MMI rally to win 55-51. The hero in that game was White with 20 and Braga adding 14. Vines led the comeback in the second half with 15 in that stanza and 17 overall.

Against CRS it took a fine second half effort to pull out a well deserved 56 - 52 win. CRS played even with the AF the first but with Wood and Jonah combining for 24 points in the second half, they weren't able to keep up. McNeal and Hutson, the one-two punch for CRS, scored 22 and 15 to keep up with Woods and Jonah but sound support by Shockly and Braga gave the Airmen the edge they needed.

So once again another season has ended at Ramasan. Basketball will now have a rest before the winter season begins in Oct. The standings are as follows:

AF Wins

1.	AF	9-0
2.	MMI	8-1
3.	UPO	7-2
4.	CRS	6-3
5.	SS	4-5
	H&S	4-5
7.	MMII	3-6
8.	Navy	2-7
9.	PPG	1-8
10.	ASB	0-9

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Tid-Bits

bowling

It's been brought to our attention that Ramasun's number one bowler, Charlie Harris, had previously been selected to bowl on the all - Army team. Ramasun hopes Charlie will once again be selected to represent us in next year's tourney.

Air Force SGT. Williams, who guided 6924th to this year's Monsoon Basketball Championship, is not a newcomer to the coaching ranks. While Williams served at McGuire he coached the post team to the Air Force regional finals. Looking forward to SUPTHAI tournament in Dec., Coach Williams should be the likely candidate to lead Ramasun to their second straight SUPTHAI tournament.

Widely known on post for his high calibre of officiating in all sports, Henry Torrey is not widely known for his true sport. Since he was 15 yrs old Torrey was possessed a keen ability in shooting pool. Since joining the service Torrey has won many tournaments on just as many post. FT. Bragg still has Torrey's name in the record books as he ran 62 balls.

During the past two months it wasn't uncommon to notice people running the perimeter of the post, because they were getting ready for project Reach. Now that "Reach" is over it's very uncommon to see more than the usual few that always run. One of the usual is the Toothfairy, Dr. Jucera. While attending the Univ. of Pitt. Kucera was regarded as one of the best distance runners in the East. It's been rumored that he runs two miles to loosen up for a three mile run.

Turning to the lighter side of sports, SSG Ferguson is a chess champion. During a tour in Japan, Ferguson was Champion of the USO club. Anyone interested in playing a friendly game of chess can contact him at the PMO.

Manners are the happy way of doing things without offending others.

MP NCOIC Ed Dunnam recently took over as King of the Lanes at Ramasun when he bowled a league high 237. The game was highlighted by a string of seven strikes and didn't have an open. Dunnam who carries a league average of 160 has a 180 average back in the "world". The MP is only in his fourth week of league play, and has just recently gotten accustomed to the Ramasun lanes. "Look out Charlie".



Work on the tennis court extension commenced last week and is scheduled for completion in mid-September. TANKS Captain Flowers!

Sept. Sports

Because of the delay in this years football program, Recreation Services (formerly Special Services) has announced activities in Sept.

Scheduled for the 3rd of Sept. and running to the 8th is a pool tournament. The tournament will consist of the best of 11 games in 8 ball. It will be single elimination and is open to military and dependents. Anyone interested should sign up in the Special Services office in the pool room.

Following the pool tournament will be a Paddleball tournament. This is open to teams of doubles and a 3 out of 5 game series will be played. Teams wishing to play should sign up in the gym - the tournament will start Sept 10 and end Sept 22.

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