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Dandy Don Damron gets an assist as he gets to the heart of the matter at the A Company Party last Saturday.

**Travis - No. 2**

At ceremonies in the auditorium at NSACSS Headquarters, Ft. Meade, LT GEN LU Allen, Jr., USAF, presented this year's Travis Trophy to the 6916th Security Squadron, Athens, Greece. MAJ GEN Walter Galligan accepted the trophy for the AFSS and the Squadron Commander. LT COL Grover McMakin accepted the plaque for the Squadron.

Honorable mention plaques were presented to the 7th Radio Research Field Station, Ramasun, Thailand Station and to the Naval Station, San Miguel, Philippine Islands.

The Travis Trophy is presented annually to the US Cryptologic agency which has made the most significant contribution in the fields of operations, management, administration, or suggestions. The Travis Trophy has never been won by a siggle agency in successive years and has only once been awarded ts the same station - twice - that station being Ramasun. congratulations!



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# Company News Briefs



CPT. Lustig - CO of Co. A - proudly holds a plaque presented to him by the members of his company at his final company party get-together.

CPT. Lustig has taken quite a bit more initiative normally expected of a company grade officer toward the improvement of troop living conditions, thereby greatly promoting *esprit de corps* and morale.

Under his direction, all of the day rooms were refurbished; the quarter-acre lot surrounding the orderly room was landscaped far beyond belief; a company picnic area was designed and dedicated; and, not least of all, he had the cubical curtains installed far ahead of the remainder of the post. Also outstanding was his constant emphasis on company-level sports.

Looking back, A Co. has truly lived-up to its' nickname, "The First Team!"

## JAG

MARRIAGE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS: All military personnel who are contemplating marriage to foreign nationals, must report to S-2 first, before any work is done on the packet. For information, contact the JAG Office for any information pertaining to the above.

## A Co.

During the 10th month of 1973, Company A is in the midst of a number of stirring events. The FIRST TEAM, Paddleball Tournament is in full swing and the quarter finals will be starting soon.

Congratulations are in order for Randy Owens the A Company Soldier of the Month. The A Company Party held on October 13 was a smashing success and we all wish to express our sincere thanks to the group who helped make it go so well.

Promotions in the month of October with Company A include: New PFC's Macias, Pinkerton, Salmi, Schaefer, and Pierce. New SP4's Kirst, Hughes, Davidson, Drake, Lawson, and Hosier. Congrats to all!!

## H & S

Congratulations to SP4 Gary Depp, Military Police for being selected the Soldier of the Month for October. Gary hails from Oyster Bay, NY. Before entering the Army two years ago, our "Cop" attended Oswego State University. Gary's hobbies include, Marksmanship, Football, and swimming. IN addition to being an H&S Company standout, Gary is a popular music lover. Among his favorite artists is Doc Severinson his favorite quote....Article 31..it must have something to do with his line of work.- For his efforts, Gary is \$25 richer!

## COMM CENTER

OUR GANG: Joe Whiteside has again been placed on the disabled list - rumor has it that Joe might be placed on waivers in his near future...sorry Joe.

(Ed. note; Could this mean that Joe is anticipating a revival of Proj. REACH?)

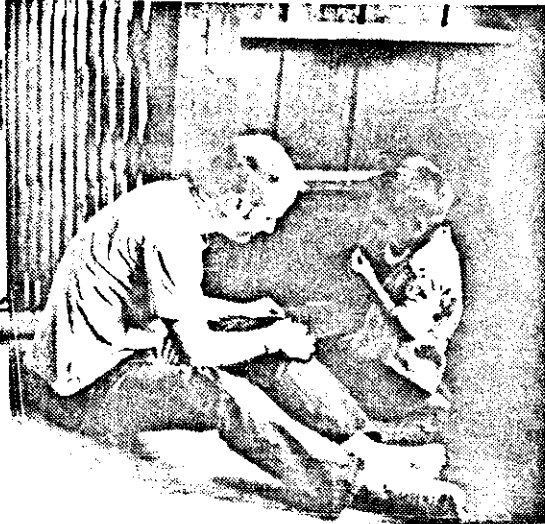
HAPPINESS IS: John Gilmore with a cucumber sandwich (heavy on the mayonnaise). To break in your new assignment on the job short...shorter...gonell Getting a X-mas drop and an assignment of your choice (Ft. Carson).

FOR SALE: 6 ea. 78 rpm records - good condition - includes old favorites such as the DATS DIP, RAMASUN RAZMATAZ, AND THE.. TDY TROT - good music for the "soft shoe."

# People Who Need People

by Bob Tice

There's a popular old refrain being revived at Ramasun Station by a group of young men assigned to the 6924th Security Squadron. The song they are singing is of "people...people who need people." That is the theme they have adopted for their current project in support of the nearby Udorn Christian Orphanage.



*1LT Steve Manning helps fill the terrible void in an orphaned child's life.*

The orphanage was established in 1967 by several military organizations in the area that were concerned with the welfare of the many homeless Thai children around the city of Udorn Thani, Thailand. Some of the children now living at the orphan-

age were abandoned in the streets as infants, others came from homes that had no way of providing them with the essentials of life - food, clothing, and shelter. Some of the money contributed by local military organizations is set aside in a special fund designated to provide medical attention for those children who are physically deformed or mentally retarded.

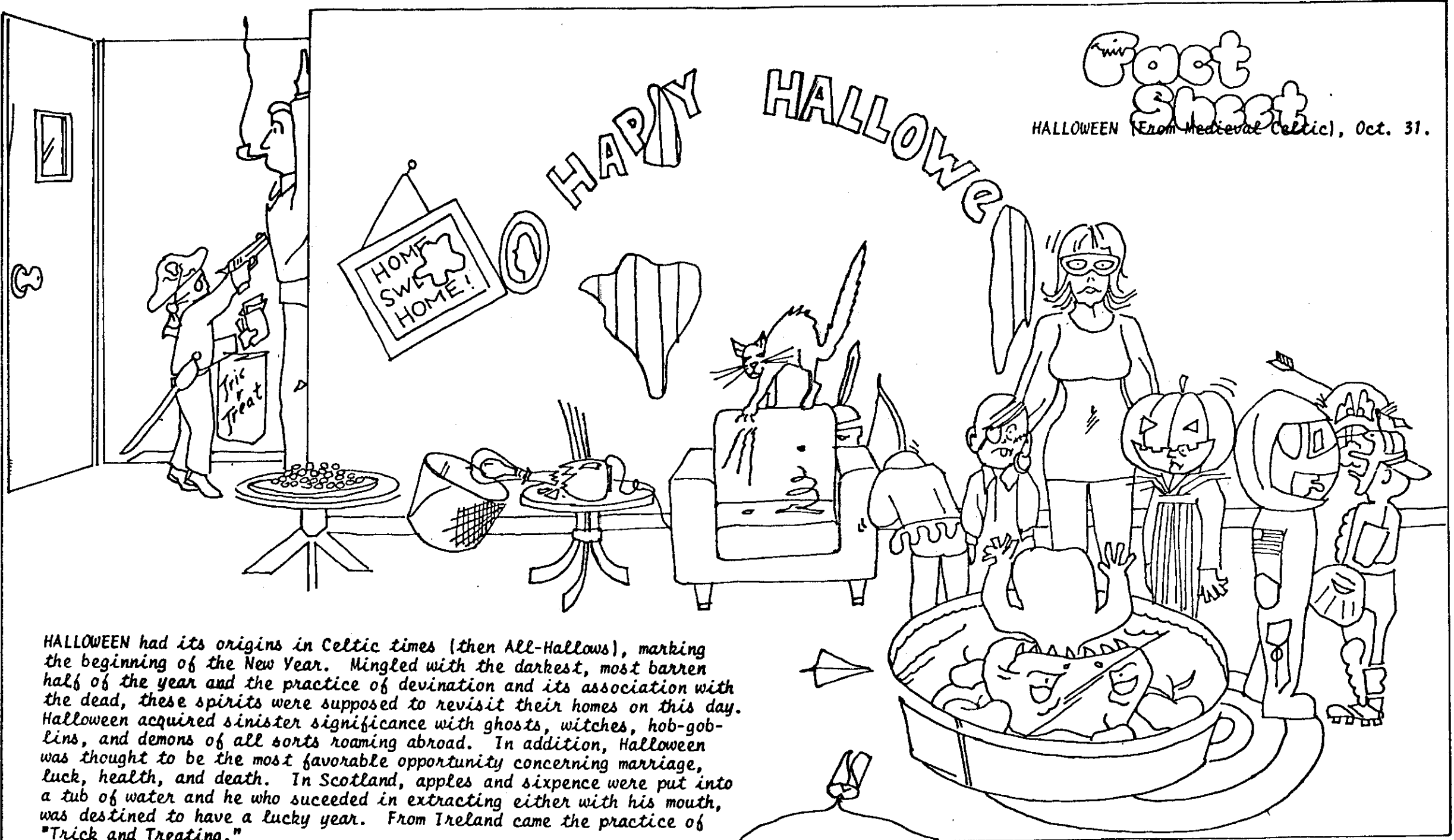
Members of the 6924th have been making regular visits to the home of the 23 Thai orphans. While visiting the orphanage, they make minor repairs such as fixing fans, replacing lights, mending screens and restoring other serviceable items. In addition, the men always leave plenty of time for what the children leave most -- the love and attention of an adult.

The Squadron Civic Actions Officer, 1st Lieutenant Steve Manning, expressed his views on what could be accomplished throughout the project. "We want to fill some of the empty spaces in those kids' lives, and I guess at the same time we hope to take the edge off our own loneliness. We'd like to leave here after a year with some warm recollections and the satisfaction of having worked toward a better understanding between the Thai people and our own. We're trying to show that Americans have a personal side by getting personally involved, and we think our "people programs" here at Ramasun will stimulate that kind of participation."



photos Neal Chapman

*Paul Phelabaum and Joe Campbell (l - r) put a little sunshine into one of the many lonely days an orphan has during one of their breaks from work.*

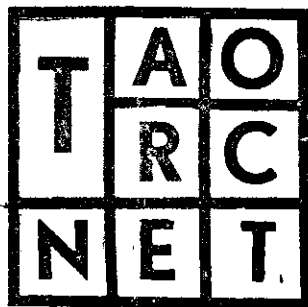


# Fact Sheet

HALLOWEEN (From Medieval Celtic), Oct. 31.

HALLOWEEN had its origins in Celtic times (then All-Hallows), marking the beginning of the New Year. Mingled with the darkest, most barren half of the year and the practice of divination and its association with the dead, these spirits were supposed to revisit their homes on this day. Halloween acquired sinister significance with ghosts, witches, hob-goblins, and demons of all sorts roaming abroad. In addition, Halloween was thought to be the most favorable opportunity concerning marriage, luck, health, and death. In Scotland, apples and sixpence were put into a tub of water and he who succeeded in extracting either with his mouth, was destined to have a lucky year. From Ireland came the practice of "Trick and Treating."

# TARGET-



How many words, of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here? In making a word each letter may be used only once. Each word must contain the large letter, and there must be at least one eight-letter word, no plurals; no foreign words; no proper nouns.

THIS ISSUE'S TARGET: 44 words - good; 56 words - very good; 66 words - excellent. Solution next issue. THINK!



# Word Search

\*\*\*TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS\*\*\*

Women's Lib, take notice! The only filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby was named Regret. The year was 1915, and she won a mere \$11,450, actually a large purse for that time. In 1973 winner Secretariat won over \$150,000.

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P.S. All of the Kentucky Derby winners may be found in this puzzle also.

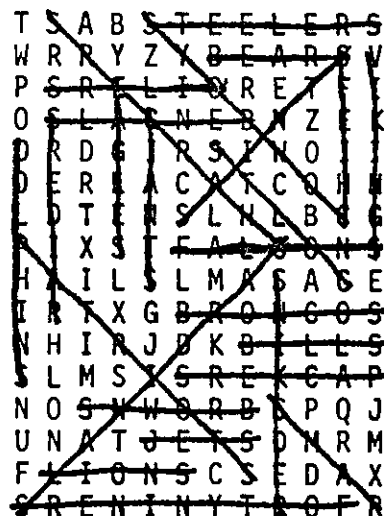
# Quacky Quiz

1. When was the office of the US Vice President vacant for the first time?
2. At what speed would you have to be traveling to approach the speed of light?
3. Who invented paper-wrapped cigarettes and when?
4. How many children does Queen Elizabeth have?
5. What university did Dr. Jonas Salk work when he discovered the vaccination for polio?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS W.B.

\*\*\*PRO FOOTBALL TEAMS\*\*\*

Find the names of the 26 Football Teams which make up the National and American Football Leagues. It is important that you write down the words as you find them. If you keep your list of words in alphabetical order, you will find you can avoid searching for the same word twice.



ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUACKY QUIZ

1. "Babe" Ruth's proper name is George Herman Ruth.
2. Babe Ruth - in 1931 - was the highest salaried baseball player in the land. His income of \$80,000 even surpassed the President of the US - Calvin Coolidge - at that time.
3. Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore in 1895 and died in 1948. He was just 19 years old when he signed with the Orioles in 1914.
4. The "Babe" played in the major leagues for the Boston Red Sox - in 1915 - and moved on to the Yankees in 1920, and finally to the Boston Braves in 1935.
5. Babe Ruth retired in 1937 and in the following year, coached the Dodgers.

# 'BOB'

## Kobra-7 Interview

I knew that the NCO Club's Advisory Council was undergo-ng a change in personnel, but I wanted to find out if the Council's attitude was going to continue to hibernate behind the cloak of anonymity or awaken from the deep sleep of apathy.

To my surprise, I found and witnessed a Council meeting - unlike one I attended three months prior. I saw a new birth full of pep and zeal, trying to reorganize for an important move to a new building.

*Tom*

Bob signed into the Army in October of 1969 and proceeded, after basic, to FT Devens where he became a certified OSH. His first overseas tour enabled him to visit beautiful Bien Hoa. After spending an enjoyable tour at Homestead AFB, he earned another 12 months separation from his wife in Nashville. After his tour here, Bob is headed to the 156th AVN at FT Bliss, Texas. Bob is the newly elected Chairman of the EM Advisory Council.



A CANDID CONVERSATION WITH AN OUTSPOKEN CONCERNED CHAIRMAN ON AN APATHETIC COUNCIL

KOBRA-7:

What is the purpose of the Enlisted Men's Advisory Council at Ramasun Station?

COPELAND:

Our purpose is to represent the members of the club by certain representatives from each major group at Ramasun. Each company has two members who (by their desire) are appointed to be on this board. We have some PFC's on the board but they are non-voting members. They can sit and voice their opinions, but by the Constitution they may not vote on any resolution.

KOBRA-7:

What happens when the Council and the Management of the Club are unable to work out an agreeable solution to a problem?

COPELAND:

After the Custodian presents his views on a situation the Board - if it does not agree - may vote against the resolution. Both of these points are entered into the minutes of the meeting and forwarded with the Board's and the Manager's recommendations to the Post Commander. The CO then has the final decision as to the outcome of the situation.

KOBRA-7:

Do you feel that in recent months, the management's recommendations have been given more attention than the Board's?

COPELAND:

Up to now, I would have to say that the Custodian's advice was weighed more than the Advisory Council's due to the existence of a weak council. The Council has not really participated, suggested, or commented as being representative to the members as it should have been. Up to now, it hasn't had much of a voice in anything. It hasn't taken an active role and this is evident of the situation we are in now.

KOBRA-7:

What is the procedure of "writing it up" in the MA's log?

COPELAND:

If your food is not what you expect it to be, the best thing to do is to call the MA over to take a look at it. Listen to what the MA has to say about it and then if you are not satisfied, simply tell him that you want to have it written up on

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THIS IS THAILAND

## Swordfighting

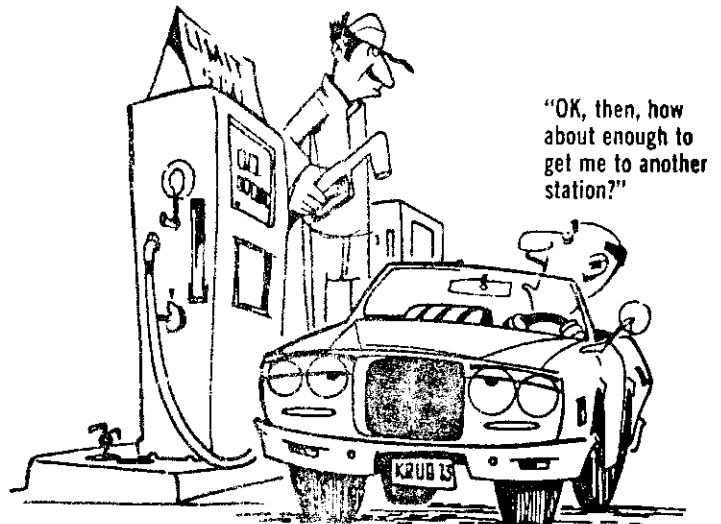
Most Westerners think of "swashbucklers" or Knights of the Round Table when swordfighting is mentioned, but here in Thailand the sport is traditional.

Thai swordfighting is different from most other countries in that a variety of weapons may be used. Usually the fight begins with two men, armed with either two swords, one sword, or a sword and a shield. Later, they may switch to quarterstaves.

A swordfight begins with both participants paying homage to their teacher three times, followed by a short dance to warm up. The combatants then dance from each side of the field to the other and back. After this preliminary, the fighting swords are brought out.

After paying respect once more, the fighters walk quickly past each other, looking for an opportunity to attack before returning to their starting positions.

The fight is on. They advance, attacking and defending by turn, in a great display of training and coordination.



After the fight, they signal to each other and meet in the center of the field. There they apologize for unintentional heavy blows during the match.

Recently, Thai women have taken up swordfighting after studying it at college as a "folkart."

The ritual dance of the swordfight is enacted at many locations throughout Thailand. It's an exciting colorful affair, and one you should not miss while you are in Thailand.

## Induction To Thai Military

Every year Thai men who have become 17 years of age must report to the recruiting officer for military registration. The recruiting officer issues them a draft card showing that they are registered.

When Thai men turn 21 they are sent a letter notifying them that they must report to the district office for induction into the Royal Thai Army. The reporting date falls between April 1-7.

On induction day everyone, including parents, relatives, and friends leave their homes early and report to the appointed place - usually a temple used as a temporary office.

In the office are the district officers doctors, recruiting officer, and Army representatives from Army Headquarters.

The recruiting officer calls everyone's name and then they are given physical examinations. They are then divided into two classes - strong men (who will be sent to the Infantry, Cavalry, Engineer, or Artillery Corps) and weaker men (who will become members of the Signal, Medical, or Quartermaster Corps).

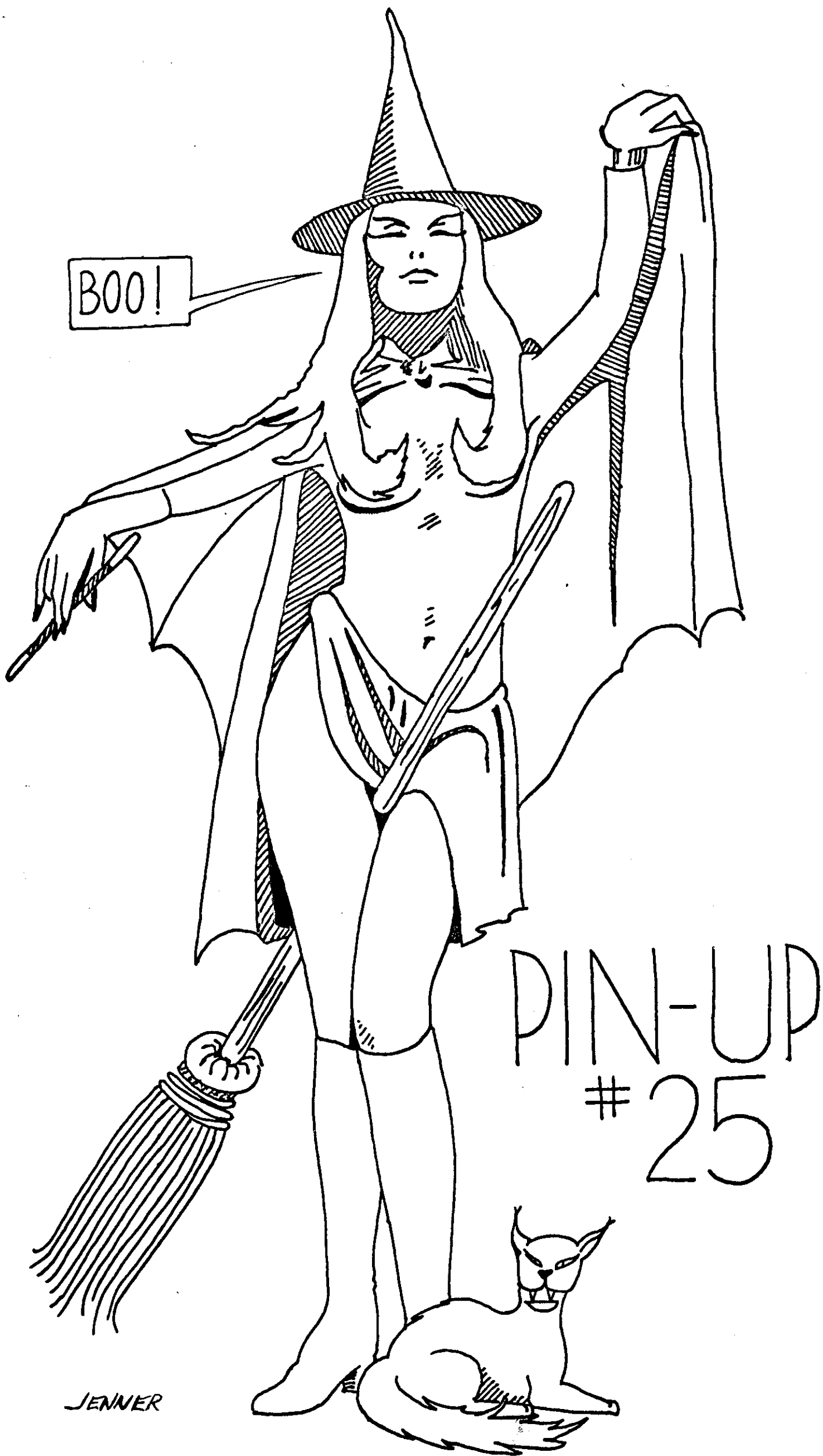
After physical exams, authorities call each individual to pick up a card in a box. There are two kinds of cards - black and red. Those who pick red cards are obligated to serve two years active duty. Those who pick black cards are free not to serve in the military unless they volunteer.

The recruits who have been found physically and mentally fit are sent to their hometown military post, where they undergo basic training for three months.

After basic training they are sent to a training center in Pranburi for three more months of advanced training. After the advanced training they are sent to a military post where they are stationed.

On November 8 of every year, the recruits attend oath taking ceremonies where they vow to devote themselves to the nation, religion, and the King.

They must serve two years but may apply for admission to the noncommissioned officer's school after their obligation. After two years they become first class reserves for 10 years, and third class reserves for 20 years.



BOO!

PIN-UP  
#25

JENNER

# Tecumseh: Great Orator, Brave Patriot

Tecumseh was probably the greatest native leader in the long, tragic resistance of the Indians of the United States against the encroachment of the white man upon their lands. A brilliant orator and warrior and a brave and distinguished patriot of his people, he was intelligent and noted even among his white enemies for his integrity and humanity.

Unlike all previous Indian leaders and many that were to follow him, he was above the tribal concept. He was a Shawnee, but he considered himself an Indian first. He fought not only on the battlefield but also to give all Indians a national, rather than a tribal outlook. It was his dream that they would unite in defense of a common homeland where all Indians might continue to dwell under their own laws and leaders.

Tecumseh was born in March, 1768, near present-day Dayton, Ohio. His father, a Shawnee war chief named Puckeshinwa, was born in Florida, and his mother Methoataske, probably a Creek Indian, was from Alabama.

After a series of treaties by which the Indians sold most of their lands in the area, Tecumseh became alarmed and demanded a meeting with a man who was to become his arch-enemy, General -- later President -- William Henry Harrison. There was however to be no peace.

In the actions that preceded the famous battle of Tippecanoe Tecumseh captured by a clever ruse what was later to become Detroit, Michigan. Marching his warriors three times out of the woods into the



clearing surrounding the fort he made it appear he had three times as many men as he actually had, and the commander surrendered.

Tecumseh met his end during the battle of Tippecanoe in which the Indians and their British allies were outnumbered two to one by the American forces under General Harrison. The outnumbered Indians fought furiously but numbers were to tell, particularly after the death of Tecumseh. The Indians slipped away, breaking the engagement. In the morning the Americans hunted for the body of Tecumseh but his followers had buried it secretly.

Although his body was never found, his epitaph can be seen on the tomb of the man who supposedly killed him - Colonel Richard Johnson of Kentucky, later Vice President of the US under Pres. Van Buren.



## Chapel News

An air of excitement characterizes the Ramasun Chapel activities. From the musical renditions of the PTL Singers (Praise the Lord Singers) on Sunday mornings to the enthusiastic singing at the Sunday evening County Church, one would have to say "excitement is the word."

New programs are always forth-coming. The next new program will be the Udorn Inspirational Choir which will be at the Ramasun Chapel on October 28, 1973. This Gospel Soul Group will be singing several numbers in the 9:30 service. Certainly, excitement will be a part of this service.

Those who are interested in seeing a Gospel Soul Choir at Ramasun should contact Chaplain Bundick.

# Membership Meeting: Oct 24, 3pm

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the MA's log. This log is reviewed by Scotty daily and the problem will be looked into. These reports are also reviewed by the Advisory Council and we will discuss this problem at our meeting.

KOBRA-7:

What about the waitress who short-changes a member? A lot of people don't want to cause anybody to lose their job, yet he doesn't want this to happen. What does he do in this case?

COPELAND:

I'm glad you asked that question. At this time, most of the complaints in the Club is on service. The policy currently states that after four letters of reprimand, the individual is fired. If this person has cheated you this time, and you have taken a GAF attitude, chances are that she has short-changed a group of people! By letting this continue, the waitress is in the club to rip-off and run the club's customers the way she wants. Instead of serving you, you are serving her. By bringing it to the attention of the proper people, you are giving the management an effective tool to operate a good club.

KOBRA-7:

How should members of the Board be selected?

COPELAND:

By rights, the members of the Board should be elected by the group he is intended to represent. These vacancies shouldn't be given to the orderly rooms to fill. This is supposed to be brought out at Commander's Calls and should be voted on. Even though this is the ideal situation, it couldn't work effectively, so we have to rely on the judgement of the First Sergeant. But there is obviously something wrong when a scheduled meeting cannot be convened because a quorum could not be seated. Even last week's meeting had just 5 voting members present when all members were personally notified.

KOBRA-7:

What is the problem with getting a quorum?

COPELAND:

There are certain sections, notable Navy and AF, who will not release their people to sit on a monthly board for 3 hours. Now this really drags the Council down when an enthusiastic member will not be permitted to make a meeting. I think that this is bad because the member represents a group of people for one of the largest entertainment facilities on post.

KOBRA-7:

What is our Club doing for Alcoholics?

COPELAND:

They have initiated a program called '86'. If a person has been drinking heavily, the management has the responsibility to make a determination on the degree of intoxication and to cut him off and get him back to his barracks or at least some transportation.

KOBRA-7:

Isn't this determination a touchy situation?

COPELAND:

Yes it is. Usually the person will be so out of control of himself, it isn't that difficult to make an accurate assessment of his condition.



"You were supposed to leave that at the examination station."

KOBRA-7:

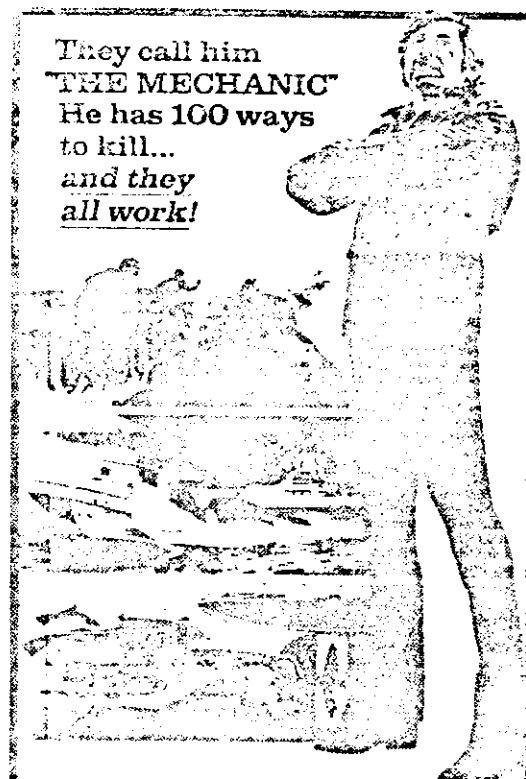
Where would we stand - as a unified council - one the eve of moving into our new building?

COPELAND:

As long as the Club can be operated at a profit, everyone should get the enjoyment and entertainment that is possible. If the entertainment and everything else in the present club moves up to the new club in December, then all you've got is a new building. That's the only thing that will be 'new' and this would be a crime. We've got a \$135,000 building with all the trimmings and to put our present club's entertainment into the new building would result in only a change of the fixtures. What I'm trying to say is this: if you are going to take the time to plan a nice club, then we have got to have the people to represent the Club's Council and put forth suggestions.

# RAMASUN FLICK GUIDE

20 OCT	NECROMANCY (PG)
21 OCT	ELVIS ON TOUR (G)
22 OCT	" " "
23 OCT	JORY (PG)
24 OCT	+DR. ZHIVAGO (PG)
25 OCT	" "
	Late Shows - THE NIGHTCOMERS (R) (Marlon Brando)
26 OCT	HIT MAN (R)
27 OCT	SOMETIMES A GREAT NOTION (PG)
28 OCT	+THE MECHANIC (PG)
29 OCT	" "
30 OCT	RETURN OF SABATA (PG)
31 OCT	+LOLLY MADONNA XXX (PG)
1 NOV	" " "
	Late Shows - SUCH GOOD FRIENDS (R) (Dyan Cannon)
2 NOV	THE HUNTING PARTY (R)
3 NOV	HICKEY & BOGGS (PG)



They call him  
**"THE MECHANIC"**  
He has 100 ways  
to kill...  
and they  
all work!

\* - \$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"

### DOCTOR ZHIVAGO

To play the characters in the world-famed novel, the film-makers secured an impressive cast. Omar Sharif is the doctor-poet Zhivago, the sensitive man who can see qualities of right in both sides of the Russian Revolution and consequently never takes a firm stand himself. Geraldine Chaplin is Tonya, the hero's selfless wife while Julie Christie is Lara, the married woman who becomes the mistress of Zhivago and the great love of his life. Tom Courtenay is Pasha, husband of Lara and ardent revolutionist who turns his back on his family to become a Red general. Produced on a magnificent scale, DOCTOR ZHIVAGO recalls the glories of film-making in its epic greatness and grandeur.

### THE MECHANIC

Charles Bronson, in the title role, plays an aging "mechanic" (gangland slang for assassin) who takes on a young protege.

Bronson, a cold-blooded professional has 100 ways to kill and they all work. Bronson's heartless apprentice Jan Michael Vincent, is overly ambitious and schemes to take over Bronson's role as head trigger man for the mob in a game no one can win. This is an explicitly violent and suspenseful look at another segment of the "Mob" and their brutal way of life.

### LOLLY MADONNA XXX

In present day Tennessee, the Father family, headed by Rod Steiger, is at odds with neighbors, the Gutshalls, led by Robert Ryan. The ill-feeling between the two families explodes over some land borders and comes to a head when a lonely girl, Lolly Madonna, is found at a crossing and kidnapped by the Feather clan under the assumption that she agreed to marry one of them. The Gutshall family, responsible for the trick, set upon the Feather clan, destroying stills and setting off an explosion of violence.

# Excerpts From THE

## Just Kids' Games

# Quill

"Sorry, kids, you gotta go now. It's past closing time." The children, their eyes bright with excitement, turned to look up at him. The shopkeeper repeated, "I'm sorry, but we're going to close now, kids." Understanding what was expected of them, the children nodded in agreement and reluctantly turned away from the glass cases and walked slowly to the door, casting longing looks at a red-coated clown here, or a gleaming silver rocket there, or the toy soldiers set up for battle on the table in the front. Watching them leave, the shopkeeper smiled to himself and thought of his own children, grown up and married now. "Kids, toys, and Christmas just go together naturally I guess. Well, it certainly is good business for me." Before turning out the lights, he righted a small cannon and with one last look at the gleaming racks of toys, he closed and locked the front door.

There was the faint chukking sound of a helicopter in the distance. Hearing it, Joe scrunched himself deeper in his hole and waited, thinking about home. Suddenly there was a bright flash of red in the blackness in front of him. Immediately off to his left, he heard a machine gun chatter into action. That would be Jones, that trigger-happy idiot. Abruptly, he was pushed out of his hole and a voice shouted in his ear, "Let's go!" He got up and stumbled forward in the dark, tripping over the holes of other men. The sounds of rifles came from the left and the right; he saw a man's leg disintegrate and the man stumble and fall to the ground, cursing and holding the bloody stump. Up on the ridge ahead he saw the bright flashes and heard the heavy hammering of the enemy machine guns. "Whatever will become of Mary?" he thought wildly. And the two kids, oh God! He wanted to stop and hide, but his body continued carrying him forward. Suddenly, before he had time to react he was in a pool of light, and he went tumbling to the ground. "Ouch!" came a matter-of-fact voice. Scrambling to his feet, Joe cautiously walked back to where he had tripped over a prostrate medic. By the light of the candle set beside him, Joe could see that the medic was holding a bottle of blood over a soldier stretched out on the grass. The medic's tunic was soaked in red and Joe could make out the

other arm dangling uselessly at his side. "Here, let me hold that blood," he offered. A plane dipped overhead, its wings dripping sparks of fire. Joe did not even flinch as the bullets thudded into the ground around them. "No, that's all right," the medic smiled wanly. "Neither of us will make it anyway." He indicated the soldier. "He got his head smashed in when an incoming shell landed on him. Oh well, that's how it goes." Joe nodded and turned to listen to the sounds of gunfire. Suddenly, out of the black in front of him a tank materialized, its long gun protruding menacingly. Joe turned to shout at the medic, but saw that he too, was resting, a faint smile dusting his lips. Joe fumbled at his belt for a grenade, but suddenly the world flashed white and then black.

Slowly, the searchlight probed the torn and smoking earth. Wary eyes behind it watched for any movement of the still field. Abruptly a tongue of flame licked out. A sharp cry rang out and lingered on the night air as the light slowly completed its arc to stare at the gleaming heavens.

His eyes snapped into focus at the scene. Littered and flaming wreckage was strewn about the shop, on the floor, on the shelves, everywhere. Broken and blackened jeeps, cannons, and trucks lay overturned, and burning tanks dripped hot plastic with the green of arms, legs, and bodies. The front table was a mess, pitted with holes, and littered with crumpled and mutilated bodies. In the back, there was a small thud as a toy soldier, one arm aflame and a leg missing fell to the floor. In utter disbelief, the storekeeper staggered to the window and hung out a sign: "Closed."

Later that morning the children came. In twos and threes with puzzled and sober faces they peered into the darkened windows and surveyed the wreckage. Most of them shied away guiltily, perhaps thinking of older brothers off to war. But a few stayed well into the afternoon, excited by this strange new scene. And looking into their eyes, one could see the horrible fascination.

TOM HODGKIN



*Imitation is the greatest of all compliments. We'd like to thank Arlington Halls' "Hallmark" and Ft. Devens' "Fountainhead" for their 'scissor skill.'*

## ASK the DOC

*What causes "pink eye?"* Dwane P.

We have seen a mini-epidemic of pink eye - conjunctivitis in the dispensary in the last few months. We believe that the main cause is a primary irritation of the lining of the eye socket caused by dust or other foreign substances. This primary problem is increased by the patient's rubbing his itcheye with a contaminated hand. With the approach of the dry season there will be an increased amount of contaminated dust particles and the incidence of the disease will probably rise.

*Why is the wait to be seen in the dispensary so long?* Sandy C.

Many of the troops seen in the dispensary have minor problems that can be dealt with in a relatively short time. However, we do see an occasional soldier with symptoms of a more severe nature, demanding more of the Doctor's time for both evaluation and treatment. We try to screen our patients as rapidly as possible and you can understand the clinic's desire to see the sicker people first. We turn nobody away from the clinic. We are authorized two MD's but poor old Doc Bein is all alone up here. Please forgive any delay in being seen during sick call.



## 6924th



The biggest item on tap for the month is the USAFSS 25th Anniversary picnic scheduled for Monday the 22nd. Tentative plans call for us to have barbecued half-steer with all of the trimmings set up in the "Tiger Den" and a full slate of activities guaranteed to entertain us and our guests. Stay tuned for further details and prepare yourselves for a real bash!

Congratulations are out to Dog Flight for their stretch drive to capture the Monsoon Flag Football Championship. The season more than lived up to its name, with many of the games being played in conditions the Water Survival School must have dreamed up. The Dawgs had to overcome an early season deficit to stage their comeback and take it all in the final game of the season. Good job, Dawgs.

In Commander's Trophy competition, Dog Flight's football victory left them in first place with a scant 5-point lead over Baker flight. The Day Shop is closed behind in third place. All major sports competition has been completed and only chess, paddleball, and bowling remain to be played out before December 1st and the end of our first full year of Commander's Trophy action.

Many other Squadron members deserve our congrats this month. Bill Rozokat recently submitted a Resource Conservation (RECON) item which will save the US Government \$6,600 this year. SMSgt Kirker of the Maintenance Branch is the man to see if you want information on the RECON program. Dave Tassone received a \$25 suggestion-award during recent Commander's Call ceremonies, while Bob Lopin received a Letter of Commendation from the commander for his outstanding achievement in the performance of his duties as a communications analysis technician.

CPT Aubrey Smith recently notified of his nomination for consideration in proceedings to choose leaders of Black America for 1973. And SSgt Roy Schmidt placed second at the just-completed All-Thailand Chess Tournament held at Korat RTAFB. This finish allowed him to take a berth in the PACAF Tournament which is in progress now at Clark Air Base, PI. Good Luck Roy!

The 24th losing our operations officer, MAJ William Jucera, on 20 October when he will depart these shores for this great puzzle palace at Kelly AFB, Texas. CPT Dickey recently arrived from the 6993rd of Medina to assume command of Dawg.

# SPORTS

## basketball

After 2 weeks of action in the Ramasan Basketball League, Hudson of H&S has the lead in scoring with an average of 23 pts per game. Hudson, in addition to leading in average, also leads in total pts - 92 - field goals - 38 - and made foul shots - 16 -. Hot on the heels of Hudson is UPO high scoring center Schultz, who has an average of 21 pts but has only played three games to date. Schultz also has single high game of the season with 34. Rounding out the top scorers are Vines of MMI with 19.5, Jonah of AF with 19, Hosier of ASB with 18, Braga of AF with 17, Winston of DFSB with 16, and Harrison of ASB with 16.

## MMI...MMN

MMI and MMN lay claim to having the best scoring team and the best defensive team respectively. MMI has been scoring at a pace of 58 pts a game. On the other hand MMN has been holding the opposition to a mere 44 pts per game. UPO, MMN, and H&S follow in the offensive department with 55, 55, and 53. Defensively MMI, (C&L, last weeks leader) UPO, and DFSB with 44.5, 45, 50, and 50.5.

### \*\*\*TEAM STANDINGS\*\*\*

EAST:		WEST:	
MMN	4-1	MMI	4-0
UPO	4-1	H&S	2-2
DFSB	3-2	C&L	2-3
ASB	3-2	AF	1-3
MP's	2-3		

## \*\*Tid-Bits\*\*

Anyone who has a general knowledge of Team Handball is encouraged to stop by the gym and see Dan Guers. Guers would like to arrange to have a demonstration using people who have played this game.

Well, ASB has finally done it. They won their first game in the last two seasons. Hosier led the scorers with 24 pts.

It's been heard that one of the new officers was a champion paddleball player at VMI. Although this column has never seen him play, we're sure Clint Cowerdine is every bit as good as we've heard.

## ping-pong

Ramasun's house of noise, the post gym, will be the site of action as twelve ping-pong players battle it out for the first place trophy and the right to face the winner of the Thai ping-pong contest early next month. This is the only activity planned by Sports Director Dan Guers for special activities night. Planned in future activities nights are Team Handball, Cage Ball, Bombardment, and Chess.

## NNN

## "BOX" Scores

ESTABLISHMENT	THIS PRD	TOTAL
1. Paradise Pool	3	112
2. Playboy	3	51
3. Jumpen	1	42
4. Golden Gate	3	28
5. Erma's	1	25
6. Golden Horse	3	24
7. Venice	-	17
8. Aloha	-	14
9. Nit's	-	13

Total this Period = 21 (Last Prd = 21)  
Totals since April 17 (26 weeks) = 378!

If the present rate continues, 700+ in one year!!! \$5 to ...or \$5 to get.....

We were informed that amnesia is an unforgettable experience....Eve sleeps with snakes...Fight pollution -- punch a car today....Xerox never comes up with anything original....The hand that turns the doorknob, opens the door....Another sports story just in: Adam 12, Hawaii 5-0..... Have you noticed that Donald Duck is nude from the waist down??...The Rainbow Room is SRO during shift changes.....Dr. Scholl is an arch-conservative...Attention Billy Graham: St. Paul is in Minnesota... Congratulations to Mike Crumly, the winner of the horseshow-pitching contest at the A Co. party....Friction is a drag.

# COMMUNICATION

## OPINION: *Tom*

While recently checking out a magazine, I couldn't help but overhear a distressing conversation in the Post Exchange between an employee and a customer.

The argument was caused partially by the newly enforced regulation of showing proper identification when purchasing anything, even a newspaper. One thing led to another and soon the employee said, "..... maybe the United States Government is stupid..." which resulted in an equally degrading rebuttal.

Although against Army policy, it has been many months since our facility has asked for identification, except when a rationed item was purchased.

Why do we get upset when asked to show an ID card? After all, this is the enforced standard everywhere else. Often I have detected a snicker in the employee's voice that makes the GI react like a firecracker. The whole situation is a vicious circle turning faster and faster until the ugly mess explodes, contaminating everyone in close proximity. Simply, the whole affair is no one person's fault; rather, a struggle between two kinds of cultures.

There are those who feel that the Thais are indebted to us for affording them the opportunity to make a living via clothing and jewelry stores. But some Thai citizens resent us for changing Thai tradition and culture. Who is doing favors for whom? The stores that Americans frequent seldom accommodate the local nationals. We buy good quality, tailored clothing at less than JC Penney prices and the shop owners enjoy a larger profit due to the difference in the two economies.

Our attitude's seem to be returned to us via the club, snack bar, roach coach, and housegirls for starters, and I believe our egocentricity is a major factor.

Throughout history the Thais have been considered the friendliest people in the world. Why then are so many young men returning home with the stereotype that "Thai" is synonymous with "moneygrubbing?"

Don't be an Ugly American. Your behavior is a measuring stick for Thailand's citizens to gauge the other 200 million Americans. Behave as you would expect them to at home....as invited guests.

