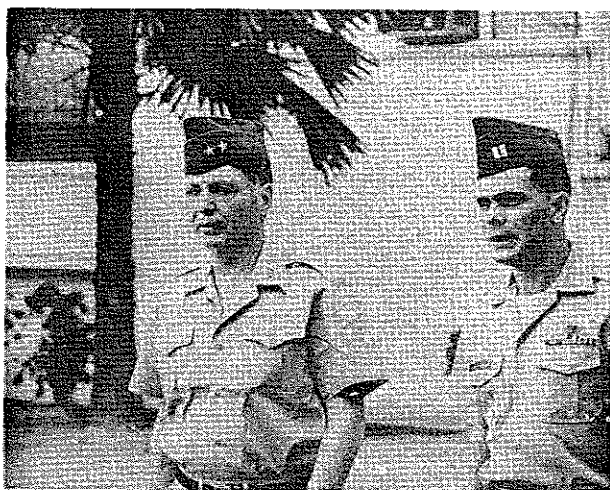


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## General Denholm Tours Thailand



BOLTPIC shows MG Charles J. Denholm and Detachment Commander, CPT Ronald R. Kline, as they begin a tour of the Seri Court facilities.

MG Charles J. Denholm and COL Richard S. Winstead, Assistant Chief of Staff at Arlington Hall, toured the 83rd RRSOU recently to be briefed extensively concerning the missions, accomplishments, and problems of the operation of the 83rd.

General Denholm arrived in Thailand on 24 May to visit the 83rd and its detachments as part of his annual world-wide familiarization tour. The general visits the units of his command each year in order to obtain first hand information concerning the application and effectiveness of command programs under widely varying circumstances.

During the first day of his stay in Thailand, General Denholm received the Command and Operations-related briefings, toured the Operations area, and was hosted at supper by LTC and Mrs. Charles W. Jess. The following day, he boarded a U. S. Army U-21 aircraft and flew west to tour Detachment "B" at Ubon and Detachment "A" at Phanom Sarakham. After a brief inspection of the troops and billet area in Ubon, the general lunched in the Det "B" refectory and, afterwards, visited the two sites for Ubon Operations Briefings and tours.

In Phanom Sarakham General Denholm toured the site and billeting area before departing for his suite at the Chao Phya Hotel. The evening in Bangkok was highlighted by a cocktail party, held at LTC Ulmen's residence, attended by the Officers and ladies of the 83rd RRSOU.

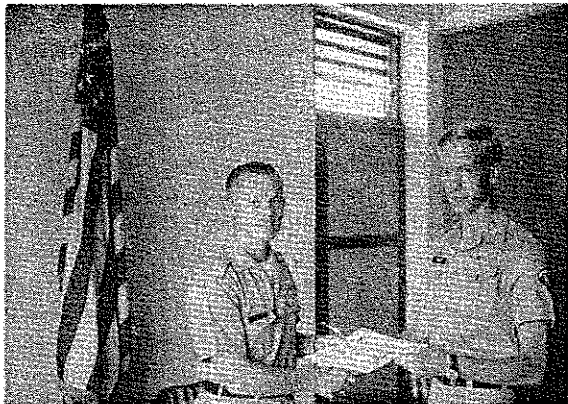
The following day he received the DOD-SRT briefing and called on COMUSMACTHAI, MG Hal D. McCown, prior to a 1020 takeoff for DET "C" of the 83rd RRSOU. At Chiangmai, MG Denholm inspected the troops and billets and received the Detachment "C" mission briefing. Before departure for the 7th RRFS, the general had lunch with the men of Det "C" in the villa's dining room.

One of the highlights of the tour was provided by the 7th RRFS later in the day, as, shortly after General Denholm's arrival, the ranks were formed and the men of the 7th passed in review at an impressive retreat parade. The evening was occupied by festivities at the Ramasun Station Officer's Open Mess.

The following morning the general was briefed on the mission capabilities and expansion plans of the Ramasun Station operations. He then toured the post, including

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## FIVE RECEIVE LETTERS OF ACHIEVEMENT



SP5 Robert C. Porter receives the 83rd RRSOU Certificate of Achievement for excellence in the MOS 98G. Presenting the award is LTC Patrick A. Ulmen.

On Wednesday, 21 May 1969, an awards and decorations ceremony was held to honor WO1 Darden and SSG Douglas.

WO1 William M. Darden, awarded a Certificate of Achievement from USASATC&S Ft. Devens, Mass., was born in Suffolk, Va. in November, 1938. Upon graduation from East Suffolk HS in 1956 he joined the Army to be trained in radar maintenance. Mr. Darden's only other overseas tour was as a SSG in Japan, where he served for 39 months. He was awarded the rank of WO1 in March of this year. WO1 Darden joined the 83rd in the beginning of May.

SSG Eugene D. Douglas was born in May of 1942 in Cleveland, Ohio. He joined the Army in 1961, and since then has been working in the kitchens of Ft. Devens, Mass. and 8th RRFS. SSG Douglas was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for his diligent duty at Phu Bai, where he served as first cook for two years. He arrived at the 83rd in December of 1968.

In last month's presentations, Unit Certificates of Achievement were awarded to SP/5 Porter and SP/5 Severns. A Letter of Commendation was presented to CWO Davis.

SP/5 Robert C. Porter is a resident of Summit, New Jersey. He enlisted in the Army on 12 October 1966 after graduating from Bowdoin College at Brunswick, Maine with a B. A. in Economics. Upon completing his basic training at Ft. Dix, N. J., he was assigned to Defense Language Institute East Coast at Ft. Myer, Va. SP/5 Porter was awarded the Unit Certificate of Achievement for "outstanding proficiency and professionalism" in MOS 98G.

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## MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Memorial Day is an appropriate time for all members of the Armed Forces to reflect on the precious heritage of freedom bequeathed to us by our forefathers. For nearly two centuries -- from Lexington and Concord to Vietnam -- Americans have fought bravely to defend and preserve this heritage. In so doing, many gave their lives so that our nation could maintain its freedom and integrity.

As America pays tribute to its war dead on this day, we must realize that only if we cherish our freedom and defend it against all assaults, can we hope to retain it. Our ultimate hope is for an enduring peace that will make the freedom protected by their sacrifice secure for all time.

It is only from the gallantry, patriotism, and devotion to duty of those who have gone before that we, the living, can draw inspiration and dedication. We honor their memory with the promise that America will always remember their contribution to our security in times of peril.

Melvin R. Laird

### Entertainment at the Klub

During the month of June, Klub Kee Maow will present to its members some very interesting entertainment to include: Lisa Jones and The News, a pop band from England who presently have a song in the top ten ratings; The Love Bugs, featuring country & western as well as popular music, from Las Vegas; three Thai/Philippine bands for the weekends; and The Vienna Combo, similar to, but better than, The Gert Steffan's Combo (Topper Club), from Austria.

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## Short-Term Health Insurance For Soldiers Being Released

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird has established, effective Sept. 1, 1969, a special short-term health insurance program for servicemen being separated from active duty. The new program also will cover their dependents.

Under present law and regulations, all health care benefits under Department of Defense-sponsored programs end, both for the serviceman and his dependents, on the day he is released from active duty, unless he is being retired.

Generally, several weeks elapse before the dischargee obtains health care coverage, which usually occurs through a group plan provided by his new employer. Secretary Laird pointed out that a man being discharged who has a pregnant wife is at a particular disadvantage under the present arrangement since most insurance companies exclude any maternity benefits during the first 10 months of coverage.

Under the new program, a short-term low-cost health insurance policy would be offered to servicemen during separation processing. The plan would cover them for the following 90 days.

Servicemen initially will have a choice between two plans, one of which is being offered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, and the other by Cross-Blue Shield plan will include maternity benefits. The serviceman will pay the entire cost of whichever plan he chooses. The amount he will be required to pay will depend on the particular coverage he selects and whether he obtains coverage for "self" or "self and family".

The lowest charge for the 90-day short-term policy will be \$16.50 for self only. For comprehensive coverage for self and family, including maternity benefits, the charge will be \$90.

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the construction site of the multimillion-dollar FLR-9 project. Prior to takeoff from Udorn, MG Denholm paid a courtesy call to the Base Commander of Udorn AFB.

Wednesday, the General visited BG Ott, CG-USARSUPTHAI, at Korat. In the afternoon he called on Deputy COMUSMACV, MG Wagstaff, to discuss relationships between that headquarters and the 83rd with its detachments.

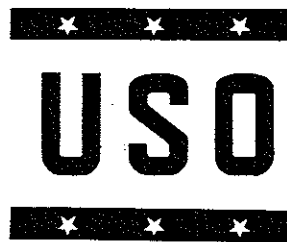
The following morning, MG Denholm concluded his affairs in Thailand and departed early in the morning for the next stop of his worldwide tour.

## NEW USO CLUB OPENS IN BANGKOK

USO has come to Bangkok, and the 83rd RRSOU personnel have been invited to visit the brand new club at 258/1 Phaholyothin Road, located between Victory Monument and the Capital Hotel, only a short distance from this unit.

With its official opening scheduled for May 30th, the Bangkok USO is now ready to serve personnel from 8:00 in the morning to 12:00 midnight. All the usual USO services await unit personnel and their dependents, plus special programs and lots of surprises. Tasty hamburgers and other treats will be found in the attractive snack bar at prices kind to budgets strained by Bangkok's high prices.

In addition to the snack bar, there is a large comfortable lounge, a reading area, and a game room featuring pool, ping pong, and other games. Since the entire club is air-conditioned, Bangkok USO will be a cool, comfortable island where military personnel and associated civilians can relax and escape the heat and noise of bustling Bangkok.



Located on the 6th and 7th floors of the Suriyothai Building, also the home of R&R activities, the newest USO to come to Thailand boasts a scenic view of Bangkok, and photo bugs can have a field day shooting from the large windows on all four sides of the club.

Waiting to welcome 83rd RRSOU visitors to the Bangkok USO are Phil Haight, club director, Kathy Furlong and Ron Schreider, associate directors, plus a staff of smiling Thais all ready to provide a warm greeting and a wealth of information on things to see and do in fascinating Bangkok.

The Bangkok USO telephone number is 73257, and USO will be happy to answer questions and assist in all ways possible. During your free time be sure to take advantage of the brand-new, fun filled, Bangkok USO.

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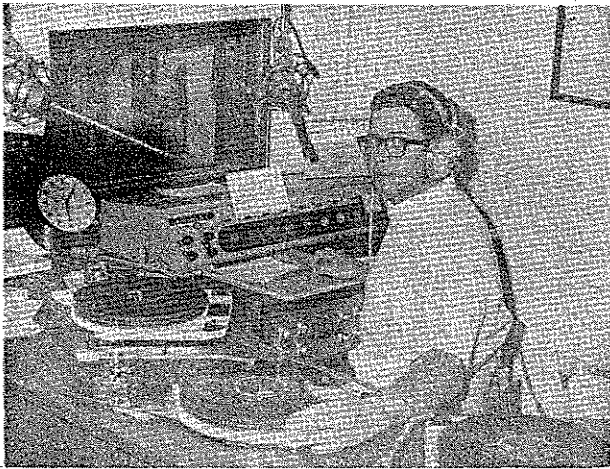
I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

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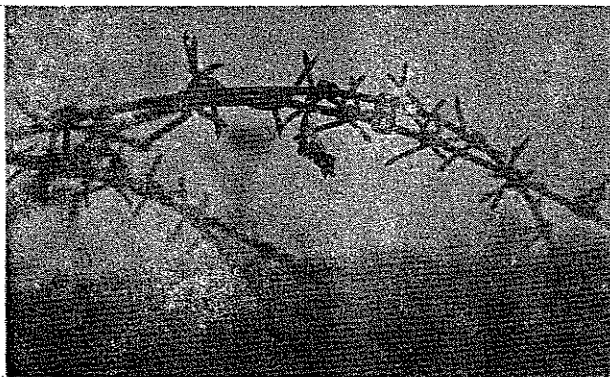
## 83D's Own At HSA

If you tune in 90.25 Megahertz on your FM dial between the evening hours of 6 to 10, you will most likely hear the familiar voice of the 83rd's own Jim Rohrer. Jim, who has been the host of GO Radio's "Nitespot" since January of this year, became interested in broadcasting in high school. Upon graduation he attended Tacoma Vocational Technical Institute for two years and worked as a TV director on KTPS TV Channel 62, Tacoma, Washington. His ambition is to own a television station after completing his obligation to the U. S. Army.

SP5 Rohrer joined the 83rd in January of 1968 and departs this June for USASAG Korea.



Jim Rohrer is shown at the controls during his "Nitespot" show on HSA's Go Radio. SP5 Rohrer appears nightly from 6 to 10 P. M.



Questionable Quote from poet Robert Frost's "Mending Wall" --

"God fences make good neighbors."

## Avoid The Squint

You've all heard of the old picture-taking formula, "Let the sun come over your shoulder, then take the picture." This formula does work, and the results are usually good. However, when taking pictures of people, the direct sunlight can cause them to squint.

Here are three ways to eliminate squint:

(1) Open shade (nor the heavy shade of a roof but the shade where you can still see the sky overhead) is a good place for taking pictures of people. Shadows and squints disappear in the shade. People have relaxed, natural expressions.

(2) Overcast days are also good for pictures of people. When there's no bright sunlight there's no squint. The lighting is even and flattering to people. Again you will get relaxed, natural expressions.

(3) Pose your subjects with their backs to the sun. Besides eliminating the squint, you will outline your subject with a halo of light. To record in detail the shadow area on the subject's face, you'll need to use two f-stops more exposure than a normal sunlit scene requires. (People with automatic cameras beware, for your light meter will react to the sunlight and not the subject.)

If you have any helpful hints you'd like to share with everyone, write them down and drop them off at the Craft Shop. This also applies to any photo questions you may have.

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SP/5 David L. Severns was born in Joliet, Ill. in December of 1946. After joining the Army in 1964, he was sent to Ft. Dix, N. J. for basic, then to Ft. Devens, Mass. for O5H schooling. SP/5 Severns' first overseas assignment was the 177th USASA OPS CO, Korea. From there he returned to CONUS to the 352nd ASA CO (Mech Div) Ft. Carson, Colo. SP/5 Severns and his wife, Karen, arrived in Thailand in November of 1967.

CWO Davis, awarded a Letter of Commendation for his initiative in operational management, was born in Kansas City, Kansas in 1933, and attended Kansas City Junior College. He entered the service in April of 1953 and in Sept., 1966 advanced from SFC to the ranks of Warrant Officer. The Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star are a few of Mr. Davis' decorations. Before coming to Thailand in July of 1968, Mr. Davis had served in Germany, Turkey, and Vietnam.