



8th SPS Commander's Guard
Drill Team Beret Flash

**COMMANDER'S GUARD
DRILL TEAM
UBON RTAFB, Thailand**

**8th Security Police Squadron
1974**

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Patch



1) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team present at U.S. Army VIP welcome. Drill Team is led by 2nd Lt. Lawrence C. Cling.



2) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team marching to Ubon RTAFB flight line.



3) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team, performing on flight line.



4) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team, performing precision drill on flight line.



5) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team boarding aircraft (Beret flash can be seen above).

Ubon RTAFB Now Has Precision Drill Team

Remember the guy in basic who had to carry a rock in his hand, so he could keep tabs on which foot was his right? Or how about the time half the flight flaked, while the other half ambled off in an oblique? Frumpy messy, huh?

Makes a man wonder how these masters of the malarkey would cope with "DOUBLETOHEREARBY THE LEFTFLANKRIGHT-FLANKDOUBLETO THE REAR-4HITTTT"

That's just one of the commands which send Ubon RTAFB's precision drill team. "The Commander's Guard," prancing and pivoting during the course of their marching and weapon handling routines.

Formed only two months ago, already their leader, 2nd Lt. Lawrence C. Cling, compares the Guard with a college team "that's been practicing for six months."

Lieutenant Cling is a former regimental com-

mander of the 10th Pershing Rifles, a Reserve Officer Training Corps drill team.

To date, the Guard has performed at two awards ceremonies, a dining-in

and at the 1973 Ubon Provincial Fair, where the provincial governor requested an additional appearance.

Held at Southeast

Asia's only precision marching unit, the 8-man team carries M-1 Garand rifles and sport uniforms consisting of black berets, blue jumpuits, white



COMMANDER'S GUARD — Members of the Commander's Guard pose with Col. F.A. Humphreys, 8th Tactical Fighter Wing commander. The precision marching unit gave the commander a special demonstration in front of wing headquarters before moving downtown to perform at the 1973 Ubon Provincial Fair. (U.S. Air Force Photo. By Sgt. Prinxell V. Sively Jr.)

scarves, white belts and combat boots with white laces.

All but two members come from the 8th Security Police Squadron. The exceptions are Lieutenant Cling from the 8th Special Operations Squadron and A1C Dan Carroll, 592nd Communications Squadron.

Security police members are TSgt. Willie M. Nason, SSGT. James M. Thompson, Sgt. John Ambro, Sgt. Jose Barrera Jr., Sgt. William Cole, Sgt. Milton L. Dickey, Sgt. John L. Hall, Sgt. Keith Kincaid, Sgt. Jack Ledom, Sgt. Lawrence H. Martin, Sgt. Jack Miles, Jr., Sgt. William Sigh, Sgt. Walter Smith and Sgt. David Taylor.

The Guard is looking for additional members, preferably people with most of their tour still ahead of them.

The qualifications, according to one team member, include the ability to "stand up under yelling" and a readiness to "put in at least two off-duty hours of practice every day."

6) Ubon RTAFB, Phantom Flyer news article: 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team performing by governor's request for the second time.



7) 8th SPS Hooch area.



8) 8th SPS Commander's Guard Drill Team pin.

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