

Green Beret Troops Are Leaving Thailand

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dropped by about 7500 in the
st year.

The U.S. will withdraw 300 Green Beret troops from Thailand by March 31, leaving only about two dozen behind, U.S. officials said yesterday.

The Green Berets have been involved in a counterinsurgency training program in Thailand. U.S. and Thai government spokesmen reported that the 300 U.S. Special Forces troops have been training Thai, Cambodian and Laotian soldiers.

The remaining Green Berets will stay behind to wind up the program, which dates to 1960, and to dispose of U.S. military property, an American spokesman said.

The pullout will have slight effect on over-all American troop strength of 25,000 in Thailand, U.S. spokesmen said. This has

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