



## **SURVEILLANCE OF THE THREATENING DISEASES IN ROYAL THAI ARMY**

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### **Progress Report**

To monitor diseases of military importance for the Royal Thai Army field operating units, a surveillance system has been developed and conducted since 1990. The system was primarily designed as paper based, passive surveillance using ICD10 comparable recording form, in which 32 diseases/symptoms of interest are listed. Medical information from eighteen field operating units of four Regional Army Areas was recorded and submitted to AFRIMS by regular mail on the monthly basis. During the fiscal year (FY) of 2010 to 2011, the highest health problem was gastritis in The first Regional Army area as well as malaria in The second Regional Army area in FY10, whereas the highest health problem was other in FY11 of The second Regional Army and FY10–11 of The third Regional Army. Information acquired would facilitate the design of suitable health promotion program as well as an effective disease prevention and control strategy particularly for specific field operating area.