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The purposes of this thesis are to study current status and operations of Thai military libraries in terms of administration, technical services, library services, information resources, technology applications, and library cooperations; and to examine problems and obstacles faced by those libraries. The attempt is made to determine conceptual framework for the establishment of Thai military library network. Data were collected by questionnaires sent to 52 military libraries.

Research results can be summarized as follows: The types of military libraries are mostly special libraries or information centers. Librarians have library science degree while support staff do not have such degree. Library budget mostly comes from government budget and is mainly use for the acquisitions of English journals. Most libraries use international standards for cataloging and classification. All libraries provide circulation services. The majority of information resources are Thai books. When evaluating information resources by using RLG Conspectus, it is found that information resources are at minimal and basic information levels. Not many military libraries use modern technology. Problems facing the libraries are inadequate budget and resources. Twenty-nine libraries participate in library cooperations and some libraries cooperate in making union list of books, serials and audio visual materials. All libraries are willing to join in military library network.

The model of the Thai military library network, covering purposes, structure, functions, characteristics of cooperations, priority activities, staff, operations, location, and budget are proposed.