

# GIs Love Bobbi On TV In Vietnam

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SAIGON — Next to Gen. William Westmoreland, probably the best known American in this war-torn country is a curvy, 23-year-old champagne blonde named Bobbi. The general runs the war and sends the troops out to fight. Bobbi tells the men what kind of weather they'll have to fight in.

Bobbi — formally Barbara Oberhansly of Tacoma, Wash. — is the weather girl for the armed forces television service in Vietnam. The troops see her five nights a week anywhere within a 150-mile radius of Saigon, an area that takes in about half of Vietnam.

With her nightly television exposure to scores of thousands of troops, the statuesque beauty would easily outpoint Gen. Westmoreland in instant recognition from most of the men the general commands. Bobbi stands five feet seven, measures 35-25-36 and is as cute as a button.

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During her five minutes on the air, Bobbi tells the soldiers what the weather will be in the rice paddies as well as in the rest and recreation centers around Southeast Asia. She winds up with a description of stateside weather. "But," said one GI fresh into Saigon from the boonocks, "we don't care what she talks about. Even if she just read the phone book, we'd watch."

Bobbi gets a steady stream of fan mail — about 25 letters a week.

"Most of the letters are very

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**TACOMAN IS TV STAR IN SAIGON**—A wide audience in Vietnam hears perky Miss Barbara Oberhansly give the nightly weather news from a Saigon station. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Oberhansly, of Tacoma, and went overseas this past year as a Red Cross secretary. To her TV audience, she is known as "Bobbi." —WNS photo.

Babara "Bobbie" Overhansly AFVN Weather Girl