

Schedule Change

The Outpost Theater will not schedule movies for the period Dec. 9 through 14 and Dec. 19 through 21.

The Entertainment Branch of AG Special Services will be using the theater for the musical production of "Li'l Abner." The production will be performed at 8 p.m. on Dec. 13, 14, 20 and 21.

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FRIDAY, December 6, 1968

Football Banquet

The 1968 Berlin Bear football team will be honored at a banquet tonight at the Harnack House. The 1968 USAREUR champions will receive their trophy from Brigadier General Samuel McC. Goodwin, Commanding General, Berlin Brigade. The dinner is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. with the awards ceremonies and speeches by General Goodwin and head coach Bill Turner to follow.

MPs, Exclave Kids Share Thanksgiving

The 287th Military Police mess hall bore more than a little resemblance to the Peanut Gallery of the old "Howdy Doody Show" this past Thanksgiving Day as 45 children from the tiny Berlin exclave of Steinstuecken were hosted to the traditional turkey-with-trimmings meal.

The children were met at the East German barrier and bussed to the company in mid-afternoon. Accompanying them to the company were members of the Military Police.

This year marked the seventh time that the Divided City MPs, in keeping with the American tradition of sharing, invited Steinstuecken residents to take part in a Thanksgiving Dinner.

However, this year a departure from the ordinary was made in hosting the children to a special meal at the MP company.

Two days later, Nov. 30, Thanksgiving was taken to the adult population of the isolated village cut off from the rest of West Berlin by the East German Border.

A heavy fog made carrying the dinner and personnel to the village via helicopter inadvisable.

The entire meal was transported to the border by Berlin Brigade trucks where it was then transported to the community by volunteer Steinstuecken residents.

Since Sept. 21, 1961, when General Lucius D. Clay (retired), acting as a special envoy of the late President John F. Kennedy, visited Steinstuecken, three Military Policemen have been stationed at the exclave to provide protection for its residents.

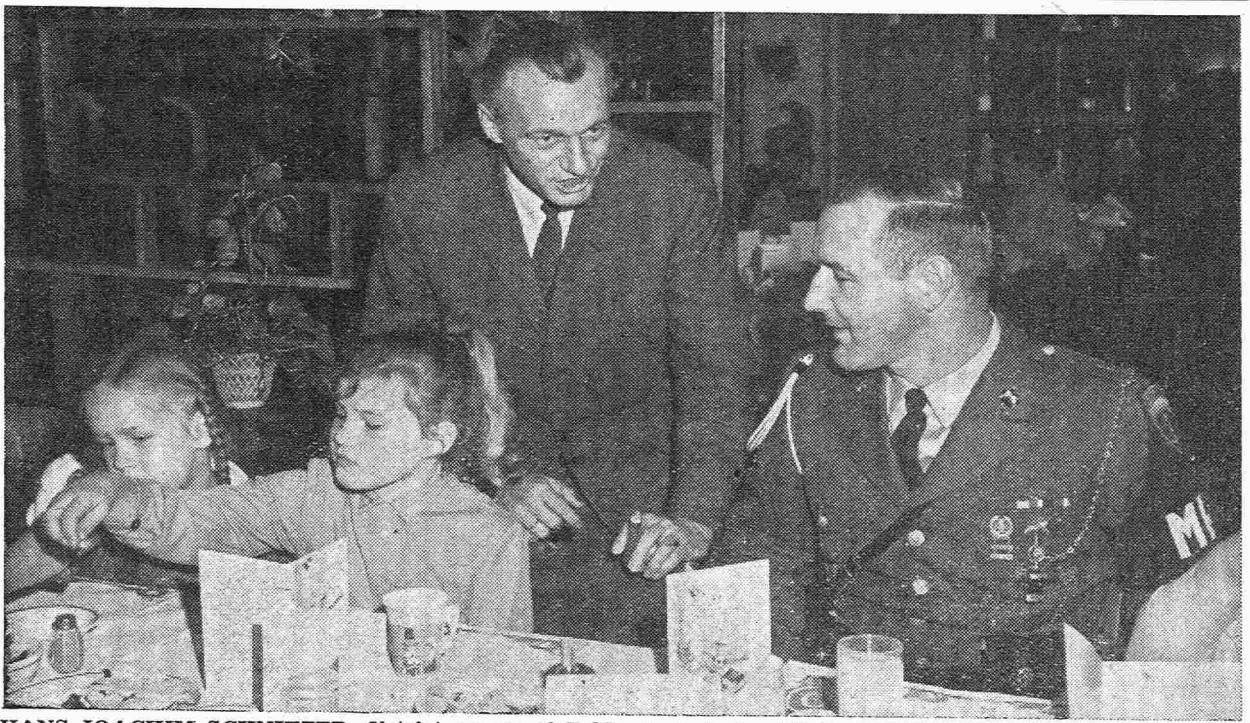
Santa Claus on T.V. Beginning Dec. 11

With the approach of the Christmas season AFTV-Berlin has announced that once again they will be in contact with Santa Claus in his North Pole Studios of S-N-O-W-TV.

Beginning Dec. 11 and continuing each weekday through Dec. 24 the station will contact the North Pole at 5 p.m. and maintain contact for one hour to enable the dependent children of the American community to talk to Santa.

The TV station is accepting reservation's now for children to talk on television this year. To make an appointment call the station at Berlin Military 6047. The station requests that all calls be limited to normal duty hours.

In addition, the station will accept letters for transmission to Santa. If your child would like his letter read by Santa on TV, send the letter to Santa Claus, c/o AFTV-Berlin, APO 09742.



HANS-JOACHIM SCHNITZER, district mayor of Zehlendorf, chats with Corporal Paul Boeber of the 287th Military Police Company during a special Thanksgiving Day Dinner, Nov. 28. The children in the picture are just two of 45 children hosted at the MP mess hall that day. The children came from the tiny Berlin exclave of Steinstuecken which sits to the south of Zehlendorf within East Germany. U. S. Army Photo by Specialist 5 McCormack

Operation Good Cheer '68' Underway; Berliners, Soldiers To Share Christmas

Many Berlin Brigade soldiers will spend this Christmas far from their loved ones. But there is little need to withdraw to the confines of barracks rooms, dreaming of Christmas past.

Every Christmas Berliners open their hearts and homes to soldiers stationed in Berlin and invite them to share the Christmas season with them. Those who have accepted their invitations in the past have taken with them a "warmth of friendship" that no amount of money can buy.

This year, as in past years, each battalion and separate unit has a project officer who is responsible for all aspects of the Christmas program within his battalion or unit and between his battalion or unit and the Information Division, Community Relations Branch. It is this project officer who coordinates all aspects of the Soldier-Berliner Christmas Invitation Program.

The project officers have provided their units with soldier volunteer forms. When the forms are filled out they are matched with a German family form at the Community Relations Office and returned to the unit.

Should you plan to visit a Berlin family this year at Christmas, there is no need to fear the language barrier. The host will either speak English, or there will be a member of the family that will act as an interpreter.

In the words of a former Berlin soldier who visited a family last year:

"You not only find friendship, but you also experience first-hand how Christmas is celebrated in a land different from your own. This is in itself a rare privilege that is extended to a very few."

The family that I visited last year not only invited two American soldiers, but two members of the British and French forces guarding Berlin, as well. This gave me an unequalled chance to explain my feelings about democracy and freedom and listen to those of our allied and Berlin friends also.

"It was a chance to share the varied ways that Christmas is celebrated in four nations, that were brought together under one roof through kindness and friendship. For me, last Christmas was one of the best of my life and it shall remain among my cherished memories of my tour in Berlin."

"The kindness and friendship of the Berliners when they invite their soldiers into their homes at Christmas was summed up by my hostess last year when she told me, 'I only wish that I could invite every soldier in Berlin to my home at Christmas to make them feel appreciated and at home.'"

Presently, the Community Relations Branch has more than 100 applications from Berlin families asking for American soldiers to spend Christmas at their homes. Soldiers who are interested need only contact their unit orderly room or commanding officer.

Los Angeles Mayor Visits To Confirm Plans, Preparations for Next Year's G-A Volksfest

Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty was in the Divided City last week to confirm plans and preparations for the Berlin Brigade's 1969 German-American Volksfest set for July 25 through Aug. 10. The German-American Volksfest, a community relations effort of the United States Army, Berlin, has as its theme "Los Angeles—Bridge to the Stars."

For the past eight years, the U.S. Army, Berlin, has staged a Volksfest presenting a segment of American history, culture and traditions. This year's theme will incorporate various movie industry exhibits, a space exhibit and a musical extravaganza.

At a press conference held at U.S. Headquarters while visiting the U.S. Commandant, Major General R. G. Fergusson, here Monday, Dec. 2, Mayor Yorty told newsmen that Los Angeleas are anxious to visit Berlin to take part in the annual festival.

In reference to the theme, Mayor Yorty said the Hollywood exhibit will feature old silent films, a walk-through carousel theater, featuring the history of moviemaking and hundreds of motion picture artifacts.

Also in preparation, he said, is a documentary film about the city of

Los Angeles, designed to afford Berliners a graphic illustration of that city and its people.

Also considered a possibility is a musical extravaganza featuring a cabaret-theater.

While in Berlin, Mayor Yorty met with this city's Governing Mayor, Klaus Schuetz. They discussed the Berlin-Los Angeles sister-city program, an idea spawned little more than a year ago by Hello Weber, a Berlin motion picture producer. Mr. Weber is chairman of the Los Angeles-Berlin Partnership Committee.

In conjunction with this year's Volksfest, Mr. Weber will make a documentary film about Berlin, to be shown during the gala event and in Los Angeles.

Also tentatively slated for that period are: exhibits by Los Angeles airports, harbor, water and power departments; industry and tourism exhibits; beauty queen contest; tours to Berlin; tours to Los Angeles; and a city of Berlin exhibit in Los Angeles.

AWC Coffee Set For December 11

The Berlin Brigade Ladies coffee will be held at the Harnack House on Wednesday Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.

Reservations for the coffee can be made either by signing the reservations sheet posted in the PX lobby for one week before the coffee, or by a permanent reservation list available at the coffees, or by phoning a reservation to Mrs. McGregor at 765682.

Reservations must be in by Monday noon Dec. 9. Cancellations will be accepted up to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Operation Toy Box Assures Happy Christmas For Orphans

by Sp4 Hal Shanafield

No orphan child in the American sector of Berlin will be without a happy Christmas this year if a dedicated group of Germans and Americans have their way.

"Operation Toy Box 1968," a joint German-American project with the goal of providing every child in the various Kinderheims throughout the American sector with toys, is progressing smoothly. Hundreds of toys have been collected at the various Rathouses and at the collection points set up at American installations. These toys are then taken by U.S. Army trucks to the Berlin Brigade Maintenance Division and to several German youth centers.

One such center is the Haus der Jugend, located in the district of Zehlendorf, not far from the U.S. Army, Berlin Headquarters. Here, many of the smaller toys are repaired, repainted and refinished by the boys and girls of the center. The children, aged 10-14, devote about three hours a night to help insure that those less fortunate than them-

selves will share a measure of joy at Christmas.

"The children enjoy doing it," says Frau Gerda Harrich, who is in charge of the program at the Haus der Jugend. "It's not always the same group doing the work. Many of the children just come every day and see what there is to be done. Then they sit down and go to work," she added.

The youth centers repair mainly the smaller toys, while the larger ones, such as bicycles, tricycles and wagons are being repaired by the Maintenance Division. Eight workers, both military and civilian, are hard at work to meet the Dec. 10 deadline. "More usable toys have been donated this year alone than in the past two years combined," stated Chief Warrant Officer Troy L. Bright, the man in charge of seeing that the toys get fixed.

The project has grown larger each year since its inception seven years ago, and has as its additional goal, that of bringing Americans and Berliners closer together.



UPON HIS ARRIVAL at Tempelhof Central Airport in Berlin, Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles was met by Major General R. G. Fergusson, (right) U. S. Commander, Berlin. Mayor Yorty's three-day visit to Berlin included discussions with U. S. Army officials here and the announcement of plans for the Berlin Brigade German-American Volksfest which will feature Los Angeles as its theme when it opens next July. U. S. Army Photo

EDITORIAL

At the Top of Your List

"Tis the season to be jolly," "Only umpty-ump more shopping days 'til Christmas," "Seasons Greetings," "Peace on Earth" — it's almost that time of the year again.

Very soon the focal point for everyone's activities will be a Christmas tree — aglow with lights, laden with shining ornaments and surrounded by gaily wrapped gifts.

There are a few dark spots, however, in this otherwise happy picture. They are the countless safety hazards present during this time of the year.

That beautiful, glittering Christmas tree in your home, office or barracks can turn into a crackling torch in a matter of seconds if it's too dry or hasn't been properly sprayed to make it flame resistant. Using a Christmas tree stand that will hold water and keep the base of the tree moist will help the tree from drying out and your local fire department can chemically treat the tree to make it flameproof.

Overloaded electric circuits and frayed cords on your Christmas lights could be the cause of a fire-starting spark transforming gaiety into disaster.

Ornaments and other decorations also should be flameproof and used carefully. Be sure they're not placed near open flames or hot light bulbs that could ignite them.

If your shopping list includes toys for children in your family, be sure they are made of non-flammable, non-explosive material and that the paint on them is non-toxic. Also be sure that children's toys are appropriate for the age and capabilities of the child.

Don't neglect the outside of your home, either. If you use outdoor decorations, be certain electric cords and fixtures are UL approved for outdoor use. It's just as important that outdoor decorations are non-flammable.

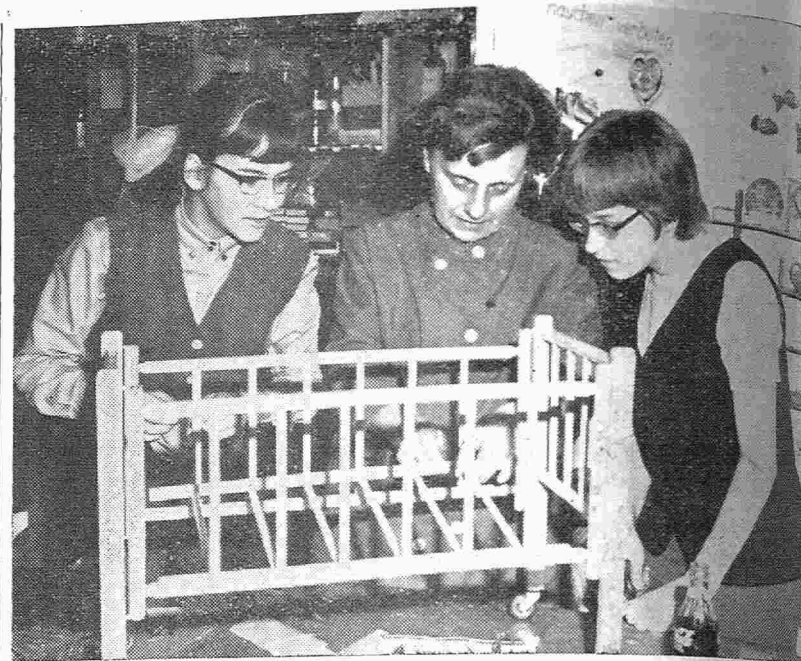
Put safety and common sense right at the top of your Christmas list and make sure that you and your family have a safe, happy holiday season. (AFPS)



AFN Will Feature Christmas Specials

AFN will be featuring several special programs this month.

Probably the most important right now is the "Christmas Story Corner", which begins on the 9th of December. These are stories for the younger generation, and as Big Jon and Sparkie would say, the young at heart. We are sure you are going to like the series which will end just as Santa is about to bring the Christmas gifts on Tuesday the 24th of December. In addition to all the goodies in the program we thought you would also like to know that the hostess on the show is a favorite friend of many AFN listeners. She is Dori Luce, or Dori Edwards, as she was known on AFN Radio back when she was producing the "Story Corner" from both Berlin and Stuttgart. Dori is back in Europe, and along with her on the show, is producer Air Force Sergeant Phil Lyke. While we ask you to turn an attentive ear to the radio for the program, Dori and Phil ask that you get your children's letters to Santa in the mail right away, so they can be read on your local AFN station. Send these letters to the AFN station in your area, as soon as possible.



Under the direction of Mrs. Gerda Harrich (center) of the Haus der Jugend in the district of Zehlendorf, youngsters volunteer to repair toys donated by Germans and Americans in Berlin as part of the Berlin Brigade's Operation Toy Box. Larger toys are put in order by military and civilian personnel of the Brigade's Maintenance Division. After being repaired the toys are presented to orphans in the American Sector of the divided city.

Highlights of the News in Berlin

November 28 — DER TAGES-SPIEGEL and other papers — U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accompanied by U.S. Commandant Major General R. G. Fergusson, went by helicopter to Steinstuecken, the enclave of the U.S. Sector of Berlin, Wednesday where he visited with residents of that community.

November 29 — DER TAGES-SPIEGEL — Federal President and Mrs. Heinrich Lübke will come to Berlin for five days from Dec. 6 to 10. The President will perform his official functions at his Berlin residence.

November 29 — DER TAGES-SPIEGEL and other papers — The Kaiser Aluminium Kabelwerk GmbH will expand its Berlin plant and make it three times as large as it is now. Its program provides for investments in the amount of DM 30 million. 200 new positions in production and research are to be created.

December 1 — All papers — The Berlin CDU on Saturday assembled in the auditorium of the Schoenberg city hall for a ceremony recalling the division of the Berlin administration by the Communists on Nov. 30, 1948. In his opening remarks, Berlin CDU leader Franz Amrehn pointed out that nothing exists today in the same form as 20 years ago. The city, he said, has been re-born and the spirit of time has changed the fundamentals of political thinking. What remained is the fact that no threat and no power have been able to defeat freedom in the Western part of the city.

December 2 — DIE WELT — East German authorities do not seem to expect West Berliners to be given permission for trips to the Soviet Zone. The new regulations for the sale of tickets for trains from the Soviet Zone to West German destinations no longer contains the respective passage about the handling

of West Berliners. It only refers to West Germans, foreigners, and stateless persons. The new regulations practically make railroad personnel in the Zone and East Berlin auxiliary forces of the 'GDR' security police. They are directed to help prevent escapes by keeping their eyes wide open when they sell tickets. Tickets to West German destinations henceforth may be sold only if the necessary travel documents are produced. West Germans will get tickets only if they have a valid passport and an exit visa of the 'GDR'.

December 2 — B.Z. — Chancellor Kiesinger has expressed the view that an agreement on Berlin is not necessary for the time being. He said this weekend that he has the feeling that the Soviets do not want a new Berlin crisis, but that only the Pankow regime is seeking trouble. The Soviet Union has indicated that it has other problems, he said.

December 2 — NACHTDEPESCHE — Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty, who arrived in Berlin for a three-day visit on Saturday, on Sunday made a sightseeing tour which also took him to the communist wall. In a statement made at the Brandenburg Gate, Mr. Yorty pointed out that this was his second visit to Berlin. He said the wall demonstrated the terrible difference between people on the one side living like prisoners and people on the other side living in freedom. He branded the wall as a symbol of the bitter division of Germany and said there would not be a peaceful world until the wall was torn down.

G-A Teachers Meet at T.A.R.

The faculty of the Thomas A. Roberts School met with approximately 50 teachers from the Berlin School Districts of Zehlendorf, Steglitz, Kreuzberg and Tempelhof last Tuesday.

Each German teacher met with his counterpart in the American colleague's classroom. Problems of mutual educational interest were discussed during the early part of the day. The teachers later met for coffee and group discussions in the school's cafeteria.

Michael A. Fay, TAR principal, welcomed the educators and commented on the continued importance of getting together to discuss developing and expanding areas of culture, "particularly in areas of understanding, attitudes, feelings, beliefs and values."

Drinking + Driving = Highway Death; Alcohol Deteriorates Keen Perception

Alcoholic drinks do not cause accidents—unless someone drinks them and then tries to drive.

A drinking driver is involved in about 30 percent of all fatal accidents.

Drinking driver accidents are high during hours of darkness. One study found that less than 50 percent of all accidents occur during the 12 hours following 6 p.m.; however, 75 percent of the drinking accidents occur during this period.

Unfortunately we become confused in our thinking concerning "drinking drivers" as contrasted with "drunken drivers."

There are few "drunken drivers" (by legal definition), on the highways. They'd likely have trouble

staying on the highways. But there are many "drinking drivers," and they present the real problem.

(A Michigan study on 17,000 accidents showed drivers who "had been drinking" cause about three times as many accidents as those who were "driving under the influence." Another study found 30 drivers who "had been drinking" for each one who could be called "drunken.")

Just a "Couple of Beers"

So let's devote our attention to the "drinking driver," that well-intending person who may limit himself to a "couple of beers" (or shots) while driving.



Scientists have determined that two drinks (bottle of beer, highball, or cocktail) can play hob with our driving abilities long before we are aware of it.

Even a slight amount of alcohol "caused a deterioration of between 25 and 30 percent in the driving performance of expert drivers."

Many motorists claim they drive better after a couple of drinks. This is utter nonsense. The motorist merely feels that he drives better because the alcohol makes him less able to critically evaluate himself.

You heard of these motor vehicle insurance companies which offer coverage at reduced rates solely to non-drinking drivers? One such firm, in business 18 years, reported losses per vehicle 38 percent less than average for other companies!

"Under The Influence"

A public opinion poll conducted by the National Committee for Traffic Safety disclosed that most persons regard "driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor" to be the primary accident cause.

Trouble is, we don't always agree on when we are "under the influence."

Other countries—Sweden, Denmark, New Zealand, Canada—have significant research on this problem, and some have enacted laws on drinking-driving that would keep a lot of us off the road!

The New Zealand Road Code states that the average man after one large whisky:

1. Will take about 15 percent longer than usual to depress his brake or swing the wheel in an emergency.
2. Will drive worse and believe he is driving better.

A Swedish researcher, Dr. Goldberg, found that moderate drinking caused a 32 percent deterioration in vision, with somewhat the same effect as sunglasses in twilight. Most men, after having a few drinks, find that women appear more beautiful. This is because the drinker can't see quite so well. It may be okay where there are dim lights and soft music, but befuddled vision on the highway is a different matter!

It adds up to this—alcohol does not stimulate mental processes. It is a depressant. When absorbed into the blood it is carried throughout the body. It dulls sight, hearing, touch and reason.

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"U.S.A. In Books" Collection Presented To Berlin College By U.S. Mission

At a late morning ceremony at the Paedagogische Hochschule (a Berlin teacher's college) last Tuesday, U. S. Minister Brewster H. Morris presented to the rector, Professor Doctor Guenther Heartfield, a book collection of Americana entitled "The U.S.A. in Books."

The collection, which was selected and compiled by the U. S. Information Service for presentation to important libraries and educational institutions of the world, was designed to represent the main currents of contemporary American thought in the fields of technology, science, literature and art.

The U. S. Mission decided that presentation of "The U.S.A. in Books" to the Paedagogische Hochschule would fulfil the purpose of the collection in deepening the understanding of the American people and their society among the future teachers of the children of Berlin.

In connection with the presentation Mr. Morris said: "One of the responsibilities of . . . teacher education institutions is to stimulate interest and generate enthusiasm of the future teachers in the ways of life, thinking process, culture and traditions not only of their homeland but in other areas throughout the world."

"In this regard," he added, "I think it is appropriate that I—on behalf of the U.S. Mission—make this presentation to the Paedagogische Hochschule of 'The U.S.A. in Books' collection of 230 titles. The series re-

presents some of the best publications from the United States and covers a wide range of subjects."

"Please accept this collection," the

U.S. Minister concluded, "as a gesture of continuing friendship and cooperation between our nations, people and institutions."



WHAT A THANKSGIVING! It was a satisfying Thanksgiving Day for Private First Class Raymond H. Daugherty this year as he chose to have his battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Clinton B. Haden reenlist him. In the mess hall of Company C, 4th Battalion, 18th Infantry, training at Hohenfels, the colonel re-upped Daugherty for a four-year period to attend an MOS Producing School.

—U. S. Army Photo

Two New Girl Scout Troops Formed Here

Two new girl scout troops for girls in grades 10, 11 and 12, have been formed in Berlin. The new Senior Girl Scout Troop will provide opportunities not recently offered to girls in this age group.

Camp Lachenwald, North Atlantic Girl Scout camp established near Giessen, offers a challenging senior program during the regular sessions with senior girls forming a Counselor-in-Training unit. Training for program aides has been scheduled for early next year.

Through the year, girls work at a major interest with the guidance of a Senior Advisor. Captain B. J. Lyssy, U. S. Army Hospital, Berlin, is the Senior Advisor for Berlin and will be glad to give any additional information. Phone 76-06-05.

A new Junior troop has also been formed. The troop is to meet every Wednesday at the Scout Hall. It is open to any girl in grades 4, 5 or 6 who wishes to join. Mrs. Claire Nadeau, at 76-12-62, will accept applications.

New Career Counselor Hunts "Veeppers"

He carries the title "Deputy Chief Veeper Hunter" and works in the Berlin Brigade Headquarters.

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Jess Jr., who arrived in Berlin just two months ago, is assigned as Army Career Counselor for the Brigade. His duties are varied, but all involve first-line promotion of the command reenlistment program.

A four-year veteran of career

counseling duty, Sergeant Jess heads the reenlistment training program, which involves both enlisted and officer orientations, and the training of battalion/unit career counselors. Since his arrival to Berlin in late Sept. he has been instrumental in launching the "new look" in the Brigade reenlistment program.

Prior to his assignment here, Sergeant Jess served as a career

counselor in West Germany. Before coming to Europe in early 1968, he was the senior career counselor for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U. S. Army Training Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

While assigned to Fort Knox, Sergeant Jess was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his participation in the Army's CONUS MOS Producing School program for inductees.

One of the new phases of the Berlin reenlistment effort, a direct-line means of communications to Department of the Army to speed up reenlistment assignments, is being initiated under the direct auspices of Sergeant Jess. He plans to maintain frequent contact with Washington to obtain both Vietnam and CONUS station-of-choice options offered under the reenlistment program.

The 36-year-old counselor is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, where he was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He first joined the Army in 1951, and signed up for a second hitch after a brief stint as a civilian.

He is accompanied by his wife, Ilka, and a 16-year-old son, Ralph, who is a student at the Berlin-American High-School.

In talking of his assignment to Berlin—his second tour—he says he enjoys working with the reenlistment program, and adds that he is always available to answer questions pertaining to military service.



Deputy Chief VEEPER HUNTER is the title Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Jess, Jr. now holds as a Berlin Brigade career counselor. Prior to his assignment here, Sergeant Jess was a career counselor in West Germany.



OPENING WIDE is one of the 45 children from the tiny Berlin exclave of Steinstuecken who dined at the 287th Military Police mess hall this Thanksgiving. Holding the little tyke is MP Corporal Steve Dragos, a favorite of the Steinstuecken children.

Berlin Reflections

20 Years Ago

Dec. 3, 1948—"Fog that mocked man's best efforts to maintain the airbridge lent an air of dignity to the colorful ceremony at the Tegel Airport, in the French Sector of Berlin, on Wednesday afternoon, marking the official opening day.

"The flags of nearly all the nations lined the access roads and the unloading apron which only four months ago were a desert of drifting sand. In four fevered months Berlin Military Post Engineers have transformed this wasteland into a permanent airport without which the people of Berlin must compute the price of fuel and food for the winter in the currency of political freedom.

15 Years Ago

Dec. 4, 1953—"Colonel Edward R. Ott, Chief of the Education Branch, Troop Information and Education Division, Department of the Army, stated this week in an interview with the OBSERVER that he found the faces of East Berliners in sharp contrast to the hopeful, optimistic ex-

pressions on the faces of West Berliners.

"Pointing out that the faces of the East Berliners were grey and frightened, the colonel quoted a saying of Stalin's: 'Communism fits a German like a saddle fits a cow.'"

10 Year Ago

Dec. 5, 1958—"Eddie Crook, at his brilliant best, led Berlin's Bears almost singlehandedly in a last-minute desperation drive which died on Wiesbaden's nine-yard line as the Flaks eked out an 18-12 victory in the thrill-packed USAREUR semifinal football game at the Sport Center last Sunday."

5 Year Ago

Dec. 6, 1963—"Americans in Berlin last week observed a quiet Thanksgiving overshadowed by the sudden death of President Kennedy.

"At Berlin Brigade Chapels, soldiers and their families attended somber Thanksgiving Day services at which was read the assassinated president's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation."

Los Angeles, Volksfest Theme City, Has History Of Almost 200 Years

The city of Los Angeles, Calif., planned as the theme city of the 1969 Berlin German-American Volksfest, traces its history back almost exactly 200 years to the time when many Spanish explorers roved through what is now California.

The area was visited on Aug. 2, 1769 by a party of explorers and missionaries led by Captain Gaspar de Portola. The first permanent settlement came in 1771 when Franciscans returned to found the San Gabriel Mission. The "City of the Angles" was formally founded on Sept. 4, 1781 by Felipe de Neve, governor of Alta California. American influence began to be felt for the first time in the 1830's when whaling ships visited the community. Following the Mexican War, the Stars and Stripes were first raised over the city on July 2, 1846 by Commodore John Drake Sloat. The residents initially resented the American control, drove out the troops and remained the last Mexican stronghold in the province.

The 1848 gold rush enabled Los Angeles to become an important beef producing center for the gold fields to the north. The Santa Fe Railroad reached Los Angeles in 1885 and brought with it thousands of new residents. Near the end of the century oil was discovered near the city and soon more than 1,400 wells were producing. During the twentieth century, Los Angeles has continued its phenomenal growth so that today it has the third largest population in the U.S. Considering population of metropolitan areas, the city ranks second only to New York. Los Angeles is also the second largest city in the

United States by area. Neighboring communities' need for city water encouraged annexation so that today the city sprawls over 455 square miles of the southern California countryside. Its elevation ranges from sea level to more than 5,000 feet.

As in most of California, the temperature in Los Angeles rarely falls below freezing. This is one of the reasons the American movie industry chose the city as its center. The sunny climate together with the varied terrain around the city made it ideal for producing films. Modern Los Angeles has also become a leading industrial center and one of the busiest ports in the U.S.

With such a long and varied history, it is apparent that Los Angeles will provide an exciting theme for the Ninth German-American Volksfest.

Hundreds of Christmas gift suggestions are included in the big, new Mail-a-Gift catalog now available at exchange customer service counters everywhere.

The fully illustrated and vividly colored catalog features both American and Continental goods. It's the answer to the shop, wrap and mail problem which accompanies the crowded stores and long APO lines that go with the Christmas rush.

A customer can send a gift speedily on its way merely by consulting the catalog. EES will take it from there. Usual time for processing an order is about three days.

Fantasy-Drama Holiday Treat From British

The British Amateur Theater Society's holiday production "Toad of Toad Hall" opens at the Woolmarket Theater tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. A second matinee performance will be given on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the same time. Performances at 8 p.m. are scheduled for Dec. 9, 10 and 11.

The play, based on Kenneth Grahame's book "The Wind in the Willows" is much of an experiment for the B.A.T.S. players. According to Captain P. D. France, the 40-member cast and many technicians are "getting much fun out of it."

Tickets for the fantasy-drama are priced at DM 3 and DM2 for adults and DM 2 and DM 1 for children.

Judging from past B.A.T.S. productions the play should be well worth seeing and is bound to offer a great deal of holiday enjoyment for all members of the family, whether they be five or 95 years old.

Tickets and reservations are available through Captain France at Olympic Stadium, Glamorgan Block, Room 23. Call Captain France at 309 42 01 for further information.

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The British Amateur Theatrical Society

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'Abner's' Male Lead, Bill Pojunis, Very Excited Over Dogpatch Role

Resembling Paul Bunyan in physique, 6'4" Bill Pojunis, who plays "Li'l Abner" in the up and coming Berlin Brigade musical extravaganza, moves his 210-pound frame with agility across the stage.

The 24-year old former athlete from Montrose, Pa., was "really excited" when he learned that he had been picked as the male lead of the production.

Bill started singing as a child and began formal voice studies when he entered high school. Although his tutored instruction ended in his senior year, his interest never wavered.

In high school, Bill sang with church choirs, in school recitals and talent shows (he won the talent shows at Montrose High School three years consecutively), in men's glee clubs and in district and state choruses.

After he was graduated from high school, he received a Rotary Club Scholarship for study in India.

"The year that I spent there was one of the best. I got the scholarship after my academic record had been screened and a session of personal interviews had been conducted," Bill said.

"I traveled a great deal in India,

from New Delhi to Calcutta, and the most remarkable thing I can recall having seen was the Taj Mahal. It was . . . unreal. I sat and looked at it for two hours without moving," he explained.

Bill learned to speak Hindi and Urdu — the national language of Pakistan — during his time in India and, at a Rotary Convention in Dehra Dum, sang some of the Hindi film songs he "just managed to pick up."

"Indian films are really quite unique," Bill commented. "They run for about four hours and, regardless of the theme, always include several songs."

When Bill returned to the United States he entered Bucknell University where he studied for two years. He majored in South East Asian History with a concentration on Japanese studies.

Bill sang with several Rock groups in college, among them the "Coaches" and the "Kit Kats."

In August 1966 Bill entered the Army and came to Berlin in September of the following year.

"I find the city fascinating. You're never at a loss for anything to do no matter what time of day or night it may be," Bill commented.

When Bill is discharged from the Army in August 1970 he plans to continue his college studies. He is also hopeful of getting a scholarship for theater studies and plans to continue his music endeavors.

Bill's first contact with the Entertainment Division here came several months ago when he acquired a part in "Inherit the Wind," one of three plays selected for the recent Workshop Festival.

New Book Shelf

Recent additions to the "New Book" shelves at the Special Services library located in Building 5, U.S. Army Headquarters, Berlin, include:

Poetry: A CONEY ISLAND OF THE MIND, by Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

"The title of the book . . . expresses the way I felt about these poems when I wrote them—as if they were, taken together, a kind of Coney Island of the mind, a kind of circus of the soul," Lawrence Ferlinghetti wrote.

History: LIVING IDEAS IN AMERICA, edited by Henry Steele Commager.

In this book an outstanding American historian brings together, with extensive connecting commentary of his own, the basic writings both old

and new which describe and interpret the American ideal—memoirs, stories, autobiographical fragments, speeches, documents and historical accounts.

Politics. Travel, Adventure: HERE IS YOUR ENEMY, by James Cameron.

The book is the first, startling report from within North Vietnam. It is also a moving account from a self-avowed political maverick. Cameron writes: ". . . my personal political loyalties have yet to find an established party home. I should nevertheless make it clear that I think the existing American-Vietnam war is both imbecile and brutal, and as I hope to make clear the chief charge against it is that it is corrupting both sides . . ."



THE HARBINGERS, otherwise known as Sigrid and Gary Jones, will make a guest appearance on "Potpourri" this evening. They first struck success for their recording of "Thompkins Square" on the Columbia label. Sigrid plays the role of Daisy Mae in A. C. T.'s "Li'l Abner."

— Variety — Varieté — Variety —

. . . The Hi-Lite Service Club at Andrews Barracks is sponsoring a very special tour tomorrow at 10 a.m. The tour is scheduled to take passengers on a shopping trip of Berlin. Be sure to sign up for it while there is yet time . . . The Service Club level of the USAREUR Pool Tournament will begin next Thursday at Hi-Lite. The time is 6 p.m. . . The film "Rosemary's Baby" will be in Berlin shortly. For those familiar with the "demoniac" novel, you

won't want to miss it . . . Characters from "Li'l Abner" have been appearing on "Potpourri" and will continue to until opening night. You might find the interviews revealing . . . "Ken, Greg and Jean," an immensely talented folk-group, will be appearing at Gatow's Airbridge Club tomorrow evening . . . "Butch" Gerdes, well-known figure around Special Troops whose spontaneous wit has caused many to "burst at the seams" with laugh-

ter, departs Berlin for the States Friday, Dec. 13. Good luck to the "spiritual advisor" . . . The Obnoxious Brothers are still laying them out in Berlin. They are scheduled to open at the Sappho tomorrow night and, if their varying format at the Arabian Camel is any indication, they should be coming on stronger than ever with a new "freak-out" offering . . . (Watch for local advertising and further coverage in "The Berlin Observer.")

Quick Flicks

SNOW TREASURE — This intriguing war story places a group of unarmed children in direct opposition to an active combat unit when the children help smuggle tons of gold bullion out of Norway following the German invasion during the second world war. Starring James Franciscus, Ilona Rodgers. Family.

HURRY SUNDOWN — Michael Caine is a land grabbing Southerner who uses his wife's money to fulfill his ambitions. He meets his match when he tries to take over two neighboring farms. The farmers put up stern resistance and force Caine into a violent showdown. Also starring Jane Fonda and Diahann Carroll. Mature-Revival.

THE SECRET LIFE OF AN AMERICAN WIFE — Anne Jackson is a neglected suburban housewife who has fantasies about having love affairs. After several dream adventures, she is unable to tell what is imagined and what is real. Also starring Walter Matthau and Patrick O'Neal. Mature.

SALT AND PEPPER — Charlie Salt and Christopher Pepper are dauntless heroes who hold the fate of the world in their hands . . . and drop it! They discover a widespread and nefarious plot which plans the ruin of Great Britain. They persist through adventures and hair-breadth escapes that out Bond-Bond. Starring Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford and Michael Bates. Mature.

BANDOLERO — James Stewart and Dean Martin play brothers who prove that blood is thicker than water. After the Civil War, they organize an outlaw gang which ravages the West and captures, among other things, Raquel Welsch. Also starring George Kennedy. Mature and Youth.

SPEEDWAY — From the wild curves of the famed Charlotte 100 to the exciting curves of a filled-out bikini, Elvis Presley and Nancy Sinatra tear up the South with swinging music and souped up cars. Family.

Tryouts Announced For Show

One would imagine the Berlin Brigade's Entertainment Division has more than enough work with its special holiday musical extravaganza of "Li'l Abner" due to open at the Outpost Theater in one week. But that's not all that's slated for the holidays, folks!

On Monday evening at 7:30 tryouts and rehearsals for Charles Williams' "Holiday Happening" are scheduled at the Entertainment Center Theater,

Building 5, U.S. Army Headquarters, Berlin.

The gala musical variety show will unfold at Berlin service clubs between Christmas and New Years.

Holiday chorals, solos, a brief production of "Amal and the Night Visitors," beat dances, folk music by "Ken, Greg and Jean," a beat combo and "soul" dances are just part of what might be expected.

Picture of the Week

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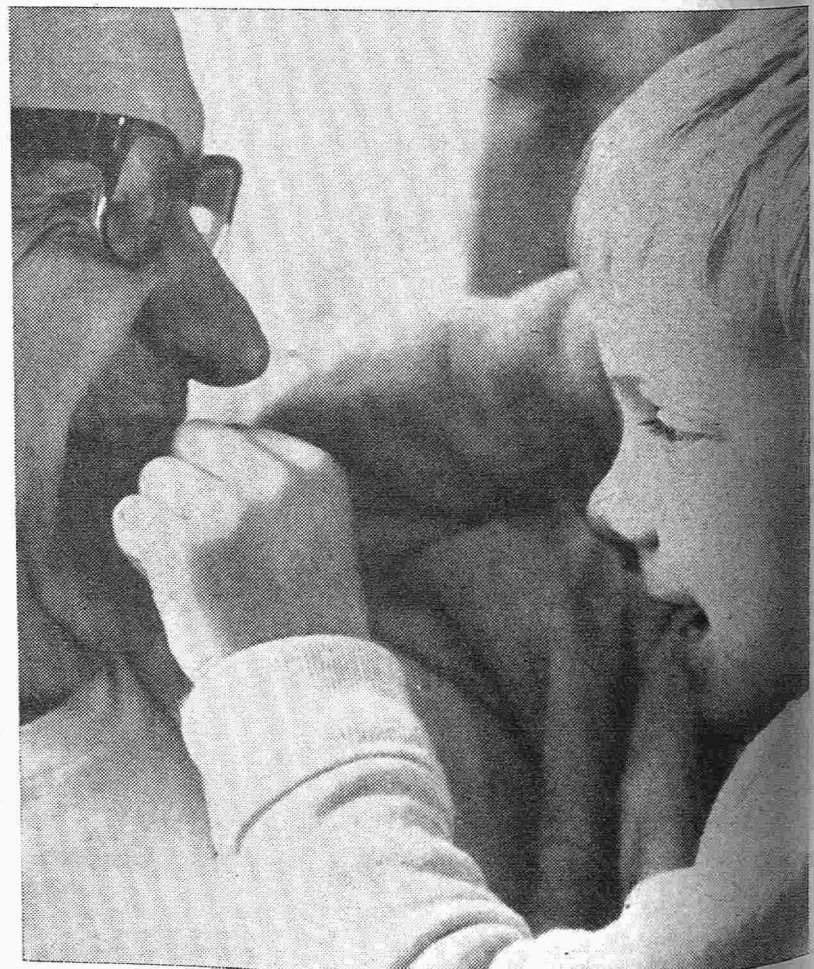
The photo at the right was taken by Richard A. Sajdak of Field Station Berlin and was one of four winners in the recent photography contest sponsored by the Hi-Lite Service Club.

The "Picture of the Week" is intended to give exposure to talented amateur photographers within the American community in Berlin. It is open to both civilian and military personnel.

If you have pictures you would like to submit, mail them to "The Berlin Observer," Information Division, Office of the U. S. Commander, Berlin, APO 09742. You may also send your entries through the message center or deliver them by hand to our office in Building 2, U. S. Army, Berlin, Headquarters Compound.

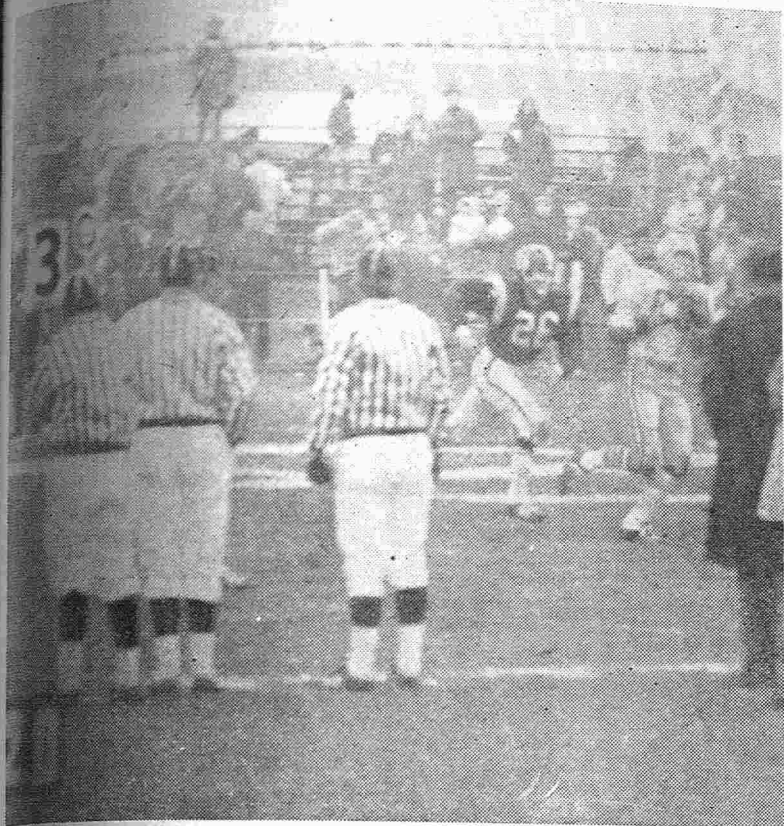
Pictures will only be returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included with the submission. Otherwise, a collection of pictures will be kept and you may drop by to pick them up.

Should your entry not appear within a week or two after submission this does not mean to imply that it will not be used. So keep the faith.



"Super" Phantoms Haunt Bears 20-0

Berlin's 23 Game Win String Snapped As Bentwaters Captures Super Bowl



ALL EYES were fixed on Bentwaters Phantom end Bruce Follensbee as he grabs a pass for the first of three Phantom touchdowns. Trying desperately to catch up with Follensbee before he crosses the goal line is Bear defensive back Al Bright. Watching the action from the sidelines are officials and some of the 8,000 fans that were on hand at Rhein-Main Air Force Base for the first All-Service Super Bowl.

U. S. Army Photo by Staff Sergeant Bloomfield



Basketball Team Drops Openers

Cold shooting plus a leaky defense proved to be the downfall of the Berlin Bears basketball team last weekend as they dropped their first two games of the season to the Kaiserslautern Defenders. 74-46 and 66-59.

In the first contest Saturday night the Berliners could only manage a weak 22.5 shooting percentage as they lost to the Defenders 75-46. Only one Bear, James Moore, scored in double figures topping the home town team with 14 points. Robert Jackson led all scorers with 18 points while pacing the Defenders to the victory.

Sunday afternoon the Bears shooting improved but the outcome didn't. The Defenders led by center George

Williams bombed in baskets from all over the court to complete the two game sweep 66-59.

Three men finished in double figures for Berlin in the Sunday game. Forward Noland Robinson was the high man with 15 points. James Moore counted with 14 and Roland Weston threw in 10 points. Berlin led only once in the match 3-0 with 13:24 left in the first half.

This weekend the Bears will hit the road for a trip to Mainz where they will try for their first win of the young season. The players from the "Outpost City" will play two games, one Saturday night and one Sunday afternoon against the Mainz Troopers. Both ball games will be non-conference battles.

Sweeping in like ghosts from across the English Channel, the Phantoms from Bentwaters, England chilled the Berlin Bears Saturday by beating the USAREUR champs 20-0 before 8,000 fans in the first-ever Inter-Service Super Bowl game.

Bentwaters, the USAFE champions from the United Kingdom, haunted the Berliners the entire afternoon with their brutal defense and a precision offense that clicked for three touchdowns.

It was the first loss for the Bears in their last 24 outings. Ironically enough the last time the Berliners were beaten was also by an Air Force team, the Hahn Hawks, 14-12, back in 1966.

Berlin entered the game as the 1968 USAREUR champions on the basis of their undefeated season and last week's conquest of the Aschaffenburg Cardinals 41-7.

With their mascot, a black-caped ghost, cavorting on the sidelines, the USAFE champs began haunting the Bears right from the opening kickoff. Quarterback Jim Geist tossed a perfect 16-yard aerial to tight end Bruce Follensbee who had beaten Al Bright on a "flag" pattern, and the Phantoms had all the points they needed to insure a victory.

Geist mixed up his plays superbly using his four backs, Dan Bridges, Jack Johnson, and Eddie Saunders to launch a strong ground attack against the Bears.

Bridges, a hard running fullback, bolted over the Bears goal line from two yards out to notch the second Phantom TD. Johnson sprinted 10 yards on a pitchout from Geist in the fourth period for the last Bentwaters six-pointer.

So complete was the Phantom hold on the Bears offense that the Bears

were unable to penetrate across the 50-yard stripe under their own offense during the game. The one time they did reach mid-field they were thrown back for a nine-yard loss on the very next play.

Charlie Ward and Don (Butch) Sherrod directed the Bears offense in a lack-lustre performance. Between them they could manage only three first downs and 66 total yards.

Berlin's only ventures into Phantom territory came when the defense managed to come up with the ball. Tackle Ken Vogel pounced on a fumble at the Bentwaters 34 but four plays later the Bears were forced to punt from the Phantom 32.

Three plays later linebacker Greg Keane gave the USAREUR champs another opportunity when he made a diving interception at the Phantom 35. Turnabout was fair play though, and two plays later Jack Johnson swiped a Ward pass and the Bears threat was halted.

Late in the third stanza Pete Bruggeman blocked a Geist punt, Terry Lewis recovered the ball on the Phantom 41-yard line but didn't run with it thinking the ball was dead. Once again with the football in Bentwaters territory the Bears couldn't move and had to give the ball over on downs at the Phantom 32.

While the Bears were floundering the Phantoms were rolling up 292 yards in total offense. Geist who passed only when required, racked up 94 yards completing seven of 13 tries.

One of the prettiest passes Geist threw all day was to Bruce Follensbee for the first Phantom TD. Later the Denver, Col. quarterback hit Follensbee again on a 27-yard strike to set up another six-pointer.

With a 12-0 half-time lead it looked like the Phantoms might make a

route of the "Super" contest. But the vaunted Bear defense stiffened and held on until late in the game when the Phantoms struck for the last time.

It was late in the fourth period that the Bears were hurt by a couple of bad punts the Phantoms within scoring distance. First Bob Robinson had to get off a hurried kick after a bad snap and managed only a 15-yard boot. Three plays later Geist put a perfect coffin corner kick down on the Bear two-yard line. Sherrod could only move the Bruins six yards and Robinson had to kick again. This time the ball rolled dead on the Bears own 32, and from there the "Gray Ghosts" of Bentwaters scored their last touchdown putting the final lid on the Super Bowl championship.

Sanders opened the last trek to paydirt with a six-yard burst. Bridges then took over and drilled through the Berlin defenses for 13 yards in four carries. Johnson took a pitch-out and romped in for the touchdown untouched by Bear paws.

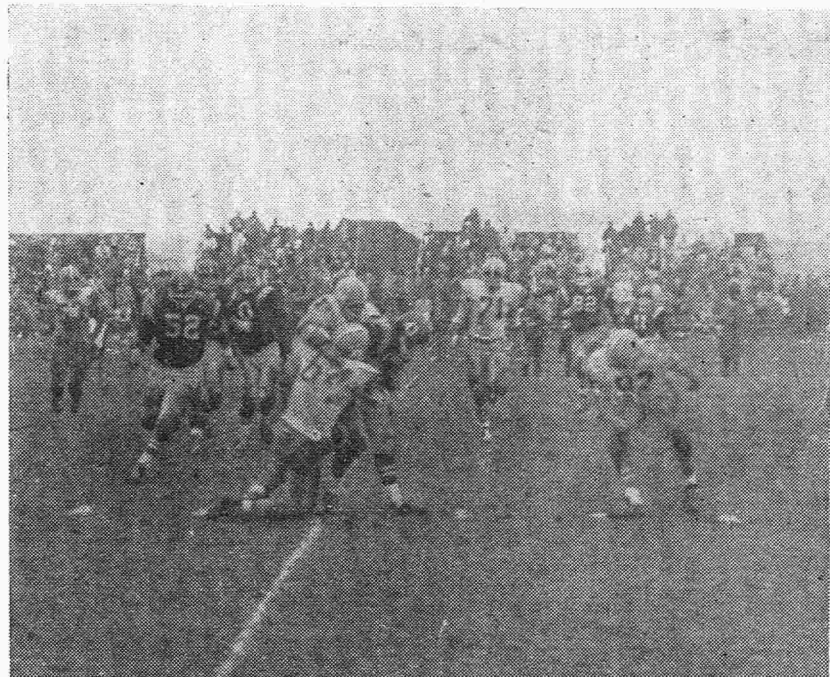
Geist then found his favorite receiver, Follensbee, all alone in the endzone for the two point conversion.

Berlin finished its 1968 football season with a record of 9-1. During that time the Bears wrapped up the COMZ and USAREUR football crowns. The shutout Saturday at the hands of the U. K. and USAFE champs was the first time the Berliners had been whitewashed since 1963.

Bentwaters, now the first "All Service" football champion of Europe finished their schedule with a mark of 11-1. Their only loss came in the seventh game of their season, and was a 17-10 loss against Wethersfield in the United Kingdom Conference.

Plenty of sports action is on tap with AFN radio this weekend. Three football games will be covered beginning Saturday when the Baltimore Colts tangle with the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay. Game time is 9:05 p.m. On Sunday a double header is scheduled starting at 9:05 p.m. In the first contest the St. Louis Cardinals will battle the New York Giants in an NFL spotlight game. Immediately following that tilt attention will swing to the AFL, where Kansas City hosts the San Diego Chargers.

For basketball fans AFN will carry the big UCLA vs Notre Dame tilt live from South Bend, Indiana beginning at 2:55 a.m. Sunday morning.



RUNNING PIGGYBACK style with two Bentwaters Phantom defensive players on his back is Brad Baker, Berlin fullback. Baker was hauled down from behind after a 14-yard gain. The long run was one of the few the Bears were able to come up with during the game. The Phantoms went on to win the contest 20-0. U. S. Army Photo by Staff Sergeant Bloomfield

Berlin Bear Basketball Coaches Will Have "Very Tough Act To Follow"

"We have a tough act to follow," says Berlin Bear basketball coach Fred Wright when talking of his teams upcoming season. And he is right too, because the Bear courtmen will be playing in the shadow of Berlin baseball and football teams that have won USAREUR champion-

ships this year.

Although Wright has a tough job ahead of him, he and assistant coach Edward Jackson have four returning players who could form the nucleus of a sound ball club.

Nolan Robinson a six-foot two inch forward will team up with six-foot

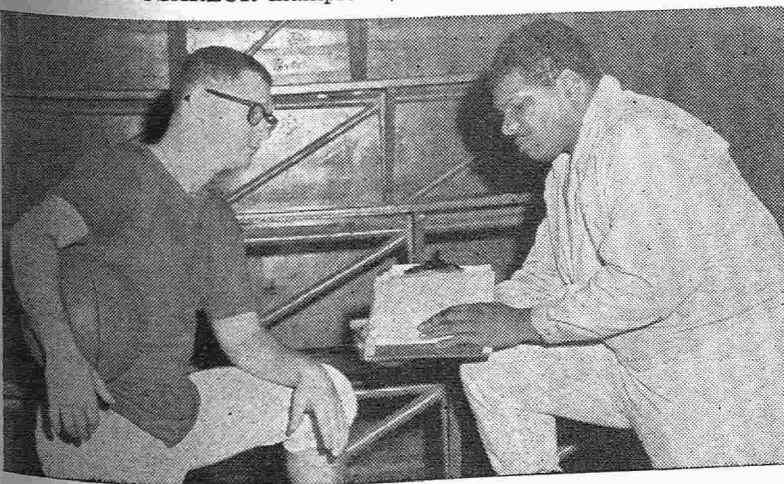
three Jim Moore to form a solid front wall. Edward Mallet, a six-foot guard should have plenty of back court savvy. Another returnee is Eric Sorenson, also a forward, who will try to make a quick change over from football to basketball.

"We will try to play a control-type game," Wright explained. "But if we get the chance to fast break you can bet we will." The Bears have been working hard on ball controll and defense, which Wright believes is the key to victory.

Both Wright and Jackson agree that if the Bears can cut down on costly floor mistakes and turnovers the team should win plenty of ball games. Jackson went on to say that the Bears will have to rely on hustle and determination to make up for the lack of any big man to carry the load.

"Most of our guys are of equal ability," Jackson commented, "and we will have to work for all of our points." None of the players on the Bear roster has any previous college experience.

The Bears will be playing in the COMZ conference and so far have 16 games on their schedule. A big test that comes early for the Berliners will be during the Heidelberg tournament 19-23 Dec.



TALKING OVER possible starting lineups for the next Berlin Bear basketball game are the two coaches of the 1968-69 Bears, Fred Wright and Ed Jackson. The two men are in their first season as mentors for the Bears. Basketball action got underway last weekend and will run through the USAREUR championships in March. U. S. Army Photo by Specialist 5 Grant

"Snow" Fooling, Garmisch is Great

The Armed Forces Recreation Center will be 23 today, but despite its tender age, the organization has established an impeccable reputation for quality accommodation, dining, entertaining, sports activities and tours. And since AFRC patrons throughout the years have been instrumental in establishing this reputation, they are cordially invited to rec area birthday parties Dec. 6.

Celebrations will take place in every AFRC hotel, restaurant and nightclub in Garmisch, Berchtesgaden and Chiemsee. Bakers are making dozens of cakes for the occasion and installation bands and floorshows are getting in tune to play "Happy Birthday".

All AFRC officials and employees alike will participate in the festivities with some surprises awaiting guests who join the party. All U. S. and Canadian military personnel, authorized civilians, and dependents

are eligible to utilize rec area facilities.

The sounds of hammer and saw have not ceased at the Armed Forces Recreation Center during the past 23 years. There have practically always been renovations or completely new constructions underway.

A year after many former Nazi installations were U. S.-requisitioned in Garmisch, Berchtesgaden and Chiemsee in 1945, Third Army Engineers began building a night club to feature ice performances. From a three-nights-a-week, half-hour show, the ice revue has been expanded to take up three hours, six nights weekly while patrons wine and dine.

The next six years saw the construction of the Garmisch Sports Center, housing athletic offices, ski rental shop, billiard parlor, a movie theater and a snack bar. Ski tows were installed at Chiemsee, and tour programs evolved at all the rec areas.

FRIDAY

5:00 Capsule News
5:03 Kiddie Kapers
6:00 Potpourri
6:30 N.E.T.
7:00 Evening Report
7:30 Priority Special
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In
9:00 News Summary
9:05 The Baffling World of Esp
10:00 Late Report
10:15 Film: T.B.A.

SATURDAY

12:00 News Headlines
12:01 Kartoon Korner
1:00 News Headlines
1:01 Daniel Boone
2:00 News Headlines
2:01 Saturday Double Feature: "Fury At Furnace Creek" and "Give Me A Sailor"
4:30 U. S. Open Golf Championship
6:00 News Headlines
6:01 Sports Scorecard
6:10 The Berlin Sportsman
6:30 The Flying Fisherman
7:00 Weekend Report
7:10 Priority Special
7:30 T.B.A.
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Chaplain's Corner
8:10 Western Wastation
9:00 News Summary
9:05 Dean Martin Show
10:00 News Headlines
10:01 The Lieutenant
10:50 Film: "That Lady in Ermine"

0:05 Roger Carroll Show
1:00 World News
1:05 World in Music
2:00 Ebony and Ivory
2:05 Jazz Unlimited
3:00 World News
3:05 Many Faces of Folk Music
4:00 Point of Law
4:05 Finch Bandwagon
5:00 Jimmy Walkely Show
5:55 This is AFN
6:05 C & W Hit Parade
6:55 Road Conditions Report
7:00 News, Sports & Markets
7:15 Sabbath Service
7:30 Wake Up Easy
8:05 Big Jon and Sparkle

0:05 Johnny Grant Show
2:00 Drive Time
2:05 Music and Me
3:05 Toscanini
4:00 Worldwide
4:05 Our Musical Heritage
5:00 Just Music
5:55 This is AFN
6:05 Music à la Carte
7:05 Overture to Sunday
7:50 Road Conditions Report
7:55 Sports Scoreboard
8:05 Protestant Radio Chapel
8:30 Catholic Hour
8:55 Bible Stories
9:05 Salt Lake Choir

0:05 Promenade Concert (M)
0:05 Roger Carroll Show (T-F)
1:05 Date with Chris
2:00 Ray Garland (M)
2:00 Ebony and Ivory (T-F)
2:05 Just Music
3:05 The Young Sound
4:00 Parade of Spotlight Bands
4:10 All that Jazz
4:35 Herman Griffith
5:00 Country Corner
5:55 This is AFN
6:05 Hymns from Home
6:10 Wake Up Easy
6:30 News Headlines
6:33 Wake Up Easy
6:40 Berlin This Week (M)
6:40 This is Berlin (F)
6:55 Road Conditions Report
7:00 The World at 7:00
7:30 Wake Up Easy
8:05 Navy Hour (M)
8:05 House of Hits (T)
8:05 Pete Smith Show (W)
8:05 Play It Like It Is (Th)
8:05 Biff Collie Show (F)
8:30 Don McNeill (W)
8:55 Myron J. Bennett

TELEVISION

SUNDAY

12:00 News Headlines
12:01 The Christophers
12:15 Sacred Heart
12:30 The Answer
1:00 News Headlines
1:01 This Is The Life
1:30 Planet Earth
2:00 News Headlines
2:01 Sunday Sports Special
4:30 Sunday Movie
Matinee: TBA
6:00 News Headlines
6:01 Sports Scorecard
6:10 Melody Ranch
7:00 Weekend Report
7:10 Know Your Baseball
7:30 Happening '68
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Jackie Gleason Show
9:00 News Summary
9:05 Riverboat
10:00 News Headlines
10:01 Peter Gunn
10:30 Film: "Geronimo"

MONDAY

5:00 Capsule News
5:03 Kiddie Kapers
6:00 Potpourri
6:30 Profile
7:00 Evening Report
7:30 The Monkees
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Daniel Boone
9:00 News Summary
9:01 Where The Girls Are
10:00 Late Report
10:15 Joey Bishop Show

RADIO
Saturday

9:05 Around the Town
9:30 Music for the Soul
9:55 Drive Time
10:05 Polka Party
11:05 Eternal Light
11:35 Army Hour
12:00 News and Sports
12:15 Open Mart
12:30 Hawaii Calls
1:05 Jim Pewter Show
2:00 Weekend World
6:05 Viewpoint 68

Sunday

9:30 Invitation to Music
9:55 Sports Scoreboard
10:05 Boston Symphony
11:05 Music and Me
12:05 Finch Bandwagon
1:00 News and Sports
1:15 EUCOM Report
1:45 COMZ on the March
2:00 Weekend World
6:05 Viewpoint 68
6:30 The Show that Swings
7:05 Golden Days of Radio
7:30 Escape

Weekdays

9:05 What's Cooking
9:15 Tempo (Participating)
10:05 Ira Cook (M)
10:05 Bobby Troup Show (T)
10:05 Music à la Carte (W)
10:05 Andy Mansfield Show (Th)
10:05 Jazz Unlimited (F)
11:05 Herman Griffith Show
11:30 Noontime Rendezvous
12:00 News and Sports
12:15 Noontime Rendezvous
12:15 Military News (T-Th)
1:05 Adventures in Good Music (M-F)
1:15 Adventures in Good Music
1:50 Parade of Spotlight Bands
2:05 Gene Wood Show (M, T, Th, F)
2:05 Johnny Grant Show (W)
3:05 Date with Chris (W)
4:05 The 1605 to Nashville

TUESDAY

5:00 Capsule News
5:02 Magic Land of Allakazam
5:30 Ted Mack
6:00 Potpourri
6:30 Survival
7:00 Evening Report
7:30 Love On A Rooftop
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Dental Diagnosis
8:10 Kraft Music Hall
9:00 News Summary
9:05 The Entertainers
10:00 Late Report
10:15 The Tony Awards

WEDNESDAY

5:00 Capsule News
5:03 Santa Claus
6:00 Potpourri
6:30 Big Picture
7:00 Evening Report
7:30 Hazel
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Ironside
9:00 News Summary
9:05 Garry Moore Show
10:00 Late Report
10:15 Mike Douglas Show

THURSDAY

5:00 Capsule News
5:03 Santa Claus
6:00 Potpourri
6:30 Priority Special
7:00 Evening Report
7:30 Get Smart
8:00 News Headlines
8:01 Help Us Help You
8:10 Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea
9:00 News Summary
9:05 Red Skelton
10:00 Late Report
10:15 Film: "Creature Of The Walking Dead"

6:30 Sports Journal
6:45 Berlin This Week
7:05 Music Guy: Gary Owens
7:50 Caught in the Act
8:05 Grand Ole Opry
8:05 Saturday Night Serenade (FM)
9:05 College Football, Atmospheric conditions permitting
9:05 Bill Stewart Show
10:00 Footlights & Soundtracks (FM)
10:05 Bill Stewart Show
11:00 News and Sports
11:00 John Doremus Show (FM)
11:10 Purple Grotto

8:05 Golden Record Gallery
8:30 American Galley
9:05 Many Faces of Folk Music
9:05 Professional Football, atmospheric conditions permitting
9:05 Milton Cross (FM)
10:00 Enchantment of Music (FM)
10:05 Bolero Time
10:30 Music By Candlelight (FM)
11:00 News and Sports
11:00 John Doremus Show (FM)
11:10 Worldwide
11:15 Jasen Street Jazz

5:05 Christmas Story Corner
5:25 Letters to Santa
5:45 Sports Journal
6:00 The World at 1800
6:25 Berlin News and Sports Page
6:35 On the Scene
7:05 Music in the Air
8:05 Andy Russell Show (M)
8:05 X Minus One (T)
8:05 Serenade in Blue (W)
8:05 Have Gun Will Travel (Th)
8:05 Sound of the Sixties (F)
8:30 Suspense (M)
8:30 Indictment (T)
8:30 On Stage (W)
8:30 Lineup (Th)
8:30 Gunsmoke (F)
8:55 Desk Sgt. Green (M)
8:55 Camera Close-Up (T)
8:55 Camera Close-Up (F)
9:05 The Young Sound
10:00 The World at 2200
10:30 Tonight Show
10:55 Profile
11:00 News and Sports
11:10 Sportrait
11:15 John Doremus Show

MOTION PICTURES

OUTPOST

All shows 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. unless noted
Fri Hurry Sundown (M)
6:30, 9 p.m.
Sat Youth Matinee
The Trouble With Angels (C), 2:30 p.m.
Sat Speedway (F)
4:30, 6:30, 8:30 p.m.
Sun Anzio! (M)
Adv. Adm., 2, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30 p.m.
Mon-Thu-Closed, rehearsals for Li'l Abner Stage Production

ANDREWS

All shows 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. unless noted
Fri The Secret Life Of An American Wife (M), Adv. Adm.
Sat Same show as above
Sun Nevada Smith (M)
2:30, 6:30, 8:50 p.m.
Mon Snow Treasure (F)
Tue Hurry Sundown (M)
6:30, 9 p.m.
Wed Same show as above
6:30, 9 p.m.
Thu Speedway (F)

COLISEUM

All shows 6:30 & 8:30 p.m. unless noted
Fri Nevada Smith (M)
6:30, 8:50 p.m.

COLUMBIA

Theater closed for Renovation
Sat Snow Treasure (F)
Sun Special Matinee
The Trouble With Angels (F), 2 p.m.
Hurry Sundown (M)
6, 8:30 p.m.
Mon Same show as above
6:30, 9 p.m.
Tue Speedway (F)
Wed Anzio! (M)
Adv. Adm.
6:30, 8:35 p.m.
Thu Same show as above
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6:30, 8:35 p.m.

STEWARD

All shows 7 p.m.
Fri No show
Sat Around The World Under The Sea (F)
Sun What's So Bad About Feeling Good? (F)
Mon Warkill (M)
Tue A Man Could Get Killed (M, Y)
Wed No show
Thu In Cold Blood (M)

JERBOA

All shows 6 & 8:30 p.m. unless noted
Fri Walt Disney's The Happiest Millionaire (U)
7:30 p.m. only

ASTRA

Fri Never A Dull Moment (U), 8 p.m.
Sat Children's Program
The Cat Gang, 2 p.m.
Sat Never A Dull Moment (U)
6, 8:30 p.m.
Sun Finders Keepers (U)
6 p.m.
Sun The Devil Rides Out (X), 8:30 p.m.
Mon Same show as above
8 p.m.
Tue The Sandpebbles (A)
8 p.m.
Wed The Trygon Factor (X), 8 p.m.
Thu Texas Across The River (U), 8 p.m.

Blaze Damages Local Apartment

Fire ravaged the quarters of Staff Sergeant Karl H. Kucen, of G-4, Berlin Brigade, who lives at 41 Flanagan Strasse, Apartment 10, Tuesday morning. The fire, which started in the back bedroom of the housing area apartment did damage unofficially estimated at \$4,000—5,000, including damage to Sergeant Kucen's personal property. An investigation is currently under way to determine the cause of the blaze, according to Berlin Brigade Fire Chief Johann Auboeck.

First to arrive on the scene were Specialist 4 Richard Aidukas and Specialist 4 Eugene Brock, both of the 287th MP Company. They quickly cleared the building of residents and attempted to put out the blaze with chemical extinguishers.

At this time, two German fire companies from the Grunewald and Zehlendorf districts, who had responded to the alarm arrived at the apartment and also began to use chemical means to combat the fire. Due to the heat of the blaze, they were forced to resort to a high-pressure fire hose to bring the fire under control.

Prompt action on the part of the MP's and the German fire department resulted in the confinement of the fire and the resulting damage to only the one apartment, but authorities said the blaze could have been much worse.

Everyone is reminded to post the telephone number for fire close to the telephone in case of emergency. The number for the Berlin Brigade is 95. Delay in calling due to the lack of a proper number can be expensive in terms of lives and property.



FIELD OF FIRE—Sergeant Burrell R. Blackwelder of Company A, 4th Battalion, 18th U. S. Infantry explains to Private Anthony B. Buck of Company A, 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment how he plans to lay out his squad's field of fire.
—U. S. Army Photo by Specialist 4 Boyle



CLASSES—Staff Sergeant Luis Peres Sanchez of Company C 4th Battalion, 18th U. S. Infantry gives a class on the 90 mm Recoilless Rifle. While training in Hohenfels all individual and crew served weapons will be fired.
U. S. Army Photo by Specialist 4 Boyle

Puppets and Tom Jones Top Berlin Attractions

by Judy Pricks

After the delightful and imaginative guest performances of the Puppet Theater Budapest in the Academy of Arts, there is sure to be a great demand for tickets to the next visitors' shows. The East Bohemian Puppet Theater, Koeniggratz, will bring their figures to life Dec. 8, 9 and 10. This group, under the direction of Jan Dvorak, has given the puppet theater new dimensions in that people appear together with the marionettes on the stage. Dec. 8 and 10 "The Fairytale out of the Suitcase" will be played, and Dec. 9 they will perform "Frog—a Hero." German will be spoken. Shows are at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on all three days. Admission is 4, 6 and 8 DM for the evenings and 5 DM for adults and 3.50 DM for children in the afternoons. It is not a bad idea to purchase your tickets early or to reserve them at the Academy (39 32 81).

For those who still don't know it yet, Tom Jones will be in the Philharmonie this Monday, December 9. His fans have a chance to see and hear him twice, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Some higher-priced tickets are still available. Then there is another famous young man in the music business who will sing in Berlin next week. Donovan will sing his world-famous hits in the Deutschlandhalle next Saturday at 8 p.m.

Anyone for Mozart? The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra will play an all-Mozart concert in the Philharmonie Dec. 15 and 16. Antonio Janigro will conduct the Symphony No. 28, the Piano Concerto in B Major and the Symphony No. 36. Two Arias for Bass are also a part of the program. Soloists for the evening will be Walter Klien, Zoltan Kelemen and Rainer Zeppertiz. Ticket sales begin on Sunday.

It's not too early to plan for an opera visit during the Christmas holidays. Opera tickets also make ideal presents. On Christmas Day "The Magic Flute" is scheduled. Weber's "Der Freischuetz" will be shown

on the 26th and "Der Wildschuetz" on the 29th and 31st. A ballet evening will be held at the opera on the 28th. "Catulli carmina", "Carmina burana" will be performed on the 27th and 30th. Check with the PX ticket agency for tickets.

If you are looking for tasteful and distinctive Christmas cards, visit the Dahlem Museum. Pictures of the old masters, many with religious motives, have been reproduced in color on the cards. Some are available with English greetings. The cards sell for 80 pfennigs (20 cents). The opening hours of the museum are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday and the museum is closed on Monday.

How about surprising your children with a Santa Claus this year? Tusma, a student service organization in Berlin, has a regular "Santa Claus service" each year. For 7 DM the bearded bringer of gifts will come to your home. You can call Tusma at 32-47-14, and make the arrangements for the day and time. The student will contact you ahead of time so you can brief him on the details. Don't wait too long if you want to order a "Weihnachtsmann," since this is a very popular service in Berlin.

A program with children in mind is planned in the Philharmonie Dec. 28 and 29. Prokofiev's musical fairytale "Peter and the Wolf" and selections from Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Haensel and Gretel" will be played and acted out. Cornelia Froboess will be the speaker, and C. A. Buente will conduct the Symphonic Orchestra Berlin. Begin is 4 p.m. on both days. Tickets, which are bound to sell out fast, range from 4 DM to 10 DM.

One of Berlin's most popular pre-Christmas attractions, the Christmas Mart, will open under the festively-lit Funkturm tomorrow at 10 a.m. A wonderful, magical scene awaits the young and old visitors in the exhibition halls, which have taken on a very "Christmasy" character. The nu-



merous attractions, ranging from toy exhibitions to dolphins, will be described in next week's issue. The Christmas Mart will run until Dec. 22 and is open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission for adults is 1.50 DM and for children 50 pfennigs.

Colonel Abt to Depart Berlin

Saturday morning, the 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry said farewell to its commander, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick T. Abt. Colonel Abt is leaving the Defender Battalion for his next assignment, with the 5th Special Forces Group, in Vietnam.

Colonel Abt took salutes from commanders of the four companies of the 3rd Battalion as they marched by the fog shrouded reviewing stand on the 4-Ring, followed by wheeled and tracked vehicles organic to the battalion.

A note of color was added to the ceremonies by the bright red uniforms of the Staffordshire Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Drum Major Alec Coutts, invited to participate because of the close relationship existing between the two "sister battalions."

Colonel Abt assumed command of the Defender Battalion in December, 1967. He was formerly the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 Berlin Brigade.

Colonel Abt's replacement will be Lieutenant Colonel Manuel Burack, who comes to Berlin from Heidelberg.