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FOR THE WEEK

No method nor discipline can supersede the necessity of being forever on the alert.

— Henry David Thoreau

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BG Stevenson addresses Chapter meeting

Berlin AUSA wants you!

by John Spiezia

Berlin's revived chapter of the Association of the United States Army had its organizational buffet dinner Monday night at the Gator Club at McNair Barracks. This meeting, primarily attended by the chapter's "hard core" members, kicked off what appears to be a successfully-planned membership drive.

Brigadier General Robert D. Stevenson, chapter president and the main speaker, enlisted the support of all those present to provide a means of disseminating AUSA objectives to all members of the command, thereby soliciting their desire to join the organization. Stevenson recalled how 20 years ago, no one ever really took the time to identify AUSA policies and platforms. If they had, said the general, more people would have rendered support to the worthy platforms proposed.

Berlin Chapter re-born

Stevenson cited the "rebirth" of Berlin's chapter, with particular reference to our chapter being "for the younger and older members alike." This fact is one that most potential members—including enlisted personnel, officers and civilians—fail to realize. AUSA supports programs such as high school and college ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) activities, visits and briefings by top Army personnel for high school students on the opportunities afforded by the Army, and perhaps most importantly, scholarship funds totaling over \$20,000 annually.

Single component system

Another specific program highlighted by Stevenson was the concept of establishing one basic component for Army officers. Presently the career reservist sometimes suffers in the Army's promotional system, schooling programs and personnel reduction trends. The establishment of a single component would foster the judging of each man on his particular merits, rather than on the basis of his component status.

MIAs, health benefits and long-range plans to insure U. S. continuity in compliance with its basic defense posture were other AUSA topics discussed by Stevenson in his usual well-structured and informative style.

The general explained the importance of our government's honest and viable efforts being made to track those missing and allegedly dead American personnel behind the bamboo curtain.

Maintain impetus

"Impetus for this program must be maintained, and the AUSA is steadfastly in support of the allocation of government funds for this purpose," said Stevenson.

The general also reflected upon the topic of medical benefits for retired personnel. With a recent decrease in qualified professional medical personnel, resulting primarily from the end of the draft, the first category of those from whom medical benefits will be withdrawn will be Army retirees. The AUSA supports a program to realign the present medical system more closely with

that of CHAMPUS in order to foster continued long-range benefits for retirees.

Stevenson discussed AUSA's support for the continuation by Congress of sufficient funds and resource allocations in a most descriptive and interesting fashion. He made specific reference to the realistic research and development program aimed at the eventual production of a new main battle tank; an infantry armored combat vehicle similar to the M113, with improved armored characteristics; an all-weather attack helicopter with a greater reliability factor than the present Cobra; a utility helicopter with greater load-bearing capacity than the UH1; and a rapidly deployable Army air defense system responsive to the field commander.

Mass amnesty opposed

Amnesty, a most controversial topic during this post-Vietnam period, was also discussed by the general. Stevenson cited AUSA's firm stand on amnesty: that the U. S. government should not grant amnesty to those who have unlawfully avoided military service. The AUSA urges adjudication on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable civil or military laws, and supports legislation to foster compliance with these aims.



After the general's remarks, Dwight Brewer, the chapter secretary, introduced the officers of the chapter. In addition to Chapter President Stevenson, other officers are Lieutenant Colonel William Burke, first vice president; Major Fred Meyer, second vice-president and financial custodian; First Lieutenant John Spiezia, third vice president and publicity chairman; Brigade Command Sergeant Major John Wise, fourth vice president and membership chairman; and Command Sergeant Major George Otis, activities chairman.

Brewer terminated the evening's activities by stating the Berlin chapter's membership goals and challenging all members present to employ the Japanese theory of the Hoko. This rather simple principle, uncovered by U. S. intelligence and used most effectively for control by the emperor of Japan during World War II, refers to a "breakdown of the 100."

Membership goals

Said Brewer: "One means 10, 10 means 100, 100 means 1,000," though for our purposes in Berlin, "one means five." Brewer's reference provides an interesting challenge for all members in the Berlin chapter, for if each member can in fact solicit five new members, Berlin's chapter will again possess a strong voice and be a viable force in USAREUR's AUSA. Incidentally, Brewer was the brigade adjutant general in 1959 and has remained here since his retirement in 1961.

AUSA is a non-profit educational organization whose members—both civilian and military, as evidenced by those represented at the dinner—firmly believe that a thoroughly professional Army, supported by the American people, is essential to the maintenance and viability of our national defense.

Aim at public and Congress

"The Association," said Stevenson, "has as its target the American public and Congress." It will continue in its attempts to develop a public awareness of the requirements for an adequate defense structure, to include the total force concept. The Association will, as it has in the past, attempt to further develop public understanding of Army policies, objectives and needs.

To accomplish this mission, the 119 active chapters will continue to maintain liaison with all influential levels of American society, to include the legislative, industrial and academic communities.

On a more tangible level, AUSA has played a strong role in legislation which has effected military pay increases over the past decade, increased funding for various types of military housing construction and leasing programs, the adoption of the Survivor Benefit Plan, the preclusion of unfair personal income tax on military Permanent Change of Station moves, the maintenance of air travel stand-by status for servicemen and women, and the encouragement of adequate medical care for dependents of active duty personnel and eligible retirees.

A worthwhile investment

If you are on active duty with the armed services, are a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, a member of the National Guard or Reserve Forces, a retired armed forces member, an ROTC or West Point Cadet or a citizen interested in national security, you should sincerely consider joining the AUSA. The yearly \$10 general membership fee you contribute just might be one of the most worthwhile investments you will ever make in your professional career.

For information, call 3145/3143.

What's inside

"4-RING ANNIE" — many people at McNair Barracks know of a lady called "4-Ring Annie," but few know who she really is or why she has had such a long and close relationship with the American soldiers in Berlin. To find out about this fascinating woman, read our feature article on page 5.

THE CURATOR — The U. S. Army Berlin opened the only officially-recognized Army museum in Europe on Nov. 30. The curator of the museum is a former demolition man with the 42nd Engineer Company at Andrews Barracks and has had some experience in making war

movies. Read Doug Bland's "The curator is a demo man" on page 4.

"SICK MARCH" — Britain's Royal Army has a rather unique way to prevent skating at sick call, according to Ralph Callaway's report on page 5. On that same page is a story on how the Royal Army dines in style, even in the field.

NEXT WEEK — Our next issue will be our annual Christmas special: 12 pages of news and features, including a look at the major changes that will be made January 1 in the command's military bus system.

3 teams unbeaten in Indoor Soccer League

by Ralf Kreuzer

Action in the Indoor Soccer League continued hot and heavy last week at Madison Square Garden, with the top teams continuing their winning ways. It may be too early to say, but it looks like the winner of the league will be found among the present top three teams, with Kontakt I, Air Force, and Berlin American High School still having an outside shot at the title.

There will be some interesting games in the coming weeks when the top teams must play against each other. In last week's action, the E&I Division's powerful offense was just too much for the hard trying MPs, who just did not have the playing depth to stop the sharp shooting Engineers. At the end the score was 13-2 for E&I, their highest victory up to

date. The surprise of the evening came as BAHS soundly beat a Special Troops team studded with first string U. S. Forces players by the terrible score of 7-0. Pete Milhado's gang demonstrated some beautiful passing and shooting as they plainly outplayed Special Troops. Berlin American High School should have a fine outdoor team next season.

In the final game of the night, a bravely fighting Field Station team was not enough to stop first place Kontakt II. Too many times Field Station let Kontakt II steal the ball as they were trying to move the ball away from their goal line. Kontakt II easily capitalized on those chances and hammered home a 9-1 victory, with the goals being scored at regular intervals. The other teams saw no action last Wednesday due to military commitments.

In other important indoor soccer news, the league voted to merge their present two division system into a single division league, with the U. S. Forces Indoor Soccer champion being the teams that has the most points after the regular schedule (each team plays every team once). To compensate for the formerly planned play-offs, a cup championship under the K. O. system will be played with all teams participating. This move was made necessary by the inflexible game schedule. The only gym available for indoor soccer can be used only on Wednesday nights for soccer, with no other time available for make-up games.

The 6th Infantry team had to drop out of the league since it either was not able to field enough players, or duty prevented the players from showing up for the games. The team will be replaced by a second team from "off duty" athletic-minded Det. A.

CSC 1st at 4/6

Standings through Dec. 10

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
CSC	2	0	1.000	—
Co. B	1	0	1.000	1/2
HHC	2	2	.500	1
Co. A	0	1	.000	1 1/2
Co. C	0	2	.000	2

Scores

Nov. 24 — Co. C 80, Co. B 66, HHC 72, Co. A 40.
Nov. 30 — CSC 120, HHC 77.
Dec. 4 — CSC 59, HHC 45.
Dec. 7 — HHC 63, Co. C 46.

8 ski races set at GRA

Eight special ski races, five Alpine and three cross country, have been scheduled by the Garmisch Recreation Area for the 1973-74 season.

The season opener will be the 26th Annual GRA Christmas Slalom at the AFRC Hausberg Ski Area, Dec. 29. The remainder of the race schedule is: Cross Country Race, Jan. 13, at Grainau Ski Area; Slalom, Jan. 19, Grainau; Slalom, Feb. 2, Hausberg; Cross Country, Feb. 10, Grainau; Cross Country, March 9, Hausberg; 26th Annual Alpine Combined (slalom and giant slalom), March 16-17, Grainau; Spring "He & She" Race, March 23, Grainau.

Open to all authorized guests of the Armed Forces Recreation Center, the races will be conducted in accordance with the 1973-74 ISF (International Ski Federation) rules and regulations.

Entries are requested by letter to the GRA Sports & Tournament Office, APO 09053 or telephone, Garmisch Military (2535) 679/824. Entrance fees are \$1.50 per person per event and may be paid at the registration point on the day of the competition.

Competition in the Alpine events will be conducted in four classes — junior, intermediate, expert and ladies; and in cross country for junior, novice, open and ladies classes. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places in the competition for men and first two places for the junior and ladies classes.

Contestants must make their own billeting arrangements by contacting the GRA Billeting Office, APO 09053, telephone GM (2535) 757/557.

Bravo, Alpha undefeated at 3/6

Through Dec. 10

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA
Co. B	4	0	1.000	—	178	115
Co. A	3	0	1.000	1/2	163	102
HHC	3	1	.750	1	174	165
CSC	1	3	.250	3	111	154
Co. C	0	3	.000	3 1/2	72	84
Co. F	0	4	.000	4	133	211

Scores

Dec. 6 — Co. B 50, CSC 27. Highest scorer was Dennis Archuletta of Co. B with 18.
HHC 51, Co. F 43. Peter Axten of HHC led the scoring with 18.

bowling news

Defender League

Through Dec. 6	W	L	Pct.	Av.
Co. B	14	2	.875	781
Co. C	11	5	.687	754
Co. F	9	7	.561	739
HHC	7	9	.437	740
Co. A	6	10	.375	756
CSC	1	15	.067	658

High game by an individual has been by Carl Gorman with 211. High series of three strings was rolled by John Hervert with 565. High team score for one string was by Co. B at 897, while high series was recorded by Co. F at 2510.

—Ralph Callaway

Four teams undefeated at Andrews

After the first week and a half of play, four teams are unbeaten and are in a virtual tie for first place in Andrews Basketball League: Co. A, Independents, Service Co., H&S, with another, Co. B, ready to join the fray if any of the four unbeaten teams lose.

Standings and statistics as of A. M. Dec. 13

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	PF	PA
1. Co. A, FSB	3	0	1.000	—	151	100
2. Independents	2	0	1.000	1/2	120	100
3. Service Co.	2	0	1.000	1/2	100	100
4. H&S, FSB	2	0	1.000	1/2	98	100
5. Co. B, FSB	2	1	.667	1	132	122
6. HHC	1	1	.500	1 1/2	62	116
7. MPs	1	2	.333	2	116	122
8. Engineers	1	2	.333	2	60	135
9. Det. A	0	2	.000	2 1/2	60	94
10. Signal Co.	0	3	.000	3	60	94
11. Hospital	0	3	.000	3	60	94

TOP TEN

Player, team	Average	Gullage, Sig.
Duncan, Ind.	22.0	Gullage, Sig.
Ramsey, Eng.	19.0	Peltier, Ind.
Hanley, Sig.	16.0	Tennessee, Serv.
Stout, Serv.	15.5	Kelly, Det. A
Cook, H&S	15.0	Koors, Hosp.

Results, with top scorers

Dec. 6 — Co. B 46, Hospital 34. Koors, Hospital, 18; Fish Co. B, 13.
HHC 40, Det. A 33. Kelly, Det. A, 20; Atencio, HHC, 14.
Dec. 7 — MPs 47, Signal 43. Gullage, Signal, 22; Williams, MPs, 18.
Co. A 55, Engineers 32. Ramsey, Engineers, 17; Medley, Co. A, 10.
Dec. 8 — Service Co. 47, Co. B 45. Delabarre, Co. B, 14; Service, 13.
Independents 71, Hospital 33. Independents: Duncan, Peltier, 17. Koors, Hosp., 10.
Dec. 10 — H&S 52, Signal 43. H&S: Cooke 20, Walden. Signal: Hanley, 14, Gullage 12.
Engineers 56, Det. A 27. Engineers: Ramsey 28, Phillips 1. Det. A: Gard 6.
Dec. 11 — Co. B 41, MPs 40. MPs: Williams 14, Guethle 1. Co. B: Delabarre 10.
Co. A 54, Hospital 27. Co. A: Hintz 11, Medley 10. Hospital: Koors 8.

FREE THROW CONTEST

After the first day of competition at Andrews Gym in the free throw contest, Charles Stout of Service Co. leads with 46 shots out of 50 tries. Next are Steve Ballington, dependent, 41; Reggie Drew, Service Co., 37; Greg Davis, dependent, and Art Anthony, dependent, 34.

Rose Range ends Sunday shooting

Rose Range will be closed Sundays, temporarily effective this Sunday until further notice. Recreational firing will continue as usual on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The ban against driving of privately owned vehicles Sundays and the winter season have reduced participation recreational firing on Sundays to virtually none. It is anticipated that the range will resume Sunday shooting when the driving ban is lifting or when the weather is warmer.

Guardian League

Standings through Dec. 11

Team	W-L-T	PTS	Goals
1. KONTAKT II	4-0-0	8:0	37:3
2. E&I	4-0-0	8:0	28:7
3. Labor Service I	3-0-0	6:0	13:4
4. Air Force	2-1-0	4:2	17:7
5. KONTAKT I	2-1-0	4:2	20:10
6. BAHS	2-1-0	4:2	17:11
7. Det. A I	1-2-0	2:4	10:12
8. Special Troops	1-3-0	2:6	13:23
9. Labor Service II	0-3-0	0:6	8:22
10. Field Station Berlin	0-3-0	0:6	8:25
11. 6th Infantry*	0-2-0	0:4	3:21
12. Military Police	0-3-0	0:6	8:35

* Det. A II will replace 6th Infantry and take over its win-loss record.

AYA cheerleading

The AYA is looking for young ladies to help coach in this year's basketball cheerleading program. Those interested in the program are urged to contact the AYA Athletic Office at 6247/6239 or at the AYA House Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Volleyball tournament ends tomorrow

The 1973 Berlin Brigade Volleyball Tournament continues today at the Berlin Brigade Sports Center with games starting at 5 p.m. and every half hour thereafter with the last match at 8:30 p.m. The tournament will conclude tomorrow with games starting at 1 p.m. and every half hour thereafter with the final or next to last game set for 4:30 p.m.

sport watch

U.S. events

Dec. 14-20 — Free throw contest in all three gyms, noon-2 p.m. weekdays.
Dec. 26-30 — Christmas Basketball Tournament, Raquetball Tournament at BBde Sports Center.

AFN Radio

SATURDAY, Dec. 15
10 p.m. — NFL football: Pittsburgh vs San Francisco.
SUNDAY
1:15 a.m. — Basketball: North Carolina State vs UCLA.

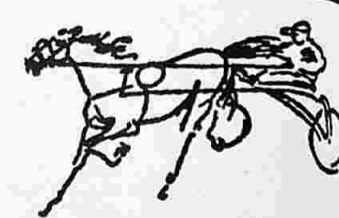
AFN TV

All times are approximate and subject to change without notice.
SATURDAY, Dec. 15
1:05 p.m. — NCAA football: Oklahoma vs Nebraska.
3:15 p.m. — Air Force Academy Highlights: AF vs Rutgers.
3:30 p.m. — Wide World of Sports: details not available at press time.
4:36 p.m. — Thrill Seekers: Lee Irons antics on a motorcycle; a 6-year-old girl and her sister escape Houdini-like from under water; a jet belt is tested.
4:59 p.m. — CBS Tennis Classic: Colin Dibley of Australia vs Roger Taylor of Great Britain.

German events

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE
December 15, 8 p.m. — "Professional Cycling" EISSPORTHALLE
(The "Eissporthalle" is located on Jafféstrasse, in the back of Deutschlandhalle.)
BOWL GAME
AFN TV is attempting to set up a satellite feed of a Jan. 1, 1974 bowl game. Details and confirmation will not be known until three or four days before the game.

ATTENTION
People who want to ice skate, the "Eissporthalle" is open daily for your use on the following times:
Weekdays, that is Monday through Friday, opening times are from 10 a.m. to noon; from 3-5 p.m., and again from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Times on Saturday are from 10 a.m.-noon; from 2-4, 5-7 and 8-10 p.m. On Sunday, the Eissporthalle is open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., from 2-4, and 5-7 p.m. Admission for adults is DM 2 and children up to 16 years of age pay DM 1. Enjoy ice skating at the "Eissporthalle".



HORSE RACES
Mariendorfer Damm 222-28
"Trotting Races" at the Mariendorfer Damm Tracks are scheduled for Sunday at 4 p.m. (Weissensee-Memorial, International Standard Race, DM 8,000).

Bad checks reflect badly on soldiers

by COL Benjamin H. Rosker, USAF

Staff Judge Advocate

It's hard to imagine any type of conduct more service discrediting than the writing of bad checks. When just a few checks written by military people have bounced in a community, the word really gets around. Soon none of us can cash a check under any circumstances, and the community thinks we're all a bunch of crooks. Naturally, the military service has a big interest in seeing that this doesn't happen.

For these reasons, our military law has provided some mighty severe penalties for writing worthless checks. If an individual passes a bad check with an intention to deceive or defraud, he may be convicted of an offense under Article 123a, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), authorizing punishment up to Dishonorable Discharge and confinement at hard labor for five years, depending on the amount involved.

EVEN IF THE individual intends to have the money in his account, but later wrongfully fails to maintain sufficient funds for payment of the check, he may be guilty of an Article 134 disorder, which authorizes punishment of a Bad Conduct Discharge and up to six months confinement.

Many times, check offenses are tried by the civilian authorities, under laws which are just as severe. The mere fact that you are presently overseas does not preclude prosecution upon your return to the States.

Any time a check is returned unpaid, the circumstances are going to be investigated thoroughly. If it is clearly shown that the check was written in good faith, and bounced because of ordinary negligence or mistake, there probably will not be any court-martial prosecution. Even in these cases, however, the individual's military career may be badly damaged. Promotion and good assignments will come a lot slower if a person's records indicate he is unable to maintain his personal affairs properly.

REPEATED INCIDENTS of this nature could easily result in administrative elimination from the service under conditions other than honorable.

Now a lot of us have checking accounts and find this a mighty handy way to do our business. We're reasonably careful, we're not about to deceive anyone, and we're not going to write any bad checks intentionally. How can we be sure we won't get into check trouble?

There are just a few rules we should observe. Keep track of that bank account. Balance it carefully with the bank statement every month. If you and the wife have both been writing checks against the account, stop this practice. Use a different method so you can't possibly become overdrawn accidentally.

Never write a check unless you are positive that the money to cover it is in the bank. Don't take the chance on beating a check to the bank, and don't rely on someone holding a check for you. This is asking for trouble.

—AFPS



TAR School notes Roberts' birthday

The Thomas A. Roberts School held special ceremonies on Wednesday, Dec. 5, to mark the birthday of the man for whom the school is named. Above, sixth-grade pupils James Kreple (left) and Mark Beeman unveil the photographic portrait of COL Thomas A. Roberts Jr., who was killed near Lessay, France, in July 1944 while commanding the 2nd Ar-

mored Division's artillery.

BG Robert D. Stevenson, commander of the Berlin Brigade, looks on. At right is a mannequin dressed in an American Class "A" uniform from World War II. D. G. Reed's sixth-grade class did research on Roberts in preparation for the celebration. (Photo by Michael S. McCollum)



Become an ACS volunteer

Army Community Service (ACS) supplies the babysitter, provides the transportation and awards you a uniform.

All you need spend is a little of your spare time as a volunteer for Army Community Service. You can work in the office, on the newsletter or help welcome new members to the community.

With the New Year, the ACS Welcoming Committee is expanding. We want to welcome E-1 thru E-9 wives new to the community, both economy couples and those in quarters. To do this, we need new members who are enthusiastic and have new ideas to help us do a better job or improve our program. You may just wish to see the new women in your building or immediate area. Great! Join us!

(Drawing by Debbie Hopkins)

Travel Notes

Don't forget—The Chiemsee Package Plan! Three days for \$10; this includes room without bath and a full breakfast. Within 30 minutes of Chiemsee are some of the best ski slopes in Germany. For your Chiemsee Package Plan reservations call B'gaden Military (2538) 623/823.

Don't forget—Have winter fun, vacation at your AFRC.

AG group tours

NEW YEAR'S IN PARIS—Bid farewell to the old and welcome in the new year in Paris. The AG Special Services Tours Office is sponsoring a tour to the City of Light by charter jet from Tegel Airport at 7 a.m. Dec. 29 with return flight the evening of Jan. 1. Enjoy the charm and nightlife of Paris for the low price of \$137 which includes round trip flight, bus transfers to and from hotel, three hotel overnights in room with bath, and continental breakfasts.

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INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND is the destination of another tour of New Year's. The charter jet leaves Tegel Airport at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 and returns at

10:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. The tour price of \$115 includes flight, bus transfers, three hotel overnights in ski hotels and three breakfasts.

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LONDON—The Tours Office will also sponsor a tour to London by charter jet from Tegel. The rock bottom tour price is \$85 and includes flight, bus transfers, and three hotel overnights with continental breakfasts. The tour departs Berlin Jan. 31 at 10 a.m. and returns the evening of Feb. 3.

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THE BLACK FOREST is the January offering of the AG Special Services Tours Office. The tour departs Berlin by Duty Train Jan. 25 and returns Jan. 28. The price of DM 99 per person includes all transportation, one hotel overnight, two breakfasts, one lunch and sightseeing of this charming winter wonderland. For reservations, stop by the Tours Office in Building 2, Room 3077, Headquarters Compound. For further information, call 6523/6681.

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For further information and reservations for these tours, call 6523 or stop by the Tours Office, Room 3077, Building 2, Headquarters Compound.

Plan your Bavarian vacation at AFRCs

Planning a winter vacation to the Armed Forces Recreation Center's areas in Berchtesgaden, Chiemsee, Garmisch or Munich?

Now is the time to do so to avoid the holiday rush, but there are a few things you shouldn't forget!

Don't forget—Your leave orders must specify Austria if you plan to join one of the AFRC tours to that country from Berchtesgaden or Garmisch.

Don't forget—The AFRC Group Travel Plan. The AFRC will provide transportation from any point in Germany to one of the recreation areas and return for groups of 25 or more enlisted personnel (dependents on a space available basis). For your Free Group Travel Reservations call Berchtesgaden Military (2538) 754 or 774.

Don't forget—The "Learn to Ski Weeks" are underway at Berchtesgaden and Garmisch. Call Berchtesgaden Military (2538) 623 or Garmisch Military (2535) 757, for details and reservations.

The curator is a demo man

by Doug Bland

Job openings for museum curators are relatively scarce in the Army, but Private First Class Maurice S. Whitlock has found one—or it found him.

Whitlock was a demolitions man in the Berlin Brigade's 42nd Engineer Company when it came to his attention that a museum was planned for the U. S. Army Berlin. Being a historian by education and profession, as well as a recognized expert on the Civil War, Whitlock got the job as the museum's curator.

Oddly enough, his past experience with the Historical Society of Delaware also gave him his background in demolitions.

"I worked as a technical advisor with different film companies doing historical war films," Whitlock explained.

In the normal course of a war movie, many things get blown up. This activity brought Whitlock into the demolitions game.

"My teacher was the demo man during the filming of *The Longest Day* and he really knew the business. We set charges to simulate bullets kicking up dirt, grenades, artillery—the whole thing."

Brief acting career

Along with being a technical advisor, Whitlock occasionally made movie appearances as a "bit" player or

extra. He admits that his acting talent was not as great as his willingness to act.

After his movie career, which included a four-part television series entitled "The American Soldier, 1776-1945," Whitlock received a real opportunity to be an American soldier in 1972.

He completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, then went to the Combat Engineer school at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Whitlock arrived in Berlin last February and was performing demolitions work with 42nd Engineers when he read about the proposed museum. He thought it would be an interesting way to spend some of his off-duty time, so he contacted the officer-in-charge, Captain Michael Kasner, and volunteered to assist.

Seized the opportunity

Kasner seized the opportunity to employ Whitlock's talents, and soon Whitlock was reassigned from the Engineer Company to Headquarters, Berlin Brigade, for duty as a historian.

For several weeks Whitlock busied himself with preparations for the museum's opening exhibit on Nov. 30. His working area in the Berlin Brigade's Infantry Hall of Honor looked more like a turn-of-the-century Army-Navy surplus store than a museum. This prompted a

Most people have the best intentions to do something productive when a new year appears, but not many accomplish what they plan. With a view to the future, the McNair Barracks Army Education Center suggests doing something, and encourages all military personnel to develop educationally and professionally while on active duty in Berlin.

The first term in 1974 will commence January 7 with classes meeting two nights a week for a period of eight weeks. Not only military personnel are permitted to attend; authorized civilians and dependents are welcome, too.

Variety of courses

The varied program will include courses in mathematics, history, criminology, data processing, typing, advanced auto mechanics and German on all levels.

The pre-college mathematics class is designed especially for personnel who need preparation for the college entrance exams. It also constitutes necessary background material for the student preparing for the high school GED test and is useful for the soldier who wants to raise his GT score. The class meets Monday and Wednesday evenings.

The review of American history will cover the social, political, cultural and geographic trends and events that marked America from colonial times through the beginning of the 20th century. The course will be an overview of the period, taught by lecture and student participation. It is especially designed to prepare students for the CLEP test. This class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Law enforcement

Criminology is recommended to persons who are interested in careers in law enforcement and will also be helpful to persons interested in security occupations, law, teaching, social work or in a career in government at all levels. Prerequisite for this course, which will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, is a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The introduction to data processing course covers the full range of data processing methods. It provides a background for more advanced courses, as well as providing useful information for many office entry-level positions.



DOUGHBOY — Private First Class Maurice S. Whitlock puts the final touches on a World War I trench display at the U. S. Army Berlin Museum. Whitlock is curator of the museum which opened at McNair Barracks Nov. 30.

(Photo by Doug Bland)

number of anxious inquiries from various concerned colonels regarding the proposed opening date.

Opening day, however, was in order as the invited guests, including several of Berlin district mayors, the Berlin Brigade commander, and representatives from the German Society for Military History, filed by the glass display cases and mannequins.

The opening exhibit was only a beginning and more items and displays are to be added. For Whitlock it means hour upon hour of sorting, classifying, cleaning, authenticating and generally curating.

A half-track in his future

The former civilian historian-demolitions man turned Army historian-demolitions man has until August, 1975, to make his contribution to the history of the 6th U. S. Infantry in Berlin. After that he's undecided. Right now there is a World War II half-track that needs to be brought to Berlin and restored, and then there's a collection of historical items arriving from Fort Knox to be readied for display. Whitlock plans to stay busy.

Students registering for this course are also expected to have a high school diploma or its equivalent. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Learn to type

The typing course is offered to prepare students for prospective jobs as company clerks, supply clerks and other positions which would entail training in typing. It is for beginners as well as for advanced students, since the instruction is individualized. For beginners it provides a foundation in correct typewriting techniques.

Emphasis is placed on learning the correct use of machine parts, correct stroking, mastery of the key board and touch control. Advanced students can develop their speed and improve the accuracy in typing. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Advanced auto mechanics is a course for students who have a knowledge of the basic fundamentals of engines. The course covers engine rebuilding, body repair, wheel and axle rebuilding, transmission rebuilding (standard), electrical repair and trouble shooting. Class meets Mondays and Thursdays. Most of the students who completed the beginners auto mechanics course this week will continue in this advanced course; therefore, only very few new registrations can be accepted.

Language courses popular

With United States Armed Forces personnel stationed around the world, foreign language courses are among the most popular studies. Overseas assignments become more stimulating and enjoyable when the individual knows at least a little of the language and customs of the people in the area. Offerings in the German language include elementary, intermediate and advanced classes. Emphasis is on hearing and speaking the language. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

All classes offered meet from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Bldg. 1001-D, McNair Barracks, beginning Jan. 7 and ending Feb. 28. Registrations will be accepted during the period Dec. 17-Jan. 4 in room 327/329, McNair AEC, and by phone, 3164 or 3120, during normal duty hours and until 9 p.m. Jan. 2-3.

McNair AEC
lists courses
for new term

4-Ring Annie

Frau Elsa Glase maintains close ties with American troops

Just to the east of McNair Barracks in West Berlin there is a street of sorts, known as the 4-Ring. Naturally, being a street, it has its fixtures—lights, parade stands, bleachers and an old, petite, gentle-faced woman known to the men at McNair as "4-Ring Annie."

Annie can be described as a fixture because of her presence on the 4-Ring for virtually every parade or review, and her constant contact with the soldiers receiving training on the 4-Ring.

Asked to do laundry

"4-Ring Annie's" real name is Frau Elsa Glase, and she has been associated with the Americans at McNair ever since 1945. She initially came in contact with Americans when, in 1945, she was stopped by members of the military police unit, which was then housed at McNair. They asked Annie if she knew anyone who could do laundry—a task which Annie soon took on herself. In payment for her services she received approximately DM 20 for each bundle, plus fruit and other hard-to-get items.

During this time, life for Annie was a filled with turmoil and change—she lost her job with the post office because of illness, she got married for a second time, she attempted to locate her son, who was in an English prisoner of war camp; and Annie moved into a new home.

In spite of her personal problems, however, Frau Glase still remained active with the Americans. She continued to do the MPs' laundry until they were transferred from McNair to their present location at Andrews Barracks.

She also volunteered her services to Berlin's hospitals, where she cared for wounded soldiers, Allied and Russian alike. It should be noted that Frau Glase received no pay for her services, but received personal gratification far exceeding any financial gain.

A snappy salute

Tales of "4-Ring Annie" are many and varied. Over the years, Annie has missed very few, if any, ceremonies on the 4-Ring. You won't find her in the reviewing stand or bleachers, however. Frequently poised on the curb in front of the stands, Annie often renders salutes to units as they pass in review.

In a recent change of command ceremony, Annie left her usual post and ran through the assembled units to the far side of the 4-Ring. She headed toward Vanguard Headquarters, and those who watched her pondered her motives. It seems an American soldier had succumbed to the heat, and Annie was merely getting him a glass of water!

Attends receptions

Regardless of the occasion, Annie often attends the receptions in the Infantry Hall of Honor which usually follow ceremonies on the 4-Ring.

When classes are given on the 4-Ring, she can occasionally be seen giving refreshments to the soldiers during their breaks. One NCO in charge of such a class reports that Annie once gave him an "oral reprimand" in German because members of his class had littered the bleachers!

Frau Glase speaks no English, but still manages to overcome the language barrier. Daily, without fail, she can be seen walking early in the morning along the 4-Ring on her way to the 4th Battalion headquarters. If she encounters an officer, she renders him a salute as snappy as that given by any new recruit.

Cheerful greeting

Once inside Vanguard headquarters, Annie greets all with a bowed head, a smile and a cheerful "Guten Morgen!" Her daily visit to Vanguard Headquarters is to present a copy of the BZ and some flowers or fruit in season to the battalion commander.

On her way home, she can be seen "policing" the street—an activity which leads to another interesting tale. During the early occupation years, Annie's "policing" of the 4-Ring was noticed by some of the officers, who quickly realized that perhaps this worth-while detail could be "awarded" as punishment to discipline the troops.

Other contacts Annie has made with the U. S. Forces include her occasional babysitting for U. S. families. Annie began this service in the early days of the occupation when it was frowned upon for soldiers to bring their



Frau Elsa Glase, "4-Ring Annie"

wives over or to marry local nationals. Although no longer doing laundry or babysitting, Annie frequently hosts get-togethers at her home near the 4-Ring for the many soldiers she knows.

Fight for freedom

Why does Frau Glase continue to maintain her association with her American friends? Annie says, "It's because Americans fight for freedom and the rights of others," which are principles she believes in. She also suggests that her respect for Americans is due primarily to what Americans have done in the past for the world and for people like herself.

The next time you're on the 4-Ring and see Annie, stop and say hello. Annie just might brighten up your day, as she has done for so many Americans in the past 28 years.

Yanks umpire British exercise

by Norman G. Ham

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail, nor gloom of night can stay the men of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB) from their appointed mission. At least that is what Second Lieutenant William R. Phillips and eight senior non-commissioned officers discovered when they journeyed with the First Battalion, KOSB, to Schleswig-Holstein to act as umpires for a squad patrolling problem being conducted by their British counterparts.

Lieutenant Colonel Riddle, commander of the First Battalion, KOSB, stationed at Brooks Barracks in Spandau, invited his American counterpart, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Kattar, commander of the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry, to provide a group of senior NCOs and officers to observe his battalion training and act as umpires.

Phillips, along with Staff Sergeants James Miner, William Mull (C-4-6), Charles Cosby, Paul R. Buchhiester,

Nick Merthen (CSC-4-6), Raymond E. Kirschenheuter, Douglas C. Petties, and Harrison R. Byerly (A-4-6) all volunteered to take part in the exercise, even though it meant missing the Thanksgiving holidays.

Night movement

The group departed Berlin on November 19 with the men of KOSB, bound for Friedberg, a small village 30 kilometers southeast of Kiel, near the North Sea. The British conducted a squad size patrolling exercise with company against company in an area of operations 4,000 meters wide and 25 kilometers long. There were two 12-day problems in which patrols moved only at night and had to cover the entire area.

In spite of freezing rain, snow and strong winds, the British conducted their operations quite professionally. Phillips remarked, "I was quite impressed with the dis-

cipline and respect the junior NCOs held, as well as the ability of the British to operate at night."

It should be noted that British soldiers are not issued gloves or overshoes, and that one poncho is issued to every three or four men.

Anyone for tea?

While their uniforms look sharp, they are not extremely useful in the cold. However, despite their hardships in the field, the British Army seems to have a few lessons for the American Army on the subject of gracious living away from home. Instead of the likes of Grafenwöhr, the KOSB quartered themselves in large abandoned mansions outside of Kiel. They also took along the regimental linen, silver and china. When not out eating cold C-Rations in the rain, the Americans found their counterparts dining formally beside a roaring fireplace. Tea anyone?

There's no malingering on British Army sick call

by Ralph Callaway

Culminating a week of exchange training, Private Raymond L. Lee of the 1st Battalion, Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment was presented a certificate honoring him with a lifetime membership in the 3rd Battalion, 6th U. S. Infantry. The certificate was presented by Major John K. Thomas, Executive Officer of the 3rd Battalion before the assembled men of Headquarters Company.

Lee had been engaged during the previous week at the Joint Aid Station located at McNair, observing and working with our medical corpsmen (medics) in order to see how we go about giving medical care to our men.

Regular program

This is part of a program now in effect between the 1st Bn., WFR and 3-6, in which medics have been trading off regularly. The purpose? To let the men see how our Allies work, and to break up what can sometimes become a tedious job.

When asked what he thought of our dispensary, Ray-

mond said, "Your lot has it soft with 30 medics in your battalion." He could be right, at least from his point of view—there are normally six medics in a British battalion.

Some of the things that turned up that are definitely different are the way the two Allies care for their dependents and even normal sick call.

Dependent care differs

Dependent care is handled first by the British medics in their unit aid station—and with the 1st Bn, WFR this means responsibility for 2000 dependents. While our dependents go to the hospital and are screened by a doctor, the British screen dependents in the aid station. Those who are seriously ill are then referred to a doctor or to the hospital.

The screening itself is done by a state-registered nurse (known as "Sister") or by the senior aid men. Normal sick call for the men is different, too. We have all seen the hordes of men that descend on the McNair aid station every morning, where you wait, and wait, and . . .

The "sick parade"

With the British it is a little different. First, pride keeps many of the men in their units unless they are seriously ill. And sick call is not encouraged by another practice: if more than five men report for sick call, they change it to a "Sick Parade." All the men dress in their Class "A" uniforms and march. He who falls out must be sick; the others go on marching. It's a rough system, but there are no malingerers on British sick call.

Training to be a British medic is somewhat different, too. Instead of a formal school as we have, the British are trained in an on-the-job-training system. This might last as long as three years—until the man is able to pass an examination that certifies him as a medic.

Raymond is on a three-year stint with the Royal Army, having joined in December of '72. He hails from Nottingham, England. When asked if he would like to join our Army, he said, "Fine, I'd like that, but only if I'm still allowed to wear this (his British) uniform."

Oh, well—so much for recruiting!

Operation Sound to entertain, help needy city children Wed.

by Tony Nino

"Operation Sound," the first show to be presented at the Top Floor, Special Services Music Center, is bringing two hours of mid-week musical entertainment to Berlin Brigade next Wednesday. Tony Nino and Suzanne Marks will be your guides for this evening's fun and frolic, introducing such acts as singers Sandy Rios and Fritz Martin backed up by the 298th Army Band; folk singer Bill Roland accompanying himself on guitar; The Cumberland Valley Breakdown providing the best of Berlin Bluegrass; and Twede Danly III doing original and traditional rock and folk-rock melodies. Rounding out the evening, the Interfaith Gospel Choir will present a collection of Christmas Favorites.

"Operation Sound," put together by director Chuck Foley, is being produced to collect toys for needy children in the Berlin area. Chuck, the lead singer for The Prophets in his off time, has drawn from his wealth of professional experience to assemble a truly rewarding evening of entertainment. Free refreshments will be provided by the staff of the Hi-Lite Service Club.

No reservations are necessary. Just pick up a toy, and come up to the Top Floor, Building 906, Andrews Barracks, right above the Hi-Lite Service Club. That's Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:30, at the Top Floor. Spend a toy . . . Share Christmas with a child.



THE TOP FLOOR Music Center at Andrews Barracks, as it was during the recently completed remodeling. "Operation Sound" will be presented there Dec. 19. (Photo by Tony Nino)

RADIO

Saturday

- (December 15)
- 0:00 World News and Markets
- 0:05 Night Beat
- 1:05 Night Time Experience
- 3:05 Bill Stewart
- 4:00 Fire Report
- 4:05 Bill Stewart
- 5:00 Jimmy Wakely Show
- 5:55 This is AFN
- 6:05 C & W Hit Parade
- 6:55 Road Conditions Report
- 7:00 News, Sports and Markets
- 7:15 Notes from Nashville
- 7:30 Service Scene
- 8:05 Morning Request Show
- 9:05 Jim Pewter Show
- 10:00 World News
- 10:05 Jeannie McWells
- 11:00 World News
- 11:05 #1 Country

Golden Sound of stereo with news at 1:00; 3:00; 6:00; 7:00-7:15; 8:00; 9:00; 10:00; 11:00; 12:00-12:15; 1:00; 2:00; 3:00; 4:00; 5:00; 6:00-6:30 News & Sports; 6:30-6:45 Berlin In Review; 7:00 News; 7:05 Carmen Dragon; 8:00 News; 8:05 From Broadway to Hollywood; 9:00 News; 9:05 Golden Sound; 10:00 News; 11:00 News; 12:00 News.

- 0:05 Wolfman Jack
- 1:00 News followed by the Golden Sound (FM)
- 1:05 Nightbeat
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- 3:00 Roland Bynum
- 3:05 Soul Show
- 5:00 Town and Country
- 5:55 This is AFN . . .
- 6:00 News, Sports and Special Announcements
- 6:15 Good Morning, with Jim Towner
- 6:15 Golden Sound (FM)
- 6:20 Road Condition Report
- 6:55 Berlin News, with John Proffitt
- 6:55 Berlin "A. M." - regional news (Monday - Berlin In Review) FM

ON THE HOME FRONT...

- ALL AMERICAN SERVICE CLUB**
- (December 14) - 8 p.m. - Christmas Program: Berlin-American Band and Choral Group
 - Fri 2 p.m. - Deck the Halls
 - 3-4:30 p.m. - Gift Wrap Booth
 - 8 p.m. - Santa's Work Shop
 - Sat 9:30 a.m. - Coffee Call
 - 2 p.m. - Spades Tourney
 - 5 p.m. - Sunday Supper
 - 5:45 p.m. - Tour to Planetarium
 - 7-9 p.m. - Gift Wrap Booth
 - 8 p.m. - Christmas Cookie Bake
 - Tue 2-4 p.m. - Wives of 4/6, SPECIAL COFFEE CALL with Home Baked Sweets
 - 4:30 p.m. - Crazy Xmas Puzzles
 - 7 p.m. - Tree Trimming Time
 - Wed 2-4 p.m. - Wives of 2/6, SPECIAL COFFEE CALL with Home Baked Sweets
 - 4 p.m. - Excursion to Orphans X-mas Party
 - 4:30 p.m. - Crazy Xmas
 - Thu 2-4 p.m. - Wives of 3/6, SPECIAL COFFEE CALL with Home Baked Sweets
 - 4:30 p.m. - Crazy Xmas Puzzles
 - 6:15 p.m. - Wine Probe Tour
 - 8 p.m. - Winter Films
 - CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM**
 - 4:30 p.m. - Crazy Xmas Puzzles
 - 5 p.m. - Christmas Cheer to Guards at Spandau and Berlin Brigade
 - 7 p.m. - Crazy Xmas Puzzles
 - 7:45 p.m. - Gift Give-Away
 - 8:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Open House
 - 9 p.m. - Crazy Christmas Auction
 - 10 p.m. - 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
 - Midnight - Bob Hope Special Films
 - 1 a.m. - Christmas Breakfast
 - CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM**
 - 9 a.m. - Coffee Call with Berty at the Piano
 - 10:30 a.m. - Santa's Surprise
 - 11 a.m. - German Customs
 - 2 p.m. - Tournament Time!
 - 4 p.m. - Bob Hope Special Films
 - 5 p.m. - USO Show "Red Hot Blues"
 - Catholic University Group
 - 9:30 p.m. - The Last Gift
 - HI-LITE SERVICE CLUB**
 - Fri (December 14) - 7:30 p.m. - Table Games
 - Sat 3 p.m. - Risk Tourney
 - 7 p.m. - Spades Tourney
 - Sun 9:30 p.m. - Coffee Call
 - 11 a.m. - Pinochle Tourney
 - 2 p.m. - Fussball Tourney

AFN frequencies on your radio dial: AM 935 KC; FM 87.85 MC. FM Berlin presents its "Golden Sound" around the clock in STEREO.

Sunday

- 0:05 News and Sports
- 12:15 Jim Hawthorne's Comedy Theater
- 12:45 Any Questions?
- 1:05 American Top 40
- 2:00 Weekend World
- 6:00 World News and Comments
- 6:10 Sports Journal
- 6:30 New Breed (TASCOM)
- 6:45 This is Germany
- 7:00 World News
- 7:05 Continental Country
- 7:05 Carmen Dragon
- 7:05 Classical Music (FM)
- 8:00 World News
- 8:05 Continental Country
- 8:05 Music From Hollywood (FM)
- 9:00 News, Comment, Special Announcement
- 9:15 Stateside Sports Standby Schedule
- 9:15 Bill Stewart Show
- 10:00 Professional Football: "Kansas City Chiefs vs Oakland Raiders"
- 11:05 The Young Sound

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Weekdays

- 7:00 The Seven O'Clock Report
- 7:30 Good Morning, with Jim Towner, continued
- 7:30 Berlin Bulletin Board (FM)
- 7:35 Golden Sound (FM)
- 8:00 News (FM)
- 8:05 Golden Sound (FM)
- 8:45 Listen, Ladies
- 9:00 News (FM)
- 9:05 Golden Sound (FM)
- 9:05 Charlie Tuna
- 10:00 News (FM)
- 10:05 Oldies but Goodies
- 10:05 Karl Haas, Adventures in Good Music (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)

Sunday

- 0:05 Night Beat
- 1:05 Johnnie Darin Show
- 2:00 It's Your Life
- 2:05 American Top 40
- 3:05 Bobby Troup Show
- 4:00 The American Hall of Fame
- 4:05 Young Sound
- 5:55 This is AFN
- 6:05 Just Music
- 6:55 Road Condition Report
- 7:05 East of Eden
- 7:30 Viva
- 8:05 AFN Tree House
- 9:00 World News
- 9:05 Protestant Hour
- 9:30 Crossroads
- 10:00 News and Sports Scoreboard
- 10:10 Music for the Soul
- 10:35 Salt Lake Choir
- 11:05 Carmen Dragon Show
- 12:05 Finch Bandwagon
- 1:00 World News

Golden Sound of stereo with hourly news and at 7:05 Light Classics; 8:05 Philadelphia Symphony; 9:00 News; 9:05 Showcase. News every hour on the hour and the Golden Sound in stereo filling out the hours.

- 4:05 John Proffitt Show
- 5:40 Sports Journal
- 6:00 The Six O'Clock Report, with Today in Europe
- 6:30 Nightside
- 6:30 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)
- 8:25 Paul Harvey News
- 8:35 Viewpoint
- 9:05 Drama
- 9:05 Concert Hall with John Proffitt (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)
- 9:30 American Music Hall
- 10:00 Ten O'Clock Report
- 10:00 World News and Sports with Special Announcements (FM)
- 10:30 Old Gold - Retold
- 10:30 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)
- 11:05 The Pete Smith Show

cameras to capture the Christmas spirit. Special invitation is extended to "economy families" to share in this "McNair Family" celebration.

HOLIDAY COFFEE CALLS

Special Holiday Coffee Calls will be presented at All American Service Club on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2-4 p.m., hostesses: Wives of 4th Bn, 6th Inf, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2-4 p.m., hostesses: Wives of 2nd Bn, 6th Inf, and on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2-4 p.m., hostesses: Wives of 3rd Bn, 6th Inf. All military personnel and families are invited to share in this "McNair Family" celebration. Special invitation is extended to "economy families."

CRAFTS AND PHOTO DEMONSTRATIONS

During the week before Xmas the McNair Crafts Shop will present a demonstration of the Lost Wax method of casting jewelry. It will be conducted from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 20. On Dec. 22 from 2-4 p.m. there will be a clay modelling display and demonstration at the Andrews Crafts Shop. The Andrews Photo Center will present an explanation and demonstration of photo retouching, from 7-9 p.m., on Dec. 21. On Dec. 23 between 3-5 p.m. the McNair Photo Center will offer a practical session on photo portrait. All interested photographers are urged to bring their cameras and learn the technique of photo portraiture.

CLUB 50

- Fri (December 14) - 8 p.m.-1 a.m. - Western Union
- Sat 8 p.m.-1 a.m. - Sun Explosion
- Sun 7-11 p.m. - The Prophets

STARLIGHT GROVE

- Fri (December 14) - 8 p.m.-midnight - Midnight Oil
- Sat 7 p.m.-0:30 a.m. - SPECIAL SOUL NIGHT The Manhattan and The Prophets

HARNACK HOUSE

- Fri (December 14) - 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. - Pacific Stones
- Sat 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. - J-A Combo

KONTAKT

- Sat (December 15) - 3 p.m. - Christmas Baking Skydiver Service Club, Tempelhof Airport
- 5:30 p.m. - Beginners Saddle Club Onkel Toms Hütte
- 7 p.m. - KONTAKT Information Rap Session Skydiver Service Club

Cultural Events Around Town...



DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN

Bismarckstrasse
Tel: 3 43 81

- December 14, 8 p.m. - Ballet Night "Coppelia"
- December 15, 8 p.m. - Ballet Night "Coppelia"
- December 16, 6 p.m. - "Palestrina"
- December 17, 7:30 p.m. - "Der Freischütz"
- December 18, 7 p.m. - "Die Hochzeit des Figaro" (The Marriage of Figaro) in Italian
- December 19, 6 p.m. - "Palestrina"
- December 20, 8 p.m. - Ballet Night
- December 21, 7 p.m. - "Così fan tutte" (in Italian)
- December 22, 7 p.m. - "Die Zauberflöte" (The Magic Flute)
- December 23, 3 p.m. - "Hänsel und Gretel"
- December 23, 7:30 p.m. - "Hänsel und Gretel"
- December 24 - no performance - (The Magic Flute)
- December 25, 7 p.m. - "Die Fledermaus"
- December 27, 7:30 p.m. - "Cavalleria rusticana", "Il Bajazzo" (in Italian)
- December 28, 6 p.m. - "Palestrina"
- December 29, 7 p.m. - "Così fan tutte" (in Italian)
- December 30, 3 p.m. - "Hänsel und Gretel"

Program is subject to change.

THEATER DES WESTENS

Kantstrasse 12
Tel: 313 72 50/93 20

- December 14, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 14, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 15, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 15, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 16, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 16, 7 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 18, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 19, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 19, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 20, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 20, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
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- December 21, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 22, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 22, 8 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"
- December 23, 3:30 p.m. - "Frau Holle"
- December 23, 7 p.m. - "My Fair Lady"



PHILHARMONIE

Tiergarten, Kemperplatz
Tel: 261 43 83

- December 16, 17, 8 p.m. - "Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra" Conductor: Daniel Barenboim. Hindemith - Beethoven - Schumann
- December 20, 21, 8 p.m. - "Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra" Conductor: Yehudi Menuhin. Bach - Schubert - Beethoven
- December 29, 7:30 p.m. - "Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra" Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Beethoven Program
- December 30, 4 p.m. and January 1, 8 p.m. - Das Sinfonie Orchester Berlin "Beethoven: IX Symphony" Conductor: GMD Borislav Ivanov. Sofia
- December 30, 7:30 p.m. - "Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra" Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Beethoven Program
- December 31, 7:30 p.m. - "Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra" Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Beethoven Program
- January 1, 4:30 p.m. - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Choir of the Deutschen Oper Berlin. Beethoven's Symphony No. 9
- January 2, 8 p.m. - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 and Symphony No. 5
- January 5, 7:30 p.m. and January 6, 11 a.m. - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Herbert von Karajan. Mozart - Shostakovich
- January 8, 8:30 p.m. - African Ballet from Senegal
- January 9, 10, 11, 8 p.m. - Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Carlo Maria Giulini. Schumann - Mahler
- January 16, 8 p.m. - Ivan Rebhoff
- January 23, 9 p.m. - Demis Roussos

THEATER AM

KURFÜRSTENDAMM

Kurfürstendamm 207
Tel: 881 24 89

- Daily at 8 p.m. - "Der Mann, der sich nicht traut" comedy by Curth Flatow. Theater is closed on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day there will be two performances at 5 and 8 p.m.

KOMÖDIE

Kurfürstendamm 206
Tel: 881 38 93

- Until December 26, daily at 8 p.m. - "6 Zimmer, Seeblick" "6 ROOMS RIV VU" a comedy by Bob Randall. Theater is closed on Christmas Eve.

BRITISH CENTRE

Hardenbergstrasse 20
Tel: 31 01 76 (for bookings)

December 18 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. - Feature Film "Seance On A Wet Afternoon" Throughout December - Exhibition "History And Philosophy of Science". This exhibition of books and periodicals arranged by the British Council will be on display in the British Centre Library. An Exhibition of Paintings of British landscapes by members of GEDOK will be on display in the British Centre Hall. The exhibitions can be seen Monday through Friday from 2-5 p.m., and from 2-7:30 p.m. on film nights.

SCHILLER-THEATER

Bismarckstrasse 110
Tel: 31 06 61

Daily performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
December 15, 18, 19, 7:30 p.m. - Die Vögel
December 16, 7:30 p.m. - Prinz Friedrich von Homburg
December 17, 7:30 p.m. - Ein Freudenfeuer für den Bischof
December 20, 7:30 p.m. - Der Alpenkönig und der Menschenfeind

FOX-MGM present:

Delphi-Filmpalast am Zoo
Kantstrasse 12 a, Tel: 312 10 26/27
"Ryan's Daughter" (in German)
Smoky in Kuddamm-Eck
at Joachimstaler Platz
"Cabaret" (in German)
Tonight and Sunday through Thursday at 11 p.m. "Cabaret" will be played in its original version.
MGM, Kurfürstendamm 197-98
Tel: 881 40 99

"L'Heretier" (in German) Daily performances are at 3:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m.

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE

Messedamm 26
Tel: 3 03 11

December 25 through January 9 - "Menschen, Tiere, Sensationen" "Artists, Animals, Sensations" will be presented on weekdays at 3:30 and 8 p.m., Sundays and German holidays at 2 and 6 p.m. New Year's Eve two performances will be given at 6 and 10 p.m. and on New Year's Day only one performance is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tickets are DM 8 and above; children pay half price at afternoon performances.

HEBBEL THEATER

Stresemannstrasse 29
Tel: 251 22 12

Daily at 8 p.m. - "Der Raub der Sabinerinnen". Comedy by Franz and Paul von Schönthan. Sunday performance begins at 6 p.m. The theater is closed on December 23 and 24. There will be two performances on Christmas Day, at 4 and 8 p.m.

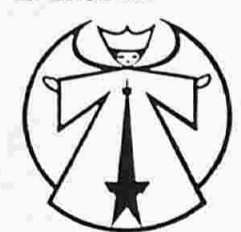
HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK

Hardenbergstrasse 33
Tel: 31 63 83

December 26, 8 p.m. - Symphonisches Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Jaroslav Opela. Debussy - Mozart - Brahms
December 31, 8 p.m. - Symphonisches Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Erich Böhlke. Beethoven: Symphony No. 9
January 11, 12, 8 p.m. - Fiesta Gitana '74

FORUM THEATER

Kurfürstendamm, near Knesebeckstr.
Until Dec. 15, 8 p.m. - THE CAGE, presented by the San Quentin Drama Workshop. The drama shows a group of four prisoners in a cell, all without possibility of parole. Written by and starring Rick Cluchey, former inmate of San Quentin. Admission charge.
THIS PERFORMANCE IS PRESENTED IN ENGLISH.



CHRISTMAS IN BERLIN

There is Christmas in the Air! This year's Christmas Mart held at the Funkturm Exhibition Grounds comes to an end on Sunday. With variety programs for children in Hall 18, a poodle revue, Circus Aramant, and Europe's biggest model train, Halls 10 to 18 of the Exhibition Grounds house the Christmas Mart which is also extended to the open area in front of Hall 17. Opening times are Friday from 1-7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission for adults is DM 2, children under 14 years of age pay DM 1.

Christmas Shopping
Tomorrow is the third Saturday of four when Berlin Department Stores will remain open until 6 p.m. for customers to do their Christmas shopping. The last Saturday is December 22. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, all stores close at 2 p.m.

German Yuletide rich in tradition

As the Christmas season approaches once again, most members of the Berlin American Community will observe a ritual and tradition that has been borrowed from many lands over thousands of years. On a holiday that holds a rich religious meaning, embellished with the human qualities of giving and compassion, people will pause to reflect upon themselves and their fellow man. There is no other day in the year to compare with it.

The Americans in Berlin are in a unique position at Christmas. Not only are they able to see the important differences politics make on a Christmas tradition, but they are also able to view first-hand the customs of a country that are rich in meaning and lore. Americans will discover many new customs at Christmas time in Germany. During the long period of pre-Yule preparations and Christmas celebrations the Germans reveal a lot of their *Gemuet*. Heathen and Christian rites, superstitions and worldly habits have been fused in these customs to disclose to American friends a little of the glittering variety of human emotions and beliefs.

Commemoration of St. Andrews

Yuletide starts on November 30, the commemoration day of St. Andrews, when the ecclesiastical year also comes to a close. It is a day for prophecies, particularly exciting for the girls. If they get into bed backwards and say a special poem or prayer supplicating St. Andrew's assistance, a dream will show their future husband.

Four Sundays before Christmas, the initiation of the Advent Season takes place. During this time the generations join to beseech heaven to send the Saviour. It is a time of preparation. A wreath of pines decorated with four candles, representing the four pre-Yule Sundays, is lit to show that the light is drawing near to penetrate the darkness. Then the secret and exciting preparations for the great celebration begin.

St. Nicholas Day

Usually the Saint and his servant, Knecht Ruprecht (a figure which was taken from primitive Germanic beliefs, where he was revered and dreaded as the leader of God Wotan's wild band) visit the children on the evening of the 5th. The children know St. Nicholas to be a kind bishop (thereby referring to bishop Myra, who in 350 A. D. rescued poor and tortured children by a miracle, according to the legend).

However, in some places customs have confused the two figures and changed St. Nicholas into a punishing, dark fellow, then called "Pelzmertel." St. Nicholas, the bishop, is the Christchild's emissary. From a golden book he reads the good and bad deeds of the children, commends and reproves, recalls the coming event, advises the children to be good and heralds peaceful times for those who are of good-will.

The three Thursdays of the Advent Season are called Klopfeitage, particularly observed in Southern Germany. At dusk, children wearing paper crowns and carrying glittering stars on long poles walk from door to door, singing Advent songs. They are rewarded with "Kletzen-

brot" (bread and dried fruits), a mark, or nuts and almonds.

The "Copper," the "Silver," and the "Golden Sunday," as the three Sundays preceding Christmas are called, used to be busy days for family shopping and walks through the splendidly decorated streets. In the country, butchering and meat smoking start after the Silver Sunday, and sauerkraut is prepared. (An old peasant's proverb holds that to eat sauerkraut on Christmas and New Year will keep away illness.)

The famous "Weihnachts" or "Christstollen" are baked with a yeast dough, butter and eggs, sliced almonds, candied peel and orangeade. Baking Christmas cookies is a ritual, and housewives proudly exchange samples.

On December 23 the Christmas tree is put up. Martin Schongauer, a well-known German painter, put up the first Christmas tree in the 15th century. He decorated it with apples, nuts and sugar candies. Since that time

many new gadgets have been invented to ornament the tree, including colorful glass balls, gold and silver bands and many imaginative details.

But most important of all are the candles, symbolizing the intrinsic value of the event, the birth of Christ. Once the Christmas tree has found its place in the room, the door is locked. The presents are displayed, usually unwrapped, and expectation climbs.

Candles lit on Christmas Eve

On Christmas eve the candles are lit, and a little bell rings announcing that the "Christkind" has entered the home. The door is opened and flooded by candlelight. First the father reads the Christmas story from the Bible, prayers are said in gratitude for spiritual and material gifts, and for the deceased. Christmas carols are sung and Christmas wishes heartily exchanged. The presents are then opened, as they are all over the world.

The time until midnight mass, called the *Mette*, is spent in happy and cheerful togetherness. In the country and up in the mountains people start out early. Sometimes they have more than a two or three hours' walk to their parish church. At midnight, the bells of each church in Germany chime the birth of the Christ-child and announce joyful celebrations in church.

A custom which might have been introduced by churchgoers living a great distance from their parish is the serving of "Mettwurst" after midnight mass. These sausages are served with hot wine or beer. No night equals this Christmas night. It is a night filled with joy and peace.

After Christmas dinner, the afternoon is dedicated to visits with family and friends. The following day is another holiday: the church commemorates the death of the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen. This is the first of the "Twelve Holy Nights," a season during which according to legend "wild bands" haunt the country. Christians burn incense and inscribe crosses on their doors with white chalk. As the wind howls in the chimney many a devout Christian folds his hands in prayer for his loved ones.



library notes

Miriam Steward

Library topic: Which music is music?

Music will be the topic of our December 17 program at the Main Library, Crump Hall, especially arranged for our musically-oriented patrons. James Carlsen, professor at the University of Washington and a Fulbright senior researcher in music psychology, will discuss the role that music plays in the lives of people. A practical demonstration of appreciative listening to music will follow his introduction.

Professor Carlsen is staying in Berlin with his wife, a psychologist, and their four children for the academic year, teaching at the State Institute for Music Research

(Staatliche Institut fuer Musik). Before he came to Germany, Carlsen was chairman of the Music Education Research Council, a member of the International Society for Music Education, and is still active in curriculum change in music education in American schools.

The program will be Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Crump Hall Library. Please be our guest. The library has recently received three or four truly excellent books on music appreciation and musical theory which may further add to your enjoyment.

Have a good week, and keep reading!

Yule lights permitted

The policy on exterior Christmas lighting applicable to Berlin has been changed. The policy is now:

- Exterior Christmas lights are permitted;
- Lighting of Nativity scenes and Hannukkah Menorahs at chapels is permitted.

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Taxis set DM 1 'crisis surcharge'

Anyone who rides Berlin's taxis very often should know that the drivers are now charging a DM 1 "crisis surcharge" to offset the increased cost of fuel. The new surcharge went into effect Tuesday. Taximeters have not yet been changed.

Until they are, the drivers will simply add the DM 1 charge to the fare shown on the meter. For example, if the meter shows the fare is DM 4, the passenger will be charged DM 5. (Photo by Lucas Hutton)