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4-6 SGT gets to top

by Randy Cumber

The Zone may be a bummer for some, but not for the All The Way soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry. They like the field so much, it inspires them to reenlist!

Unable to wait until the return to Berlin, Sergeant First Class Sherman L. Johns, Sergeant Dennis W. Gould, and Specialist 4 Ricky L. Creager took the oath from the battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Kattar, during the "ALL THE WAY" Battalion's recent Zone Trip to Grafenwoehr.

While SFC Johns preferred a more traditional ceremony, SGT Gould and SP4 Creager, younger and, it is presumed, more eager to do things differently, re-upped under more imaginative circumstances. Standing at the top of a pyramid formed by the NCOs of his platoon, SGT Gould of Company B swore his allegiance in the snow. Later that same day, SP4 Creager, also of Company B, took the oath while in a helicopter high above the Company's MTA location.



Taking their responsibility to support the men of their platoon literally, the NCOs of Sergeant Dennis W. Gould's platoon form a pyramid atop which he takes the oath of reenlistment from Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. Kattar, battalion commander. Bottom row, left to right: SGT Jones, SGT Curtis, SSG Roach, SGT Long. Top row, left to right: SSG Riggins, SGT Mussur, SGT Mostick.

(Photo by Randy Cumber)

Dinner & Dancing

The yearly dinner dance for local national employees who have completed 20-25 years of service with the U. S. Forces here will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the "Praelat Schoeneberg" in the Schoeneberg district.

This year the dance will be a combined affair with representatives from the Army, Air Force, U. S. Mission, and the Berlin Exchange Region in attendance. Approximately 140 local nationals are expected to attend the dance, along with spouses, supervisors, division chiefs, and U. S. military and civilian dignitaries of the Command.

Music for the dinner dance will be provided by the West Berlin Police Force band, conducted by Werner Deinert.

Walker meets teachers

Teachers from the Berlin-American community were hosted at a reception in the Harnack house last Wednesday by Major General Sam S. Walker, United States Commander, Berlin.

The reception was for the purpose of introducing the area's teachers to the general and his wife. During the hour-long reception General Walker spoke briefly to the assembled educators and guests, followed by talks from Mr. Paul Britton, principal of Berlin American High School, and Mr. Boice Winchester, principal of Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School.

Ohio state bonus

HEIDELBERG — The state of Ohio is looking for veterans eligible to receive a state bonus.

To receive the bonus a veteran must have served on active duty during at least one of two periods and have had legal residence in Ohio for at least a full year immediately before his service. This service must have been as follows: in Vietnam only, between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964; service in any part of the world, between August 5, 1964 and July 1, 1973.

Anyone who thinks he qualifies for the bonus may request a bonus application form from the Director, Ohio Vietnam Veterans Bonus Commission, 79 E. State St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.



Racing down wind swept slopes of Bavaria is just one of many exciting pastimes waiting for the lucky soldier on USA-REUR's special pass program. Under this program a soldier can travel by duty train to the lovely resort town of Garmisch. (U. S. Army photo)

Pass Program

by Lou A. Kirkpatrick

Many is the soldier who moans his fate of being "stuck" here in Berlin. For anyone who cares to look, there are loads of reasons why this just isn't so. One of the places to start looking is Recreation Services.

The USAREUR Special Pass Program is one big reason. With this project a soldier can travel all the way to Garmisch at government expense, and not even have it charged against his leave.

For the family man, dependent travel can be arranged. Babies held on laps are not counted. However, larger dependents count as an allocation on the train.

The 72-hour pass starts once you have registered for housing and have received an orientation on the activities at the Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC). The orientation is done by a AFRC representative who travels with the group on the train.

Twenty-five allocations are given to Berlin each month, the only stipulation being that 50 per cent of the group be E-4 and below. After all the junior enlisted apply, any excess slots are thrown open to senior enlisted and officers.

Once you make it to the beautiful Bavarian country surrounding Garmisch, there are a number of alternatives open to you. Skiing, sailing, golfing, tennis, and tours are just a few possibilities. \$75 per person is usually considered a fair sum to take along to cover housing, entertainment and food.

Interested individuals should call Mrs. Nannette Porter of the Recreation Services Tours Office, 6523.

THE COLOR GUARD of 4-6 impressed the residents of Kemnath at the parade held at the end of 4-6's recent trip to Grafenwoehr. The zone trip was unusual in many aspects. For the story and more photos, see page 3. (Photo by Michael McCollum)



sailing

by

HAL SHANAFIELD
AYCB boatswain



Have you ever wondered what the dyed-in-the-wool sailor does in the winter when the snow flies and the water is frozen? The answer is simple: lots of things.

First of all there is a lot of maintenance to be pulled on boats which have been used all season long. At the American Yacht Club Berlin (AYCB), for instance, we will shortly be pulling our club boat out of the water to repair the ravages of a hard season's sailing. We will be scrubbing, sanding, and then waxing the hull of the boat, replacing broken gear, and weaving new halyards through the mast. The sailmaker will get a chance to go over our club sails to fix any torn or worn spots, and to add patches to the spots that seem to be chafing. In short, we will be trying to put our boat in the best shape possible for the upcoming season.

When you can't be out on the water, the next best thing is reading and talking about sailing. The Stars and Stripes bookstore and the various libraries have a good selection of books and magazines about sailing. The off season is the best time to read them and pick up tips so no sailing time is lost during the season.

During the winter the AYCB plans a series of meetings, lectures, and movies about sailing in general, and racing in particular, to prepare ourselves for next year. The first of these meetings will take place next Sunday at 7:30 p.m., in the AYCB clubrooms at the Wannsee Recreation Center. We will be setting up a program for the winter months, planning parties, and (hopefully) showing movies. Everyone should plan to attend. New members are cordially invited to come along and get acquainted with us.

Signal upsets H & S, FSB

by Kevin McNickle

A revitalized Signal Co. upset H & S, FSB, unbeaten in their last 11 games, by a score of 8-6 in Andrews League flag football.

H & S scored on a razzle dazzle pass play that not only fooled the Signal defense but also one of the officials. H & S's Larry Newton made the catch and with a bit of fancy footwork and twisty hips scored the first points of the game. A motion penalty on the try for the extra point brought the ball back five yards to the eight yard line. From here Bob Smith, Signal linebacker, knocked down the extra point try. The half ended with H&S leading 6-0.

With four minutes to play in the game, Signal had the ball on their own 33 yard line, third and seven. QB Pat Valentini produced a pressure pass to end Calvin Johnson who made a nifty catch between two defenders for a first down on the H & S 19 yard line. Three plays later the ball was on the H & S one yard line, fourth and one. QB Pat Valentini, behind fine blocking of the Signal line, ran a QB sneak for the score. The try for point was stopped, but a pass interference call gave Signal a second chance. Rene Redmon ran for the decisive two points. H & S took the kickoff and moved the ball to the Signal 30 yard line with some fine running by Basil Hunt before a fourth down pass fell incomplete as time expired.

Sports are rounded

by Ion R. Oman

The flag football season is nearing an end for all but the Vanguard League. The 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry just returned from West Germany and will be forced to play an abbreviated schedule in order to complete their regular season by the November 23 deadline.

Each of the five sports leagues will enter their first and second place team in the Brigade Championships. Additionally, both Andrews and McNair Barracks will enter their best third place team as a "Wild Card Entry." A total of 12 teams will be in the Brigade Championships.

The two "Wild Card" entries should make competition more exciting and will give the dark horse contestants an opportunity to topple the first and second place winners from each league.

This season the flag football championships will be conducted at McNair Barracks on Defender Field. The first day of play will be Nov. 25 and the Championships will end Dec. 1. Games will not be played on Thanksgiving Day.

The 1974 Army-Air Force flag football All Star Game will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday. AFN-TV will film the

contest which will be played on the AYA football field. This game should prove to be one of the highlights of the season.

Changing the ball to a rounder one, let's talk basketball. The season is fast approaching. Fans who are interested in watching a few games and making a few bucks should think seriously about becoming a member of the Berlin Athletic Officials Association (BAOA). A basketball officials clinic will be conducted today from 6-9 p.m. at the Sports Center Gym. tomorrow and Sunday the clinic will move to Andrews Gym beginning at 9 a.m. If you miss the first day, there's no penalty, come out the second or third day. Jerry Glascock and Wayne Clarke are conducting the clinic in coordination with the BAOA.

The women need not feel left out this basketball season. A women's basketball league is being organized through the Sports Office. The games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. Interested women (WAC's and dependents) should contact the Sports Office for further details.

Team holds tight second

by Marcel Rodriguez

The winds of fate were on the Berlin American Soccer Team last Saturday. The never-say-die team came to the playing field with the knowledge that second place hung in the balance. No American team has been this high before in the Berlin Industrial City League standings. BASC knew that a loss would drop them to third place. The top two teams automatically advance to the second division at the end of the season. BASC has two more games left.

The team played one of the finest games of the year. The opposing team, Guhring FC, had won their last four games in a row. BASC opened the game with an aggressive offense, but could not score until the second half. Mid-fielder Larry Reynolds kicked what seemed like a pass into the upper left corner of the goal for the lead. With three minutes left, Guhring was awarded an indirect kick directly in front of our goal. They scored to tie the game at one apiece. Things looked really bad when team captain Ken Salmon was red carded out of the game by the partial referee. No substitute is allowed on a red card penalty. Guhring began to play "keepaway" ball

control from our offense. Their goalie, unable to kick the ball away from his penalty due to our pressing offense, lost his complacency and shoved the ball into the feet of one of our players. Normally this infraction of the rules is worth a yellow card and a direct kick. The direct kick is from 11 meters away on a one-on-one basis but the partial referee allowed an indirect kick for Guhring's players were able to stand in front of the goal and protect it. Our first shot bounced back to one of our players, who shot and hit one of their players. After a scramble for the ball, Maryland All-American Pete Milhado drilled the ball over their heads for a 2-1 lead and what should have been the game. Whistles evoked from the spectators and our players, my watch there were less than 30 seconds to play, the referee waited another three minutes to blow the whistle and end the game.

The showdown is set for the game with third place Draeger FC. The game will be played tomorrow at 11 p.m. in Spandauer Damm next to the West End Hospital in Spandau. Seating reservations are being taken by TCA sports office or TSgt Rodriguez at 5317.

Army, Air Force to meet here

by Marty Best

The coaches and captains of the Andrews flag football leagues met Tuesday to pick their representatives to try out for the Army All Star Team, which plays the Air Force All Stars Sunday, 1 p.m. at the AYA field.

Eighteen tough, rugged and skilled individuals were chosen from the nine team contingent. H & S Co., FSB, defending Berlin champions, led the selections with five representatives. The MP's and HHC, Special Troops, each placed four players. Signal Company and Company A, FSB, each put two men on the squad, with Hospital placing one man.

The coaches for Sunday's battle were supposed to be Rufus Magee of MP Company and "Pop" Hansen of H & S, FSB, but Hansen can't make it so he'll be replaced by Marty Best of HHC. Magee and Hansen are coaches

of Andrews' first place teams and each team has a good chance to win the Brigade title.

The Andrews Awesome Offense: Rene Redmon, Signal; Basil Hunt, H & S, FSB; Charly Spencer, MP; Robert Kamal, Co. A, FSB; Dan Goodrich, MP; Dan Combs, Signal; Chuck Swannack, HHC; Jim Burt, H & S, FSB; and Bruce Peltier, HHC.

The Andrews Deadly Defense: Bob Burns, MP; Bob Dance, Co. A, FSB; Jerry Alley, H & S, FSB; Kent Walsh, H & S, FSB; Ed Behr, HHC; Joe Hilt, Hosp.; Marty Israel, MP; Jim Jacobs, HHC; and Sean Walden, H & S, FSB.

The McNair leagues will each provide nine All Stars so the coaches will start off with 45 men and narrow down to 25 for the clash with the fly guys the day after tomorrow. My prediction: Army over Air Force 21-3.

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U.S. events

November 15 — Andrews League Football: 42nd Engineers vs Co. B, FSB
November 16 — Soccer: BASC vs Draeger FC in Charlottenburg
November 17 — Army-Air Force All Star Football Game
November 18 — Vanguard League Football: HHC vs Co. B
November 18 — Vanguard League Football: CSC vs Co. C
November 21 — Vanguard League Football: Co. A vs Co. B
November 21 — Vanguard League Football: HHC vs CSC
November 22 — Vanguard League Football: HHC vs Co. C
November 22 — Vanguard League Football: CSC vs Co. B
November 23 — Soccer: BASC vs Berlin college
November 30 — Soccer: BASC vs Berliner Fertigung in Neukölln (This is a make-up game cancelled due to rain.)

AFN TV

SATURDAY, November 16
1:05 p.m. — Football: Colorado vs Nebraska
2:15 p.m. — Evil Knievel
2:40 p.m. — Football: Memphis vs Portland
SUNDAY
11:25 a.m. — Football: Oakland vs San Francisco
1:45 p.m. — College Football '74
2:25 p.m. — American Sportsman
MONDAY
8 p.m. — Football: Los Angeles vs San Francisco

sport watch

SPECIAL
Saturday, November 23, AFN-TV will present live the Ohio State vs Michigan football game at 7 p.m.

ANDREWS LEAGUES			
A Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
287th MP Co	6	1	.857
592nd Sig Co	6	2	.750
42nd Eng Co	3	4	.429
HHC Sp Trps	3	4	.429
Service Co	0	6	.000
B Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB
H&S, FSB	6	1	.857
Co A, FSB	4	3	.571
Co B, FSB	3	4	.429
Hospital	0	6	.000

McNAIR LEAGUES			
2-6 Inf			
W	L	Pct.	GB
C/94th FA	5	0	1.000
CSC	4	2	.666
B	3	2	.600
HHC	2	3	.400
A	1	3	.250
C	0	5	.000
4-6 Inf			
W	L	Pct.	GB
A	1	0	1.000
B	1	0	1.000
HHC	0	0	—
C	0	1	.000
CSC	0	1	.000
3-6 Inf			
W	L	Pct.	GB
C	7	1	.875
A	6	1	.857
B	4	4	.500
HHC	4	4	.500
Drill Tm	3	6	.333
40th Armor	3	6	.333
CSC	2	7	.222

German events

ICE HOCKEY
At Eissporthalle in the back of Deutschlandhalle
November 17, 3 p.m. — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs F. C. Rissensee
November 27, 7:30 p.m. — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs Dynamo Weisswasser

AMATEUR BOXING
November 17, 10 a.m. — Hertha B.S.C. vs B.C. Velbert at TAVERNE, Lützowplatz

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE
November 22-26 — International Horse Riding and Jumping Tournament. On November 22 at 2:30 and 7 p.m. on November 23, 24, 25 at 7 p.m., and on November 26 at 2:30 and 7 p.m.

SOCCER
SUNDAY, 10:30 a.m. —
BFC Südring vs BBC Südost Kreuzberg
Kreuzbergstrasse
SUNDAY, 2 p.m. —
Blau Weiss 90 vs Kickers 1900 Mariendorf
Spandauer SV vs BSV 92 Spandau, Neuedorferstrasse
1. FC Neukölln vs Westend 01 Neukölln
Hertzbergplatz
Hertha Zehlendorf vs Alemania 90 Zehlendorf, Siebenendenweg
November 16, 3:30 p.m. — Tennis Borussia vs Hertha BSC, OLYMPIC STADIUM

HORSE RACES
Mariendorfer Damm 222-298
Trotting Races at the Mariendorfer Damm
Tracks are scheduled for Sunday at 2 p.m. with the DM 8,000 Flieger-Pokal — International Standard Race. On Wednesday trotting races begin at 2 p.m.

A different kind of zone trip



AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE was on hand for the parade at Kemnath. Although the town of Kemnath is not what you would call large, many hundreds of people turned out to see

the men of 4-6 and the 1st Battalion, KOSB, on parade. Music for the parade was provided by two bagpipers from the KOSB.

The 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry returned to Berlin last week after an interesting three-week visit to the 7th Army Training Center at Grafenwoehr (better known to the troops as "Graf").

What could be interesting about a trip to "Graf"? Well, the fact that 4-6 wasn't living at the training center might have something to do with it. Then again, the fact that they were spread out over a 30-kilometer radius and billeted in small German villages is pretty interesting.

The first 18 days of the zone trip were like most others, in that 4-6 spent those days firing the battalion's weapons — from personal to crew-served company-level weapons, including the 4.2 inch mortar and TOW missiles. The remainder of the trip was where the difference from other zone trips could be seen.

Company B was located in the small town of Fichtelberg, situated in the beautiful Bavarian hills. After a heavy snowfall, the town resembled a scene that would have made a lovely Christmas card. In this setting of evergreen trees and snow, the men of Bravo went back to school. An unused schoolhouse was rented from the village to use as a command post. From this un-military setting the soldiers ranged over the surrounding farms and pastures on cross-country skis.

Company B was set up on a local farm. The farmer allowed Bravo to use the land in exchange for the company's edible garbage, which he then used to feed farm animals. The arrangement also solved the problem of Bravo having to haul away their own garbage. When asked what his preference was, Staff Sergeant Charles Smiroldo replied, "I like living in the village a lot better. It's really great here and the Germans are very friendly. The only bad thing about being up here is that it takes

an hour to get to 'Graf', but other than that, it's really nice."

Georg Weissman, who lives in the village of Fichtelberg, said "the only time most of the local townspeople see the 'Amis' is when they are driving by on their trucks. Having them here with us in the village allows us to see how the soldiers live and work. We like having them here, they are very friendly."

The German children, like children everywhere, were curious about the soldiers and could always be seen in the immediate area — just watching. The firehouse next door to the company loaned the men a hose so they could be supplied with water. It seemed quite evident that Bravo Company was welcome in the village.

Combat Support Company had a people problem that was dealt with quite effectively. It seemed that curious people were constantly around the company area getting in the way. There were so many people interested in the company's activities that Captain Leo Tate, company commander, decided to hold an open house one day to allow them to come out and see what a combat support company was made of.

In the driving rain and knee-high mud, over 450 people turned out to take a look at one of the "All The Way" companies. The Bavarians were given the opportunity to look in the tents where the men lived, a weapons demonstration was held, and refreshments, provided by the battalion mess section, were quickly consumed. In addition, the children were given rides on Gamma Goats and jeeps.

On the final day in the Grafenwoehr area, the men of 4-6 and the 1st Battalion, Kings Own Scottish Borderers, (who had been training with 4-6 as aggressor forces) regrouped in the small town of Kemnath. It was here that



MUD, MUD, AND MORE MUD. Inclement weather, soft ground, and heavy vehicles combined to make Combat Support Company a veritable island in an ocean of mud. Although somewhat tongue-in-cheek, this signpost proved to be all too true. (Photo by Randy Cummer)

the U.S. and British forces put on a parade for the Bavarians. Because of a slight mishap, the 2nd Cavalry Dragoon Band wasn't able to arrive in time for the parade. Consequently, the residents of Kemnath were treated to the unusual sight of an American infantry battalion being led in a parade by two Scottish bagpipers. The parade included a presentation ceremony, during which the mayors and Forstmeisters of the local villages were presented with Berlin scrolls. In return, the officers of 4-6 were given locally-made beer mugs. The ceremony was followed with a pass in review by the men and their vehicles as they moved off to the local soccer field to await transportation. Through another slight mishap, the Chinook helicopters which were to fly the men to Bad Kitzingen never appeared — 4-6 wound up taking buses.

After spending the night in a gymnasium at Bad Kitzingen, the men were airlifted by C-130s to Berlin.

The 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry proved several things during their zone trip. They proved that a unit doesn't have to live in the billets during training in the zone, and that effective logistical support can be maintained to units spread out over a wide area. But more important, they proved that good German-American relations are only a smile away.

Story /Photos by Michael McCollum



BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE Visitors to the open house were given the opportunity to see how the American soldier lives while he's in the field. They got a chance to see how the soldier eats, too. Refreshments for the open house were provided by the battalion mess section.



AND THEN THE BULLET COMES OUT HERE. First Lieutenant C. K. Nishimoto of Combat Support Company explains to some of the local townspeople

the intricacies of the M-16. A weapons demonstration was just one of the events provided for the Bavarians who came to view CSC's open house.

WHY Can't I get promoted?

It happens every time a promotion list is published. Letters by the score arrive at MILPERCEN, DCSPER, SMA and at a dozen other addresses.

They all read alike. Only the names and service numbers are different. Each seeks an answer to the gnawing, imponderable question: Why Didn't I Get Promoted?

The letters are written by good soldiers who believe they are doing their best.

Take this one from an old soldier in Third Army:



Upon completion of the last E-9 promotion board, I found it hard to believe my name did not appear. I know my records should be clear. I am dumb-founded as to why I was not selected. I would appreciate a complete records audit and any help and/or advice you could give towards bettering myself. Being a trouble-shooting First Sergeant, it's hard to get away to take care of personal business, especially so far away"

Or this one from an E-6 stationed in Germany:

"I've checked the last promotion list for E-7's and it seems my name is not on it. I've tried to find out what I needed through my chain of command and I feel I received an unsatisfactory answer"

An E-8 in the mid-West put his question point-blank: "Who on God's green earth can tell me why I wasn't selected for promotion?"

There is a poignancy in each letter. Each soldier is career motivated. Each perceives himself as having "done the job" and more.

Each perceives himself as having given the Army his best.

Possible Indicators

Let's examine the OMPF (Official Military Personnel File) of each of these non-commissioned officers and see what may have been the reason for non-selection. Keep in mind we are only looking at possible indicators in the file. We do not know what discussion went on among promotion board members as they voted on the merits of each soldier in the zone of consideration.

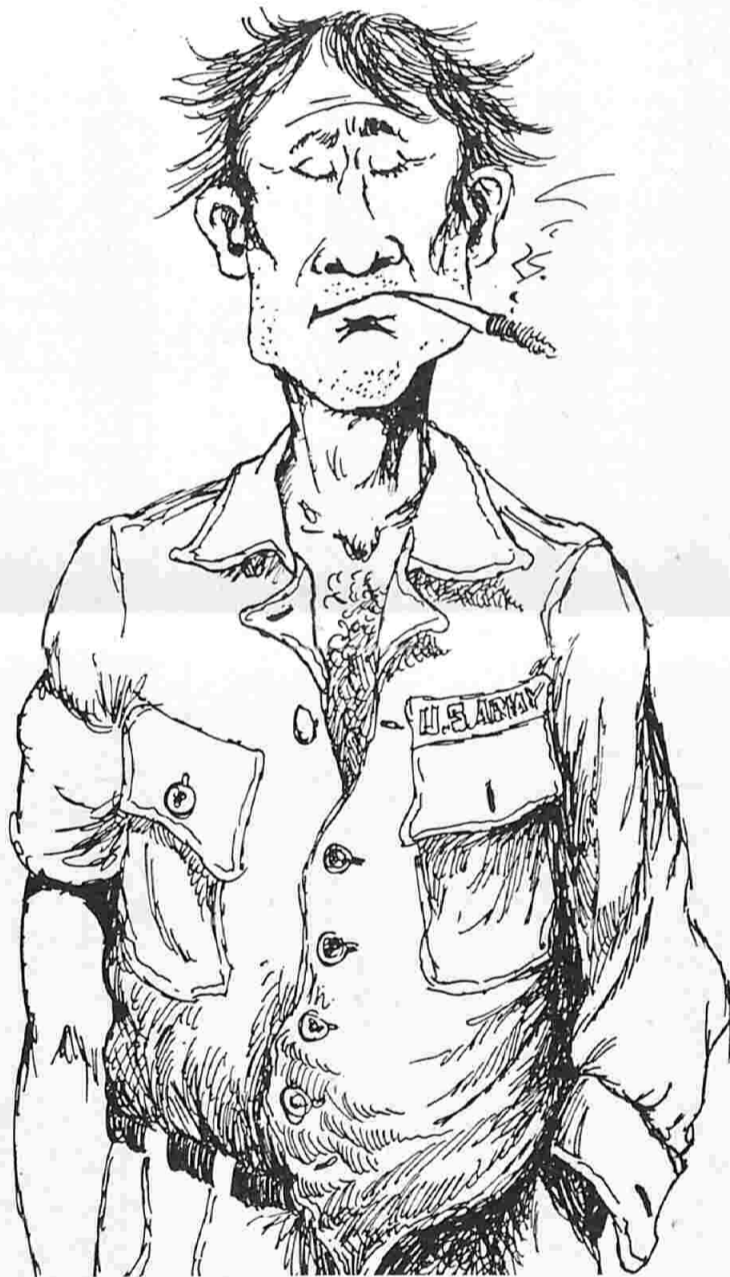
First, the busy first sergeant. He's 45 years old and has 27 years service. His file dates back to 1947. He served first in the Navy, then joined the Army. With the exception of minor breaks in service, he has been regular Army all the way. His file contains MOS evaluations dating to 1960 and efficiency reports from 1964. The most recent MOS test score reads 126 for his primary (15Z50) and 94 for his secondary (71L50). His file contains several letters of commendation and appreciation. Frankly the file looks good. But — for some reason — he was not selected. Possible reasons are:

- Low secondary MOS score.
- Enlisted Efficiency Report Weighted Average (EERWA) was only 119 at the time the board convened, and 119 was average for E-8's Armywide at that time.
- Minimal effort to attend any military schools and no effort to strengthen his civilian education since his 1953 GED (General Education Development) equivalency.
- In three more years, QMP will require him to retire. What is his real potential and contribution as an E-9?

These factors plus a 15-25 per cent selection rate may have influenced non-selection.

Next, the staff sergeant stationed in Germany. Possible reasons for his non-selection to E-7:

- Average and below average PMOS evaluation test scores.
- Neither qualified for nor been awarded a secondary MOS as required by current directives. (It's a must for E-6 and above.)



- A recent Article 15 (for a serious offense).
- An EER for July to January that boasted three excellent ratings and three above average. The rater marked him in the middle of "promote ahead" and "promote with" contemporaries.
- The file shows attendance at an NCO academy in 1970 and a leadership course in 1973.
- DA Form 20 says high school GED equivalency in 1969, but nothing in the OMPF to back it up. The file does show he tried and failed a GED test in 1962.
- No effort to further civilian education despite proximity to education centers in the last 5 years.

These factors should not be considered decisive. But when only 20-35 per cent can be selected from an outstanding field, everything in the file assumes added significance.

Now, let's examine the OMPF of the E-8 in the Midwest. He faced tough competition. Only the top 20 per cent could be selected when his records came before the E-9 promotion board.

Weak areas in his file include:

- EERWA of 109. A weighted score of 121 is average for his grade.
- The last EER considered by the board showed five "excellents" and one "outstanding." Earlier EERs had been max. Performance has been slipping since Nov. 71.

- PMOS score was 105 when the board looked at his file. That's barely average for his grade, skill level and MOS. (Since then his MOS score dropped to 95. He won't even be considered by the Sergeants Major Academy board when it meets.)

- PMOS proficiency scores have been dropping since 1971; SMOS score of 84 is well below average.

Past Laurels Not Enough

The chief of his division in the career management field pointed these factors out in a letter and added "I am telling you as gently as I can that you are currently non-competitive for promotion, in my personal view. Past laurels will not get you to E-9; if you really want it, then get to work. No one else is going to do it for you."

Analysis of these three files points up reasons why a non-com may not have been selected for promotion:

- Low EERs.
- Low MOS scores.
- Lack of a SMOS and a good score to go with it.
- Failure to improve both military and civilian education.
- Failure to insure all awards and citations get into the OMPF. Each of these areas can be corrected by the soldier — if he really wants to get promoted.

As an eager E-5 wrote recently:

"I enjoy my job, I relish the pressure, and the hours are only a challenge. . . . But can you explain to me why I'm still an E-5. . . . I could have been promoted three times in the last eight months in my SMOS. Explain this to me. Yet, I still have a positive mental attitude. I'm positive that I am being screwed to the wall. Have no fear, for as I walk deeper into the valley of death, I will not quit. No demon will drive me to my knees. My next year will be more productive than my first. But what is the reward?"

He got it.

He's been E-6 for some time now. And he's driving hard for E-7.



HOW Can I get promoted?



Get up a little earlier on test day and review your notes. Go into the test with confidence, knowing you are prepared and you are going to improve your score.

Max EERs

Second, strive for nothing less than an outstanding EER. If you're really a professional soldier, this is already your objective. If you want to be a pro, aim high. Look for tasks that guarantee a challenge and increased responsibility. Volunteer for jobs that require ingenuity, leadership, and your best effort.

Your supervisor has to rate you each year. Get together with him or her and go over your performance. Don't wait until a week before the rating is due. Find out where you stand and what you need to do to improve your performance.

Look at your personal copies of past EERs. Are you moving up or down? Why? How do you stack up in each of the six categories? If you have doubts, rate yourself low and work for improvement.



If you haven't received an EER in the last year, chances are the Enlisted Personnel Center at Ft. Ben doesn't have one either. If they don't have it, your promotion opportunity may be dwindling.

What happens if you get an EER you consider unfair? Take it up with the rater and reviewer. Most supervisors are generally reasonable. If a compromise can't be reached, your personnel officer can tell you how to rebut or to appeal a bad report. Redress machinery works, but rest assured your request will be carried with a fine-tooth comb. Don't argue poor performance; it has a way of haunting you. If you're a pro — act like one.

Secondary MOS

Third, choose and qualify for a SMOS. It's a must for all E-6's and above. If you haven't made your preference known, better get with the program. Absence of this qualification in the OMPF of potential E-7's is hard to explain. The void may stand out during the board's review.

If you're an E-5 and you haven't opted for a SMOS, better get crackin'. The sooner you

choose, the sooner you can start working on qualification. High scores in PMOS and SMOS areas strengthen your case. They tell the promotion board — here's a comer. This soldier has his act together and he's going places.

Pursue Further Education

Fourth, take advantage of the opportunities for advanced military and civilian education. Although NCOES is not a requirement for promotion, it does help narrow the gap between close and selection. NCOES is now a reality and the opportunity is there. Getting tabbed for a school says this soldier is a charger; he or she wants to be a pro, wants to get ahead. Good grades will strengthen your knowledge in MOS testing, too.

How about a college course or two? Thousands of soldiers are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Some installations have fantastic arrangements with area colleges and universities. Your education center has reams of material about educational opportunities.

Awards and Achievements

Fifth, don't slough off awards and certificates of achievement. They count. Make sure copies get to your OMPF at Ft. Ben. Chances are that if you are an outstanding performer, the goodies will take care of themselves.

One thing more, make certain your OMPF contains an up-to-date photograph. It's important so the board can see what a hard-charger like you looks like. If you haven't posed for such a photo, see your personnel specialist — he can fill you in.

Finally, the most important person in the promotion process is you. It's like the old fable where two boys planned to destroy the credibility of the town's wisest man.

They caught a bird with the idea of asking the old man what they had in their hands. If the old man said, "A bird," they would reply, "Yes, but is it alive or dead." If the wise man said the bird was dead, the boys would release it. Should he say it was alive, the boys would crush it.

The confrontation came before a crowd who had gathered around the old man to listen to his wise philosophy. The youths challenged him to identify what they had in their hands.

"It is a bird," the old man replied.

"Yes," said the boys, "but is it dead or alive?"

The wise old man looked them straight in the eye and said: "It's in your hands."

So is your promotion.



And, verily, it gives
A precedent of hope, a spur of action
To the whole corps, if once in their remembrance
An old, deserving soldier makes his way.

—Friedrich Schiller: Wallenstein 1798

There is something on an Army post that triggers a sixth sense and announces a promotion list is about to be disclosed. It's uncanny, like the way a flight of Canada geese lifts off a northern marsh and heads south, knowing nature is about to bring down the curtain on summer and winter is only a brief intermission away.

Career soldiers know.

They know also the ecstasy and the agony inherent in each list.

Winners and losers.

For some, joy better described as astonishment. For others, dismay born of denial.

How can I get promoted?

Promotion boards are instructed to consider the whole-man as they review each file. Within this evaluation concept, five areas are clearly shaped by the soldier who intends to climb the promotion ladder.

Improve MOS Score

First, take a look at your last PMOS score. If you're just average for your grade or a few points above average, your work is cut out for you. Average or slightly above average marks just won't hack it. Your PMOS score is 60 per cent of the weight in determining your Enlisted Evaluation Report Weighted Average (EERWA). You alone control the big end of the stick. If you pray for promotion, give some effort to improving your score. This is critical. The competition is keen if the board is told to choose the top 20 or 30 per cent. Close only counts in penny-pitching and horse shoes. The solution is to study.

Impose Self-Discipline

About three months before your PMOS comes up for testing, your personnel office will have the MOS Study Guide. It's a tailor-made reference on the subjects and situations you are likely to find on the MOS test.

Get a copy of the guide and dig in. Establish a sound, systematic study program. Some soldiers pick one night a week for four hours of concentrated study. Three months later they are ready for the test. Some prepare outlines. Others develop questions which may be similar to what they expect to find on the test. The key is self-discipline. Make notes. After you study a chapter or section, close the book and mentally review what you have studied. Ask yourself: What are the key points in what I just read?

Get a good night's sleep before the test.

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'Golden Gate' in Berlin

If the evening delivers what the publicity promises, it should be a zany pop concert at the Philharmonie tonight at 9 p.m. when Udo Lindenberg and his Panic Orchestra mix rock with Dixieland and ragtime. I don't know exactly what Udo has up his sleeve, but I'll be there to find out.

There's no question about what's awaiting visitors at the Philharmonie Sunday evening at 8 p.m., because these fellows have been around for some time and still deliver quality entertainment. The group in question is none other than the Golden Gate Quartet, which still has its fans for their mellow sound. As always they will have spirituals, gospel and blues in their repertoire.

Quite a number of years younger, and representing a far different kind of music, are the four Swedes scheduled to appear twice in the Hochschule fuer Musik next Friday, November 22. At 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Annfried, Benny, Agnetha and Bjorn will undoubtedly sing and play to a pretty full house. Their latest hit — "Honey Honey" — has been one of the most popular recordings here and in the States. Now you know that the group is ABBA, the beginning letter of each name. Let's hope they've brought along lots more swinging titles.

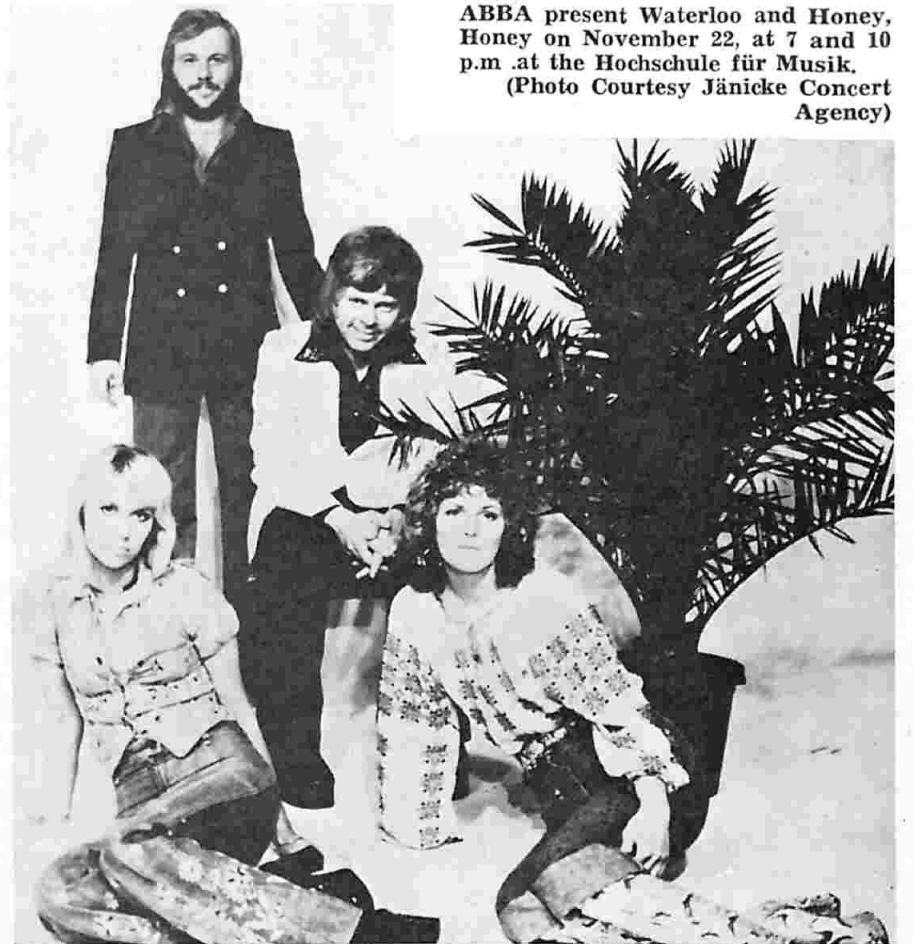
The guest star at the Theater des Westens next Friday and Saturday night (10:30 p.m.) isn't everybody's cup of tea — he's been referred to as an Austrian Andy Warhol. Andre Heller from Vienna is a poet, a singer,

an entertainer, composer and actor who combines aggression with a melancholy tone in a new kind of personality show. Since the language is one of his basic "instruments" one should know German very well in order to understand the full impact of Heller's message.

Surprise! The biggest horse sports event of the year is taking place for the second time in 1974! This unusual happening is due to the fact that the timing for this annual event is being changed from January to November. The International Riding and Jumping Tournament was always together with Green Week, but this was bad timing for the participants, who had usually put in a break between seasons at this time. This meant that the horses weren't in top shape and not all the best riders participated. The Deutschlandhalle hopes that the new dates (November 22-26 this year) will find favor with the active riders as well as with the public.

One thing is for sure — this horse show is quality all the way around. Only the best riders have been invited to participate in the jumping and dressage competition. For the first time in the history of this event, a show picture (which is on each evening) is coming from South America. "Escuadra Azul," which means the blue squadron, is the famous Argentine police squad on horseback. What they perform on horseback is really quite something. Keep a couple of evenings free for the horse show! More about it next week.

ABBA present Waterloo and Honey, Honey on November 22, at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Hochschule für Musik. (Photo Courtesy Jänicke Concert Agency)



RADIO Saturday

- (November 16)
- 0:00 World News and Markets
 - 0:05 Night Time Experience
 - 2:00 Echoes in Sports
 - 2:05 Jonathan Field and Friends
 - 3:05 Bill Stewart
 - 4:00 Fire Report
 - 4:05 Bill Stewart
 - 5:00 Bobby Troup
 - 5:55 This is AFN
 - 6:05 C & W Hit Parade
 - 7:00 World News
 - 7:05 Johnny Darin
 - 8:00 News, Sports and Markets
 - 8:15 Morning Request Show
 - 9:45 Berlin in Review
 - 10:00 World News
 - 10:05 History of Country Music

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

- 10:50 This is Living
- 11:00 World News
- 11:05 Jim Pewter
- 12:00 News and Sports
- 12:15 Around the Town
- 12:45 Any Questions?
- 1:05 American Top 40 —
- 3:05 Weekend World
- 6:00 World News and Comments
- 6:10 Sports Journal
- 6:30 Focus on USAFE
- 7:00 World News — Special Announcement Summary
- 7:05 Young Sound
- 7:05 Carmen Dragon Classical Music (FM)
- 8:00 World News
- 8:05 Young Sound
- 8:05 Music From Hollywood (FM)
- 9:00 World News
- 9:05 Session
- 9:30 New Experience
- 10:05 Bill Stewart Show

Sunday

- 0:05 American Top 40
- 2:00 It's Your Life
- 2:05 Jeannie McWells
- 4:00 The American Hall of Fame
- 4:05 Young Sound — Part II
- 5:00 Jimmy Wakely
- 5:55 This is AFN
- 6:00 Just Music
- 7:05 Amen Corner
- 8:05 AFN Tree House
- 9:00 World News
- 9:05 Silhouette
- 9:30 Crossroads
- 10:00 News and Sports Scoreboard
- 10:10 East of Eden
- 10:35 Salt Lake Choir
- 11:05 Carmen Dragon Show
- 12:05 Finch Bandwagon
- 1:00 World News and Sports

- 1:15 This is Germany
- 1:30 Golden Days of Radio
- 1:55 Fire Report
- 2:00 World News
- 2:05 Weekend World
- 6:00 World News and Comments
- 6:10 Sports Journal
- 6:30 Playhouse 25
- 6:55 It's Your Life
- 7:00 World News / Special Announcement Summary
- 7:05 Jazz Scene
- 8:00 World News
- 8:05 Young Sound
- 8:05 Philadelphia Orchestra (FM)
- 9:00 World News
- 9:05 Sunday Showcase (FM)
- 9:10 Young Sound
- 10:05 Jonathan Field and Friends
- 11:05 First Hearing

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 Stereo Hit Parade; 8:00 News; 8:05 From Broadway to Hollywood; 9:00 News; 9:05 Golden Sound; 10:00 News; 10:05 Carmen Dragon; 11:00 News; 12:00 News.

Golden Sound of stereo with hourly news and at night: 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.

Weekdays

- 0:05 Pete Smith
- 1:00 News followed by the Golden Sound (FM)
- 1:05 Nightbeat
- 2:00 Special Announcement Summary or World of Wheels
- 2:05 Bob Kingsley Show
- 3:00 News followed by the Golden Sound (FM)
- 3:05 Tom Campbell
- 4:00 Stateside in Greatness
- 4:05 Roland Bynum
- 5:00 Town and Country
- 5:55 This is AFN ...
- 6:00 News and Sports
- 6:15 Good Morning, with Bryan Parry
- 6:15 Golden Sound (FM)
- 6:45 Berlin in Review, repeat from Saturday

- 6:55 Berlin "A.M." — Regional News
- 7:00 The Seven O'Clock Report
- 7:30 Good Morning, with Bryan Perry, continued
- 7:30 Berlin Bulletin Board (FM)
- 7:35 Golden Sound (FM)
- 8:00 News (FM)
- 8:05 Golden Sound (FM)
- 8:05 Good Morning with Bryan Perry (cont.)
- 9:00 News (FM)
- 9:05 Golden Sound (FM)
- 9:05 Charlie Tuna

- 10:00 News (FM)
- 10:05 Roger Carroll (T, Th)
- 10:05 Women's World (M, W, F)
- 11:00 News (FM)
- 11:05 Karl Haas, Adventures in Good Music (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)
- 11:05 Zero Hour
- 11:05 Golden Sound (FM)
- 11:30 The Lunch Bag
- 12:00 News and Sports
- 12:15 Golden Sound with news on the hour (FM)

- 12:17 The Lunch Bag
- 1:05 Don Tracy Soul Show
- 2:05 Gene Price's Country World
- 3:05 Viva (M, W, F)
- 3:05 Right On (T, Th)
- 4:05 Ralph Stinson
- 6:00 News World 90
- 7:30 Nightside
- 9:05 Concert Hall (Mon-Fri on AFN-FM)
- 9:25 Paul Harvey
- 9:35 Suspense (M)
- 9:35 Have Gun will Travel (T)
- 9:30 Life of Riley (W)
- 9:35 Mystery Theater (Th)
- 9:35 Gunsmoke (F)
- 10:00 World News and Sports with Special Announcements (FM)
- 10:25 Old Gold — Retold
- 11:05 Wolfman Jack

ON THE HOME FRONT...

ALL AMERICAN RECREATION CENTER

- Fri (November 15) — 8 p.m. — Games
- Sat SUPER IV ELIMINATIONS
- 2 p.m. — Chess
- 4 p.m. — Billiards
- 7 p.m. — Birthday Celebration
- 8 p.m. — Jazz Celler
- Sun 9 a.m. — Coffee Call
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Gift Wrapping Booth
- SUPER IV ELIMINATIONS
- 2 p.m. — Fussball
- 4 p.m. — Table Tennis
- 7 p.m. — Santa's Workshop
- 8 p.m. — Dart — Hall Of Fame — Tourney
- Tue — closed
- Wed 7:30 p.m. — Salute To Aviation Month
- 8 p.m. — Word Power

HI-LITE RECREATION CENTER

- Fri (November 15) — 7 p.m. — Spades Tournament
- Sat SUPER IV TOURNAMENT
- 2 p.m. — Chess
- 4 p.m. — Billiards
- Sun 9:30 a.m. — Coffee Call
- 10 a.m. — Make Your Own Pancakes
- 11 a.m. — Pinochle Tournament
- 2 p.m. — SUPER IV TOURNAMENT Fussball
- 4 p.m. — SUPER IV TOURNAMENT Table Tennis
- Mon — closed
- Tue 6 p.m. — Ping Pong Tournament — German Labor Svc Btn vs Hi-Lite Recr Ctr

Wed 8 p.m. — Win A Turkey Games

Thu 7 p.m. — Bridge Tournament

7 p.m. — NFL & College Football Poll

CLUB 50

- Fri (November 15) — 8 p.m.-1 a.m. — Sun Explosion
- Sat 9 p.m.-1 a.m. — The Mysteries
- Sun 7-11 p.m. — The Prophets
- Thu 7-11 p.m. — The Prophets

STARLIGHT GROVE

- Fri (November 15) — 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. Pegasus
- Sat 8:30 p.m.-0:30 a.m. — Country Squires

GATOR CLUB

- Fri (November 15) — 8 p.m.-midnight — The Edsels

HARNACK HOUSE

- Fri (November 15) — 9 p.m.-1 a.m. — The Prophets
- Thu 6-9 p.m. — Western Union — BRING YOUR NCO

TCA SILVER WINGS NCO CLUB

- Fri (November 15) — 9 p.m.-2 a.m. — Country Squires
- Disco with Bobby Jones
- Sat 9 p.m.-2 a.m. — KOF
- Sun 8 p.m.-midnight — Disco with John Michael

Wed 9 p.m.-2 a.m. — Disco with John Michael

KONTAKT

- Fri (November 15) — 6:30 p.m. — Open Karate T.A.R. School
- 8 p.m. — Ballroom Dancing Amerika Haus
- Sat 4 p.m. — Feminist C-R Group
- 5:30 p.m. — Saddle Club
- 8 p.m. — Folk Song Evening
- Sun ICE SKATING
- Mon 6 p.m. — Swimming Andrews Pool
- 7 p.m. — Bowling Group No. 2
- 7 p.m. — Volleyball T.A.R. School
- Tue 7 p.m. — Women's Karate BB Sports Center
- 7 p.m. — Bowling Group No. 1
- Wed 6:45 p.m. — Bridge KONTAKT Keller
- 6:30 p.m. — Open Karate T.A.R. School
- Thu 7 p.m. — Planning Council KONTAKT Keller
- 7:30 p.m. — Scottish Folk Dancing Amerika Haus

SOUL DISCO

Hey! Remember the great time we had last month at Latino Night? Well, this time the KONTAKT gang is coming back at ya with SOUL! On Saturday night, November 23 we're having a soul disco at the Starlite Grove. We'll be spinning the grooves to make you move at 8 p.m. See ya there!! Admission is only 1 DM! (Soul food will be on the menu.)

Cultural Events Around Town...



PHILHARMONIE
Tiergarten, Kemperplatz
Tel: 261 43 83

- November 15, 9 p.m. — Udo Lindenberg and the Panic-Orchestra
- November 16, 8 p.m. — DAS Sinfonie Orchestra Berlin presents Concerts for Organ with Orchestra. Conductor: GMD Borislav Iwanow, Sofia, Händel — Saint-Saens — Poulenc
- November 17, 8 p.m. — Bridge Over Troubled Water — THE GOLDEN GATE QUARTET
- November 18, 19, 8 p.m. and 20 November 4:30 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Erich Leinsdorf. Stravinsky — Mozart — Brahms
- November 20, 8 p.m. — Sing-Akademie zu Berlin, and Radio Symphonie Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Hans Hilsdorf. J. S. Bach's H-Minor Mass
- November 21, 8 p.m. — Piano Recital by Tamas Vasary. Debussy — Chopin
- November 23, 24, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir of the St. Hedwig's Cathedral. Conductor: Roland Bader. Verdi Requiem
- November 24, 3:30 p.m. — Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy's ELIAS presented by the Zellendorfer Paulus-Kantorei and Paulus Orchestra. Conductor: Dietrich von Amberg
- November 25, 8 p.m. — Amadeus Quartet. Mozart — Haydn — Beethoven
- November 26, 27, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Eduardo Mata. Beethoven — Rachmaninoff — Stravinsky
- November 28, 8 p.m. — Jean-Pierre Rampal and Robert Veyron-Lacroix present J. S. Bach Program
- November 29, 8 p.m. — DAS Sinfonie Orchestra Berlin. Conductor: Borislav Iwanow. Tchaikovsky Program
- November 30, 8 p.m. — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Bernhard Klee. Ruzicka — Nono — Hartmann

DEUTSCHLANDHALLE

- Messedamm 26
- Tel: 3 03 11
- November 22 to 26, daily — International Horse Riding and Jumping Tournament
- November 29, 8 p.m. — RIAS Parade '74. Lord Knud, Santilian, Ivan Rebroff, Katja Ebstein
- December 12 through 31 — daily — Menschen, Tiere, Sensationen — the annual Circus Show —

THEATER DES WESTENS

- Kantstrasse 12
- Tel: 313 72 50/93 20
- Today and tomorrow at 8 p.m. — Wiener Blut, an operetta by Johann Strauss.
- November 18, 19, 20, 8 p.m. — BERIOSKA-Ballet from Moscow with Russian Folk Dances.
- November 20-26 daily at 8 p.m. — The Devil's General in German
- November 22 and 23 at 10:30 p.m. — Andre Heller presents chansons

BRITISH CENTRE

- Hardenbergstrasse 20
- Tel: 31 01 76
- November 15, 7:30 p.m. — FEATURE FILM: The Pickwick Papers
- November 21, 22, 8 p.m. — DOCUMENTARY FILMS: The Wolves and The Casual Survivors
- November 27, 8 p.m. — Concert. Bach — Baur — Berio — Cage — Cardew

HAUS DES RUNDFUNKS

- Masurenallee 8-14
- Grosser Sendesaal
- Tel: 302 72 42
- November 24, 11 a.m., November 25, 26, 8 p.m. — Radio-Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Lorin Maazel. Elgar — Prokofiev

HOCHSCHULE FÜR MUSIK

- Hardenbergstrasse 33
- Tel: 31 63 83
- November 16, 8 p.m. — Konzert mit jungen Interpreten und Symphonisches Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Michael Jenne. Mozart — Schönberg
- November 22 at 7 and 10 p.m. — ABBA present Waterloo and Honey, Honey
- November 23, 8 p.m. — Symphonisches Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Hans Chemin-Petit. Reger — Chemin-Petit — Tchaikovsky
- November 24, 8 p.m. — Song Recital by Barbara Vogel and Steven Kimbrough. Purcell — Rossini — Mahler — Schumann
- December 4, 8 p.m. — TRUCK STOP Germany's best Country and Western Band
- December 7, 8 p.m. — Symphonisches Orchester Berlin. Conductor: Günter Neidlinger. Humperdinck — Haydn — Tchaikovsky
- December 15, 8 p.m. — TURK MURPHY'S San Francisco Jazz Band

INTERNATIONALE BUCHAUSSTELLUNG BERLIN

- International Book Exhibition
- In Halls 4 and 5 of the Funkturm Exhibition Grounds, the XXIII. International Book Exhibition is underway and will be open to the public daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. until November 20. Admission is DM1. You can reach Halls 4 and 5 by entrance on Jafféstrasse. 14 countries introduce 30,000 book titles to the visitors, and special lectures are being conducted daily at this book fair.

A LOOK AT BERLIN...

- The SYNDICAT DE LA PLUME ROUGE will be having another Las Vegas Night November 30, to begin at 10 p.m. at the British Officers' Club. Admission remains at DM2.

Organ Concerts

- Kaiser-Wilhelm-Memorial Church is the site of three organ concerts with the first to be presented tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow at 6 p.m. Herr Feldbach will play works by Bruhns, Bach, Reger and Reda and on Wednesday at 8 p.m. KMD Paul Hoffmann plays an organ mass by Johann Sebastian Bach.



DEUTSCHE OPER BERLIN

Bismarckstrasse
Tel: 341 44 49

- November 15, 7:30 p.m. — Tosca (in Italian)
- November 16, 7 p.m. — Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)
- November 17, 7:30 p.m. — Titus
- November 18, 7:30 p.m. — Tosca (in Italian)
- November 19, 7:30 p.m. — Preussisches Märchen
- November 20, 5:30 p.m. — Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
- November 21, 7:30 p.m. — Der Türke in Italien
- November 22, 7 p.m. — Die Macht des Schicksals (The Force of Destiny) in Italian
- November 23, 7 p.m. — Die Hochzeit des Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro) in Italian
- November 24, 5:30 p.m. — Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg
- November 25, 7 p.m. — Ballet Night — ROMEO AND JULIET
- November 26, 7:30 p.m. — Der Wildschütz
- November 27, 7:30 p.m. — Tod in Venedig
- November 28, 8 p.m. — Elektra
- November 29, 7:30 p.m. — Der Wildschütz
- November 30, 7 p.m. — Die Macht des Schicksals (The Force of Destiny) in Italian
- December 1, 8 p.m. — Elektra
- December 2, 7 p.m. — Ballet Night SLEEPING BEAUTY
- December 3, 8 p.m. — Salome
- December 4, 7:30 p.m. — Tosca (in Italian)
- December 5, 8 p.m. — La Boheme (in Italian)
- December 6, 7 p.m. — Die Hochzeit des Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro) in Italian
- December 7 — Ballet Night — program to be announced
- December 8, 7 p.m. — Don Giovanni (in Italian)

Program is subject to change

Parents wanted by AYA

by Lou A. Kirkpatrick

Imagine an American youth between the ages of 6 and 19, transplanted to a foreign land, ignorant of the habits and customs. For someone in this predicament the American Youth Activities (AYA) can offer a slice of home.

Mr. Ivan Mehosky, AYA director, stated there are "approximately 800 active members of the AYA in Berlin, out of 2800 eligible." Mehosky has his programs tuned to the needs of all the kids using the available facilities.

Some of the athletic activities offered at the AYA are tackle football, baseball, basketball, etc. Dances, out of town trips, and a coming snack bar are also features. The AYA Club House itself is furnished with pool tables, air hockey, shuffle board, and pin ball machines.

For the little lady who thinks that the AYA offers nothing but masculine pastimes, another look is in order. Among the other activities on hand are ballet and modern dance, co-ed horseback riding, and sewing. For the athletic girl there is basketball, flag football, softball, and even baseball with the boys.

There is also a Teen Club, but it is having some dif-

ficulty attracting members. Last year the Teen Club had a healthy membership, but this year a maximum of 15 has been reached. "The purpose of the Teen Club is to give the kids decision making power in what is to be offered at the AYA," Mehosky said.

Coaches are needed for the sports teams. Mehosky stressed that experienced parents were not all that he needed. "A parent who doesn't have a lot of background in coaching often feels that he won't be able to coach. This is not the case. If he or she has an interest in the kids, that's all that really matters. We give these inexperienced parents some guidance before they start."

Mehosky stated, "We get more fathers to come out than mothers. Fathers come to coach, but it always seems to be the same parents. Some of the adults who help out don't even have any kids, but they're always here."

In order to bring the parents role with the AYA into focus, Mehosky plans to hold a coffee so they may see for themselves what goes on. Mehosky also plans to talk with the wives clubs and hopes to reach the fathers through them.

Parking shortage

Good news for those of you who use Army buses as a mode of transportation. Engineer and Installations Division has announced that construction has begun on the new bus terminal, located behind the PX.

The new facility is scheduled for completion sometime next spring and promises to be of modern, spacious construction. The new terminal will have two waiting areas—one indoor and one outdoor. Unlike the old terminal it will contain restrooms.

A construction fence has already been erected on a portion of the commissary parking lot and an access road will be built in the near future. Shopping center area. Commissary patrons are asked to please be tolerant of these inconveniences. In addition, patrons are asked to park in the swimming pool parking lot or walk to the area. Additional parking spots are available where a small bus terminal next to the commissary is located. This terminal is not used by Transportation Division as a bus stop and there is room for approximately four cars.

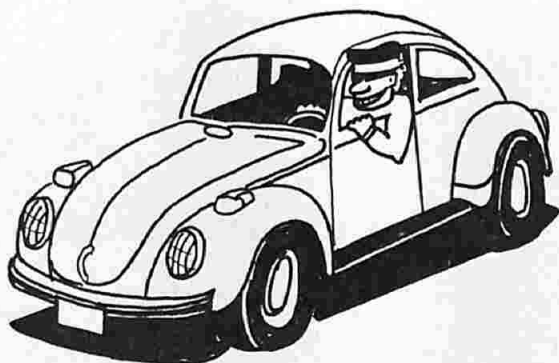
Lock your car

The largest single monetary loss reported each year in USAREUR results from the theft of several hundred POVs.

Theft of motor vehicles and from motor vehicles can be prevented if drivers pay a little attention to security. All locking devices on an automobile should be activated when it is left unattended. Items of value should be removed from the vehicle. If it is not feasible to remove all items, a locked car trunk provides considerable security. The vehicle should be parked in well-lighted areas at night. The German Road Traffic Ordinance (Strassenverkehrsordnung) requires that "Motor vehicles shall be secured against unauthorized use." Failure to secure an unattended POV invites theft and can create situations in which the owner becomes liable if his POV is stolen.

UNHAPPINESS IS...

MAKING 36 PAYMENTS ON
THE CAR THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS DRIVING
NOW BECAUSE OF YOUR NEGLIGENCE !!!



REMEMBER



**LOCK YOUR CAR
SECURE YOUR
VALUABLES**

(Drawing by John Hover)

PROTESTANT SERVICES		
General Protestant	American Community Chapel	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
General Protestant	McNair Chapel	Sunday, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.
General Protestant	Andrews Chapel	Sunday, 10:40 a.m. and 6 p.m.
General Protestant	Hospital Chapel	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
General Protestant	Tempelhof Chapel	Sunday, 11 a.m.
Sunday School	TAR School	Sunday, 9 a.m.
Protestant Youth	American Community Chapel	Sunday, 4 p.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES		
Mass	American Community Chapel	Saturday, 5 p.m.
Mass (Children)	American Community Chapel	Sunday, 9 a.m.
Mass	American Community Chapel	Sunday, 12 noon
Daily Mass	American Community Chapel	Mon-Fri, 12:05 p.m.
Confessions	American Community Chapel	Saturday, 4-5 p.m.
Mass (Folk Mass)	McNair Chapel	Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
Mass	McNair Chapel	Sunday, 12:30 p.m.
Mass	Andrews Chapel	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Mass	Andrews Chapel	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Confessions	Andrews Chapel	Saturday, 6-7 p.m.
Mass	Hospital Chapel	Sunday, 11 a.m.
Mass	Tempelhof Chapel	Sunday, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
CCD Classes	TAR School	Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
JEWISH SERVICES		
Sabbath Service	American Community Chapel	Friday, 8 p.m.
Sabbath School	American Community Chapel	Saturday, 9 a.m.

Services are conducted in American Chapel facilities and local civilian churches for the following denominations: Assemblies of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Baptist, Latter Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventist, Infrafaith, Ba'hai, and Church of Christ. Contact your Chaplain for details.

TDY to MOS schools

How would you like to go TDY to the States for about two to three months, and pick up 42 promotion points at the same time?

Basic NCOES (Noncommissioned Officers Education System) has openings in many classes at different MOS schools throughout the Army. A change in the program allows E-4s and E-5s to travel to the States TDY to receive additional MOS schooling, and then to return to their present overseas duty assignment. To be eligible for this program a mandatory one year extension is required unless you are already on a one year extension. If you are, the requirement is then to have six months remaining on that extension at the time you return from your stateside school. Failure to successfully complete the course will not revoke the one year extension.

All applications must be submitted by each individual to their unit commander.

November 25 is the cutoff for the following NCOES schools during February:

O4B; O5B, C, E, F; 12B, C, E, F; 13B, E; 17K, L, M, R, S, T; 27B, C, E, F, G, H; 31B, E, J, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T; 35B, F, G; 36C, G, K; 42C, D, F; 44C; 46L, N; 55B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J; 64C; 67B, C, G, H, M, N, P, T, U, V, W, X, Y; 68B, C, D, E, F, G, H; 71G, P; 72B, C, F; 76J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, Y; 91B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V; 92B; 93H, J, K, P; 94B, D, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V; 96B, C, D; 97B, C, D.

December 18 is the cutoff date for the following NCOES schools during March:

00B; 01K; 03B, C, D; 05B, C, E, F; 11 B, C, D, H; 12 B, C, D, E, F, J; 17A, B, C, D, E; 21G; 31B, E, J, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T; 35B, E; 36C, G, K; 43J; 44E; 45L; 51B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, R; 52B, C, D, E; 53B, C; 57D, F; 61C, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M; 63B, C, F, H; 64C; 67B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, T, U, V, X, Y; 68C, D, E, F, G, H; 71B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, U; 72B, C, F; 74C, D, E, F; 75B, C, D, E; 76L, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, Y; 81B; 82B, C; 93E, F; 94B, D; 95B (except 507C and 510C).

New seatbelt policy

Public Affairs Office, USAREUR

"Buckle up for Safety" is now more than a catchy slogan for military personnel in USAREUR. A USAREUR message now requires military personnel to wear seat belts while driving both on and off military installations.

Dependents and civilian employees must wear seat belts while driving a POV on a military installation, including housing areas, or while driving a vehicle on official government business. Although they are not required to use them off post, they are being urged to do so.

The safety message also requires military personnel operating motorcycles or motor scooters to wear approved

protective helmets, securely fastened under the chin with eye protective devices. Note: sunglasses are not eye protective devices.

Army regulations require that all vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1964, be equipped with seat belts for the driver and each front-seat passenger. Although not required, USAREUR safety officials recommend seat belts for pre-1964 models.

Safety experts say that drivers and passengers wearing seat belts when an accident occurs are 60 per cent less likely to suffer injuries and 50 per cent less likely to be killed.



SP5 RICHARD G. DESROCHERS is presented the Cook of the Month Award by Brigadier General R. Dean Tice on October 25 while Command Sergeant Major Joe D. Offutt of Special Troops watches. (Photo by Dan Morales)

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