



PDO helps Army, soldiers save

by Janet Motto

Jim Goron runs an award-winning, quarter-million dollar a year business. He's Berlin's property disposal officer. By returning unwanted or overstocked items back into the supply system, or converting scraped mess kits, old chairs, or gold and silver components from obsolete electronic equipment into money, PDOs help save the Army money. The worldwide system cut the Army's supply budget by \$901 million last year.

Berlin's PDO, located near the battalion motorpools at McNair, boasts an average monthly inventory of one-half million dollars in unwanted materials. Outdated or damaged items are turned in by units, damaged household goods, or items misordered by various sections all end up in their warehouse. All are ready to be returned to the Army's supply system to be used at one of the thousands of military posts throughout the world. Or they may be turned into cash through sales and auctions, with the money being returned to the U. S. Treasury.

"Units turn in items that have become obsolete or outdated, damaged or excess," says Gordon, "we

them, set their value and then code them into a evaluate them, determine if we should sell or scrap worldwide disposal system."

World-wide swap meet

This system is known as the Reutilization Program. It resembles a world-wide "swap meet." Under a centralized, computerized system controlled by the Defense Logistics Agency in Battlecreek, Mich., serviceable items are made available to units here and around the world. Everything from office furniture, kitchen appliances, vintage aircraft, electronics equipment and heavy machinery are described, coded and cataloged. If a post in Texas needs typewriter tables, they need only look up the code for the tables and review the computerized catalog to discover which PDO office might have them. They may be found in Italy. In exchange for a property completed issue form, and transportation of the materials, customers may take items from the system without cost.

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SORTING IT OUT — Richard Brasher, Material Receiver, Sorter and Classifier, inspects the newest additions to the Property Disposal Office warehouse before finding them homes on the shelves.

(Photo by Janet Motto)

Rear detachment plays major role

by Kenneth Pierce

For the fourth time in its 18-month existence Combat Support Battalion has deployed to West Germany for a field training exercise.

Usually the battalion trains at Grafenwoehr, FRG, but this time they decided to go to a NATO training area at Bergen-Hohne.

The advance party consisting of battalion and company executive officers, supply, communications, and dining facility personnel left Berlin on Jan. 4.

Their job was to prepare for the main battalion's arrival the next day.

By 6 p.m. on Jan. 5 all the troops and the equipment had arrived.

Over 125 wheeled vehicles had convoyed approximately 226 miles to Bergen-Hohne with only two minor breakdowns and no accidents.

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WHAT TO DO? — Karen Kohn takes a minute to decide which hairstyle would be best for Patti Phillips. The Berlin American High School students are getting real-world experience and hands-

on training in hairstyling, manicures, facials, shampooing and blow drying techniques in the new cosmetology classes offered there. See Pg. 5 for more on the classes.

(Photo by Susan Geller)

EDITORIAL

Be prepared; make plans now

by Jim Joerger

Are you one of those soldiers that are nearing ETS and decided that getting out is the best thing for you to do? If you are you had better consider your options before it's too late. No, this article is not going to tell you that reenlisting is the greatest thing that you could ever do, but it is full of advice that may help you decide what is best for you.

All articles about the benefits of the military will tell you pretty much the same thing. You get free medical and dental care, free housing or a basic allowance for quarters, three meals a day or separate rations and a host of other benefits that we all know about.

In the civilian world things are rarely this good as far as benefits go. True some employers do have medical and dental insurance which pays a good portion of the bills, but it's very seldom that a civilian employer furnishes you with housing and meals.

So you're still not convinced that staying in is for you? O.K. everyone has the freedom to chose their lifestyle and the military is not for everyone. But before you get out you should research what you are going to do.

Sure, that's easy to say "I'm gonna kick back and take it easy for awhile." That's a good reply if you're independently wealthy. How many of us in the military today can claim that? Face the facts: You have to work.

Have you decided where you want to live yet? There's a big world out there and you can choose just about anywhere. It might be a good idea to pick a couple of places that you might like to live and investigate them before deciding. Of course actually visiting the areas of your choice is the best way to find out the facts, but if you don't have a couple of hundred dollars to spare there is an easier way.

Write to the local Chambers of Commerce and request information. Also ask them for the name and address of the local newspaper. You can then write to the paper and request a copy or subscription.

Reading the local paper will familiarize you with the area, the people and attitudes. Of course the classified ads are there to tell you what types of jobs are available and how much you can expect to pay for an apartment or house.

Another thing you might try is writing to the State Employment Office. They can tell you what kinds of jobs are available and about any new businesses coming into the area.

With all this information in hand, now is the time to estimate your expenses. How much will it cost you for rent, electricity, phone bills, food, auto payments, life, medical, auto and renters insurance, clothing, heating oil, gasoline and any other monthly expenses. Don't forget, things often cost more on the economy then they do in the PX or commissary. Next, take this figure and multiply it by twelve. This will show you how much money you have to earn after taxes to sustain life, not live, but to just survive.

Do not forget to check out the universities in the area if you plan on continuing your education. Some of them will let you enroll under the Army's "Project Ahead" program. This allows you to transfer credit earned in other universities while in the military to the one in your area.

It would be wise to check into these things before ETSing. Once you're out it's harder to reenlist than you may think.

Crime Stop

Off limits areas — The following is a compilation of all areas, establishments and cafes which are presently off limits to all U.S. Forces personnel, including civilians and their dependents. Violations of this directive may result in action under the uniform code of military justice, applicable civilian personnel regulations, or other directives as may be appropriate IAW the provisions of USCOB/USAB Regulation 190-24, dated Dec. 10, 1980. Wilmersdorf Area: Li-La-Le Bar, 11 Johann-Sigismund-Strasse, and Paraphernalia, 60 Pfalzburger Strasse; Tiergarten Area: Sound Bar/Milchbar, 26 Genthiner Strasse, and Magdeburger Platz.

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Letter to the editor

Unruly children disturbing

Dear Parents:

On Dec. 20 the 298th Army Band presented its annual Christmas Concert for the Berlin Military Community. The concert was advertised throughout the community by the Berlin Observer, AFN, and flyers. In addition, letters were sent to the parents of children at TAR, Kinderkeller, and the Berlin American Pre-School informing them that a portion of the concert was for the children.

Considering how busy everyone was the week before Christmas we had a good crowd for the concert. However, the performance was marred by children in the audience. It seems numerous parents decided to use the 298th Army Band as "free" baby sitters and either dropped their children off or sent them to the Outpost theater.

The children decided the Outpost was a playground and proceeded to have a lot of fun. They talked (yelled), ran up and down the aisles, etc. and made it extremely difficult to enjoy the concert for those people who were there for that purpose. I realize I am not referring to all of the children present at the concert, but the vast majority were very rude and inconsiderate.

It was not my place to "call down" the audience but I did prior to intermission because the parents were not there to do their job. The members of the 298th Army Band were there to do their job and based upon audience reaction it was an excellent performance.

David A. Ratliff

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Jan. 16 through Jan. 24

OUTPOST — Clayallee (6524)
 Fri WALT DISNEY's The Last Flight Of Noah's Ark (G), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE Walt Disney's The Last Flight Of Noah's Ark (G), at 2 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
 Sun Brubaker (R), at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue Something Short Of Paradise (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed The Amityville Horror (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu Wholly Moses (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE FootLoose with Disney's 101 Dalmatians (G), at 2 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 6:30 and 8:35 p.m.

COLUMBIA — Tempelhof (5522)
 Fri Jaws 2 (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Black Magic (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun Love And Bullets (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon WALT DISNEY's The Last Flight Of Noah's Ark (G), at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed Brubaker (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri Something Short Of Paradise (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat The Amityville Horror (R), at 7:30 p.m.

COLISEUM — McNair Brks. (3131)
 Fri DOUBLE FEATURE Grease and Saturday Night Fever (PG), at 7:30 p.m.

Sat Same shows as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun The Shining (R), at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue Jaws 2 (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed Black Magic (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu Love And Bullets (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri WALT DISNEY's The Last Flight Of Noah's Ark (G), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 ANDREWS — Barracks (3538)
 Fri Cruising (R), at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Sun The Main Event (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Mon DOUBLE FEATURE: Grease and Saturday Night Fever (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Tue Same shows as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Wed The Shining (R), at 6:30 p.m.
 Thu Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.
 Fri Jaws 2 (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat Black Magic (R), at 6:30 p.m.

JERBOA
 Fri Lord Of The Rings (A), at 7:30 p.m.

Sat Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE Oklahoma Territory (U), also Serial Danny And The Dragon, Ep. 5, at 10 a.m.
 Sun Great British Striptease (X), beginning at 7:30 p.m. and Zombies Dawn Of The Dead (X) beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon Same shows as above, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed The Bitch (X), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu — closed —
 Fri ROAD SHOW — Increased Prices Empire Strikes Back (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE Wolfshhead (U), also Serial Danny And The Dragon, Ep. 6, at 10 a.m.

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 Fri ROAD SHOW with Increased Admission Prices Empire Strikes Back (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE One Hour To Zero (U), also Serial Danny And The Dragon, Ep. 4, at 2 p.m.
 Sun Brubaker (AA), at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue True Grit (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed — closed —
 Thu The World Is Full Of Married Men (X), at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri The Blues Brothers (AA), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat CHILDREN'S MATINEE Oklahoma Territory (U), also Serial Danny And The Dragon, Ep. 5, at 2 p.m.

BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CENSORS

Category U General exhibition.
 Category A General exhibition but parents are advised film contains material they may not want children under 14 to see.
 Category AA Persons under 14 years old not admitted.
 Category X For adult showing, no one under 18 admitted.

Jan. 16 through Jan. 25

FRIDAY, Jan. 16
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:05 Sesame Street
 10:05 Nichols
 10:55 The New Land
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 From Here To Eternity (A)
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:40 Muppets
 3:05 Open House Theater
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:05 Sesame Street
 5:05 Mod Squad
 6:00 Newsday
 7:00 Alice
 7:25 CHIPS
 8:20 That's Incredible
 9:10 Westside Medical
 10:00 Newsday
 10:30 Life And Times Of Eddie Roberts (A)
 10:55 AFN Theater: "Mediterranean Holiday"
 1:00 Soul Train
 1:45 Sign Off

SATURDAY, Jan. 17
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 8:55 Battle Of The Planets
 9:20 Kids Are People, Too
 10:25 Lost In Space
 11:15 Soul Train
 12:05 Nova
 1:00 World Superstars 1980
 2:00 Sports Whirl
 2:30 Presente
 2:55 NFL Playoffs: Los Angeles vs. Dallas
 5:35 America's Top Ten
 6:00 Newsday
 6:30 National Geographic: Treasure
 7:30 The Odd Couple
 7:55 Barnaby Jones
 8:45 Facts Of Life (A)
 9:10 This Is The FBI
 10:05 Newsday
 10:35 AFN Theater: "Ride In The Whirlwind"
 12:40 Thriller: "The Fear Is Spreading"
 1:10 Midnight Special
 2:15 Sign Off

SUNDAY, Jan. 18
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 8:55 Galaxy Goof-Ups
 9:20 Brady Kids Cartoons
 9:45 Life Abundant
 10:10 Tell A Vision
 10:40 This Is The Life
 11:10 Insight
 11:40 Learning Corporation Of America
 12:05 Bill Moyers' Journal
 1:05 Greatest Sports Legends
 1:25 Diamond Rivers
 1:55 Washington Week In Review
 2:25 Fiesta Bowl: Penn State vs. Ohio State

5:05 Sixty Minutes
 6:00 Newsday
 6:30 Portraits Of Power: Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
 6:55 Ultimate High
 7:20 Hee Haw
 8:10 Variety Special: Sammy Davies, Jr.
 9:10 Search
 10:00 Newsday
 10:35 Best Of Carson
 11:45 Previn And The Pittsburgh
 12:45 Sign Off

MONDAY, Jan. 19
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:10 Sesame Street
 10:05 CHIPS
 10:55 Barnaby Jones
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 Westside Medical
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 Celebrity Revue
 3:10 Alice
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 5:05 Wild, Wild West
 6:00 Newsday
 7:00 Happy Days
 7:25 Code R
 8:20 The Saint
 9:10 Hart To Hart
 10:00 Newsday
 10:35 Benny Hill (A)
 11:00 AFN Theater: "Bruce Lee — The Man/The Myth"
 12:30 High Chaparral
 1:25 Sign Off

TUESDAY, Jan. 20
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:15 Galaxy Goof-Ups
 9:40 Brady Kids Cartoons
 10:05 Code R
 10:55 The Saint
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 Hart To Hart
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 Happy Days
 3:15 My Favorite Martian
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:15 Magic Land Of Allakazam
 4:40 Battle Of The Planets

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:05 Sesame Street
 10:05 Waltons
 10:55 Trapper John, Md
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 Harry-O
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:50 Consumer Buylne
 3:15 Laverne And Shirley
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:05 Sesame Street
 5:05 Big Valley
 6:00 Newsday
 7:00 Mary Tyler Moore
 7:25 The New Land
 8:20 Wednesday Night Movie: "Big Jake"
 10:00 Newsday
 10:30 Chopper Squad
 11:20 AFN Theater: "Baroness And The Butler"
 12:40 Burke's Law
 1:30 Sign Off

THURSDAY, Jan. 22
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Kids Are People, Too
 10:05 Thursday Morning Movie: "Big Jake"
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 Chopper Squad
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 Country Roads
 3:10 Wild Kingdom
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:15 The Flintstones
 4:40 Beverly Hillbillies
 5:05 Bonanza
 6:00 Newsday
 7:00 Muppets
 7:25 Nichols
 8:20 From Here To Eternity (A)
 9:10 A Man Called Sloane
 10:00 Newsday
 10:35 The Righteous Apples (A)
 11:00 AFN Theater: "Big Bluff"
 12:10 Police Woman
 1:05 Sign Off

FRIDAY, Jan. 23
 8:30 Newsday
 8:40 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Nichols
 10:55 The New Land
 11:50 Newsday
 12:00 From Here To Eternity (A)
 12:50 Donahue (A)
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:00 General Hospital (A)
 2:50 Muppets



3:15 Open House Theater
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:05 Sesame Street
 5:05 Mod Squad
 6:00 Newsday
 7:00 Alice
 7:25 CHIPS
 8:15 That's Incredible
 9:05 Westside Medical
 10:00 Newsday
 10:35 Life And Times Of Eddie Roberts (A)
 10:55 AFN Theater: "Something For Everyone (A)"
 12:50 Soul Train
 1:40 Sign Off

SATURDAY, Jan. 24
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Battle Of The Planets
 9:20 Kids Are People, Too
 10:30 Lost In Space
 11:20 Soul Train
 12:05 Sports And Specials: TBA
 5:30 America's Top Ten
 6:00 Newsday
 6:30 Information Special: TBA
 7:15 Barnaby Jones
 8:05 Variety Special: Tammy Wynette
 9:05 This Is The FBI
 10:00 Newsday
 10:30 AFN Theater: "Sherlock Holmes In New York"
 12:10 Thriller: "Not Guilty"
 1:20 Cannon
 2:10 Sign Off

SUNDAY, Jan. 25
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Galaxy Goof-Ups
 9:25 Brady Kids Cartoons
 9:45 Christopher Closeup
 10:15 Hour Of Power
 11:05 Sacred Heart
 11:20 Sports And Specials: TBA
 5:05 Sixty Minutes
 6:00 Newsday
 6:30 Information Special: TBA
 6:20 Hee Haw
 8:15 Broadway To Hollywood
 9:05 Search
 10:00 Newsday
 11:30 Best Of Carson (A)
 11:45 Previn And The Pittsburgh
 12:45 Sign Off



Calendar

Deutsche Oper Berlin

Jan. 16 — Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss, at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 17 — BALLET — Der Nussknacker, beginning at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 18 — Die Zauberflöte by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 19 — BALLET NIGHT — Der Nussknacker (The Nutcracker), at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 20 — Preussisches Märchen by Boris Blacher, at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 21 — Hänsel und Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck, at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 22 — Tannhäuser by Richard Wagner, at 6:30 p.m.

Deutsche Staatsoper

— East sector, Unter den Linden —

Jan. 16 — Fra Diavolo at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 17 — Der Freischütz at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 18 — La Bohème — in Italian — a revival to begin at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 19 — Die Spur deiner Hände at Apollo Saal, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 20 — The Marriage Of Figaro, at 7 p.m.
 Jan. 21 — BALLET — Three Mothers To Be, at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 22 — Eugen Onegin, at 7 p.m.

Philharmonie

Jan. 16 and 17 — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Eugen Jochum presents a Brahms — Reger program at 8 p.m. on both days
 Jan. 19 — IGOR and NATALIA OISTRACH present a Schubert — Bach — Prokofiev — Grieg program at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 21 — Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Giuseppe Sinopoli presents Schubert — Sinopoli — Berg, at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 22 — Guarneri-Quartet, New York, presents Beethoven — Bartok program at 8 p.m.

Special Concerts

Jan. 18 — ERIKA PLUHAR at Philharmonie, at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 20 — AL JARREAU at Philharmonie, at 9 p.m.
 Jan. 21 — LUDWIG HIRSCH at Hochschule der Künste, at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 21 — BOOMTOWN RATS at ICC, Saal 1, at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 25 — PETER MAFFAY at Deutschlandhalle, at 6 p.m.
 Jan. 26 — TANGERINE DREAM at ICC, Saal 1, at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 27 — THIN LIZZY at Neue Welt, at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 27 — BURNING SPEAR at Metropol, at 9 p.m.
 Feb. 1 — THE CHIEFTAINS at Hochschule der Künste, at 8 p.m.
 Feb. 16 — JETHRO TULL at Deutschlandhalle, at 8 p.m.
 Feb. 22 — ROCKPILE at Metropol, at 9 p.m.

Something Special

TONIGHT, Simca Heled, Jonahan Zak and members of the Yuval-Trio from Israel present a concert at the Staatsbibliothek to begin at 8 p.m. On the program will be works by Bach — Prokofiev — Mendelssohn — Grieg.
 BOCKBIERFEST is the theme at Neue Welt on Hasenheide, Neukölln district. Each Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Bockbierfest will be celebrated beginning at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at 5 p.m. Hans Drexler and his Bavarian musicians will play for your musical entertainment and tickets can be obtained at the Neue Welt from 5 p.m. Tel: 624-2011. You can get there by underground, Hermannplatz.
 HOCHSCHULE DER KÜNSTE offers a RIAS-Jugendorchester on Sunday, at 8 p.m. and on Monday a Final Concert of the 1981 Tournament, for the Felix-Mendelssohn-Bartholdy-Preis, also to begin at 8 p.m. DM5 tickets for the RIAS presentation on Sunday at ticket agencies and the Monday concert is free with tickets to be obtained at Hochschule ticket booth.
 CINDERELLA by Serge Prokofiev is a Ballet Night presented by the BALLET SCAPINO AMSTERDAM on Monday at Theater des Westens. Two performances will be given, one at 4 and the other at 8 p.m.
 On Tuesday, World Music Co. presents AN EVENING WITH RENE KOLLO together with the Philharmonia Hungarica under the direction of Hans Wallat. Works by Wagner — Verdi — Puccini — Rossini — Bernstein — Rogers — Lehár — Kollo are on the program at the ICC, Saal 1, to begin at 8 p.m. Tickets at Schulte-Bahrenberg, 12, Hardenbergstrasse, Tel: 313-2008, and ICC, Tel: 3038-4387.
 SENDER FREIES BERLIN offers a special concert on Wednesday at the Grosser Sendesaal, on 8-14, Masurenallee entitled 50 JAHRE HAUS DES RUNDFUNKS to begin at 8 p.m. DM8 tickets at SFB-Pavillon on Theodor-Heuss-Platz, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 to 5 p.m., also at ticket agencies.
 AMERIKA HAUS on 22-24, Hardenbergstrasse offers Film Series 1981, with CITIZEN KANE on Wednesday to begin at 7 p.m. Admission is DM4, but no reservations will be accepted. Please mark your calendar: Friday, Jan. 23 INTERNATIONAL GREEN WEEK will begin at the Funkturm Exhibition Grounds to stay here until Feb. 1.

Sports

TROTTLING RACES at 222-298, Mariendorfer Damm — On Sunday, trotting races are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday at 6 p.m. (Wednesday trotting races are subject to change).
 ICE HOCKEY —
 — at Eissporthalle, Jafféstrasse —
 Jan. 16 — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs. ESV Kaufbeuren at 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 25 — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs. EHC München at 5 p.m.
 Jan. 30 — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs. Düsseldorf EG at 7:30 p.m.
 SOCCER —
 Jan. 18 — Hertha BSC vs. Fortuna Köln at OLYMPIC STADIUM, beginning at 3 p.m.
 Jan. 18 — Hertha Zehlendorf vs. Union 06, Zehlendorf, Siebenendenweg, at 2:15 p.m.
 — Wacker 40 vs. Westend 01, Reinickendorf, Wackerweg, at 2:15 p.m.
 — SC Gatow vs. Viktoria 89, Gatow Schule, at 2:15 p.m.
 — Rapide Wedding vs Hertha BSC (Amateurs), Wedding, Ungarnstrasse, at 2:15 p.m.
 — Blau-Weiss 90 vs. Reinickendorfer Füchse, Tempelhof, Rathausstrasse, at 2:15 p.m.
 — Spandauer BC vs. 1. Traber FC, Spandau, Am Ziegelhof, at 10:40 a.m.
 — BFC Preussen vs. Neuköllner SF, Lankwitz, Malteserstrasse, at 10:40 a.m.
 AMATEUR BOXING —
 — Eissporthalle, Jafféstrasse —
 Jan. 24 — Boxing Berlin vs. BC Gelsenkirchen-Erle, at 7 p.m.
 — Tickets to above cultural events can be obtained at the Truman Plaza Ticket Agency, located at American Express Travel Agency or ITT office, who occasionally grant a reduction. All programs are subject to change —

Officer Candidate School

For planning purposes the starting date for the next male and female (Branch Immaterial Officer Candidate Course) Class No. 4-81 at Fort Benning, Georgia is June 14. Interested individuals who meet prerequisites specified in AR 351-5 should forward completed applications through proper channels to arrive at this HQ, ATTN: AEBA-AG-PA, not later than Feb. 2. For assistance, contact PSNCO's concerned or AG Pers Actions, Tel: 6586.

Installation Commissary Council Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Installation Commissary Council will be held in the Main Conference Room, Building 1, General Lucius D. Clay Headquarters at 2 p.m., Jan. 21. The purpose of this meeting is to provide positive, substantive suggestions which will benefit the American community. Members of the community are invited to attend.

U. S. Immigration

Personnel who acquire dependents while overseas who are not United States citizens, or have not previously established permanent resident alien status in the United States, are reminded that prior to entry into the United States in other than a temporary visitor status, application must be submitted to the Department of Immigration and Naturalization, U. S. Department of State. Application for entry into the U. S. as a permanent resident alien should be submitted at least five months prior to the anticipated travel date. For further information contact AG Customer Service, located in Room 1013, Building 1, Clay HQ Compound, or call 6911 or 6291.

Earn a degree

You may be qualified to earn a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Southern California. This is a 28-unit program offered in the evenings at the Berlin American High School and has been approved for VA assistance and the Tuition Assistance plan. The course offering for Term III will be "The Counseling Process", and you may register between Jan. 26 and Feb. 5. For information on the Master of Science in Education and registration, please come by the University of Southern California office at Clay Headquarters, Building 4, fourth floor or call 819-6794. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m.

University of Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma will offer a graduate level seminar entitled Measurement and Analysis for Public Administrators for one week, off-duty hours, beginning Feb. 8 at the TCA Ed. Center. For more information, please call 819-5237.

Language Classes offered

The following language classes are offered through the Foreign Language Lab. — GATEWAY TO GERMAN PHASE I, for beginners, Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m.; A-LM GERMAN I/3, for advanced beginners, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.; A-LM GERMAN II/4, for intermediate students, Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A-LM FRENCH I/1, for beginners, Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m.; A-LM FRENCH II/4, for intermediate students, Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.; A-LM FRENCH III, for advanced students, Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m.; A-LM FRENCH IV, conversation only, Monday and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. All classes will start Feb. 9, respectively 10 and run until April 17. For registration call 6986, 6333, 6919 or come by to the AEC Clay HQ Bldg. 4, Room 405 (attic area) Foreign Language Lab.

American Women's Club offers tours

The American Women's Club of Berlin is sponsoring a tour to the land of the Pharaohs: Egypt, March 1 through 8. Nowhere else in the world has time left such a great heritage of ancient civilization so intact. Cairo, Aswan, Luxor. Visit the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Valley of the Kings. Sail on the Nile. Walk the streets of the Khan el Khalili Bazaar and bargain for copper, alabaster, carpets and many other treasures. You will marvel at all there is to see in this historic land where every stone has a story to tell. The AWCB has been offered this exciting week in Egypt for the special price of DM 1,675.00, all inclusive. For bookings and further information call: 831-3693 or 831-7308.

The American Women's Club of Berlin is offering a tour to Warsaw March 13 to 15. Depart Schönefeld Airport. The tour price is DM 299 (breakfast only) or DM 345 (half board). For bookings and further information call: 831-3693 or 813-7086.

925 pounds lost!

That's what TOPS GE 123 did in 1980. Come let us help you shed those unwanted pounds in 1981. We meet every Thursday evening at 18, Charles H. King in the Düppel housing area. Weigh-ins are from 6 to 7 and meetings are from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 813-8934.

Your hospital informs

CENTRAL APPOINTMENT SYSTEM — Thinking of just walking into the clinics of your hospital? STOP! Please call your hospital Central Appointment System (CAS) at 819-4211 for an appointment first. Walk-in patients will have long waits. Appointment patients are more readily seen and the medical care delivery system functions better. Help your hospital, help you. Give CAS operators a call at 819-4211 before you drop in.

PET OWNERS — Are you leaving Berlin, going back to the States or traveling with your pet? Your pet will require a health certificate issued within 10 days of the departure date for travel to the U. S. or most European countries. Rabies vaccinations must also have been given 30 days or more PRIOR TO the issuance of the health certificate. For further information and appointments for health certificates, call the Central Appointment System (CAS) at 819-4211.

OBTAINING MEDICAL RECORDS — If you are planning a PCS move, remember that medical records pertaining to an adult will not be released to an individual other than to whom the record pertains. To pick up your spouse's record you must present a signed authorization for release of medical information from your spouse and a copy of the orders for the PCS move. For more information please contact the U. S. Army Hospital, Berlin at 819-4183.

Luncheon menus for the I.A.R. and B.A.H. schools for the week of Jan. 19, are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Salad	Lettuce/Pickles	Salad
Beef Heat Sauce/Spaghetti	Hamburger on Bun	Hot Turkey SDB
Peas	French Fries	Hashed Potatoes
Milk	Ice Cream	Gravy
Bread and Butter	Milk	Apple Sauce
		Milk
Thursday	Friday	
Salad	Cole Slaw	
Frankfurter/Baked Beans	Fried Fish	
Fruit Jello	Sauce Tartar	
Milk	Potato Salad	
Bread and Butter	Peaches	
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	Bread and Butter	

Please watch requirements and deadline!

News Notes and Classified Ads for each week's issue will be printed SPACE AVAILABLE ONLY, and are due by close of business on Tuesday. They must either be typewritten or printed. Thank you for your consideration.

FS Wives' Orientation on Monday

A Field Station Wives' Orientation will be held on Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Andrews Chapel Fellowship Hall. All Field Station wives are encouraged to attend. The program is designed to acquaint wives with the City of Berlin and the Allied and American facilities available for your enjoyment and benefit. It will include a slide presentation and a bus tour of West Berlin. A nursery will be available without charge. Phone 3537 for information.

Course Offerings

Central Texas College is now holding registration for courses in Computer Science, Management, and, Law Enforcement. For more information call 3649 or stop by Bldg. 1019 at McNair Kaserne.

DYA activities

All Preteen DYA members, ages 10-12 years, come to a PRETEEN DANCE tomorrow from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost with a DYA card is \$1, without a DYA card is \$1.50.

All DYA preteens ages 8-10 years are invited to participate in a SPELLING "B" on Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. Sign up no later than today. Prizes will be awarded to winners in all age groups.

Want someone to listen to your opinions, hear your reasons, be responsive to your needs? Be at the DYA next Friday, Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. for the 1st TEEN RAP SESSION.

The DYA Admin Office is presently holding REGISTRATION FOR KARATE. You may register from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, if you are a DYA member. Cost is \$16 per member for 12 sessions, beginning Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. and continuing every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the DYA Gym. Classes will be limited to 35 members.

All DYA teens are invited to a TEEN TALK on Friday, Jan. 23, from 4 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come voice your opinions on DYA, school, parents, friends, futures, etc.

On Friday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m., DYA teens are invited for MOVIES AND POPCORN. No admission will be charged.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, all DYA teens, ages 13 to 19 years, are invited to a TEEN DANCE. Come meet visiting teens from Darmstadt. Admission is \$1.50 with a DYA card and \$2 without a DYA card. (Dance from 7 to 11 p.m.)

On Sunday, Jan. 25, the community is invited to view a friendly "BATTLE OF THE BASKETS" between Berlin DYA and Darmstadt DYA teens. Show time is 3 p.m.

Collection of books and magazines

Paperback books and magazines will be collected in the Düppel housing area the afternoon of Tuesday, for re-use at Berlin public facilities (Eagle Scout Project). Please place donated books in a paperbag/box inside the entrance of your stairwell.

AWC-B

MATCHING FUNDS are available through the American Women's Club of Berlin for organizations throughout the American Community. If interested contact American Welfare Chairman Janet Ponder (801-2117). Deadline for requests is March 1.

WANT TO EARN EXTRA MONEY while you lighten your weight allowance for that trip back to the States. Take a few minutes to go through your closets and pull out all those old clothes that are too big for you or clothes your children have outgrown. The Thrift Shop is the place to go with them. They are open for sales, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are on Mondays only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deadline for winter clothes is March.

The American Woman's Club of Berlin will have a SIGN-UP LUNCHEON, Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the Harnack House. Sign-up for Karate, Ballet, Cake Decorating, Sewing, Jazz Dancing, German I and II, Macrame, Crochet and CPR. Sign-up will start at 11 a.m. Luncheon will start at noon.

Classified Ads

For Sale

PCS BASEMENT SALE — 4A, Flanagan Strasse, tomorrow, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A 1971 VW Stationwagon, with radio, steel-belted radial tires and rear window defroster. The car needs a new muffler, but is otherwise in good operating condition. Asking price: \$200. Call 803-7342 weekdays after 6 p.m., or weekends any time.

1975 MAZDA RX4 — AM-FM radio, tinted glass, two-door hardtop, automatic transmission. Very good condition. Asking \$1,500. Call 813-3082 ext. 15 or 452-7800 evenings.

PCS SALE at 3B, Am Hegewinkel (BB, across from High-School), tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., 220 iron, china, vacuum cleaner, clothes, toys, lamps, humidifier, movie camera, movie projector, b/w portable TV, and more.

1970 Mercedes 220, four doors, standard transmission, only 45,000 kilometers on engine, passed inspection Sept. 80, \$900 or nearest offer. Call 832-4955.

G. E. 23" black and white TELEVISION, 50/60 cycles, 110/220 volts, receives both German and American video and audio, \$100. — Wards, maintenance-free 12 volt BATTERY, type 24; cold cranking - amps = 606; reserve capacity minutes = 125. \$15. Call 801-2213.

PCS SALE at 10, Taylor, Apt. 2, tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — baby carrier, baby clothes, clothes for all ages, chemistry set, shoes, baby walker, etc.

COLOR TV — Motorola Quasar II 21 in., receives both PAL and NTSC. Call 831-3665 eves and weekends.

BEGINNER'S BIKE — with training wheels, excellent condition. Call 831-3665 eves and weekends.

Excellent family car, super condition. 1972 Olds Cutlass, four-door sedan. 350 engine. Automatic transmission, radio, air conditioner — power-steering and brakes. Available Jan. 25. Asking \$1,200. Two-door hardtop, 1965 Chevie Impala, excellent running condition. It's a collector's item selling for approximately \$1,800 in the States. Has automatic transmission, power-steering and brakes, radio and a 283 engine. Asking only \$695. Available approximately Jan. 28. Call 802-5177.

Oldsmobile Cutlass Calais 1979 like new, all extras to include: air-condition, power-brakes, power-steering, electric door, electric windows and more. 12,000 miles. Only \$6,890 due to PCSing. Please call 813-7163 after 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous

\$10 REWARD offered for one lady's brown leather fur-lined glove lost in Main PX Jan. 7. If you found it please call 813-8811.

Winter Bazaar at Harnack House

The Harnack House, the Berlin Officers and Civilians Club will feature an exciting Winter Bazaar during the period Jan. 22 through 25 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. A gigantic show of hand-made rugs from Turkey, Afghanistan, China, Persia, Pakistan, Rumania, India, Russia and Egypt as well as a large variety of wall, floor, table and cuckoo clocks will be available to all members and dependents of the Berlin military community and authorized persons. Here is your chance to invest in your future at very reasonable prices, so come and visit the Harnack House.

Berlin Dancing Bears Square Dance Club

Have you ever gone to the TCA Open House or the Volksfest and watched the square dancing? Have you smiled with them and tapped your feet in time to the music as you were watching? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to try and dance like that? (After all — it looks like fun). Well, now is your chance. The Berlin Dancing Bears Square Dance Club will be hosting an Open House on Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. in the Self-Help Building (Building 810), Roosevelt Barracks, entrance "D". New classes will begin on Feb. 6. For more information call 801-2917 after 5 p.m. or 813-8664 any time.

Job opportunity

The Civilian Personnel Division is now recruiting for the following position: SECRETARY (STENO) — Applicants must type a minimum of 40wpm and have a shorthand ability of 60wpm. An excellent knowledge of the English language is required. A secret clearance is required or evidence of a completed personnel security investigation. If you feel that you meet the necessary qualifications, please visit the Civilian Personnel Division, Headquarters Compound, Bldg. 4, Room 322a, or phone Mrs. Schueler at Berlin Mil. 6435. Applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, or membership in an employee organization.

Inauguration on TV

AFN Berlin TV will broadcast the historic Presidential Inauguration "live" from Washington, D. C. Station officials announced the program will begin at 5 p.m., Jan. 20, and be broadcast until conclusion. This satellite event may be seen on AFN Berlin TV and heard on AFN Berlin Radio.

ITT tours

FLEA MARKET — If you are a flea market freak, and you like trains too, come with ITT on Friday, Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Visit the old train station at Nollendorf Platz, in it you will find a fantastic collection of old trolley cars filled with junk and jewels. Call 6523 for more details about booking.

EAST OPERA — ITT is going to East Berlin for the Opera on Saturday, Jan. 24. The performance is the Russian Opera "PRINCE IGOR". This opera was the basis for the Broadway show "KISMET" so much of the music will be familiar. Call ITT for more information at 6523.

MSAD offers

The Intrafaith Choir celebrates the MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING with a program of gospel singing at the All-American Recreation Center today at 7 p.m. This entertainment is free and will include complimentary refreshments. Call 3125 for information.

ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS for one of the most stirring plays in the recent past, "Inherit the Wind". This play, dealing with the events of the famous scopes trial, has a large number of parts for men, women, girls and boys. Auditions will be held at Music and Theater Center, Andrews Barracks tonight and tomorrow night at 7:30 hours. For further information call 3550.

The Sports Center LARGE POOL WILL BE CLOSED from Jan. 18 through Jan. 31. The baby pool will be open to the public on weekends only between noon and 4 p.m. For further information call 6871.

A class in BASIC CAR CARE FOR WOMEN will be offered at Andrews Auto Craft Shop for the mere fee of \$4. The classes will be held Mondays, Jan. 19 and 26 from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information call 3349.

A CHAIR CANING CLASS is being offered by Andrews Wood Shop starting Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. For more information call 3544.

A VENER CLASS will be offered by Andrews Wood Shop Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. For more information call 3544.

On Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hi-Lite Recreation Center, Andrews Bks., the feature will be STEAK NIGHT with skiing as the main topic. Learn tips on where to ski and how to prepare yourself. Cost for steak is \$2 and reservations must be made by Monday. Call the Hi-Lite at 3554.

On Friday night, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. there will be a LATINO NIGHT at the All-American Recreation Center. Join us for a lively evening of music and live entertainment. Call 3125 for information.

Berlin Club happenings

Jan. 16 — Friendship Lounge — PPI from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
— Checkpoint NCO Club — D.J. Prince from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Gator Club — The Marshal from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
— Starlight Grove — R&R Band: Godzilla from 10 p.m. to midnight

— Harnack House — Super Sound from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Jan. 17 — Friendship Lounge — Brown Sugar from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Checkpoint NCO Club — C&W Group CHAPARRAL from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Starlight Grove — ALL NIGHT PPI from 9:30 p.m. to 4 a.m.

— Gator Club — The Marshal from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

— Harnack House — Dave Smith (piano) from 7 to 11 p.m.

Jan. 18 — Checkpoint NCO Club — PPI from 8 p.m. to midnight

— Starlight Grove — D.J. Prince from 8 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 19 — Friendship Lounge — Super Kool from 8 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 20 — Starlight Grove — D.J. Prince from 8 p.m. to midnight

— Friendship Lounge — Poor Boy from 8 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 21 — Friendship Lounge — Super Kool from 8 p.m. to midnight

— Starlight Grove — Brown Sugar from 8 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 22 — Starlight Grove — Poor Boy from 8 p.m. to midnight

Jan. 23 — Friendship Lounge — PPI from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Checkpoint NCO Club — D.J. Prince from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

— Starlight Grove — R&R Disco from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

— Gator Club — Poor Boy from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

— Harnack House — KOFF (band) from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

PAC has more than one job

by Janet Motto

"I'll man the 50-cal in a minute, I have to secure my typewriter..." This fictitious comment may sound ridiculous unless you're member of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion Personnel Action Center. They kid about it because for them, it could be a real situation someday.

"Contrary to popular belief, PAC does go to the



WHAT NOW — SSgt. Roy Harper, Admin Services NCOIC for the 3rd Battalion Personnel Action Center, says sorting out the blank forms room is his last major area for reorganization. The problem is, where to start? (Photo by Janet Motto)

field," says 1st Lt. Joseph Griffith, Adjutant, 3rd Battalion, "and most of the men here are cross-trained as 50-caliber machinegunners, the rest have qualified on M-16A1's. When they go to the field they not only take the regular equipment needed for their PAC duties, but their weapons too."

PAC clerks have traditionally been thought of as paperpushers with "get-over" jobs. Not so says Griffith.

"These guys put out, they really do," he says, "and they're caught in the middle too. In addition to their duties as personnel action specialists, completing administrative functions, they are also part of an infantry battalion. They have to be prepared to go to the field."

They're preparing for that right now. Monday the PAC personnel will move to the field where they'll complete their normal duties while participating in their battalion's Army training and evaluation program.

"They won't be doing as many normal tasks," says Griffith, "instead they'll be concentrating on ARTEP tasks and training. This means they'll have to work even harder because some of these things must be done whether in the field or not. We still have to arrive and depart people as normal, complete emergency leave forms, service awards and get the mail out."

Even if they're not in the field, it's still not a get over job.

Griffith heads the PAC staff of twelve, two officers and 10 enlisted men. They're a small force, responsible for processing virtually thousands of personnel actions each month. Often that means working overtime and Saturdays.

The clerks are in charge of all the legal files and Serviceman's Individual files for 3rd Battalion soldiers. It's their job to insure that all awards, Article 15's and personnel actions are properly completed and filed in these records. They also keep the personnel data cards up to date.

"There are really two key missions to PAC," says Griffith, "individual soldier support and command support. We process all of the soldier's paperwork here for things like ration cards, leaves, extensions, separate rations, finance inquiries, cost of living allowances and even marriage applications. And we support the command by typing all of the SOPs, the weekly bulletins, and maintaining the regulations, publications and blank forms."

"Considering the number of people we have, these guys really do a phenomenal job," says Griffith. "When our guys land in Berlin, they hit the ground running. When he first gets here he knows about half of what he needs to know to do his job. We scramble to get him on-the-job training, and he scrambles to keep up."

The PAC clerks are assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, which means company duties too. They still pull CQ and company details, in addition to duties PAC duties.

"The clerks sacrifice a lot to work here," says 2nd Lt. William Allen, "they belong to the headquarters company but when the rest of the men are released for sports activities, or to go to school during the education block, their mission doesn't stop. Often it has to be completed during the evening hours."

Sp 5 Willie Bailey was worked in PAC for over two years, longer than anyone else in the section. He estimates that, including awards and enlisted evaluation reports, he processes over 150 personnel actions each month. As supervisor for the Personnel Action Management section, he oversees even more. "The guys in the battalion know it's not a get over job. It seems like there are a thousand of them in here every day... they know."

SSgt. Roy Harper is the Administrative Services NCOIC. He's been with PAC since September 1979. He and the two clerks who work for him have a big job requesting and receiving all of the blank forms handling flag orders, reproduction, the battalion filing, the reference library, mail and distribution, requisitioning office supplies, and running the typing pool.

"I work longer hours here than I ever worked as an infantry squad leader," he says. "It's a big problem when I'm the only one type!"

Soldiers convicted in courts-martial

PFC Richard A. Hill, Combat Support Company, 4th Battalion, was convicted by a special courts-martial on Dec. 17 for assault with a knife and possession of marijuana. Hill was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three months, forfeiture of \$200 for three months, and reduction to E-1.

S4 Billy E. Blanks, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion was convicted by a general courts-martial on Dec. 17 for three counts of sale of a prohibited hallucinogenic drug, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, use of marijuana, possession of a black-jack, and AWOL. Blanks was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for four years and nine months, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to E-1, and a Dishonorable Discharge from the U.S. Army.

Pvt. 2 Warren B. Lane, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, was convicted by a special courts-martial on Dec. 18 for larceny of chemical smoke grenades and violation of a general regulation. Lane was sentenced to hard labor for two months, forfeiture of \$200 for two months and reduction to E-1.

S4 Remus L. Overton, Company A, 4th Battalion, was convicted by a general courts-martial on Dec. 20 for two specifications of larceny and assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm. Overton was sentenced to confinement at hard labor for one year; forfeiture of \$200 per month for one year and reduction to E-1.

Brigade women's basketball

Berlin takes Nuernberg twice

by Sam Williams

The Berlin Brigade Women's Basketball team handed Nuernberg back to back defeats and came away tourney champs in a recent double elimination competition in Amberg, FRG.

Forced to take on the scrappy females from Nuernberg for a second time in the competition Berlin's sizzling hot females rose to the occasion by producing a well balanced offensive attack as well as a superior rebounding performance and top-notch defensive stragedies.

The tournament opened with teams from Berlin, Nuernberg, Amberg and Graffenwoehr vieing for the number one spot. Following opening action, in which Berlin defeated Nuernberg for the first time, only two of the four teams remained in the undefeated ranks. In second round action Berlin and Nuernberg merged victorious, thus setting the scene for the third and final round of action in which Berlin defeated Nuernberg for second time and the gold.

Despite its recent first place finish and 10-3 overall record Berlin's team is still constantly battling tough oponents at home. It's toughest competi-

tion yet has home from a non-athletic source and all the points have been scored off the court.

"While support for women's sports has improved over the last few years, there are still disturbing inequalities in men's and women's programs," explains Tony Pullum, coach of the female brigade team. "My biggest fight right now is trying to get some sort of duty exemption for the team members early in March," he adds.

March 12-16 has been designated as the date for the 1981 USAREUR Tournament. It is during this time that the Berlin representatives will have to be in the best physical condition of the season if they are to pull off a repeat of their recent Amberg performance the coach insists.

Additionally Coach Pullum would like to see a female tournament held in Berlin. "Why not?" he asks. Everyone in the zone wants a chance to see Berlin and we would like a chance to show off our town."

Brig. Gen. John E. Rogers, Berlin Brigade Commander, was on hand to accept the first place trophy on behalf of the team members and coaches during a presentations ceremony following the finals of the Over-30 Tournament.

Soldier has clean collection

by Michael Bilbo

Sp4 Laval Johnson, Company B, 2nd Battalion has clean hobby. He avidly collects soap.

Johnson's soap collecting began on June 23, 1978 when he was reading Malachi, a book in the Old Testament. He came across a passage which compared God to soap because of its purity and re-

fined quality.

Since then Johnson has collected more than 1,000 bars of soap from 34 countries around the world. His goal is to get soap from every country in the world. His collection contains large and small pieces which come in a variety of shapes sizes, ages, smells and prices. His most inexpensive bar has an price of 19 cents on the label and one of the

more expensive bars in his collection costs DM24.

"Soap" according to Johnson, "is one of the few things on this earth that really makes all men equal. It exemplifies the overriding concept in the Bible of universal brotherhood. It's a simple fact that if you don't wash yourself with soap, no matter how much medicine you take or how clean a life you think you otherwise maintain, you will die by your own doing from disease."

In his collection, Johnson has soaps from communist and other demonstrably atheist countries. Asked how these fit into his philosophical basis for soap collecting, Johnson pointed out that the use and appeal of soap is a universal human trait. "God's concern is for all men everywhere and all men as brothers. This and the comparison of God to the pureness of soap is manifested by soap as an equalizer of mankind."

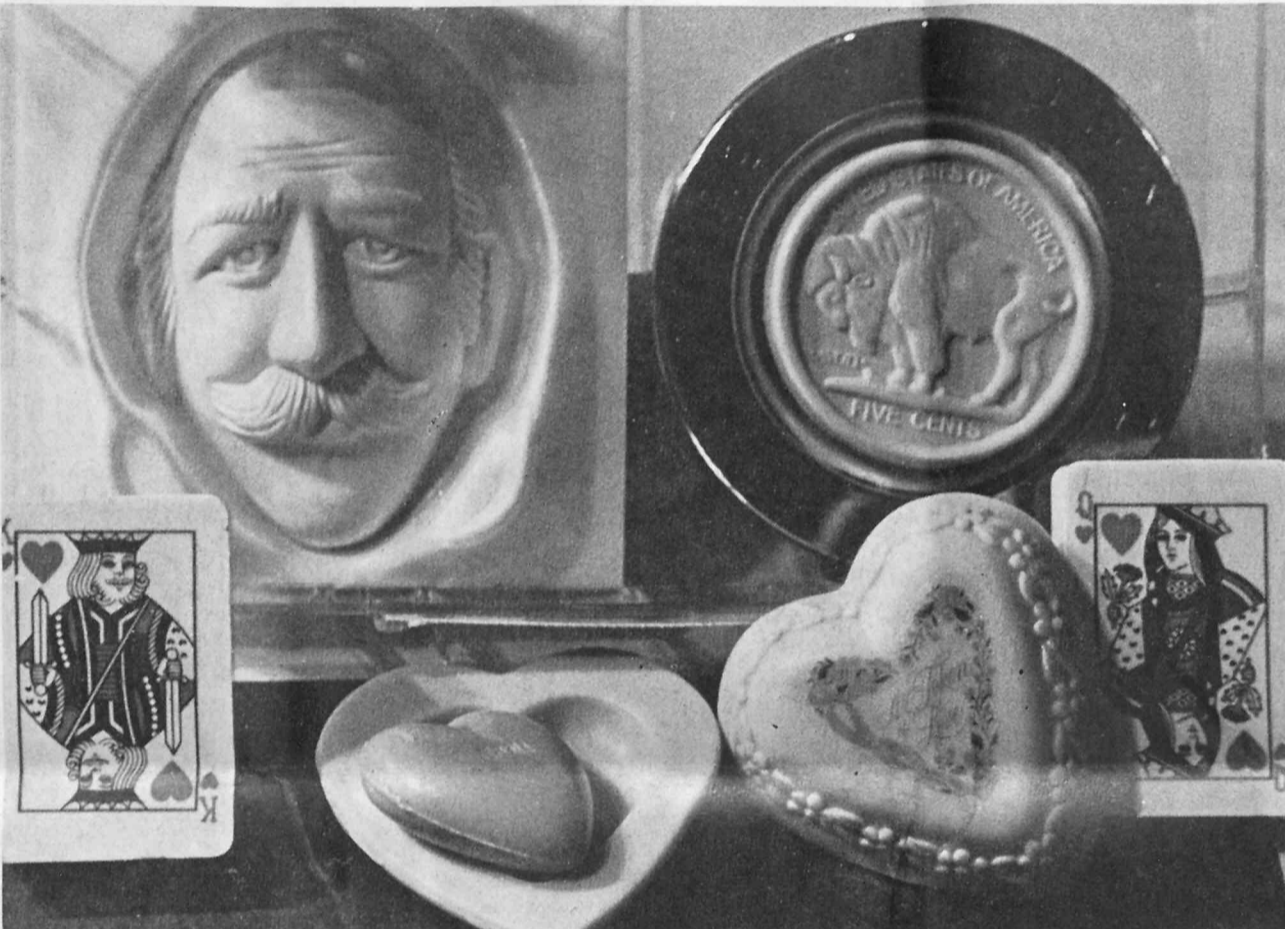
Recently one of Johnson's German neighbors brought his two Libyan guests over to see the collection. After they viewed the soap, they stayed around to talk for awhile. Points of view on many subjects were exchanged and new friends were made all because of a soap collection.

Johnson receives additions to his collection from pen pals, from other soldiers and friends as a result of their travels throughout the world. A little over a year ago, Johnson's company commander went on a vacation to Greece with some friends. They brought him back some soap also.

Many of Johnson's soaps seem to be commemorative. There are sculptured heads, turtles, playing cards, Buffalo nickles and cars. Several of the Western European countries wrap their soaps with pictures of covergirls.

After three years Johnson has amassed not only an interesting collection but also quite a wealth of knowledge about soap and its real meaning. Johnson invites anyone to contribute to his collection. He also welcomes thoughts and adventures in the collecting process.

Johnson is always looking for pen pals and any correspondence should be addressed to him care of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, APO, NY 09742.



THE MANY FACES OF SOAP — There are just some of the bars of soap that can be found in Sp4 Laval Johnson's soap collection. Johnson now has more than

1,000 bars of soap and hopes to get some from every country in the world. (Photo by Michael Bilbo)

Training NCOs streamlined system works

by Janet Motto

"We think we've got our paper tiger down to a little bitty kitten now," says Sp5 Farrell Brady, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Berlin Brigade training NCO. "Now, if we could only individual cooperation..."

Brady and co-worker SSgt. K. C. Clayton run the training room. They've got a big job, insuring that almost 525 soldiers receive their mandatory, annual training. They agree it's not an easy task.

"It's (the company) like a humongous monster," says Brady, "we're all spread out and nobody's even sure what's going on."

He's not kidding when he says "spread out." Company personnel staff the brigade headquarters, the APO and mailrooms, School of Standards, explosives detachments, driver's testing, maintenance divisions, duty trains and recreation centers. They even have two soldiers who live and work in Frankfurt. Needless to say, it's pretty tough to get them all together even for things like weapons qualifications.

"We can't even get a range," says Brady, "because we're a separate unit we have to coordinate

through one of the battalions to get one. That's just another of our paperwork battles."

Paperwork they agree is their biggest job. They're both resigned to the fact they'll never get all of their people together at the same time. They don't worry about that any more. But it's keeping the files straight, the paperwork completed and trying to generate individual participation in the unit that becomes the headache.

"When I took over," says Brady who has been in the training room for about a year, "there were four different filing systems and ways to find out what equipment someone had. No wonder people had trouble keeping up with it. And it seems that the more there was to keep up with, the farther behind it got. It was a mess."

Untrained personnel added to the confusion according to Clayton. "We had people here that threw out the information they were supposed to be filing because they didn't know they were supposed to keep it."

After pulling and reading regulation after regulation governing training rooms, they feel they've finally got their system streamlined.

"Things are actually properly filed now," says

Brady, "and we know who's got what. I've even left my desk knowing that everything in my "in" box had been completed, signed and filed. It's taken some time though."

"We're just trying to do what the regulations say," says Clayton "and we've finally gotten the paperwork to where we can do that. Now, if we can only get it through to the individuals and sections that its important they hold up their end too. A lot of people don't even know they're assigned to a company. Ask them which unit they belong to and they'll tell you DCSI, AG, maintenance, anything but HHC. It should be HHC first, and the section second, not the other way around. It would certainly make our job easier."

Even with all of the problems specific to a headquarters unit, they're taking matters in stride and getting the job done. The files are now properly set up, recors up to date, and a good percentage of the people are current in their training.

"I can honestly say I like the job," says Brady, "it's just getting it done that's tough. But, we'll keep plodding on because a soldier isn't any good without the proper training. It is an important job."

Styling classes big hit at BAHS

Berlin American High School students are taking better care of themselves thanks to their new Cosmetology and Personal Grooming classes.

The cosmetology class, which began last September, is the newest in the school curriculum. Their teaching lab, which is located on the upper story of the Voc-Tech building, is a fully equipped beauty salon. It's complete with 12 hydraulic stations, chairs, mirrors and basins for shampooing hair.

During the semester-long cosmetology class, older students learn how to cut, braid and color hair, to give shampoos, blow drying techniques, wig care and how to give facials and



TWO HEADS BETTER — Jill Nikalaus had fun during the wig-care class.

manicures. They practice on each other, school faculty members and volunteers from the community.

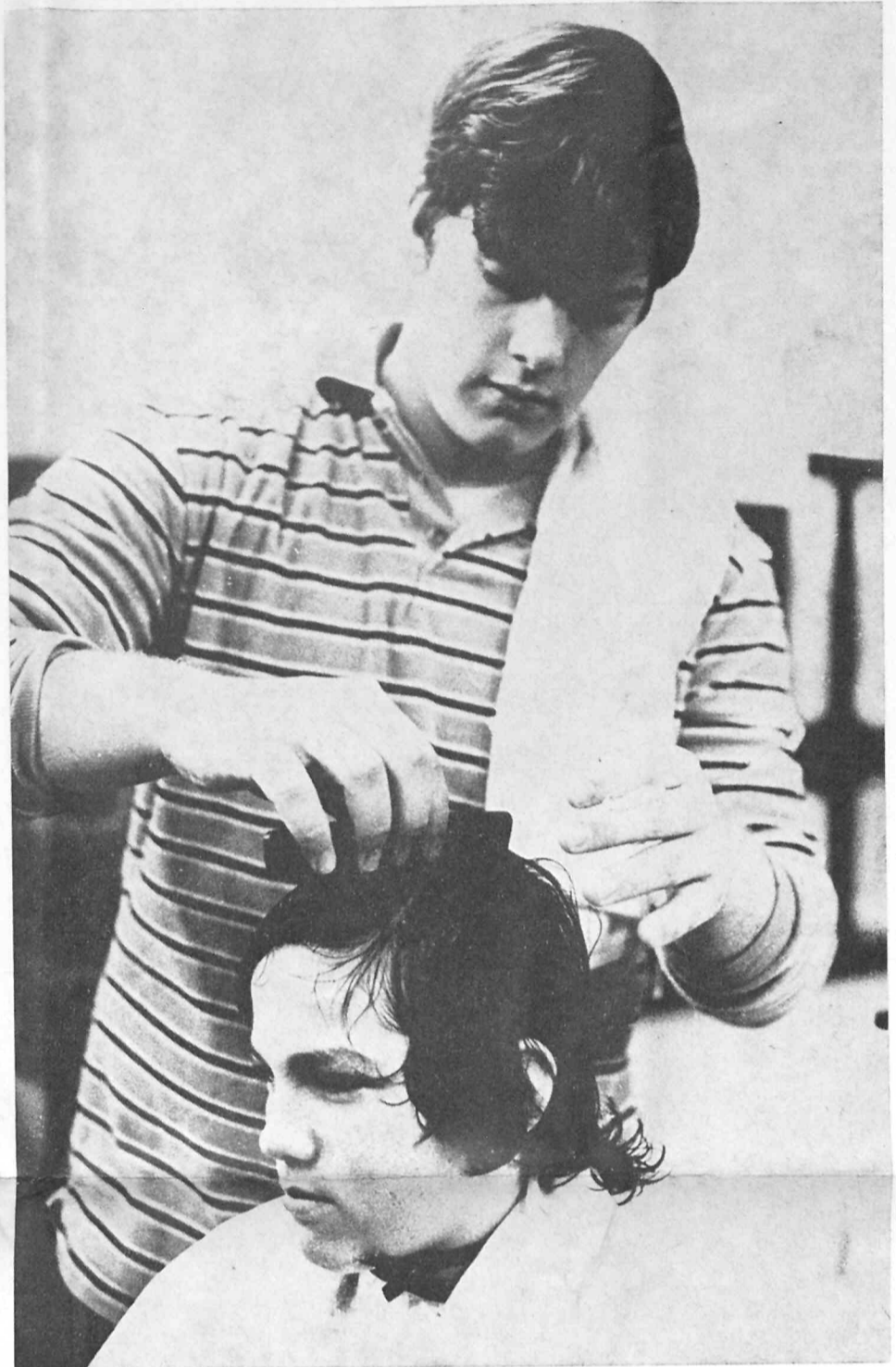
In the Personal Grooming class, younger students are learning the importance of personal appearance.

"Since the classes began I've seen subtle, but positive changes in the students grooming habits," says instructor Patty Beech. "They're taking more care with their make-up, wearing neater hair styles and the color coordination of their clothing has improved too."

About 60 students, male and female, have taken advantage of the classes and real-world work experience. More are expected to enroll in the for classes which begin Jan. 26.



WASH BEFORE CUT — Rachel Muller practices shampooing techniques on Amanda Steffens.



STYLING — Cosmetology student Kevin Stewart sections off Eddie Reed's hair before cutting and styling.

The new high school class isn't just for the girls. (Photos by Susan Geller)

Styling comes naturally to BAHS instructor

"Ever since I was old enough to hold a brush, I've been styling hair," says Patty Beech, Berlin American High School's cosmetology instructor. "I'm happy I have the chance to pass these skills on."

As the instructor for the high school's new program, Beech conducts five classes: Two personal grooming classes for seventh and eighth graders, and three cosmetology classes for students in 9th through 12th grades. She describes her classes as relaxed, with active student participation.

Beech, who is a graduate of Jeans College of Beauty in San Angelo, Texas, has been styling hair professionally for about 10 years. She's worked at various levels of the beauty business from stylist to shop owner. She further broadened her

scope by taking on the responsibility of costume, make-up and hair design for the Tempelhof American Theater Group's entire cast.

A military wife, Beech arrived in Berlin with her husband, MSgt. James J. Beech, Jr., who is assigned to 6912th ESG at Tempelhof. They have three children.

Shortly after their arrival Beech began thinking about going back to work.

"I'd already decided to return to work when I saw an ad on AFN TV. They were looking for someone with a background in cosmetology, but the particular job wasn't stated. I was quite elated to find out it was a teaching position. I'd been demonstrating hair care most of my life and felt that's what I was best qualified to do."

Obviously the school thought so too, and her first classes have been a big success.

"The kids are really great," says Beech, "they try hard to master the techniques of cosmetology. The classes are basically female, but we have a few guys who are finding that this work can be rewarding for them too."

Her students agree.

"It's a very good class," says Nancy Chartier, "not just for people who are planning to make cosmetology a career, but for everyday grooming."

"I can even cut my mom and friends hair," says Kim Berg.

"It's not just for girls," says Tom Graham. "I've learned about hygiene, bone structure and health matters. It's a good class which will help me later in my career as a coach."



Patty Beech

Brighten January with MSAD

The sole consolation to the miseries of January is that the month comes but once a year. Featuring miserable weather, little daylight, and leafless trees, the first month of the year stands in direct contrast to the otherwise optimistic forecasts made by several experts for the new year of 1981.

Brilliantly, the creative staff of MSAD has chosen to ignore the gloomier aspects of the month and emphasize January's potential as the introduction to a stunningly encouraging year. In line with that potential, the famed entertainers of MSAD have created the following schedule of events from craft courses to tours. A modest look at the division's offerings underlines the following:

Craft courses

The Andrews Auto Crafts Shop offers several courses in the near future, including basic car care for women, tune-ups, and car care for men. Call 3349 for dates and other information.

The McNair Photo Center's powerful line-up features color slide processing, picture taking without film or camera, photo display, and still other courses. Sign up now: for information call 3484.

The McNair Multicraft Shop will teach you

watercolor painting, together with other arts, starting next month. Call 3180.

At Andrews, the woodshop offers a veneer class starting Tuesday and a chair caning class on the same date. The woodshop will also orient you on the use of power tools next month. Call 3544 for details.

Theater and tours

Auditions start tonight for "Inherit the Wind," a play about the infamous Scopes trial and its implications for politics and religion. Even if you have never appeared in a play, drop by the Andrews Music and Theater Center at 7:30 p.m. today, tomorrow or Sunday. The play offers many parts for men and women, boys and girls. Call 3550 for more information.

"Plaza Suite," an excellent comedy by Neil Simon (author of "The Odd Couple"), comes to the same theater center from Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Berlin American High School, the play features adult entertainment free of charge.

ITT Tours, located in the sports center on Huettenweg, extends a special welcome to anyone who arrived in the divided city after the end of November 1980. Bring a copy of your orders to ITT and you will receive free passage on a West Berlin sightseeing tour during January.

If you are hungry for historical information, join ITT's tour to Bendler Block (the German Pentagon) and other sites associated with the 1944 plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. The tour starts with brunch

at the Harnack House on Sunday and moves on to review Bendler Block, Ploetzensee Prison, and the Maria Regina Church.

Spend time browsing with ITT at the distinctive Flea Market in the somewhat old-fashioned U-Bahn cars at Nollendorf Platz on Jan. 23. Head for the East Berlin Opera to see and hear Prince Igor on Jan. 24, and visit the International Green Week on Jan. 25 and 31. Call 6523 for details.

Recreation centers

If food is one of your hobbies, join the Hi Lite's next Steak Night, namely on Thursday, but be sure to sign up by Monday (call 3554 for information). The same rec center stages a Bridge workshop for amateurs from Feb. 3 to 26 for ten dollars. You can also audition to be a model in the Hi Lite's March Fashion Show on Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. For details on other informative and interesting events, call 3554.

The McNair All American creates another popular Latino Night on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. Be there for a lively evening of music and live entertainment. Fans of German tradition will want to show up at Carnival Evening on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in order to celebrate the European edition of Mardi Gras. Wear a costume and enjoy the atmosphere. Other details are available at 3125.

Sports offered also

The Berlin Brigade men's and women's basketball teams compete against Stuttgart this weekend. The women play on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. The men play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Please follow my rules

Washing machine laments

Hello there!!! My name is MIELE, but you, my friend, may call me Washing Machine! I was born in Germany, and there are about 1,700 of us installed in the America community of West Berlin. Most of us have the first name of "W 406," "706" or "5105," and some are smaller than others.

We all have but one thought in mind, that is, to give you longlasting and good service. In other words, we want to be your friends!!!

However, the way you treat me at times is enough to give anyone an inferiority complex! I know that I am not of the size or capacity you are used to back home, but though I may be smaller, my capabilities are certainly equal to those of my relatives in the United States.

Just treat me right, follow the directions displayed in every laundry room for your convenience.

Please do not load me to the point of choking me! And do not fill me with high sudsing detergents! My stomach gets upset and I get sick, in other words, when the suds run over the side, they mess up my electronics. I stand there with wet feet and have to listen to your complaints. Some of you even call me names at this point! I ask you, is it my fault?

The next time you turn my dials counterclockwise, to the left, that is, I may just decide to quit serving you and then where are you? Dirty clothes and all, especially when junior just came home with his last pair of jeans all muddy and big sister has to have that particular blouse washed for the big date! Not to mention Mom and Dad's best bowling shirts! You see, when you turn the dials in the wrong direction, you are upsetting my electronic mind which is controlled through the dials, I get confused and finally give up altogether.

And the many of you who never think to clean my filter! It's behind the flap on the bottom of the

machine in front. Surely you have noticed that? It is really a very simple task, and if you perform that the minute you are finished with your wash, the next one using me will have a clean and troublefree wash also. By the way, my interior is stainless steel, please don't blame any rust spots on me!

In many laundry rooms you find my cousins the dryers! They, too, need their filters cleaned once you are done, and at times in between if you drying a load of new and fluffy towels!

Here are a few hints on ways in which I might give you even better service: American made T-shirts and other white underwear are best washed on the "60 colored" cycle, so are table and bed linens. Lightweight blouses and wash 'n wear shirts are best done up in "30 colored."

Anytime you have laundry that should be just washed and you don't feel it needs the pre-wash cycle, start the machine and immediately turn the dial to "drain," then watch the red pointer on the left dial move around to just before MAIN WASH. At that point quickly turn the right dial to the program you have selected, i.e. "60 colored," and let me, your friendly wash machine, do the rest. You have eliminated the pre-wash cycle and your laundry is done faster.

Also remember that when you select the 30 degree celsius programs, you already have reduced the time it takes to wash on the other settings, since the 30 degree celsius programs are all designed for a shorter, gentler wash.

In closing let me say again, I want to be your friend, and all I ask is that you sort the laundry first, don't overload me (I will not start if you do that!) Do use suds detergents, don't turn my dials the wrong way and please clean my filter. If you will do this for me I will give you excellent service for all the years you are here.



KNOW THESE SIGNS — When visiting parks and forests in Berlin it's good to know what these signs mean. The top one tells you that this is a scenic protected area and that you should not damage the landscaping. The middle sign is for a protected green area which means that you should keep off the grass and not to pick the flowers. The lower sign tells you through pictures that dogs and bicycles are not allowed in the area and ball playing is also not allowed. Knowing and obeying these signs will help you make a better impression on your Berlin neighbors.

(Photo by Jim Joerger)

Bear-a-Cudas destroy Piranhas

The Berlin Bear-a-Cudas were victorious over the Patch Piranhas during the home swim meet last weekend at Andrews pool. Total team effort lead to a final score of 283-132.

Two outstanding Berlin swimmers set new records. Jerry Rettie posted a new European Forces Swim League record in boys 13-14 year age group with a 1:23:24 in the 100-meter breast stroke. In addition Susan Sams set a pool record posting a 1:17.76 for the 100-meter fly in the girls 13-14 year old age group.

Three Bear-a-Cudas collected three first place wins. In the 11-12 boys age group, Knut Asmis came home first in 100-meter individual medley, 50-meter backstroke, and 50-meter breast. Didi Stowell exhibited winning performances in girls 13-14 age group 100-meter free style, 200-meter individual medley, and 100-meter backstroke.

Meanwhile, Veronique Alderson victoriously lead the competition in 100-meter free, 200-meter individual medley, and 100-meter fly, for 15-18 year old girls.

Swimmers who recorded two first place wins are Chris Parson in ten and under boys with 100-meter individual medley and 50-meter back and Suzanne Rivard in 11-12 age group girls with 100-meter individual medley and 50-meter fly. And, in 13-14 boys age group, Jerry Rettie set his new European Forces record in breaststroke and won in the 100-meter back while Jim Finley took first in the 100-meter free and 200-meter individual medley.

Many Berlin swimmers took single first place events along with second and third place finishes including Peter Stowell, Karen Cox, Kristy Dimmery, Karen Edelmann, Monica Shears, Holly Braddock, Dennis Patton, Susan Finley, Christine

Cox, Sally Shoop, Susan Sams with her pool record, Norman Storer, and Cathy Speer.

Additional swim points were earned with second and third places earned by Eric Dimmery, Mark Springer, Eero Keravouri, Wayne Baker, Kellie Patton, Heidi Baker, Jeff Edelman, John Harden, Diane Newman, Pat Harden, Colleen Pierce, Chris Fortune, Bryan Dockett, Mark Nel-

son, and Cyndie Dockett.

Also many other Bear-a-Cudas swimmers exhibited great effort and determination.

The Berlin swim team will host a home meet at Andrews pool Sunday, Jan. 18 for the SHAPE Seals. This promises to be an exciting and competitive meet, since both teams are undefeated the season. Be sure to support your Bear-a-Cudas.



I'M GOING TO WIN — Jerry Rettie, one of the Berlin Bear-a-cudas swims hard in the meet held last week-

end at Andrews Pool. Jerry set a new European Forces Swim League record in the 100-meter breast stroke.

Sports shorts

Berlin splits

The Berlin Junior Boys Traveling Basketball Teams traveled to Bremerhaven Saturday to play the Bremerhaven Jazz and Olzterholz Stallions. Berlin won the first game 34-30 but lost the second contest 27-34.

Ski Championships

The 1981 USAREUR Ski Championships will be held in Garmisch Feb. 20-22. All active duty Army men and women are eligible to participate. If you possess the spirit to compete and are a downhill or cross country skier, call the Sports Office at 6168/6768.

Berlin hosts Stuttgart

The Berlin Brigade Men's and Women's Basketball Team will compete against Stuttgart tomorrow and Sunday. The Women's Team, which has a 10-4 record will play tomorrow at 6 p.m. and again Sunday at 1 p.m. The Men's Team, which has an 11-3 record will play at 7:30 tomorrow and again 2:30 on Sunday.

Swimming pool

The Baby Pool at the Sports Center Swim Center is now open. The large Pool will close from Jan. 18 thru Jan. 31. During this time the Baby Pool will remain open. Hours of operation will be Wed thru Sun 11 a.m. thru 5 p.m. For further information please call 6871.

Racquetball champions named

Members of Berlin's racquetball team took a beating in the firstever USAREUR Racquetball Championships held here last Sunday. But, from the losses came a new knowledge of the game which will help prepare them for future competitions.

Fourteen of Berlin's players competed against some of the toughest players in Europe, but experience outdid them.

Outstanding games were played by the Linda Jones-Danielle Smyer team in the women's doubles but in the final match they were defeated by the V Corps team. They came in second overall.

Steve Simpson and Lynda Jones both made outstanding individual showings for the Berlin team, but again, experience out did them. Simpson was bumped from the competition in the quarter finals. Jones took second place in the women's singles. She was defeated by Jody Schweyen, V Corps, 21-11, 21-7.

Tournament results are listed below. The top four winners in each category qualified for the All-Army championships which will be held Jan. 28-31 at Fort Hood, Tx.

Open singles Championship

Danny Winn, V Corps, def Ellis Walthour, VII Corps, 21-8, 21-7.

Loser's bracket

Walthour def Fred Mehne, 21st Support Command, 21-17, 21-10; Mehn def Tom Carrero, VII Corps, 21-18, 19-21, 11-8.

Open doubles Championship

Steve Arnold-Orndolph O'Dell, VII Corps def Greg Hill-Russ Oden, 21st Support Command, 15-9, 15-7.

Semi-finals

Arnold-O'Dell def Winn-Tim Coles, V Corps, 15-4, 15-10; Oden-Hill def Mehne-Bruce Cassella, 21st Support Command, 15-3, 15-5.

Seniors singles Championship

Rich Allman, V Corps def John Alton, 21st Support Command, 21-9, 15-21, 11-6; Allman def Alton, 15-21, 21-12, 11-4.

Loser's Bracket

Allman def Steve Snow, 26th Support Command, 21-8, 21-8; Allman def Art Johnson, VII Corps, 17-21, 21-14, 11-8.

Seniors doubles Championship

Johnson-Jim Hawthorne, VII Corps, def Allman-Russ Throckmorton, V Corps, 15-9, 15-5.

Semi-finals

Johnson-Hawthorne def Ron Fox-Robert Cox, Berlin, 15-11, 14-15, 11-4; Allman-Throckmorton def John Anderson-Robert Culbertson, 21st Support Command, 4-15, 15-11, 11-9.

Women's singles Championship

Jody Schweyen, V Corps, def Lynda Jones, Berlin, 21-11, 21-7.

Loser's Bracket

Jones def Lynn Selle, VII Corps, 21-9, 6-21, 11-10; Selle def Laura Elkins, VII Corps, 21-7, 18-21, 11-8.

Women's doubles Championship

Schweyen-Hilda Hinds, V Corps, def Jones-Daniella Smyer, Berlin.

Semi-finals

Schweyen-Hinds won by default over Selle-Elkins; Jones Smyer def Jonie Plummer-Beckey Munoz, Berlin 15-6, 15-3.

ACS offers thanks

The folks at the Army Community Services are happy to announce that Operation Santa Claus, 1980, was great success.

Approximately 150 Christmas baskets were distributed to needy service members and their families according to ACS officer 2nd Lt. Donna Dawson. The baskets, distributed on Dec. 22, each contained food and two gifts per child.

ACS is grateful for the help they received. Volunteers from the infantry battalions and brigade community made their job easier by wrapping gifts, preparing baskets, and helping Santa Claus deliver them.

Toys and food were received as donations from many individuals and organizations throughout the community. Due to the combined efforts of these caring individuals, numerous service members and their families had happier holidays.

ACS would like to offer special thanks to the following organizations for their donations and help with the project: The American Women's Club of Berlin; Warrant Officers Association; Berlin Neighborhood Girl Scouts; German American Women's Club; Students, Faculty and Staff of Berlin American High School; Latinos Unidos En Berlin; Medical Services Officers Women's Club; Boy Scouts of America; Berlin Chapter, Association of the United States Army; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; Masonic Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Commissary Store; AAFES; 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry; 3rd Battalion, 6th Infantry; 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry; Combat Support Battalion; Headquarters and Headquarters Company (P) Berlin Brigade; Personnel of the Provost Marshall's Office; Students of Thomas A. Roberts Elementary School; and participants in the First Annual DJ's Ball.

PDO

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Once placed on the computerized inventory, items remain there for 45 days. If at the end of that period they have not been returned to the supply system, they are offered for sale. Individuals or vendors may purchase the items through formal sealed bids, auctions or in retail stores. Most military personnel are most familiar with the retail stores. In these, ID cardholders may buy things like clothing, sporting goods, books, household items, typewriters, and other low value items at reasonable prices.

Used cars too

They also run their own brand of used-car lot. Abandoned cars and trucks are turned over to them for disposal. Most of them are in bad shape, inoperable and rusted, but not always.

"If we determine that a car is still operable," says Gordon, "we offer it for sale back to the troops. Some of them need body or engine work," he says, "but for two or three hundred dollars, sol-

diers can pick up some pretty good transportation cars. These cars, and other PDO items are put up for sale about every six months. Inoperable vehicles are sold for parts and scrap metal. The sales are advertised in advance.

One of the biggest money-makers in the system, according to Gordon, is precious metal. A fair percentage of the property turned-in to the PDO is determined unuseable and is sold as scrap and recycled. Some of the "scrap" property, such as electronic equipment, contains precious metals. Parts containing these metals are shipped to a precious metals recovery plant in the states where they are broken down and processed into gold and silver bars. Last year, \$45 million in precious metals were returned to the U.S. Treasury.

"It ain't little business," says Air Force Col. Jephtha Dennis, commander of the Defense Property Disposal Region — Europe. Dennis is in Berlin to attend the DPDR-E Commanders Conference which will be held next week. About 50 representatives from 14 disposal offices and 19 branches throughout Europe will attend the conference which will be held at the Harnack House. Starting Monday, they'll begin arriving from places as far away as Turkey, the Azores, Iceland and Greece.

Dennis is proud of Berlin's PDO operation. It's smaller than most European PDO's because so much of the equipment used here is Deutschmark funded through the German Government, but it's a smooth running operation doing big business in electronic equipment.

Berlin's a winner

"One of the highlights of the conference will be an award presentation to the Berlin PDO," says Dennis. They have been named first runner up in the small PDO category (those having less than 10 employees) world-wide. Including Gordon, the entire staff is made up of six employees, all civilians.

Gordon attributes the accomplishment to special care with the reutilization of material. He says they put extra effort into getting materials back into the system and to Army and Air Force units where it can be used.

Dennis agrees, but adds much of the success is due to the "family" atmosphere existing between the employees themselves. "Each of these people is doing his job well because he likes it, and he likes the people he's working with. They have sort

AUSA awards given; Special guest honored

The annual General Membership Meeting of the Berlin Chapter, Association of the United States Army, was held at the Coliseum Theater on Dec. 17. Guest speaker was Maj. Gen. Ernest D. Peixotto, President of the European Department, AUSA.

During his visit Peixotto also presented awards to members of AUSA and the local community. First was the presentation of a \$300 check to the Army Community Services "Operation Santa Claus." A Commendation Certificate was awarded to Dwight C. Brewer, Education Counselor, 3rd Battalion in recognition of faithful service as secretary to the Berlin Charter of AUSA. A membership certificate was also presented to a new corporate member of the Berlin Chapter.

of a family environment here. And, it's a cosmopolitan one at that," he chuckled. "The British work next to the Germans and all work together for an American."

Gordon recently arrived in Berlin from Livorno, Italy where he had been the Assistant PDO for the past year. He's been in Berlin for about six months and says that his crew deserves much of the credit for their success. "Everything runs pretty smoothly here," he says.

His employees feel he's too humble, adding there's a lot to be said for leadership and a boss who cares.

Have questions? Call

Gordon would also like to see units and individuals make the best of what PDO has to offer. Whether they're trying to locate materials, or get rid of them, he's willing to talk business. So, for further information on the Reutilization Program, contact him at PDO, 819-3174.

He'd also like to inform people that the next PDO sales will be held next month. Auto sales will take place Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone wishing to inspect them may do so on Feb. 11 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Retail Store opens for business Feb. 13, hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Items may be inspected prior to the sale on Feb. 12 from 12 to 3:30 p.m. All sales will take place at the PDO which is located almost directly across from McNair's four-ring, next to the battalion motorpools.

CSB

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By Jan. 6 over 570 Combat Support and Combat Service Support soldiers were ready to begin training.

In Berlin, the Combat Support Battalion rear detachment continues to operate. The rear detachment provides administrative support for their units still in Berlin. They are also provided support for several 2nd Armored Division forward units that are here on a training exercise.

In addition to providing training and support for the troops here, the rear detachment ensures that mail, repair parts, incoming personnel, and dependents are taken care of.

Mail, distribution and logistic support items are sent from here to Bergen-Hohne each day.

Dependents of the personnel in the field have a mail call twice a day here receive and send letters and packages to and from the people in the field.

Combat Support Battalion will return to Berlin on Jan. 29. They will immediately begin planning their next field exercise scheduled for August.

Energy

*we can't afford
to waste it*