

Band, community choir holiday concerts scheduled

The Christmas spirit usually comes alive for many when they hear the old familiar Christmas carols or listen to a Christmas message in music.

To bring the American community the beautiful sounds of Christmas two special concerts have been planned.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the American Allied Festival of Carols Choir will present a program of Christmas music. The choir, under the direction of

Alan Poland, music director for John F. Kennedy School, will sing a variety of selections including spirituals, folk carols, Spanish-American Christmas songs as well as contemporary music and the more familiar Christmas songs. The audience will also get to join in singing some traditional carols.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. at the American Community Chapel on Huettenweg. It is open to the entire American community. Babysitting

will be provided for pre-schoolers in the chapel nursery.

The 298th U. S. Army Band is also giving the community a Christmas present. Their annual Christmas Band Concert is scheduled for December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Outpost Theater.

There is no charge for the event that will provide a variety of Christmas tunes. SSgt. Mike Seals will perform a special narration of Clement

Clark Moore's Christmas story, "A Visit From St. Nick."

No holiday event would be complete without an appearance from Santa Claus; so, old Saint Nick will be on hand to greet the children. The concert is expected to conclude at 10 p.m.

All members of the American community are invited. This will be a concert for the whole family young and old alike. But parents are requested to accompany children to the concert.



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U.S., British soldiers practice 'togetherness'

by Sue Sweeney

Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, and British soldiers from the King's Own Royal Border Regiment spent this past week training together in the Dauerwald.

This training served a dual purpose. The British soldiers were able to get a closer look at how Berlin Brigade squads prepare for an ARTEP and to train with the Americans, using American methods and equipment.

For the 2nd Battalion soldiers this was their last chance to practice squad level skills before the ARTEP actually begins on Monday.

"We tried to leave the squad leaders as much latitude as possible," said SFC Jim Clauson, Company C's first sergeant. "The squad leader is the best judge of what areas his men are weak in, and he can plan the training around that."

Among the areas that the soldiers trained in last week included an anti-armor and anti-personnel ambush, night-firing techniques, night attacks, mortar training, and movement to contact for hasty attack.

Of course the Allied soldiers compared ideas and methods.

"American tents absorb more water than ours when it rains," said Pvt. Kenneth Williams, a British soldier.

"That's because ours are just one piece of material that is pulled extremely taut."

"Also our tents are closer to the

ground than the American's," added Pvt. Terry Garvey, another British soldier.

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Getting paid during leave requires proper paper work

by R. Gibson

Berlin's Finance Officer, Maj. Charles W. Hutchinson, has some good advice for soldiers who plan to take leave in the states during the Christmas holiday.

Many soldiers underestimate their expenses while on leave. Then they go in to the nearest military finance office in hopes of getting a casual payment or some other means of financial assistance, only to be turned away because they don't have the proper documentation required to make such a payment.

Service members going on leave to the states who plan to receive their mid-month pay or a portion of their monthly pay while home, should

come in to the Finance and Accounting Office seven to 10 days prior to their departure and ask for a DA Form 2467, "Record of Local Payment" to take to the states with them.

When the need arises they should then take this form, their military I.D. Card, a valid DA Form 31 "Request and Authority for Leave," and their latest Leave and Earning Statement to the nearest military finance office and request payment.

Hutchinson further advises that it is still up to the servicing finance officer to grant the request for payment, but requests accompanied by the above documentation are rarely refused.



FIRING LINE — Sp4 Herman Morris, Company C, 2nd Battalion, feeds a line of ammunition to Pvt. Duncan Strachen, from the King's Own Border Regiment. The British and Amer-

ican soldiers trained together as part of 2nd Battalion's squad-level ARTEP training in the Dauerwald this past week.

(Photo by Sue Sweeney)

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Thursday is deadline for Christmas mailing

The APO reminds patrons that Thursday is the last recommended day to mail parcels and letter mail to CONUS in time for Christmas.

Although the SAM and PAL deadlines have already passed, patrons can still mail parcels at the priority rate or send letters, voice recordings, greeting cards and post cards at the first class rate if they do so by Thursday.

In anticipation of the last minute lines of mailers, patrons are reminded that persons with ten or more parcels can make an appointment to mail their packages by calling 6625 or 6780.

The Andrews and McNair Postal Facilities are usually less congested and are open for business at the following times: McNair Office, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m.; Andrews Office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Soldiers now paying for food, surcharges

Enlisted soldiers on Temporary Duty (TDY) are now required to pay food costs and surcharges for meals at government-controlled dining facilities.

Officials in the Department of the Army's Troop Support Division say the change, which deals with per diem equity, was put into effect Nov. 1.

Because of the recently enacted military pay law for Fiscal Year 1982, enlisted personnel now retain the per diem portion of subsistence in addition to their normal Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) while on TDY status. This will be the case even though meals are available in a military dining facility.

Accordingly, officials say, enlisted soldiers who consume food in a military facility while on TDY status will be charged the food cost plus the per diem surcharge rate. Currently, the surcharge rate is \$9.30 per ration per day.

Previously, enlisted soldiers forfeited their BAS entitlement while drawing subsistence per diem on TDY status but were provided subsistence in kind for the period of TDY. (ARNEWS)

'Wearing' correction on pullover sweater

In a last week's issue of the Berlin Observer, the article we published from EURNEWS on the black pullover sweater, contained some inaccurate facts.

According to Department of the Army Regulation 670-1, the name plate will be worn 1/4 inch above the bottom of the breast patch and centered. When worn, the DUI will be 1/4 inch above the top of the name plate and centered.

Holidays mean happiness; carelessness brings tragedy

by Jim Joerger

Safe holidays are happy ones. No one wants a tragedy to happen in the home, especially over the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. But many of them do happen — for reasons that could have been prevented.

For example, that nice, green, fresh-looking tree you might be buying in the near future could actually be a fire hazard in your home if you let the tree become dry and brittle. Fresh needles will bend between your fingers without breaking where dry ones break easily and fall off of the tree.

To keep your tree fresh longer, you should cut the end diagonally one or two inches above the original cut and then place the tree in a sturdy, stable holder with a wide base.

Fill the base with water and keep it full while the tree is indoors. You should also find a safe place to put the tree, away from fireplaces, radiators, other heat sources, and out of high walking-traffic areas. Never block a doorway with your tree either.

When the needles fall off in large quantities, that's the signal to dispose of the tree.

In these modern times, many may prefer to use an artificial tree instead of the traditional live one. Artificial trees are much easier to maintain than live ones. You don't have to check the water, and best of all there are no needles to clean up. But artificial trees can still be hazardous.

Many of the artificial trees are made of metal and pose no fire hazard in themselves. However, when you string your electrical lights on them you have

a potential shock hazard. Sharp metal edges on the tree may cut the cord or metal needles might touch an electrically-charged component. Either way the whole tree becomes electrically charged.

Checking your tree and outside lights each year is a good idea. You should look at the wires to see if they have become frayed; check for loose connections, broken or cracked sockets; and anywhere bare wires are exposed. Any set of lights that is not in proper working condition should be thrown out or repaired.

When stringing lights on the tree they should be securely fastened onto the branches. To keep from overloading an extension cord, never fasten more than three sets of lights together, and keep the connecting joints away from the water supply of a live tree.

Those pretty lights should always be unplugged before going out of the house and when you go to bed at night. When unplugging any electrical appliance you should always grasp the plug, never the cord.

Although it may be traditional in some households to decorate the tree with wax candles it should not be done. Candles are one of the most serious fire hazards during the holidays.

Give some thought to your children, too. Small children and babies should never be allowed to play unsupervised near the tree or lighted candles. They could easily burn themselves or choke on the tree's needles if they were to try and eat them.

One last word for your holiday season safety; use common sense and have a safe holiday.

Evacuation

Fire escape planning is family affair

In this command, two recent fires have raised a great number of questions about how safe we are and whether we have a fire evacuation plan?

In case of a fire, are you and your family prepared to move quickly and effectively to an area of safety? Will you be assured of getting all family members out of the burning quarters? If not, say fire-prevention experts, you should seriously consider a family escape plan. To help in developing such a plan, here are a few useful and important tips to remember:

- Fire Escape Planning is a family affair. The best way to start a plan is to make a sketch of your quarters and the way to get out. Then everyone practice, not just the children.

- Always sleep with the bedroom door closed. This keeps the smoke out and slows the progress of the fire.

- Agree on a signal to warn each other of a fire. A whistle is good because it can be heard in any room easily. Whistles are available at the Clothing Sales Store at McNair Barracks.

- Attempt to evacuate by using the stairway; never use the elevator.

- Test doors before opening them. Put your hand on the door to see if it is hot, and open slightly to see

if the next room or stairwell is full of smoke. If there is smoke in the stairwell, close the door to the stairwell and put a rug or wet towel over the crack under the door. Close all other doors and windows.

- If you cannot escape by the stairwell, have all persons in the apartment move near the window or on the balcony and wait for the fire department.

- As soon as the fire department arrives signal them to show your location. Do not move until a fireman is at your side to assist you.

- Have everyone meet at some pre-designated spot outside so you can see that they are safe. Once outside, stay there.

- Notify the Fire Department by calling 819-95. Speak slowly, give them your name and the location of the fire. Stay on the line, the English speaking operator may ask you additional questions.

- If your home already has a smoke detector, check its operation at least once a week.

The Directorate of Engineering and Housing Fire Prevention Branch, to assist you in developing an evacuation plan, has printed these evacuation tips in a fire escape planning leaflet which can be obtained at the Self-Help Issue Point during normal duty hours.

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For sale

Men's golf clubs, complete set with bag, \$75; golf shoes, size 12, worn once, \$10; Royal manual typewriter, \$50; Brown double-breasted leather jacket, size 40, \$50; brown tweed sport blazer, size 38, \$25; many eight-track tapes — make offer. Call 813-6521 after 6 p.m. or on weekends.

Kenwood Turntable (KD-3100), excellent condition, \$60. Call 802-6894 for more information.

Two-family PCS sale — basement of 11 Flanaganstrasse tomorrow, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some items for sale are: shelf, baby carriage, carrier, bath tub, stroller (free), 1600W transformer, German twin bed, dish washer, cosmetics (new), tricycle, and other miscellaneous items. For information, call 813-6219.

1970 Mercedes Benz, 250 C Coupe. Fully equipped in near mint condition. This luxury automobile has been fully restored, engine is low mileage. An ideal Christmas present for you and yours, that can be taken back to the U.S. at government expense. Car has Virginia title, U.S. specifications. Must see and drive to appreciate this auto. Call at 832-8401 for further details.

For sale: Kneisel skis with poles, ski boots, Army boots, Army Dress blue uniform, officer braid, size 44, worn once; lawn table with umbrella; Bell and Howell Sound Super-8 movie camera Model 1238, with accessories; and a Canon Super-8 movie camera, Model 310XL. Please call 802-7818.

Beautiful painting by Josiane Maimaris: "The Girl in Pink," 32 inches by 28 inches, with gold handcarved wood frame. Original price: \$350, selling for \$200 or best offer. Also, Hummel statuette: "Hear Ye, Hear Ye," 7 1/2 inches high, better quality production of the 60's, \$100. Please call 826-2744 (mornings).

Collector's Item: 1965 Mercedes Sport, 230 SL; leather and wood interior; lots extras: four winter tires, hard and soft top, car cover with lock, tan color, has German specifications. For information call 786-1594.

Smith and Wesson .38 caliber special pistol, Model 10-S, 2-inch barrel, never fired, with case; \$50. Call 802-7818.

PCS Sale — triple dresser with nine drawers; \$15; double size mattress and box spring, \$15; Disc washer and disc tracker, \$5, three-piece wicker bathroom set — storage cabinet, wall unit, clothes hamper, \$50; 110W electric skillet, \$10; 110W rotating fan, \$5; 220W hair dryer, \$5; and Ski rack for six pairs of skis, \$15. Call 813-6666.

PCS Sale — 145 Sundgauer Strasse, 8th floor, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., tomorrow and Sunday. Men's, women's, and children's clothes; toys; furniture; plus.

Three-family basement sale — Baby bed and clothes; boy's, girl's and adult clothing; toys; plants; household goods; auto parts, tools, tires; miscellaneous candles; 3 Charles H. King Strasse, tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emerson electric motor (never used), 1/2 horsepower; 115 volts; 9.0 amps; designed for washing machine use; has mounting bolts and pulley, \$25. Call after 1 p.m. 813-8979.

1974 Audi Fox — four-door, standard, American specifications. Call 813-8598. Best time, between 7 and 8 a.m.

1974 Toyota Corona MKII S/W; four-door, liftgate, six cyle, rebuilt engine; automatic transmission; power steering and brakes; AM/FM radio, roof rack; steel-belted radials; snow chains. Paperwork to ship to US, \$1,400. Call 813-6274 after 4:30 p.m.

Wanted

Responsible 17-year-old girl seeks "au pair" work, (light housework, child care), starting the end of January to mid-summer 1982. Kind, considerate household, more important than financial rewards. Telephone 772-3632 (evenings) for further details.

English speaking local national looking for job as housekeeper. Several weekdays are free. Call 826-3266 on Fridays for more information.

Lost

Yonex tennis racket. Left in Huetttenweg tennis bubble after Berlin Pokal last April. Tournament organizer said that finder tried unsuccessfully to locate me last spring. Please call 826-4778.

Lost at the DYA gym around Nov. 13, a GE cassette tape player and three recorded tapes. I use them for my slimnastics class and would greatly appreciate their return.

lunches

The following is the menu for TAR and BAH schools for the week of Dec. 7 to 11:

- Monday — Salad, Italian Meat Sauce, Macaroni, Pears, Milk and Bread and Butter.
- Tuesday — Lettuce/Pickles, Hamburger on a Bun, French Fried Potatoes, Ice Cream and Milk.
- Wednesday — Salad, Hot Meat Loaf, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peaches, Milk, Bread and Butter.
- Thursday — Salad, Barbeque Pork on a Bun, Buttered Corn, Pudding and Milk.
- Friday — Cole Slaw, Fried Fish, Tartar Sauce, Potato Salad, Milk, Jello, and Bread and Butter.

The following is the menu for JFK school for the week of Dec. 7 to 11:

- Monday — Vegetable Broth with Meatballs, three Potato Pancakes (with sugar), and Apple Sauce.
- Tuesday — Chicken Cutlet, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Mandarin.
- Wednesday — Pork in Tomatensauce, Rice, Cole Slaw and Cookies.
- Thursday — Meat, Spinach, Fried Potatoes and Yoghurt.
- Friday — Fish Cakes, Boiled Potatoes in sauce and Fruit Cocktail.

Chapel activities

There will be a Family Fellowship at the Andrews Barracks Chapel at 5 p.m. Sunday. The evening's program includes a World Vision film titled "Crisis in the Horn of Africa."

Chaplain and Mrs. Robert Bell are sponsoring a tour of Israel from Feb. 27 to March 7. This tour is limited to 40 persons and reservations are going fast. For further details about the tour and reservations, call Bell at Andrews Chapel (3537).

The youth group will have handmade Christmas ornaments available following all services tomorrow and Sunday at the American Community Chapel. Donations will be requested.

A St. Nikolaus Party will be held for the children of the CCD program Sunday at 11 a.m. at TAR cafeteria during the CCD time-frame. All members of the parish are invited to attend.

The Catholic Parish Council meets on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Community Chapel. All interested members of the community are welcome. For more information call 813-6412.

Guest lecturer at Art Guild

The American Art Guild will meet Monday, at 7:30 p.m. in the TAR Elementary School cafeteria. The Guild is fortunate to have as a guest lecturer, Michael Cullen, an art dealer in Berlin. Active artists in any medium are particularly encouraged to come and share their talents with an active art group in our community. For more information, call 801-1623 after 5 p.m.

Thrift Shop closes for holidays

The Thrift Shop will close on Dec. 17 for the Christmas holidays. The Shop will reopen on Jan. 4, 1982. First day for consignments for the new year is Monday, the 4th. Although no consignments are being accepted in December, donations are always welcome.

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 Tuesday. They must either be typewritten or printed, and to avoid confusion, please do not capitalize all letters in a word. Thank you for your consideration.

Jobs for German teachers open

Two vacancies for German instructions will be filled by G3 Education Branch by Jan. 4. Positions are in support of the Army Continuing Education System and are dollar paid. Only U.S. Citizens are eligible for respective positions. All qualified applicants will receive consideration, without regard to race, color, religion, politics, marital status, physical handicap which does not interfere with accomplishment of the job, age, sex, membership in employee or professional organizations. Applicants who feel they are qualified should contact the Language Coordinator, at 819-6605 to make an appointment for an interview.

All invited to yacht club Christmas party!

The American Yacht Club Berlin invites all members of the Berlin community to its Christmas party Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Wannsee Recreation Center. Bring inexpensive gifts to share — Santa will be there!

Women's Advisory Council meets

This month's Berlin Women's Advisory Council meeting will be held Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Main Conference Room at Clay Headquarters. The BWAC Resource Booklet will be ready to see at this meeting! The booklet is an important community resource available to all community members — come to this meeting and see the booklet before distribution!

Where, when set

on Foreign Service Officer exam

The Foreign Service Officer exam will be given tomorrow at 8 a.m. in the TAR School Cafeteria on Huetttenweg. Only those holding registration tickets will be tested.

Christmas party for 4th Battalion kids

There will be a Christmas party for the children of the 4th Battalion, Dec. 13. It will be held at the All American Recreation Center at McNair Barracks from 1 to 3 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar at J. F. K.

The John F. Kennedy School would like to invite the American community to its annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Here's your chance to enjoy cakes, cookies, entertainment and to buy last minute Christmas presents. Don't miss the fun! Everyone's invited!

Explore Berlin with ITT

Your last chance before Christmas to visit the candle factory with ITT will be Dec. 8. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about candle making. Candles make ideal holiday gifts, too. Call ITT at 6523/7189.

Join ITT, Dec. 13 for a visit to the Charlottenburg Palace. This tour also offers an optional brunch at the Harnack House. Call ITT at 6523/7189 for all the details.

ITT goes to the Berlin Museum, Dec. 17. After viewing the outstanding collection of local history enjoy a snack in the atmosphere of "Gemuetlichkeit" in the old Berlin pub which is part of the museum. Interested? Call ITT at 6523/7189.

Super savings at a super markthalle! Join ITT Dec. 15 for a visit to the Markthalle in Wedding. Finish your last-minute Christmas shopping inexpensively. Sign up for a fun morning of bargain hunting at the ITT office in the Sports Center. Call 6523/7189 for more information.

The Christmas decorations of the Ku'Damm beckon you to a special evening, ITT Tour of Lights and dinner and dancing at the Cafe des Westens. Join the festivities Dec. 19. For more information about this special holiday treat call ITT at 6523/7189.

ITT Depends on Weather! ITT tours will run when weather conditions allow. If driving conditions are severe, tours will be cancelled. If you are on a tour cancelled due to weather conditions, we will gladly refund your money or transfer you to another tour. We are sorry about the inconvenience, but your is our primary concern!

BAEA looking for bookkeeping, shorthand teachers

Does teaching eager students to learn new job skills interest you? Then you're the future Bookkeeping or Shorthand teacher that the Berlin Adult Education Association is looking for! The BAEA is currently taking applications through Dec. 3 for Bookkeeping and Shorthand teachers for our winter evening classes and, would prefer some college education and experience in the related field. You can pick up an application at ACS, (below the bank at Truman Plaza), weekdays between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Call 819-6585 weekday mornings, or 813-6937 for more information.

MSAD offers:

MSAD's Creative and Performing Arts Branch has Santa Claus suits you can borrow for official children's and orphan's Christmas parties. Call us at 6907 or 7154 to make a reservation.

On Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. you are cordially invited to the McNair Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, to be held at the All American Recreation Center. Join us for the opening of the holiday season with a snack and the music of the 298th U.S. Band. Telephone 3125 or 3254 for information.

Anyone wishing to be a Santa's helper, please call the Hi-Lite Recreation Center at 3554, for info and details. A workshop will be held Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

Make your after-Christmas holidays a big success! Attend the Super Disco of the year, Steve Kostelac's Star Patrol Giant Holiday Disco, at the All American Recreation Center, McNair Barracks, Dec. 28, from 8 to 11 p.m. See a full-spectrum light show and enter the Terrible Tempest Dance Contest. Remember, admission is free.

Sign-up soon to enter the One-Eyed Jack Billiard Tournament to be held at the All American Recreation Center, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. You might win a mermaid! Call 3125 or 3254 for information.

The Live Voices of Christmas, will entertain you with your favorite holiday songs from America and Germany, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the All American Recreation Center. We hope you will join us for this most colorful event. Please call 3125 or 3254 for information.

On Sunday, at 12 p.m. after finishing your Treasure Island Continental Breakfast (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.) join us at the All American Recreation Center for the adventure game, Danger in the Deep! Call 3125 or 3254 for information.

Come along everybody and lets go to Treasure Island (All American Recreation Center) for a spade tournament. Your fare to go is to bring a partner on Thursday, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Call the All American Recreation Center at 3125 or 3254 for information.

You be the DJ, pirate style! Here is the chance you having been waiting for: play your three favorite songs, entertain the audience and be all dressed up like never before. It happens at the All American Recreation Center Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Call 3125 or 3254 to sign-up.

Put your Boot on the Boardwalk! Celebrate St. Nicholas Day with a new twist by bringing your boot or shoe to the Hi-Lite Recreation Center tomorrow, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. and return Sunday to retrieve St. Nicholas goodies! Call 3554 for details!

Enjoy the Video Thrills as you match your skills in the Hi-Lite Recreation Center's Video Game Challenge Series! It happens at 2 p.m. tomorrow, and Dec. 12. Everyone is welcome!

Collect \$200 or go to jail! That's the excitement you can find at the Hi-Lite Recreation Center, Dec. 16 in the Monopoly Tournament to begin at 6:30 p.m.! Call 3554 for details!

A caroling we go, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.! Join your friends at the Hi-Lite Recreation Center and warm up for the caroling party through the Andrews Housing Area, followed by hot chocolate and cookies back at the Recreation Center.

Every Monday is Family night at the Hi-Lite Recreation Center! The fun begins at 7 p.m. featuring family movies and story time for the wee ones! Plus lots of munchies! So get the whole gang out for a free night of fun! Call 3554 for details!

If you need last-minute, jiffy Christmas gifts, sign-up for our crash course in December, which will be held in the Wood Crafts Shop at Andrews. For more information call 6907.

The McNair Photo Center says, "Pictures make the best holiday gifts." Come in and take advantage of our well-equipped facility to make that special gift. Learn how to mount your pictures for display at our Mounting Photographs class being given tomorrow from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The fee is \$6 which includes two pieces of mounting board. Just bring photos you'd like to mount.

The Photo Center will also hold an orientation class to color slide printing, Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Now for some Music! Dec. 15 is the date of the Music and Theatre's special Christmas concert featuring some of the best vocal talent from the Berlin military community. See you there at 7:30 p.m. to hear some of the best classic and traditional Christmas music. For more information call 6907.

Here's your chance! Become a director in the Music and Theatre's Christmas One-Act Play Festival. Graduates of our directing workshop will have a chance to do their own one-act play. Several plays will be produced and performed at the Music and Theatre Center, Dec. 9 to 13 at 7:30 p.m. Be there for a multi-faceted evening of theatre. For more information call 6907.

Andrews Auto Shop has pamphlets available from the U. S. Office of Publications on what environmental and customs requirements your foreign-made vehicle must meet when being shipped back to the U. S. Drop by and pick up your free copies.

Vehicles left at the Andrews Auto Shop longer than seven days without a paperwork update will be considered abandoned and will be processed as such. For more information call 6907.

Holiday operating hours for MSAD

Holidays and end-of-month hours of operation for MSAD Arts and Crafts facilities will be as follows for December:

- Dec. 24 All shops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Dec. 25 All shops Closed
- Dec. 26 All shops Normal hours
- Dec. 31 All shops 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Jan. 1 All shops Closed

For more information, call 6907.

Santa visits homes!

Santa will visit your home! Just call 3554 or 3527 to ask Santa's helpers to register your home. Calls will be accepted December 7-11 between 1 and 5 p.m. only! Santa will visit these areas as follows:

- Dec. 13 Sundgauer and Economy Housing near Andrews;
- Dec. 14 BB Housing North of the Chapel;
- Dec. 15 Dueppel Area — Charles H. King, Lissabonallee, E. C. Diltz, (even number's only), Strasse 638;
- Dec. 16 BB Housing south of the Chapel;
- Dec. 17 Dueppel Area not covered on 15th;
- Dec. 18 Park Manor Housing;
- Dec. 19 Dreipfuhl, Pueckler Area.

community calendar

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Deutsche Oper Berlin

Fri. — Ballet Night — Percussion for six men/Sinfonie für einen einsamen Menschen/Adagio Hammerklavier/Daphnis und Chloe/Bolero, at 8 p.m.
 Sat. — Die Zauberflöte — by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, at 7 p.m.
 Sun. — Die verkaufte Braut — by Friedrich Smetana, at 7 p.m.
 Mon. — Don Giovanni — by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, at 7 p.m.
 Tue. — Madame Butterfly — by Giacomo Puccini, at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. — Hansel and Gretel — by Engelbert Humperdinck, at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. — Tosca — in Italian — by Giacomo Puccini, at 8 p.m.
 Fri. — Ballet night — Chopiniana/Pas Classique/Gala Performance/Petruschka, at 8 p.m.
 Sat. — New production — Idomeneo — in Italian, at 7 p.m.
 Sun. — Die verkaufte Braut — by Friedrich Smetana, at 7 p.m.

Deutsche Staatsoper

— East sector, Unter den Linden —

Fri. — Kammerorchester Moscow and Rigoletto, beginning at 5 p.m.
 Sat. — closed concert —
 Sun. — closed concert —
 Monday — Chamber Concerto (Apollo Saal), at 8 p.m.
 Tue. — closed
 Wed. — Così fan tutte, at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. — Der Rosenkavalier (private performance), at 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. — Carmen, at 7 p.m.
 Sat. — The Blacksmith of Gent, at 7 p.m.
 Sun. — Ballet: The Nutcracker Suite (limited number of tickets), at 7 p.m.

Philharmonie

Fri. — The Symphonisches Orchester Berlin directed by Daniel Nazareth at 8 p.m.
 Sat. — The Berliner Philharmonisches Orchester directed by Herbert von Karajan at 7 p.m.

Sun. — The Berliner Philharmonisches Orchester directed by Herbert von Karajan at 11 a.m.
 Sun. — das sinfonie orchester berlin (Christmas theme) at 3:30 p.m.
 Tue. — Choir of the St. Hedwigs Cathedral, directed by Roland Bader, at 8 p.m.
 Wed. — Piano night — featuring Alfred Brendel playing works from Haydn, Mozart and Liszt.
 Thu. — Choir of the St. Hedwigs Cathedral, directed by Roland Bader, at 8 p.m.
 Fri. — Berliner Philharmonisches Orchester, directed by Zubin Mehta, at 8 p.m.
 Sat. — "The most beautiful Christmas songs" (from all over the world), presented by the Johannischer Chor Berlin, directed by Siegfried Lehmann, at 9 p.m.
 Sat. — Berliner Philharmonisches Orchester, directed by Zubin Mehta, at 8 p.m.
 Sun. — Philharmonischer Chor Berlin, directed by Peter Schwarz, at 8 p.m.

Special Concerts

Dec. 6 — Whitesnake, Neue Welt, at 8 p.m.
 Dec. 7 — Benny Goodman Sextet, The King of Swing is coming to the ICC, Saal 1, at 8 p.m.
 Dec. 8 — Toyah, Metropol, at 9 p.m.
 Dec. 14 — Barbara Thalheim, Hochschule der Künste, at 8 p.m.
 Dec. 18 — Karat, Metropol, at 9 p.m.
 Jan. 13 — Peter Alexander — at 8 p.m. at the Deutschlandhalle.
 Jan. 18 — Howard Carpendale — at the ICC at 8 p.m.
 Jan. 26 — José Feliciano — at the Philharmonie at 9 p.m.

Sports

Horse Trotting:
 — 212-298, Mariendorfer Damm —
 On Sunday, a standard race begins at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, trotting starts at 6 p.m.
 Ice Hockey:
 — Eisssporthalle, Jaffestrasse —
 Dec. 4 — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs SB Rosenheim, at 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 8 — Berliner Schlittschuh Club vs VfL Bad Nauheim at 7:30 p.m.

Soccer:
 Dec. 19 — Hertha BSC vs. Wormatia Worms at 3:30 p.m., at the Olympic Stadium.
 — Tickets to above cultural events can be obtained at the Truman Plaza Ticket Agency, located at American Express Travel Agency or ITT office, located at the Sports Center, on Huettenweg. All programs are subject to change —

Berlin Club happenings

Tonight — Starlight Grove — PPI from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Friendship Lounge — Slick-Moore Inc. from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Checkpoint NCO Club — Greg Foss plays country and western from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Harnack House — Band: "Koff" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Tomorrow — Starlight Grove — Music Monster from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Friendship Lounge — DJ Buck from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.
 Checkpoint NCO Club — Band "Top Spin" with DJ Star Patrol from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Checkpoint NCO Club — Prince from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Monday — Friendship Lounge — DJ Buck from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
 Tuesday — Starlight Grove — Prince from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friendship Lounge — Pierre on the Air from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Wednesday — Starlight Grove — The Outlaws from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friendship Lounge — Sugar Bear from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Thursday — Starlight Grove — Star Patrol from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friendship Lounge — Pierre on the Air from 8 p.m. to midnight
 Friday — Starlight Grove — Band: "Mosquitos" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Friendship Lounge — Slick-Moore Inc. from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 Checkpoint NCO Club — Greg Foss plays the "oldies" from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Harnack House — Super Sound from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

on the screen

Dec. 4 through Dec. 12

Outpost — Clayallee (6524)
 Fri. This is Elvis (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Walt Disney's The Last Flight of Noah's Ark (G), at 2, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
 Sun. Take This Job and Shove It (PG), at 2 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. Pink Panther Cartoon and Humanoids From the Deep (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Chapter Two (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. Thief (R), 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Children's Matinee The Mouse and His Child (G), at 2 p.m.
 Sat. The Final Countdown (PG), at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
Columbia — Tempelhof (5522)
 Fri. Sphinx (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Tom Horn (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. This is Elvis (PG), at 7:30 p.m.

Andrews — Barracks (3538)
 Fri. Defiance (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. My Bloody Valentine (R), at 6:30 p.m.
 Sun. Inside Moves (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 6:30 p.m.
 Tue. Going Ape (PG), at 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. History of the World — Part I (R), at 6:30 p.m.
 Thu. Same show as above at 6:30 p.m.
 Fri. Sphinx (PG), at 6:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.
 Sat. Tom Horn (R), at 6:30 p.m.

Tue. Escape to Athena (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Friday the 13th (X), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. — closed —
 Fri. Tess (A) at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Children's Matinee Freckles (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Tess (A), at 7:30 p.m.
Astra — located on the Royal Air Force Gatow compound
 Fri. Chariots of Fire (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Children's Matinee Mauro the Gypsy (U), at 2 p.m.

Sat. Chariots of Fire (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. Excalibur (AA), at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. Battlestar Galactica (U), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. — closed —
 Thu. Laserblast (A) and Hurricane (AA) at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. Raiders of the Lost Ark (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Children's Matinee The Early Bird (U), at 2 p.m.
 Sat. Raiders of the Lost Ark (A) at (A), at 7:30 p.m.

Coliseum — McNair Brks. (3131)
 Fri. Inside Moves (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Going Ape (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. History of the World — Part I (R), at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Tue. Sphinx (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. Tom Horn (R), at 7:30 p.m.
 Thu. This is Elvis (PG), at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Walt Disney's The Last Flight of Noah's Ark at 7:30 p.m.

Jerboa — located on Theodor-Heuss-Platz near the Summit House
 Fri. Raiders of the Lost Ark (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Children's Matinee The Early Bird (U), at 10 a.m.
 Sat. Gregory's Girl (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Sun. Gregory's Girl (A), at 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. Same show as above, at 7:30 p.m.

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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.

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Dec. 4 — Dec. 13

— Program is subject to change —

Friday
 8:30 AFN Morning News
 8:35 Kartoon Karnival
 9:05 Sesame Street
 10:05 Palmerstown USA
 11:00 Shirley
 11:50 AFN Midday News
 12:00 Trapper John M. D.
 12:50 Donahue
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:05 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 Mork and Mindy
 3:15 Green Acres
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:05 Sesame Street
 5:05 The Magician
 6:00 AFN Evening News
 7:00 Bad News Bears
 7:25 I'm A Big Girl Now
 7:50 Benson
 8:20 Stone
 9:10 Lou Grant
 10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:35 Shock Theater:
 "Crucible Of Terror"
 12:05 Second City TV (A)
 1:00 Soul Train
 1:45 Wanted — Dead Or Alive
 2:15 Sign off
Saturday
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 9:10 Fables of the Green Forest
 9:35 Kids are People, Too
 10:20 Choppy and the Princess
 10:45 Soul Train
 11:30 Roots of Rock And Roll
 12:20 Presente
 12:50 Greatest Sports Legends:
 Billie Jean King
 1:15 College Football '81

10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:30 Best Of Carson
 11:15 AFN Theater: "Story Of Alexander Graham Bell"
 12:50 Evening At The Pops
 1:50 Sign off
Monday
 8:30 AFN Morning News
 8:35 Kartoon Karnival
 9:05 Sesame Street
 10:05 Stone
 11:00 BJ and the Bear
 11:50 AFN Midday News
 12:00 Lou Grant
 12:50 Donahue
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:05 General Hospital (A)
 3:15 Sesame Street
 4:15 Snowball Sattelite
 5:05 Star Trek
 6:00 AFN Evening News
 7:00 Happy Days
 7:25 Incredible Hulk
 8:20 Vegas
 9:10 Tenspeed and Brownshoe
 10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:35 Monday Nite Football:
 Minnesota vs Atlanta
 High Chaparral
 1:05 Sign off
Tuesday
 8:30 AFN Morning News
 8:35 Gasthaus
 8:45 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Fables of the Green Forest
 9:20 Mayberry RFD
 9:45 Viewer's Choice:
 "Fortune Cookie"
 11:50 AFN Midday News
 12:00 Incredible Hulk
 12:50 Donahue
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:05 General Hospital (A)
 2:25 Green Acres
 3:15 Krofft's Superstars
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:15 Snowball Sattelite
 5:05 Richard Diamond

12:25 Ladies Man
 12:50 Donahue
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:05 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 Big Country
 3:15 Choppy and the Princess
 3:40 Afternoon Fun Time
 4:15 Snowball Sattelite
 5:05 Bonanza
 6:00 AFN Evening News
 7:00 Muppets
 7:25 Bob Newhart
 7:50 Shirley
 8:40 Taxi
 9:10 Tom Jones
 9:35 Wayne and Shuster
 10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:35 AFN Theater: "Funny Car Summer"
 12:05 Variety Special:
 "Las Vegas"
 1:00 Untouchables
 1:50 Sign off
Friday
 8:30 AFN Morning News
 8:35 Kartoon Karnival
 9:05 Sesame Street
 10:05 Waltons
 11:00 Concrete Cowboys
 11:50 AFN Midday News
 12:00 Palmerstown USA
 12:50 Donahue
 1:40 Ryan's Hope (A)
 2:05 General Hospital (A)
 2:45 WKRP in Cincinnati
 3:15 Sesame Street
 4:15 Snowball Sattelite
 5:05 The Magician
 6:00 AFN Evening News
 7:00 Bad News Bears
 7:25 I'm A Big Girl Now
 7:50 Benson
 8:20 Stone
 9:10 Lou Grant
 10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:35 Shock Theater:
 "Comedy of Terror"
 12:25 Second City TV (A)
 1:35 Soul Train
 2:20 Sign off
Saturday
 8:00 Kartoon Karnival
 9:00 Krofft's Superstars
 9:25 Christopher Closeup
 9:50 Hour of Power
 10:40 Sacred Heart
 10:55 It's Your Business
 11:15 Info Special:
 "Fastest Man On Water"
 12:05 Sunday Movie:
 "Funny Car Summer"
 1:35 Sunday Movie:
 "Nothing Sacred"
 2:50 Sports and Specials
 To Be Announced
 6:00 AFN Evening News
 6:30 60 Minutes
 7:20 M*A*S*H
 7:50 Angie
 8:20 Cop and the Kid
 8:40 Rhoda
 9:10 Nurse
 10:00 AFN Evening News
 10:30 Best of Carson
 11:15 AFN Theater: "\$5.20 An Hour Dream"
 12:55 Evening At The Pops
 1:55 Sign off
(A) — adult

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"We don't have the peak in the middle. We stay in our tents more than American soldiers do. If we aren't training than we're in our tent."

While the British and American training methods and tactics are somewhat similar, often the words used to describe them or their names are completely different.

"Americans call it an anti-armor ambush," laughed Cpl. Charleston, British section commander. "We call it a tank stop."

"However, not all of the missions are accomplished in the same way," continued Charleston. "While Americans seek out covered and concealed paths to reach a target, we just take the most direct route."

The British soldiers spent most of Wednesday morning training with American weapons systems. They seemed to be fascinated by the M-16. They liked its automatic and semi-automatic settings especially.

Weighs less

"We used American weapons the whole time we were out there," said Pvt. John Beavers. "It's a good weapon since it has semi and automatic firing positions. It also weighs less than ours."

American soldiers were quick to defend the British weapon, saying that its effective range is further than the M16 and in some ways that makes it better.

"Our webbing (web gear) is heavier than the Americans," said Pvt. Joseph

Tallon. "We carry everything from an extra uniform and boots, to running shoes."

"The American's C-rations are definitely not as good as ours," said Williams, "But they do have a lot of variety."

C-rations better

Pvt. John Rainsford, a British soldier, didn't agree however. He felt that the American C-rations were much better than the British.

The soldiers finally agreed that while American C-rations had a few good points, they certainly missed some foods from their own.

"It was fun to work with the British soldiers," said PFC Anthony Salsman, "And I certainly learned a lot about squad ARTEPs, and I feel that I am well prepared for this coming week."

"Sometimes though we did have a language barrier," said Pvt. Larrad. "Even though we all spoke English, sometimes we couldn't understand it because we use different words to mean the same thing. Besides that, I'm glad that I was chosen to come out here and do this training."

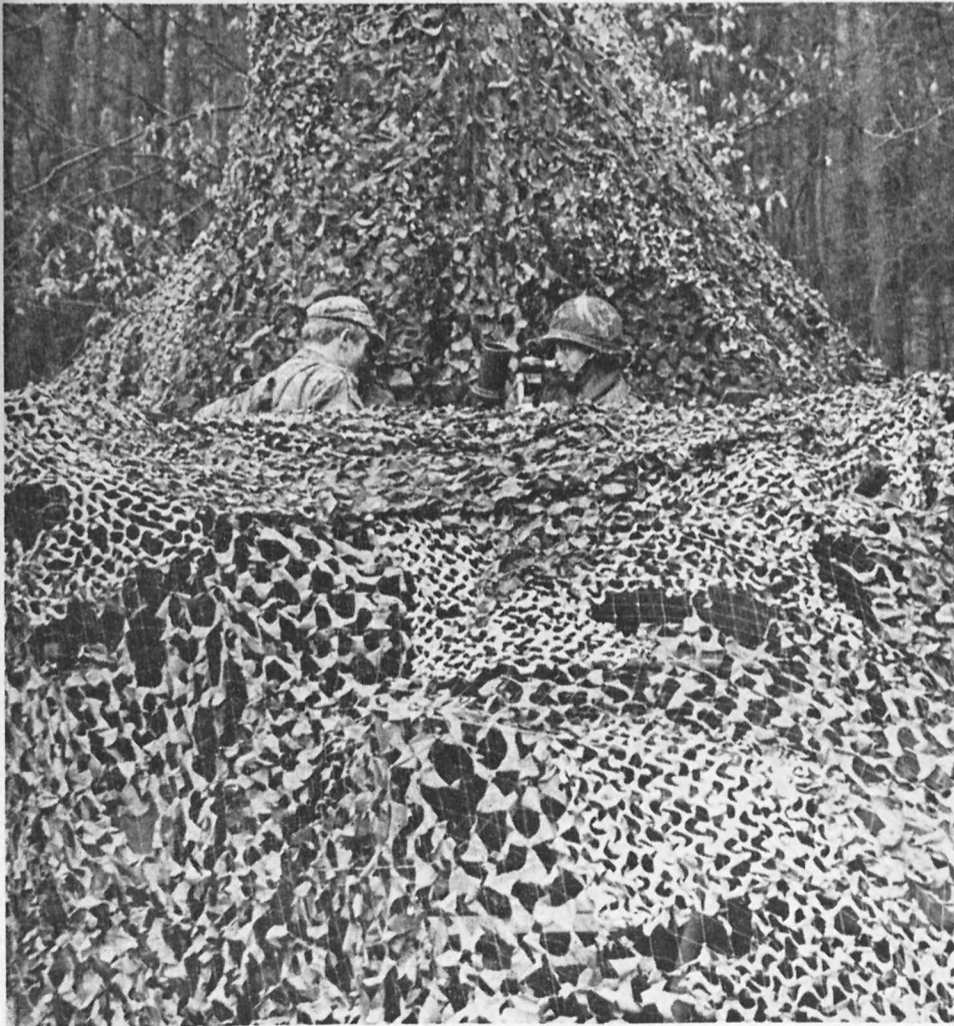
"So far this training has been extremely successful," said Clauson. "I think that everyone has learned a lot. It's funny though, I am constantly reminded that this is still the Berliner's forest even though we are using it for training. Sometimes I look up to see someone walk nonchalantly right through the middle of an ambush area."



IT'S NOT DIFFICULT — Sgt. Abe Mireles explains to Pvt. Kevin Mawman how American soldiers use a plotting board, and grid coordinates.

The British soldiers learned much about how Americans train during recent squad ARTEP practice.

(Photos by Sue Sweeney)



CAREFUL NOW — Sp4 John Chatman, Company C, 2nd Battalion, shows Pvt. John Renner, from the

King's Own Border Regiment, how a mortar is aimed from inside a mortar track.



THIS WON'T HURT A BIT — Pvt. Paul Bilky, a medic for Company C, 2nd Battalion, treats Pvt. Christopher Knight, a British soldier from the

King's Own Border Regiment, during squad ARTEP practice in the Dauerwald this past week.



"ALL ABOARD" — The Berlin public transportation systems, (bus and

U-Bahn), can get you where you're going — fast. The buses and U-Bahns

are easy to use and only cost DM 1.80 to ride. (Photo by Jim Joerger)



"CAN I HELP YOU?" — Pamela Pleiman, Information, Tours and Travel; offers some helpful hints on interesting sights to see in Berlin.



RUSTIC AND QUIET — If you prefer to take a nice, brisk walk through the Grunewald in the cold weather;

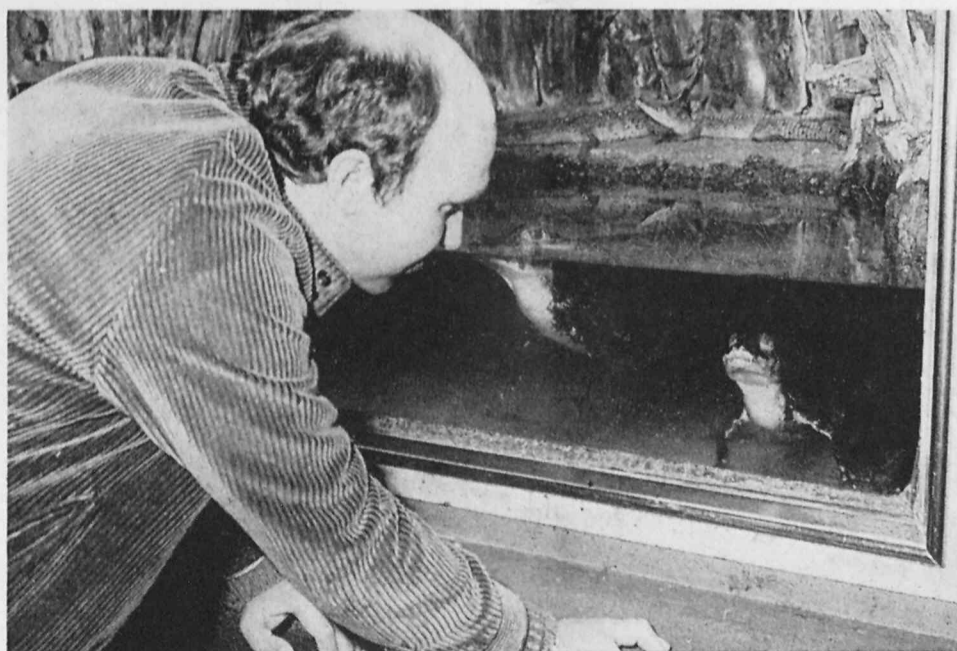
you might like to stop at the Jagd-schloss Grunewald. The hunting lodge, built in 1542, contains an extensive

art collection inside.

(Photo by Jim Joerger)



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE — The ACS Information Center can answer many of the questions you may have about traveling around Berlin. The



SEEING EYE-TO-EYE — There are many "interesting" sights to see at Berlin's Aquarium, located on the Berlin Zoo grounds. It's one of many places, the American community can

visit, while staying out of the cold. There is a small entrance fee for visiting the Aquarium, which also houses insects, fish and reptiles.

(Photo by Linda Grus)



WORKS OF THE MASTERS — At the Dahlem Museum, Berlin American community members will find

not only many masterpieces by great artists, such as Rembrandt and Raphael, but also, many "special" ex-

Don't let cold weather 'freeze' sightseeing fun

by Linda Grus

With the coming of winter, the "barracks rats" are digging deeper into their rooms; and others, who normally go out often, are suffering from "cabin fever."

But, don't be discouraged by the cold. With the help of Berlin's public transportation systems, and the many places to see and things to do here, the whole community need not hibernate through this cold season.

Your first step

The traveler's first step should be to go to either the Army Community Services Information Center at Truman Plaza or to the Stars and Stripes bookstore to pick up a map of the city and bus and U-Bahn lines here. MSAD's Information, Tours, and Travel, can also help you get started and add to the list of possibilities available here in Berlin.

Soldiers and family members alike will be interested in the Rathaus Schoeneberg. There, a replica of the Liberty Bell, called the Freedom Bell, is housed. The bell is a gift from 17 million Americans to the Berliners. The Rathaus Schoeneberg is also the site where John F. Kennedy made his famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech. The U-Bahn to Rathaus Schoeneberg or bus lines 4, 16, 48, 65, 73, 74, 75, 83 and 85, service that area.

For the culturally-minded, there are many museums, which offer a variety of exhibits for every taste, and also keep you out of the cold.

Many sections

The Dahlem Museum, as the Americans call it, located on 23-27 Arnimallee, has many types of exhibits. Works from famous artists from the 13th to 18th Century such as Rembrandt can be viewed here, as well as, "special" sections on many different areas of the world — East Asia, Africa, America, South Asia and the South Pacific.

There is also a sculpture and an engravings gallery. Three separate museums are also housed within the larger one. These contain exhibits on Indian, East Asian, and Islamic Art. A special exhibit on Japanese wrappings will be shown until Jan. 31, 1982.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and admission is free. You can take the U-Bahn to the Dahlem-Dorf stop or bus lines 1, 10, or 68. The museum is just a few blocks from the Army hospital on Fabeckstrasse.

Another interesting sight is the Transportation Museum. It is located near the Wittenberg Platz U-Bahn stop on 15 Uranien Strasse. The mu-

seum features many replicas of all forms of transportation — public and private; old and new. Also, a movie is shown free-of-charge on Sundays at 11 a.m.

You may take bus lines 19, 29, 69, 73 or 85 to get there. There is a small entrance fee.

The German Broadcasting Museum is located at the base of the Funkturm, and features exhibits on methods of broadcasting — past and present. The U-Bahn to Kaiserdamm or bus lines 4, 10, 65, 66, 69, 92 or 94 can take you there. The museum is open daily, except Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One-stop treat

For a one-stop extravaganza of sights, see the museums of the Charlottenburg Palace, which features five different types of museums in five closely-located areas. Any of them can be reached by taking bus lines 21, 54, 55, 62, 74, 87 or 89.

The Department of Egyptian Art is located across from the palace at 70 Schloss Strasse. Entrance is always free. One of Berlin's most famous art objects is there — the 3,000-year-old bust of Nefertiti.

At the Department of Greek and Roman antiquities, you'll find just that. It's located across from the palace, facing the Egyptian Museum.

In the east wing of the palace, you'll find a collection of applied arts from the Middle Ages to the 18th Century, including religious artifacts.

The objects found in the Museum of Ancient History, illustrate the life of pre-historic man in Europe and the near east. It's located in the palace also.

Located in the "Lustschloss Belvedere" in the park behind the palace, you'll find more than 500 pieces of old KPM china, produced by the Berlin State China Manufacturer.

"Interesting" sights

The Aquarium also offers some "interesting" sights to see, including a world-famous live crocodile section. Many fish, frogs, reptiles and insects can be seen in their natural habitat at the Aquarium. It's located on the Berlin Zoo grounds. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is a small entrance fee. Take the U-Bahn to the Zoologischer Garten or buses 9, 19, 23, 54, 60, 62, 66, 69, 73, 90, 92 or 94, to get there.

For those who like to try "specialty" foods and drinks, there are many restaurants and clubs to go to.

The "Jazz Breakfast" at the Ratskeller Schmargendorf at 1 Berkaer Strasse off Hohenzollern Damm, offers not only a traditional German brunch, it also presents the "hot"

sounds of New Orleans style jazz. The brunch takes place every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; however, you might want to go a little early to get a good seat. Take bus lines 60, 10, 17, 19 or 29.

A real "bone-warmer"

At the "Historischer Weinkeller" you may sample a "feuerzangenbowle," and see the pageantry that goes into making this hot, toddy-type drink made from red wine and sugar soaked with rum, which is then set on fire. It's a perfect drink to warm your bones after being in the cold.

The Weinkeller is located at 32 Alt Pichelsdorf off Heerstrasse in Spandau. The "feuerzangenbowle" is featured Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights. For reservations, call 361-8056 after 3 p.m. Take bus lines 92 or 94 to get there.

Reputedly the best Bratwurst can be bought by taking the U-Bahn to Ullstein Strasse and walking back to the Te-Damm-Markt area to the sausage stand. Before or after enjoying the wurst, you might like to "window shop" in the enclosed Te-Damm-Markt mall.

Take a walk

If you're up to it, why not take a brisk walk through the Grunewald. While there, you might like to stop at the Jagdschloss Grunewald — about a 10-minute walk from Koenigin-Luise Strasse by the Grunewald See. The hunting lodge is a Renaissance structure erected in 1542 for Joachim II. It houses a significant art collection.

The lodge is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take bus lines 1, 60 or 68 to Koenigin-Luise Strasse. After feasting your eyes, feast your stomach on some hot chocolate at one of the restaurants in the area.

Of course, Berlin is known for its wide variety of entertainment — opera, ballet, concerts, movies and plays. Many of the shows can be seen for under DM 20, if you purchase the tickets through ITT or the American Express Ticket Agency. ITT's number is 819-6523 and the ticket agency's number is 819-6591.

For more ideas

For more ideas on where to go and what to do and see, stop by the Information Center or ITT. Also, don't forget to consult the Observer's "Community Calendar" insert for upcoming concerts and events.

Don't let the cold weather get you down. You can get out and enjoy Berlin without the weather dampening or chilling your fun.



The people at ITT always have time to help you in any way possible.

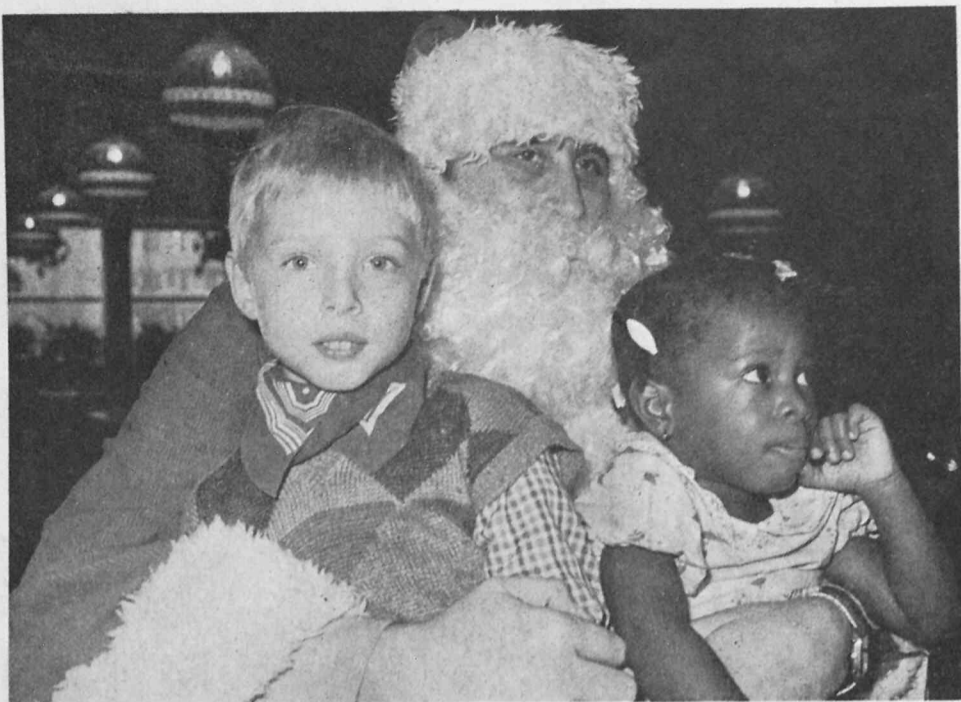
(Photo by Linda Grus)



center is located between the Beauty Salon and the Commissary at Truman Plaza. (Photo by Linda Grus)



hibits. (Photo Courtesy of the Dahlem Museum)



WHISKERS AND CHRISTMAS WISHES — Jessica and Phillip were just a few of the children that let Santa know what they were hoping for, for Christmas. It seems that Phillip

has something special already in mind, while Jessica would like to take some time to ponder the thought.

(Photo by Hampel; courtesy of Berliner Morgenpost)

Americans, Berliners share holiday spirit

by R. Gibson

In the holiday spirit, Berlin citizens and American soldiers and their families met at Berlin's Carl-Zeiss Oberschule Sunday to welcome in the Christmas season.

The children were given the floor, literally, playing together, rolling and laughing together and enjoying the seasonal celebration in all the merriment and gaiety that is Christmas.

Entertainment was provided by a German folk dance group, the Berlin Children's Choir, who rang in the holiday season with a variety of Christmas carols, and of course the grand old man himself, Santa Claus. Santa, played by SSgt. Mike Gelfand, community relations NCO for the Berlin command, heard Christmas wishes and handed out candy and records at the door as the newfound

friends followed the melody of an organ grinder for the short walk to the "Lichtermarkt."

The "Lichtermarkt," German for "Market of Lights" or traditionally known as the Christmas market, offers holiday merry-makers such Christmas treats, as roasted nuts, warm punch and gingerbread.

After the visit to the "Lichtermarkt," it was back to the waiting buses for the ride home.

Each unit of the brigade shared a table with the people of their partner district, forming new friendships or reuniting old acquaintances. The German-American Christmas Party was created especially for the children, but the parents also gained a great deal. As one of the celebrators was overheard saying, "Meetings like this one, make me wish Christmas lasted all year long."

Kontakt means more than gathering with people

by R. Gibson

Looking back over the years, I remember a very scary time in my life. I was 17, thousands of miles away from home, in a country that was so different from my own. I was lost, with no way to communicate with the people around me, and I was terribly lonely.

As I sat in the dining facility with one of my roommates and talked about my misery, he suggested that I come to the Kontakt meeting with him. At first the idea didn't appeal to me but my friend insisted, and so I promised him I would go.

I expected to feel uncomfortable — like the first day at a new school. But within minutes after our bus had arrived at the little "gasthaus" where

the local Kontakt group met for their weekly Stammtisch, I had made three new friends.

Kontakt is an organization of German and American young people that meet and take part in interest groups involved in a variety of things like tennis, ice skating, Scottish folk dancing, bowling, volleyball and many more. The group is designed to break down the communication barriers that separate Americans from their German hosts and help young service members find young German friends.

Kontakt also sponsors annual events like the Kontakt boat ride, held in the summer, and the upcoming Kontakt Christmas Party.

The Christmas party is scheduled for tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Check-

point NCO Club. It promises a variety of Christmas customs from around the world.

There is one thing that Berlin's Kontakt is looking for: American participation.

To start a new interest group, it takes a coordinator from both the German and American communities. At last report, they were in dire need of an American tennis player to help coordinate one of the tennis groups.

Even if you have no interest in the groups now offered by Kontakt,

there is no reason why you can't form your own. If you have an interesting hobby that you would like to share with others, give the Kontakt office a call at 6809. The Kontakt office is located in Room 1124, Building 2, Lucius D. Clay Headquarters.

Or, if you find yourself with nothing to do some Wednesday night at 7 p.m., come to the weekly Stammtisch held at the Thiel Eck Restaurant. The Thiel Eck is on the corner of Thielallee and Unter den Eichen.

Some gifts you just can't give

You've just been invited to some German friends' home to spend Christmas day with their family. You want to take something with you but you don't really know what to buy them. You browse through the post exchange, the commissary and the Class VI store looking for gift ideas.

Stop! There are some items you cannot give to unauthorized persons.

The following list, from the Provost Marshal, tells you exactly what you are allowed to give.

Rationed items: 25 cigarettes or 10 cigars or 60 grams of smoking tobacco; 500 grams (17.6 ounces) of coffee or 125 grams (4.4 ounces) of instant coffee; 125 grams of tea or 50 grams (1.75 ounces) of instant tea; 1 liter of alcohol.

These gifts may not be bought at a commissary.

Non-rationed items: Customary

gifts of non-rationed items may be given to non-authorized personnel, provided the goods are for the recipients' personal use and are not purchased at a commissary or other quartermaster store, are not in commercial quantities and do not require an AE Form 2074 (permit to transfer), and do not cost more than DM50.

Some gifts are non-authorized. These items cannot be given without first obtaining an approved AE Form 2074 and following the procedure outlined in USAREUR Reg. 550-175: all types of machinery; electrical appliances; office equipment; major household appliances; serial-numbered items, including furniture; and other valuable items, i.e. cameras, binoculars, watches, jewelry.

Any violations may be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.



INSIDE THE STUDIO — Fifty children visited the AFN studio this week for a tour and party. The children were shown all of the operations of AFN, allowed to see themselves on a television monitor and given a small party with cookies, ice cream and soda. They were also photographed with an AFN

personality and given the picture after it was autographed to keep as a memento. The fifty children won the visit to AFN through a contest sponsored by the Berliner Morgenpost (a local German newspaper). Over 6,000 children had entered the contest.

(Photo by Jim Joerger)

Hellcats top MPs, take football championship

by Bob Dewey

The Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, flag-football team beat the 287th Military Police Company, 22-6, Sunday to capture the Tempelhof Central Airport Invitational Football Championship.

Combining a wide-open passing attack and a solid defense, the 2nd Battalion Hellcats took an early lead in the contest and never looked back.

Seven teams were entered in this year's double-elimination tournament held on the rain-soaked field at Andrews Barracks' Yankee Stadium.

In the opening round of the three-day event, the MPs slipped past Detachment A, 8-6; Signal Support Company beat Company B, 3rd Battalion, 10-2; and the Hellcats won by forfeit over HHC, 4th Battalion.

Scoring was still difficult in the second round of action as Signal blanked Detachment A, 20-0; and the MPs edged TCA 14-6. The Hellcats also won a squeaker, topping Com-

pany B, 3rd Battalion, 14-8.

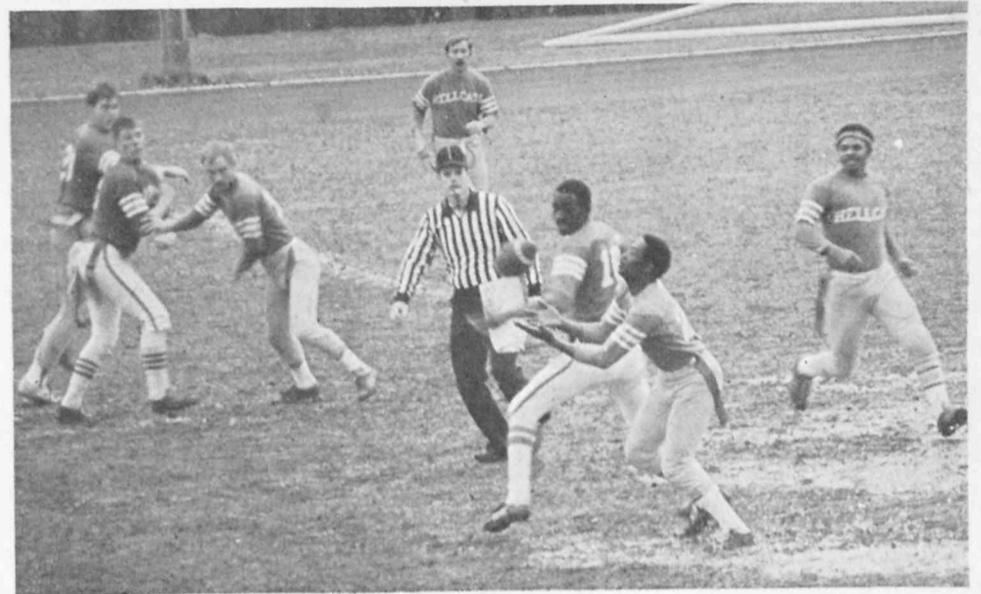
Later round action in the low-scoring tournament included Signal over 3rd Battalion, 8-0; Hellcats topping the MPs, 12-6; and Signal beating TCA, 6-0.

In the semi-finals, defense played a strong role when the MPs and Signal faced-off. Each team could only manage one touchdown and in overtime, the MPs won the game on penetration, 7-6.

In Sunday's finals action, the MPs again became involved in a defensive struggle and forced the "if" game when they edged the Hellcats, 8-6. The loss was only the fourth for the Hellcats in the last three years.

In the championship game, the Hellcats rebounded and got their offense clicking in their 22-6 victory.

Following the last game, Lt. Col. Perry R. Feldman, deputy commander for support, Tempelhof Central Airport, presented trophies to both the Hellcats and MPs.



PULLING IT IN — Willie Perry (27) of Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, intercepts an aerial during the Hellcats game against Company B, 3rd Battalion Saturday in the TCA Invitational Football Championships

at Yankee Stadium. The Hellcats won the game, 14-8, and in the finals they beat the 287th Military Police Company, 22-6, to win the crown.

(Photo by Bob Dewey)

Bears grab Stuttgart invitational basketball crown

by Jim Joerger

William Jones popped in a 30-foot jumper with only three seconds left on the clock to give Berlin the victory in the final game of the Athletic Officials Association 3rd Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend, in Stuttgart.

Donald Robinson led the scoring for Berlin, hitting for 18 points in the final game, which pitted the Berlin Bears against the Aschaffenburg Suns. Berlin defeated Aschaffenburg, 57-55, after Jones hit the jump shot to break the tied score and keep the game from going into overtime.

To get to the finals in the double-elimination tournament, Berlin had to face four of the 16 teams that participated.

In Berlin's first game, the Bears

downed Wilkens Kaserne, 79-70, led by the scoring attack of Steve Williams who hit 19 points.

Game number two pitted the Bears against Ansbach, who they easily defeated, 107-70. Toby McCoy took high-scoring honors for Berlin, dropping in a whopping 28 points.

Nellingen was the third contestant to face Berlin but they too, bowed to the pressure of Berlin, 78-63. Berlin's leading scorer was Bruce Green with 20 points.

The last three games of the series were played against Aschaffenburg. Just one week earlier, Aschaffenburg had defeated Berlin and knocked them out of the Berlin Invitational Tourney. Berlin, looking for revenge, defeated Aschaffenburg, 80-75, in the first game. Williams hit for 15 points to lead the Bear's scoring attack.

Aschaffenburg then came back and faced the Bears again. Aschaffenburg won this game, 72-67, to set up the finals, where they were defeated by Berlin.

The leading rebounder for the tournament was also a Berlin player. Bruce Green averaged 16 rebounds per game.

Wrestlers pin down mat titles

Geno Clemens, George Loya and Ed Miner all own individual honors and helped the Berlin Brigade Bears Wrestling team win their first team championship in Bad Kreuznach last weekend.

Clemons won in the 180-pound weight class, Loya in the 125 and Miner took the 136. Other grapplers placing in the competition were second place finishers Alan Hrnrcir, 198-pound weight class; Scott Sumpter 220-pound class and Allen Persons,

in the heavyweight category. Tim Burkhart finished third in the 136-pound competition.

This tournament was the fifth outing for the Bears. Previously they had only been able to muster two runner-up spots in team competition, but they are now competing with more wrestlers and hope to continue winning their matches. The team is scheduled to travel to Nuernberg this weekend.

sports shorts

Council meeting set

The next Women's Sports Council Meeting will be held Monday in the Main Conference Room, Building 2, Clay Headquarters, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in the Women's Sports Program is invited to attend. For more information contact Sheila Graham at 6768.

Sports Officials meeting

The annual meeting of the Berlin Officials Association to elect officers for the upcoming year will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center, Truman Plaza.

All officials of the association, regardless of the sport they officiate, are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Berlin boxer fights on U. S. team

Sanford Robinson, Berlin Brigade's heavyweight boxer fought with the U. S. National Boxing Team recently in two countries.

Robinson's first bout was against Joren Thompson the Danish heavyweight. Robinson lost the match to Thompson on what was called a con-

troversial split decision in Esbyrig, Denmark. He then traveled to Gottenburg, Sweden where he fought Bengt Cederqlust and won when the referee stopped the contest in the second round.

Robinson is currently the reigning USAREUR Heavyweight champ. He will be traveling back to the U. S. to compete in the All-Army competition early next year.

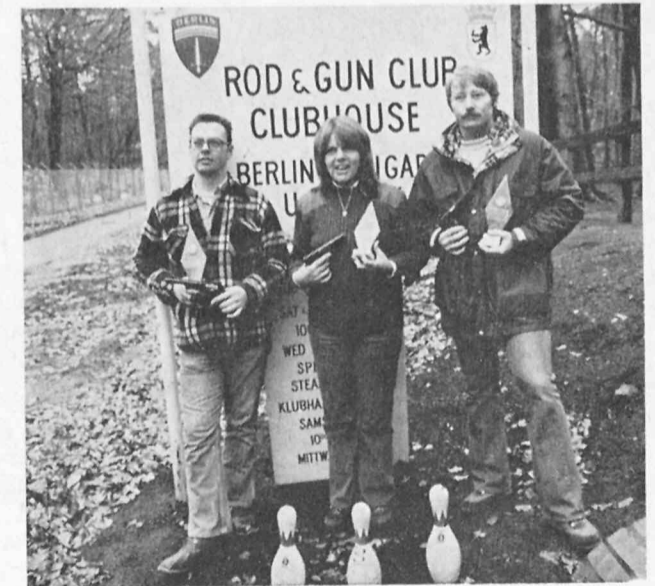
Tennis tournament slated

A Christmas Tennis Tournament will be held in the Sports Center Tennis Bubble starting at 5 p.m. Dec. 18. The tournament, which runs through Dec. 21, is open to all active duty military, their family members and U. S. citizens holding ID cards.

Competition will include both men's and women's singles and doubles. For more information or to sign up for the tournament, call Sheila Graham at 6768/6168 by Thursday.

Racquetball clinic scheduled

A Women's Beginner's Racquetball Clinic will be conducted at the Sports Center on Dec. 12 and 13, starting at 1 p.m. each day.



It's a strike

Winners of the Rod and Gun Club's Bowling Pin Pistol Shoot display their trophies following Saturday's shoot-out at Rose Range. Don Van Dyke (l) grabbed the Men's Open Revolver award while Doris Johnson and James Raymond won the Women's Open Combined and Men's Open Automatic categories, respectively. (Photo by Wade Seals)

Sergeant 'hooked' on hobby

by Sue Sweeney

"It felt kinda strange and it didn't seem like a manly thing to do at first, but when I saw Rosie Greer do it in the movie 'Airport,' I decided

not to worry about it any longer."

SFC Gary Wysocki, administration NCO at the hospital here, does cross stitching and latchhooking for a hobby.

His newest creation is a 13½ feet long by three feet wide rug for the hallway in his parent's house.

The rug, mainly dark blue and green, is made on a canvas using 76,000 strands of yarn. Each strand is about 3 inches long. The rug took about 800 hours to make.

Crown and monogram

The pattern designed by Wysocki, is a crown and a clever monogram of his parents initials. The initials can be read from either end of the hallway.

Wysocki began latch hooking about four years ago and cross stitching before that. His first creation was a small sampler for a friend's wedding present.

"I first got involved in cross stitching when I was teaching photography at Lowry, Air Force Base, Denver, Colo.," said Wysocki. "I used to get a lot of junk mail and I ordered some kits that looked like fun from a craft magazine. They were fun and very relaxing."

One day when I was out shopping, I noticed some latch hook kits on sale, added Wysocki. They looked interesting and I enjoyed doing them.

Wysocki said that the person who influenced his hobby most was his mother. He said she thought it was really neat. She enjoyed watching him do them.

Works in spurts

Wysocki says he works in spurts. It gets tedious after a while, but he tries to put in at least an hour a day on weeknights and spends four or five hours a night on weekends.

"It's pretty simple," commented Wysocki. "No special talents are needed. My own patterns are mainly

geometric, and with the number of kits and the variety of pattern books available, even the most inartistic person can do this work."

"Once I started it and found out that I liked it," commented Wysocki, "I kept up with it. It's cheaper than buying these things for the walls of my apartment, and they're worth at least five times what I spend on them. Also I get the satisfaction of knowing that I did it myself."

Wysocki noted that cross stitch embroidery was his favorite thing. He said that the work was quick and easy and that there were a large variety of pictures and designs, and they were fairly inexpensive.

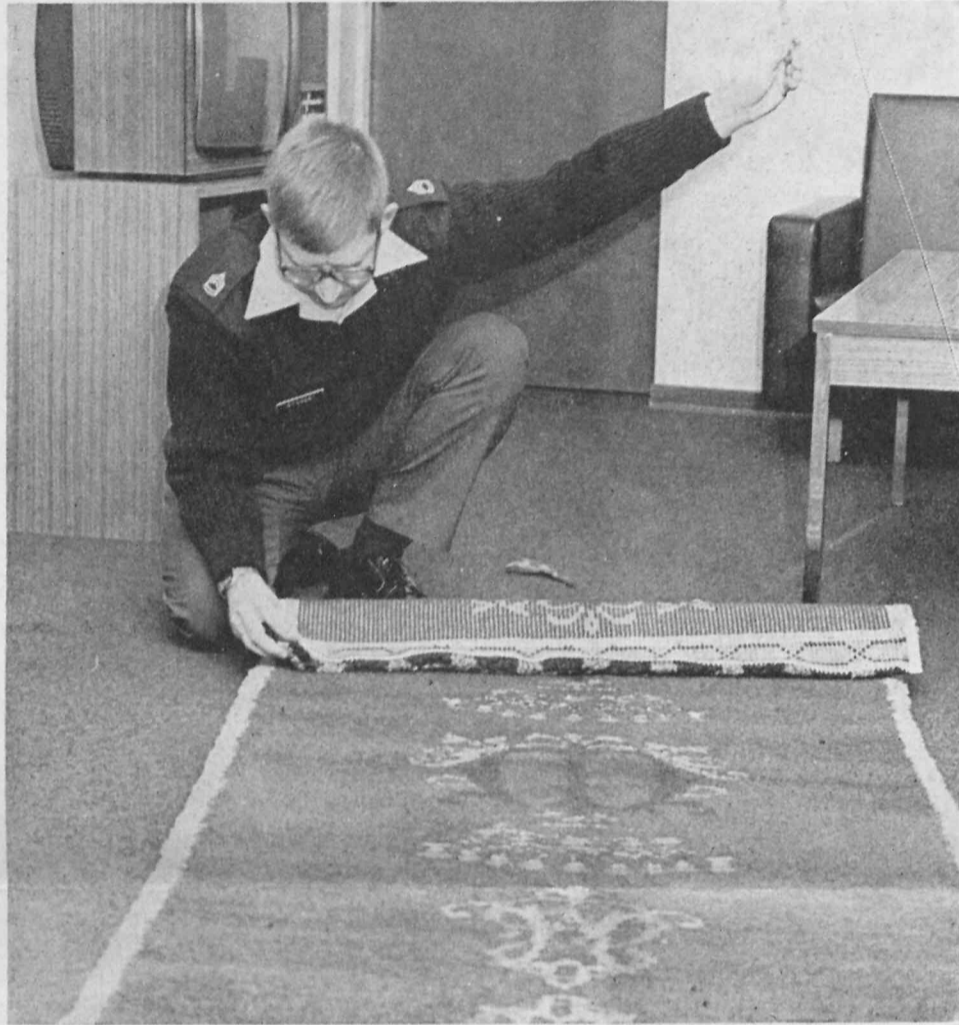
Cross stitch

For anyone just starting out in cross stitch, get a small kit that is simple to make. You can often find them in different craft shops and ladies magazines.

For anyone interested in latch hooking Wysocki says it can be extremely enjoyable if you get a small kit and take the necessary time to make sure you do it correctly.

"I spent about \$1,000 on rugs so far and I feel that they are definitely worth that amount," said Wysocki. "It's not the money that's the hardest part. For me finishing off a rug is a very tedious task. For cross stitch, framing it is difficult. You have to iron it completely wrinkle free and then the design is centered. It's exacting work."

For his next project Wysocki plans on making another rug. This time the pattern will be the U. S. Army Crest. The rug will be about nine feet high. "I don't know what I'll do with it yet joked Wysocki. It's not something I would put on the floor, and I don't know of any walls nine feet high."



THE HOBBY HOOKER — SFC Gary Wysocki, administration NCO at the U. S. Army Hospital, Berlin, finishes off a 13-foot rug that he latched by hand for his parent's hallway. The

rug took Wysocki about 800 hours to make and is made up of 76,000 strands of yarn, each measuring 2½ inches in length.

(Photo by Jim Joerger)

by R. Gibson

On Dec. 6, children all over Germany will celebrate Saint Nicholas Day. But just who is this jolly old fellow in black boots and a red suit?

According to the book by Maymie R. Krythe, "All About Christmas," Saint Nicholas was born the only child of wealthy Christian parents at the close of the third century, perhaps about the year 280 A. D.

The young man who later became the Bishop of Myra in Aisa Minor, was famous for his great generosity.

He was named Bishop following the death of his predecessor. The Church Council deliberated over who the new Bishop would be for weeks. Then one night, the oldest council member was told in a dream, to go to the steps of the cathedral in the morning, and the first man named Nicholas to enter would be the new Bishop. When Nicholas came to worship as he did regularly, he was soon named Bishop of Myra. Because of his youth, Nicholas at first rejected the position, but the vote of the Church Council stood, and he was made the new Bishop.

Today the children of Germany rise early on Saint Nicholas Day to examine their shoes which

they left on the door step the night before, to see what good things Saint Nicholas had left for them in the night.

The custom goes that if the children find toys and sweets in their shoes, they know that they had pleased Saint Nick with their good behavior throughout the year. A bundle of switches is left in the shoes of the bad boys and girls.

The name that Americans use for Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus, was brought over by the Dutch. The Dutch refer to Santa as Sinter Klaas, and when Dutch settlers came to America, they brought the name with them.

There are many stories about Santa, that he is the patron saint of marriageable girls, and the patron saint of Russia. Also, God had watched over his life very carefully and saved him from many dangers.

In America we have a town that glorifies Saint Nick, the small community of Santa Claus, not far from Evansville, Ind. In 1882, at their general store on Christmas Eve, it is said that some of the local residents were discussing what to name their town, when Santa Claus walked through the door. At once, someone called out let's call it Santa Claus, thus the small town got its name.

St. Nicholas hits town on Sunday