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## *Welcome President Reagan*



**We in the U.S. Command, Berlin, welcome you on your visit to the divided city. We are proud to serve our country as defenders of Berlin's freedom and are honored to join with you today in reaffirming our commitment to this great city.**

# editorial

## Let's get fit to fight

A physically fit soldier tends to look sharp. How many fat, sloppy rangers have you seen lately.

Being fit is in itself a discipline. It brings out a sense of personal pride and discipline in other activities off duty. It is also a combat multiplier and improves readiness.

The physical readiness of each soldier is the main ingredient of Army combat readiness. How fit does a soldier need to be to perform successfully during long periods of combat? It's almost impossible to answer because it would be hard to say exactly what duties that will include.

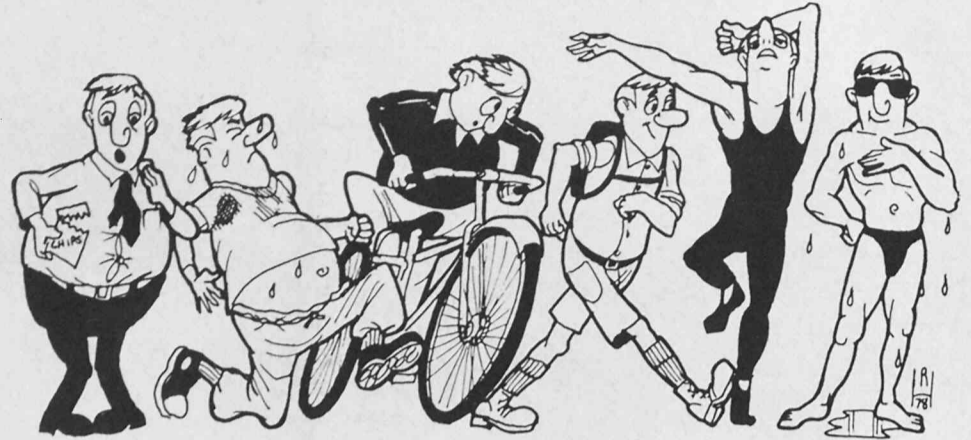
The Army is on its way to developing a total approach to fitness. Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr. and Army Chief of Staff, Gen. E.C. Meyer have named 1982 the Army Physical Fitness Year.

The Army plans to focus on goals of increased stamina, improved health and greater discipline. Plans are also under way to develop a physical fitness program that will work equally well for every soldier, regardless of age, sex, job, or component.

The idea is for every soldier to be in the best possible shape he or she can be. This may be the factor which someday could save a soldier's life.

An example Marsh gave at a recent Pentagon briefing on physical fitness was the case of Brig. Gen. James Dozier. The secretary attributed Dozier's "physical toughness and great self-discipline as the qualities which sustained him during his captivity."

According to Marsh, history shows evidence of the critical role of physical fitness in military operations.



"The most successful military units in our own history," he said "were those whose soldiers were physically capable of conducting forced marches to get to the battlefield and still had sufficient physical reserves to successfully engage the enemy."

Sophisticated weaponry, the secretary added, has not changed that. "The best equipped soldier is not effective if he is not physically capable of operating his equipment and weapon."

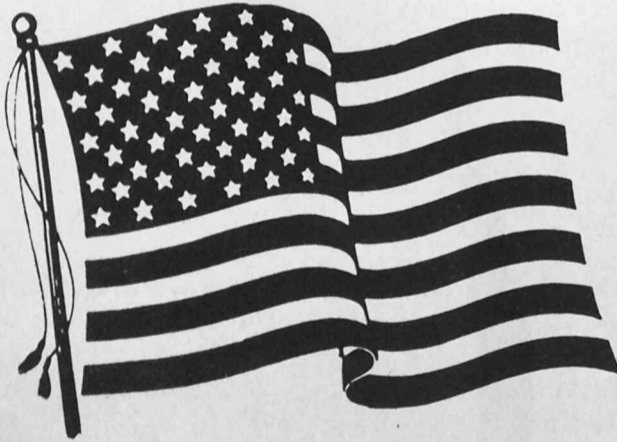
Stamina is one of the most important benefits of physical conditioning; however fitness is important also from the health standpoint. Diet and weight

control are large factors in physical fitness. In addition taking part in a program of physical fitness helps create a positive attitude. Overall, you'll feel a lot better about yourself if you're a "fit to fight soldier."

"Fitness is more than losing weight and exercising regularly," according to Marsh. "It requires a change in attitudes which can result only from strong leadership."

Soldiers and their leaders should be professionally and personally committed to physical fitness. In peace or war they need to be capable of performing their duties at the highest level of physical condition.

## Celebrate Army Birthday, Flag Day



Monday is Flag Day and it is also the birthday of the U.S. Army. The two are closely related as America's soldiers have never waived in their defense of the flag under which they serve.

They bore the stars and stripes to Chapultepec, to San Juan Hill, to Flanders, to Bataan and to Anzio. They stood resolute beneath Old Glory at Yorktown and Gettysburg.

And when the guns were quiet, no less than when the cannon roared, the Army continued to serve loyally under the flag in support of all it represents.

Patriotism, love of country, and a willingness to accept and discharge the responsibility of citizenship are not the exclusive province of the Army.

Yet, it is undeniable that throughout America's

history the Army has been particularly aware of the majesty and the meaning of the flag; the Army could always be depended upon for allegiance to the stars and stripes.

To the soldiers, Old Glory has never been merely "a piece of cloth." It has been a rallying point, an inspiration, a sacred emblem.

In war and in peace, at home and abroad, American soldiers have served under the stars and stripes, loyally, faithfully and uncompromisingly.

We in the Army accept with quiet pride the fact that our heritage is inseparable from that of our flag and our nation.

Speaking of the flag, in 1917, President Wilson said: "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation."

It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices whether in peace or war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us — speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

It still speaks to us today as we approach the birthday of the flag and the birthday of the Army.

The flag will speak also to the successors of our performance as guardians of this heritage.

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## 3rd Battalion, Irish Rangers work at partnership

by Sue Sweeney

Two patterns of camouflage uniforms, two methods of tactical training and soldiers from two countries merged together for one field training exercise this past week.

3rd Battalion's soldiers and their partnership unit, the 2nd Battalion, Royal Irish Rangers completed a three-day FTX Wednesday.

The FTX centered around the "Yanks" and the "Brits" learning to work together, comparing techniques and successfully accomplishing a mission at the same time. The FTX also helped to prepare 3rd Battalion soldiers for the upcoming Army Readiness Training and Evaluation Program in West Germany.

Irish Rangers were attached to Company C, 3rd Battalion as well as to Combat Support Company's reconnaissance platoon. This put the Rangers on the attack as well as in defensive positions.

"Working together has taught us a great deal about each other," said Capt. Robin Russell, of the Royal Irish Rangers Recce (recon) platoon.

"American soldiers train differently in some ways than we do, but they are different in other ways too. We've just finished eating an American field breakfast. We ate grits, that beef stew stuff, toast and bacon. Normally for breakfast we eat C-rations, porridge and beans."

Of course the FTX was training for American soldiers too. PFC Thomas Moon and PFC Robert Cooper, Company B got their first field experience in the mortar platoon during the FTX. They were cross training from infantry (11B) to mortars (11C).

Moon said that he learned eight different tactical ways to put up camouflage nets at night to cover mortar positions.

Cooper agreed that they learned a lot. He added their theme song was "On The Road Again" because they



**TOUGH GUYS**—Royal Irish Rangers Recce (recon) Platoon keep in contact with 3rd Battalion's Recon Platoon during the FTX. This week's three day

exercise stressed the importance of these soldiers learning to work together. (Photo by Sue Sweeney)

were always moving out to new locations at the early hours of the morning.

The FTX started with Companies A, B and C moving into defensive positions Monday morning, against the scout platoon from Combat Support Company. On Tuesday the soldiers conducted a movement to contact looking for the aggressor force from the scout platoon. They found them on three objectives and pushed them

back. However, intelligence sources for the three companies soon reported that the scout platoon had formed up in the south Dauerwald. Companies A, B and C then conducted a night attack and destroyed the enemy.

The soldiers of 3rd Battalion accomplished their simulated tactical mission and learned about their counterparts, the Royal Irish Rangers along the way.

# briefs

## Community greets President

More than 6,000 members of the American Community in Berlin will greet President Reagan today on his first official presidential visit to Berlin.

Nearly 5,000 soldiers, airmen and family members will be on hand at Tempelhof Central Airport to greet the Commander-in-Chief as he lands in Air Force 1.

Later at Schloss Charlottenburg other Americans will join an estimated 20,000 Berliners to welcome Reagan to the divided city.

At Charlottenburg, Reagan will sign the "Golden Book", the city's guest book signed by visiting dignitaries. Reagan's signature will be the first in the fourth volume of the Golden Book, opened in honor of his visit.

During his brief visit in Berlin, he will also have a stop to view the wall.

Next week's Observer will feature coverage of the President's visit.

## CSB fires it up

The members of Combat Support Battalion met at Keerans Range to take part in a battalion weapons meet May 28. And according to Capt. Harvey Jones, battalion S-3, the meet went very well.

There were four events in the meet including the

M60 machinegun, M16 rifle, .45-caliber pistol and 9mm sub-machinegun.

In the M16 competition, 42nd Engineer Company came out on top followed by the team from Company F, 40th Armor. Battery C, 94th Field Artillery finished third.

The .45-caliber pistol competition resulted in the same order of finish, while the M60 machinegun match ended with Battery C, 94th Field Artillery on top followed closely by 42nd Engineer Company.

The only competition in the 9mm sub-machinegun competition was Company F, 40th Armor, who naturally took an uncontested first.

## Bishop takes command

In a flightline ceremony June 1, Air Force Col. Charles L. Bishop assumed command of the 6912th Electronic Security Group, Tempelhof Central Airport, from Air Force Col. Alton L. Elliot.

Bishop comes to Berlin following an assignment as Inspector General, Command Headquarters, Kelley Air Force Base, Texas.

Elliot departs to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii where he'll assume command of Electronic Security Pacific.

Unit members and guests said farewell to Elliott and welcomed Bishop at a reception in the Skyriders Classroom.

Bishop has attended the National War College and his assignments include director of Special Security, 4699th Aerospace Intelligence Squadron; commander, 6993rd Electronic Security Squadron and director of Inspection, Headquarters, ESC.

The North Carolina native's military decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Medal.

Bishop is accompanied by his wife, Earla.

## 2nd Battalion ARTEP

Napoleon once said, "An Army moves on its stomach," and the cooks of 2nd Battalion proved this theory to be correct during their battalion ARTEP which concluded this past week in Wildflecken, West Germany.

The cooks of the battalion had to use all their skills and expertise during the ARTEP and then some. This included moving their MKT-75s (mobile kitchen trailers), digging foxholes and manning positions when the combat trains were attacked. On top of all that they had to prepare well-cooked meals so the soldiers would have the energy to continue their part of the ARTEP.

"It's a hard job, but I like to think the troops couldn't do without us," said Sp4 Antonio Travor. Needless to say, the Army can't function without them and the fine food they serve.

Once again, an outstanding job by those unsung heroes "behind the lines".

# TYOPF . . .

## Condition to mission

Physical fitness training to condition soldiers for their specific mission is a big part of the Army's Year of Physical Fitness. The MOUT obstacle course at Parks Range was designed with "condition to mission" in mind.

In order to get over, around, and through a variety of obstacles when fighting in an urban area Berlin soldiers must develop upper body strength as well as agility, balance and stamina. The twelve stations on the obstacle course were specifically designed to help develop those skills in a soldier.

Some of the stations on the course involve climbing obstacles and negotiating overhead bars which is similar to routine forms of physical training.

An example of a more unusual station is the "barrel maze". Soldiers must enter a small four foot high building and negotiate a maze in the dark. Another example is the "ledge walk" which involves climbing through an opening, negotiating another ledge, and climbing down

another pole to finish. This station is one of the toughest according to trainers because it tests a variety of skills.

Other stations include the "platform jump" which is completed with a run, a jump, and a roll. For the "roof walk" soldiers must climb up a pole, cross the roof, and climb down another pole while covering their buddies coming up from behind.

As well as building individual confidence and stamina the course builds teamwork. Fire teams go through the course together after first securing the area then assisting each other through the obstacles similar to covering methods used in actual MOUT training.

Soldiers from Company A, 4th Battalion ran the course this week and according to Sgt. Morrisey it's one of the toughest he's seen in his seven years in the Army.

Above all, the course is physically demanding and challenging, helping to condition soldiers in Berlin for the missions they're assigned.



*HALF WAY—A fire team goes up the ropes and over the top of the Rope Walk obstacle. The obstacle, which*

*tests upper body strength and teamwork, marks half way through the MOUT Obstacle Course.*



*ON THE RUN—Soldiers advance through the sewer pipe obstacle on the run. The obstacle tests agility and the*

*ability to negotiate small places and is the second obstacle of the MOUT Obstacle Course.*



*KEEP YOUR BALANCE—A fire team from Company A, 4th Battalion work their way through the Ledge Walk, one of the harder obstacles in*

*the MOUT Obstacle Course. This obstacle tests climbing ability, agility balance and stamina.*

# Let's get physical

## Condition to Mission.

Soldiers in the Berlin Brigade can expect to hear those words with more frequency in the future and to be involved in the training those words imply.

The Secretary of the Army has said that the old physical training — calisthenics and running — was not doing the job of making sure soldiers are adequately prepared to accomplish their mission. The Berlin Brigade, therefore, has come up with a training program that is more modern, diverse and intensive in its approach to physical readiness training.

The emphasis is on doing the physical exercises and skill training that better enables the soldier to perform his or her assigned mission. For soldiers here that means concentrating on building the upper body strength, agility and endurance needed to fight in an urban environment.

It is more encompassing than the Military Operation in Urban Terrain (MOU) obstacle course located in Doughboy City, however.

A task force made up of staff members and battalion representatives and chaired by the Deputy Brigade Commander, Col. Frank S. Adams, has studied the issue and made several

proposals, some of which are already being implemented.

One of the first things soldiers will be training on soon is the Circuit Training Course, presently under construction at McNair Barracks. It will be an eight station round-robin-type course, which concentrates on development of muscular strength and endurance, with particular emphasis on the muscle groups of the upper body.

According to Capt. Chris Rottner, task force coordinator and designer of the course, it will be a very individualized training concept.

"Our approach to circuit training as well as our other proposals has been similar to that of professional athletic training. You wouldn't train a linebacker, swimmer and golfer in the same manner. Their jobs require specific conditioning and skills development, so you tailor their training programs accordingly," explained Rottner.

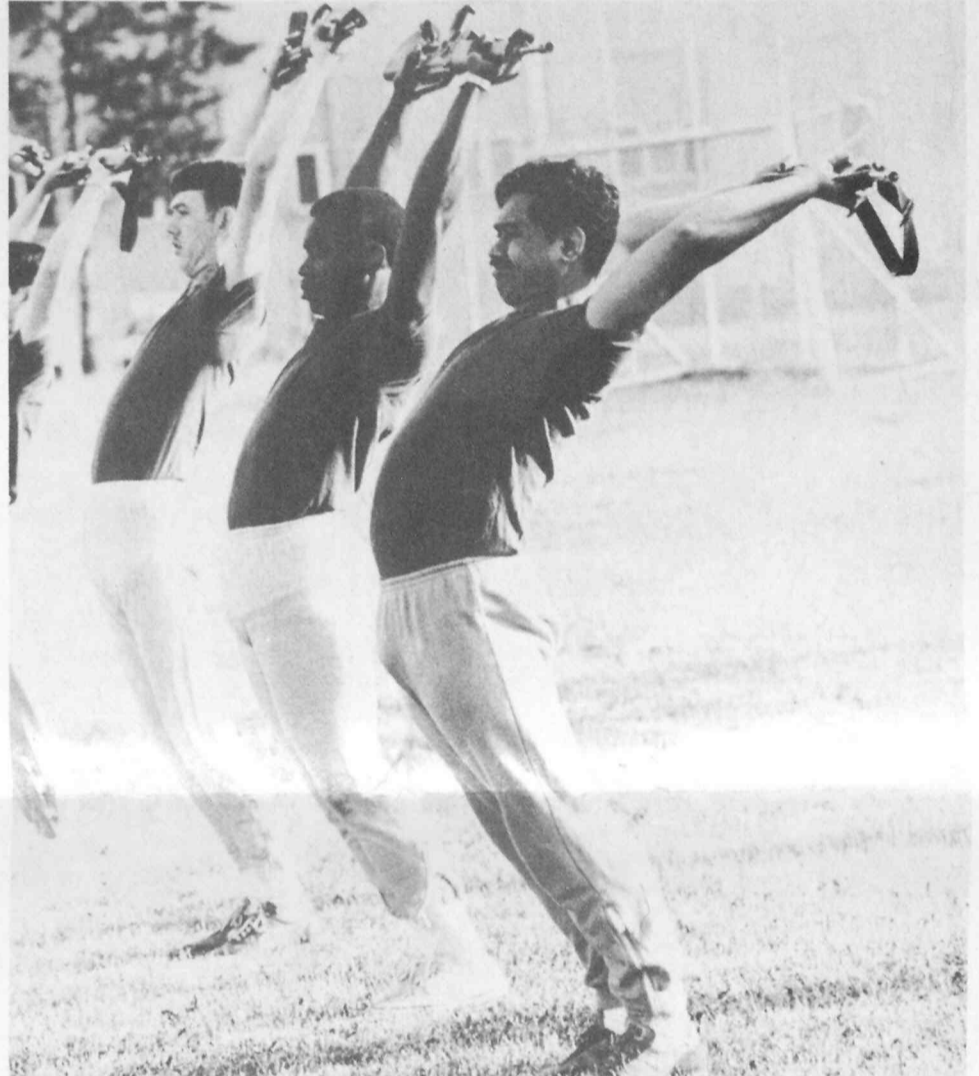
"Soldiers in Berlin need to be able to fight in an urban environment and training such as the circuit training course are designed to enhance the soldier's ability to do that," said Rottner. "There are other training methods being developed that will also aid the soldier in conditioning."

Some of those methods include a new log drill, sprint running and a ranger-type combative pit.

Rottner emphasized this is not a one-year-push to get rid of the fat and

unfit, but rather a whole new evolution of training programs.

Rottner also indicated that the command emphasis on training also involves follow-up and evaluation.



*S-T-R-E-T-C-H—Members of the scout platoon, Combat Support Company, 4th Battalion conduct rifle P.T. The rifle P.T. program is part of the*

*new "condition to mission" policy adopted by the Berlin Brigade to insure the soldiers are up to snuff in combat readiness. (Photo by Bob Dewey)*



*CLOUD KICKING—Stretching exercises are an important part of daily P.T. Members of HHC, 4th Battalion,*

*stretch their legs while doing the bicycle exercise. (Photo by Michael A. Mathis)*



*1-2-3-4—Members of Company F, 40th Armor, run several miles in the morning. Here they are running down*

*the Four-Ring at McNair Barracks. (Photo by Michael A. Mathis).*



**THE BIG DAY**—Members of the Berlin American High School Class of '82 prepare to receive their diplomas. Sixty-eight students bid BAHS

farewell in Saturday's graduation ceremony at Tempelhof Central Airport. (Photo by R. Gibson)

# BAHS graduates step into future

The senior class of the Berlin American High School (BAHS) celebrated a long awaited graduation day ceremony Saturday at Tempelhof Central Airport (TCA).

Staff Chaplain, Col. Earl Andrews presented the invocation, followed by a welcome speech by TCA Commander Col. Gary Spohn. Then Class Salutatorian Grace Soltys spoke about the previous school year and the appreciation felt for parents on behalf of all the graduates as well as the appreciation to members of the school's faculty for their long hours and thoughtful giving.

The school band, including those graduating members, played "Tocata for Band". Dr. Houston Jack, principal of BAHS introduced the honored

guest speaker, U.S. Minister to Berlin, Nelson C. Ledsky. Ledsky spoke to the class concerning the road that lay ahead of them and the prospects for the future.

Following the speech by Ledsky, the school choir entertained with "The Road Not Taken" and "Hymn of Youth". Jack then introduced the 68 members of the class of 1982, Brig. Gen. Leroy N. Suddath, community commander, presented the diplomas.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Senior Class President, Anne Margret Vine gave the acceptance speech, and Class Valedictorian Susan Setzer addressed the class.

Then tassles were turned, tears were shed, necks were hugged and summer vacation began.

## Get into books this summer

Summer is a good time to become acquainted with all that's waiting for you at the library. Your Army libraries

have a whole truckload of new bestsellers for you to read during the leisure summer months in Berlin.

Robert Ludlum's new action-packed thriller, **The Parsifal Mosaic**, is now available. In it, CIA agent Michael Havelock gets caught in a conspiracy concocted at the highest levels in Washington and Moscow. Guaranteed good reading!!

Berliners who themselves put their lives in jeopardy.

Starting late in June the libraries will also be receiving some new monthly shipments of phonograph records ... finally! Ask at your local libraries, at Andrews, McNair, Hospital and Main, for new rock, country & western, pop and jazz discs. And if the "new" record shelf is empty, put your name on a waiting list to reserve these newest tunes by Johnny Paycheck, Dr. Hook, Arthur Fiedler, Freddie Hubbard and others.

Here is an advance notice on this year's summer reading program. The dates for the program are July 5 through August 13. It's open for all children up through grade six. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin June 28 at the Main Library. Keep an eye on the "Observer" for more details later this month.

Summer is a busy and fun time in Berlin. Whether you need information on travel, gardening, warm-weather sports, or just something light and easy to read, come and see us. The libraries are here to provide you with what you need. Your Berlin libraries ... they're more than just books.



### Won't You Guess My Name

Following J. Geils' special brand of rock/scream the Rolling Stones hit the stage at the Waldbühne Tuesday night for a return engagement after eighteen years. Some say Mick's

getting a little long-toothed but his antics didn't show it. At any rate if there were any skeptics in the crowd of twenty-two thousand they would have to admit it was an "event."

Author John Jakes has managed to fill up another hefty volume in his latest offering, **North and South**, the first book in his newest trilogy. The story spans a twenty-year period starting with the Civil War, and concerns the lives of two men who first meet at West Point. If history repeats itself, Jakes' new book will be on the bestseller list for weeks to come.

For local interest, there are two new titles which are now on the library shelves. Lawrence Weschler's book, **Solidarity**, discusses the economic, historical and religious conditions in Poland that made the founding of the Solidarity organization possible and also the political environment which still makes Solidarity vulnerable. Leonard Gross' **Last Jews in Berlin** explores the fascinating lives of a dozen Jewish men and women who spent the years of WWII in Berlin, trying to remain undetected by the authorities, hiding out and being helped by

# events

## Scout News

Berlin Cub Scout Day Camp will be held July 12 to 16 at Rose Range. All boys 8 years old or having completed the second grade who are or want to be registered Cub Scouts are eligible. For further information call your pack leaders or 811-8137.

## German Unity Day operating hours

On German Unity Day (June 17), the Transportation Division's BBO and Official Travel Office will be on normal operating hours; the Freight Section and Driver's Testing Center will be closed; the Household Goods Section will offer information only (no pick-up and deliveries); and the bus lines will be on normal operating times.

All Exchange facilities will be open on German Unity Day except the Garage and Parts Store, Barber and Beauty Shops, Tailor Shops, Optical Shop, Flower Shop, and Gift Shop.

The Berlin Commissary Store will be closed Thursday in observance of day of German Unity. The Commissary will be open on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All Military Banking Facilities (including TCA) and AMEXCO Travel Agency will be closed Thursday. The Federal Credit Union and the Finance and Accounting Office will be open for business as usual.

## Health Care Committee meeting

The Health Care Consumer Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the U.S. Army Hospital commander's conference room. Anyone having suggestions or comments about the hospital medical care delivery system is invited to submit these through their unit representative. Those having comments to present directly to the committee are invited to attend.

## ads

### For sale

Sansui 4000 stereo receiver, 45 watts per channel, wooden case, in excellent condition, \$125. Call 832-8261 after 6 p.m. or anytime on weekends.

Upright piano, \$350. Call 831-3647 after 5 p.m.

1981 Toyota Corolla DX 1.6 hatchback, like new, silver in color, radio, 32,000 kilometers, six-year rust-free warranty, excellent condition, \$5,750. Call 251-8305.

1978 VW Passat Variant (small station wagon), accident-free, no rust or mechanical problems, DM 6,500. Call 815-5995.

1977 Dodge Aspen Special Edition, automatic transmission, power steering, radio, tires in excellent shape, six-cylinder engine, silver metallic in color, driven in Berlin only, 32,000 miles, outstanding conditions, \$3150. Call 813-8629 after 4:30 p.m.

1976 Mercedes 230.4 in very good shape, DM 6850; German washing machine, DM 475; refrigerator (two door type), DM 450; round wood table, DM 75; slide projector with reels for DM 100; and a portable typewriter with American keyboard DM 100. All items in DM or dollar equivalent. Call 813-3811 after 4 p.m. on weekdays and any reasonable time on weekends.

Panasonic color video camera, model PK 700, 6:1 power zoom lens fl. 8, six months old, original price \$700, will sell for \$600. Call 801-2897.

1981 Plymouth Reliant K-Car, four-door, automatic, light blue, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, 5,000 miles, \$6,000, available immediately. Call 801-2890 after 5 p.m. weekdays or on weekends.

Variety of tables, \$8 to \$15; circular straw floor mat, \$6; book case \$5; ironing board, \$3; four bamboo window shades, \$12 each; men's ski boots, \$15; lots of plants, free to \$20; Head XR-1 tennis racquet \$20; travel iron and 220-volt iron, \$4 each; picture frames, \$2 each; hanging lamps from \$3 to \$12; and Fujica ST 705 with 50 mm 1.4 lens \$165. Call 801-2212.

PCS yard sale tomorrow and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 142 Sundgauer Strasse. Transformer, 220-volt irons, plants and stands, pyramids, crystal, two VW tires, violin, Telefunken console stereo with bar, paintings, old buffet, twin bed-sized sheets, women's and junior sized clothing (9 through 18), lady's traditional Bavarian Dirndl (new, size 46), leather jackets, men's leisure suits (42L), shoes, boots, overcoats, new car battery (12V) and a lady's three-speed bike. All items are priced to sell. In the case of rain the sale will be held in the basement.

Walnut Arkade stereo shelves, \$50; antique school desk, \$20; hand-made suspended macrame table with glass top, \$50; washing machine, \$50; 2,000 watt transformers, \$50. Call 802-6738 after 6 p.m. and weekends.

1972 Volvo 144, fuel injection, automatic trans, stereo radio cassette, Disc Brakes, American Specifications. Well maintained and in excellent condition. May be shipped back to the U.S. at U.S. Govt. Expense, \$1,500. Call 832-8261 after 6 p.m. or anytime weekends.

Ardebil Persian Carpet, natural dyes, cream/terracotta/grey tones, 6'x4', will sell for \$400. Call 832-8261 after 6 p.m. or anytime weekends.

Baby car bed carrier, \$20, Baby bed (portable) \$20, two baby body carriers, \$10, Bundy clarinet, \$50, U.S. Remington typewriter, \$25, various baby clothes and children's toys. Call 834-7763.

German clothes shrank for \$100, German stereo for \$75. Both in excellent condition. Call 802-7311.

### Wanted

Reliable full-time babysitter as soon as possible for two year old son of Army couple. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our home or yours, wages negotiable. Call after 5 p.m. 813-7162.

### Miscellaneous

Will babysit anytime on weekends or evenings for your convenience. Call 801-2846.

## lunches

JFK school has the following menu for the week of 14.

Monday — Bratwurst, spinach, fried potatoes, jello with vanilla sauce.

Tuesday — Cutlet, mushroom sauce, curry-rice, cole slaw, apple.

Wednesday — Liver in onion sauce, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, canned peaches.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — Chicken ragout in curry sauce, rice, strawberry pudding.

## Officials meeting slated

The Berlin Officials Association will hold the monthly general membership meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the DYA building. All officials are urged to attend and new or prospective officials are invited to attend. For further information contact Randy Jordan at 819-6876.

### Please watch requirements and deadline!

Community Events and Classified Ads for each week's issue will be printed space available only, and are due by close of business Monday. Only double-spaced, typewritten announcements will be accepted for printing.

## Volksfest needs

How would you like to be Paul Bunyan in the 22nd Annual German-American Volksfest? Creative and Performing Arts Branch is looking for Paul Bunyan candidates. Come on you giants, call 819-3550 for more information.

Two male and one female singer needed to take part in the Volksfest District Day Show. Auditions will be at 7 p.m. July 9 and at 2 p.m. on July 10. For more information call 819-3550.

DYA is now recruiting for the position of Volksfest clean-up supervisor. This position involves the supervision of youth who will clean the grounds of the American area of the Volksfest. Interested applicants should call Mrs. Yeager at 819-6249 for more details.

## Theatrical presentation

The time is between 1963 and 1974. Joanne, Kathy and Mary are three very aggressively vivacious cheerleaders. Five years later, in their college sorority house, they are nervously trying to confront their futures. They reunite briefly in 1974 in New York, only to find out they have each taken a different road.

Their friendship, which once thrived on assumptions as well coordinated as sweater sets, is strained and ambiguous. The old ways seem false, and nothing seems to really fit. They finally realize they can no longer afford to have very much in common. This bitter sweet comedy called "Vanities" is an astute snapshot chronicle of the lives of three Texas girls and will take place tonight, tomorrow and Sunday and June 18 through 20 at Andrews Music and Theater Center. Make sure you don't miss it. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. Call 819-3550 for more information.

## Tour with ITT

Visit the Charlottenburg Palace with ITT on June 27. After a guided tour through the royal chambers, you'll have time to stroll through the beautiful gardens and see the fabulous porcelain collection in the Belvedere Tea House.

ITT offers a free West Berlin Sightseeing Tour on June 27. East side, west side, all around the town. See all the sites of Berlin on ITT's East/West Combination tour every Saturday in June. This comprehensive tour of the divided city will show you the main sites on both sides of the Wall.

Spandau will be celebrating its 750th Anniversary tomorrow through June 20 with various street festivals and entertainment. ITT will take you to Spandau on Tuesday. After a guided tour through the Medieval Citadel you'll have time to explore the "Old Town" and join in the festivities before seeing the famous Spandau prison. Return in time to a morning of medieval merriment with ITT.

Join ITT for a trip to Peacock Island and a tour through the castle on June 29. For a relaxing morning and a beautiful outing, make your reservations at the ITT office now.

For more information or to make reservations on any ITT tour, drop by the ITT office in the Sports Center on Hüttenweg or call 819-6523/7189.

## Be craftly

Come and let us show you how to care and use your paint brushes. The Andrews Ceramics shop will offer a beginners brush stroke class starting on July 22 thru August 12 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 819-3578 weekdays.

The McNair Multi Crafts Shop has a new selection of picture frame moldings, plain and fancy. Stop by and check them out, or call 819-3578 weekdays for more information.

The McNair Photo Center is offering several free classes and demonstrations during the month of June on Sunday and Wednesday we have our color orientation classes. June 20 you can learn color slide processing and see a slide printing demonstration. And to round out the month, learn to mount and display your prints you have made on June 28. For more information call 819-6907 weekdays.

Learn how to hand color your own black and white prints in a three-session class at the McNair Photo Center. The class will meet Wednesday June 23, and 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. The fee for the class is \$5 and students must supply their own black and white prints.

## Recreation Center fun

Drop by the Hi-Lite Recreation Center now to sign up for your Family Steak Night on June 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is just \$2.50 and the deadline for sign-up is Monday.

Come one, come all to the "Fabulous Fifties Party" at the All American Recreation Center June 19 at 8 p.m. Listen to such great hits as "Baby Don't Cry," "Earth Angel," "The Bristle Stomp" and many, many more!

Be sure to dress in bobby-sox, faded jeans, long skirts, pigtails and greased hair. There will be a contest for the best dressed man and woman, hula hoop, dance and bubble blowing contests. Call 819-3125 or 819-3254 for more information.

## Red Cross news

CPR courses will be offered June 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 10 p.m. on June 21 and 23. All classes will be held in the TAR school cafeteria. Call 819-6437 for more information and registration.

## Career opportunities

The Department of Commerce is now recruiting to fill positions as Foreign Commercial Service Officers.

Applications are being accepted from U.S. citizens interested in serving abroad in some 55 positions at FCS posts around the world. The positions are in the middle to senior levels—FS-4 to FS-1 (GS-12 to GS-15 equivalent). Applicants must have at least four years of experience, mainly overseas, in either private sector or government positions.

Details concerning duties, qualifications, conditions of employment and method of applying are available in the Personnel Office of the U.S. Mission, Berlin, Room 1036, Building 2, Clay Headquarters.

## Household Furniture Exchange

From June through October 1982, due to the summer turnover of family quarters, the primary tasks for the DEH furniture trucks will be to furnish vacant quarters and deal with emergency calls. Routine exchange of furniture journeys will be limited and will be performed strictly in waiting list order. Occupants of quarters requiring routine exchanges should consider "Self-Help." The necessary documents can be obtained from the customer service office, DEH, Dahlemer Weg, Building 871a, Room 105.

## Lawn edgers available

Effective Monday, edgers will be available to Senior Occupants at the SHIP, DEH, Dahlemer Weg. The items will be issued on temporary loan for periods of 72 hours. Due to the limited number of edgers available, it is suggested that Senior Occupants contact the warehouse office in advance, at 819-6104.

## SJA to close Wednesday

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

## Property Disposal retail sale

A retail sale will be held at the DPDO from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18. Inspection of sale items will be Wednesday, starting at noon.

All U.S. military ID card holders are invited to attend and all property is sold "as is." Only cash payment in U.S. currency is accepted.

Sales items include stereo equipment, televisions, electrical appliances, typewriters, furniture, sports accessories, and lots more. For more information contact the DPDO at 819-3174.

## Family orientation set for June 18

Newly arrived family members, here is your opportunity to become involved and learn essential information about the Berlin community. Attend our Family Orientation Program at 8 a.m. at the Checkpoint NCO Club. Free child care is provided at the Kinderkeller (please call 7270 for child care reservations), along with a special free lunch and tour of West Berlin. Why not spend an interesting and enjoyable day with us and the new members of your community? For more information contact Army Community Services at 819-6500.

## Job opportunity

AAFES is accepting applications from off-duty military for the position of janitor/janitress at the Outpost Theater. If interested call Mr. Howard at 819-6853.

## Wannsee bus runs daily

The Wannsee Express will become a daily bus service beginning Monday and continuing until Aug. 15. Please observe posted schedules at the main bus terminal for departure and arrival times.

## BWAC meeting set for Monday

The Berlin Women's Advisory Council meeting will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Main Conference Room, Building 1, Clay Headquarters. Some of the topics to be discussed will be Women's Sports Activities, Federal Women's Program and Organizational Structure. If you are interested in any of these topics or have others that you want to discuss, please come and offer your suggestions and contributions. All community members are welcome.

## Kinderkeller move

Kinderkeller Child Care Center's "School Age Day Care Program" moved to TAR School on June 9. If you want daily care for your children for the summer and/or before and after school care next September, please call 819-6270 for information or to add your name to the waiting list. Drop-in care for School Age Children during the summer is by reservation only at Kinderkeller. Children who will be in first grade next September through 12 years are eligible to attend. The TAR program will run Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Room 14. Summer activities will include games, arts and crafts, science projects, cooking, and field trips. Snacks will be provided but lunches will need to be supplied by the parents. JFK buses will provide transportation for students still in school. For more information call 819-6270.

## Aviation Association meeting planned

The Checkpoint Charlie Chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America, will hold a general membership meeting in the Aviation Section lounge, Hangar 3, TCA, at 5 p.m. Wednesday. For more information contact CW3 James E. Jackson at 819-5449.

## Conflict Management Course

The Conflict Management Course (conducted in English) is Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The course will be held in the Training Center, Building 4, Clay Headquarters. For more information, please call 819-6978 or 819-6165.

## Hot water outage

Due to essential maintenance work performed by the City Heating Company (BEWAG) on district heating services, there will be no hot water in the Dahlem Guest House and Harnack House tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundgauer Housing Area and DEH Compound on Monday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Andrews Barracks, Area North, and Baseler Strasse Housing Area on Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m..

## Amerika Haus art exhibit

Amerika Haus Berlin invites you to visit their Chicano art exhibition, "Images de la Raza — Self portrayals of Mexican-American Culture". The exhibition, being shown in conjunction with "Horizonte '82 — Second Festival of World Culture," opened Monday and will run through July 12. Amerika Haus Berlin is located at 22-24 Hardenbergstrasse and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be closed June 17 and July 5. Admission is free.

## DYA

Register now at the DYA for the new tennis session, which starts Monday. Cost for the five-week session is \$17.50 per child.

There will be a Preteen Dance for ages 9 to 12 on June 19 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the DYA. Admission is \$1 with DYA card, or \$1.50 without.

There will be a Teen Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at the DYA June 18.



# sports

## Archer garnishes USAREUR title



ON THE WAY—Dennis J. McComak, Field Station Berlin recently took a first place in the U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) field archery

championship in Darmstadt, West Germany. McComak was also on the gold medal winning Olympic team in 1972. (Photo by R. Gibson)

by R. Gibson

Another name has recently been added to the ever growing list of champions stationed in Berlin. Dennis J. McComak, organizational effectiveness staff officer, Field Station Berlin, was last month crowned U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) champion in field archery in the freestyle limited classification.

The competition took place in Darmstadt, West Germany and McComak said that his toughest competition came from Mike Loftis of Pirmasens, West Germany. Loftis and McComak were teammates on the All-Army team in 1978.

McComak's victory at the USAREUR meet was only his most recent in a long list of accomplishments that include being a member of the gold medal winning 1972 U.S. Olympic team. He is one of the very elite group of archers who has been invited to every Olympic trial since 1972.

The 30 year-old graduate of Kansas State at Pittsburg said that, of course, another invitation to the Olympic trials would be very nice. "I'll give it my best shot," he said with a grin.

McComak's wife, Mary, supports her husband's hobby. "I'm really

proud of what he's done, I think it's quite an accomplishment." The McComak's have two children, Brian, 7 and Kristi, 4, who share their mom's pride in their father's accomplishments.

McComak, a native of Columbus, Kan., said he spends about six hours a week practicing for a meet. His bow is a Hoyt pro medal, 46-pounder, (that is a bow which requires 46 pounds of pull on the strings to reach its maximum strength).

The arrows he uses are made of aluminum with regular target tips and Milar vains. "I like the Milar vains because of the greatly reduced weight and wind resistance," he said.

Since there is no range on which McComak can practice, he uses a portable target made of a special type of foam that he sets up at the McNair softball field. He paces off the required distance of between 20-feet and 80-yards, sets up his bow with a stabilized, a sight and several other necessary devices. Then he launches his arrows at about 200 feet-a-second toward the target.

Dennis J. McComak — another service member in Berlin who has left his mark in the sports world.

## DYA softball season in full swing

by R. Gibson

The second week of the Dependent Youth Activities (DYA) softball/baseball season ended Sunday. Games were held at various locations throughout the city.

The T-ball Orioles suffered their first loss of the season to the Tigers 7-5 in Saturday's action. Other T-ball games found the Astros over the Cubs 12-11, the Cougars on the top of the Red Sox 11-9, and the Reds over the Mariners 14-8. This was the Red's second victory of the season following their win on Thursday over the Red Sox 11-5. In the only other T-ball game played Thursday, the Padres walloped the Lions 14-6.

In the minors, the Padres crushed the Mets 11-1 in their contest played Wednesday, and the Mariners beat the Cardinals 14-10.

On Saturday, the Cubs handed the Mets their second straight loss in a close 16-15 match up. The Phillies and the Padres also battled on Saturday with the Padres coming out on top 8-6.

In the Bantam boys league Tuesday, the Cubs blasted the Angels 14-1, and the Cardinals battered the Mariners 20-8. On Saturday, the Astros topped the Mariners 16-15, and the Angels beat the Cardinals 9-8.

The junior boys league held games on Wednesday and Saturday. In Wednesday's action the Angels outplayed the Cubs 8-6, but on Saturday the Cubs were the victors, dogging the Indians 14-6.

The DYA girls teams have also been active on the diamond. The Bantam league Braves annihilated the Angels 32-12, while the Red Sox and the Cubs tied at 23. On Saturday the bantam girls went at it again with the Phillies finishing over the Cubs 19-9, and the Braves topping the Red Sox 19-6.

The girls junior league Phillies take a blue ribbon this week for having the biggest victory, beating the Blue Birds 35-8. On Thursday the Eagles and the Phillies slugged it out for the highest scoring contest of the week. That game going to the Eagles 27-26. On Saturday the Raiders blasted the Blue Birds 33-13.



# Sink or swim

by David Sullivan

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water . . . it was full of engineers! What's this? The 42nd Engineer Company gone amphibious?

Well, not exactly. Last week the 42nd Engineers underwent Water Survival Training at Andrews Pool.

Today's combat soldier, to include all soldiers, should at least have a basic knowledge of water survival techniques. With the myriad of possible locations for combat training, or real military confrontations, a soldier doesn't know when he will have to draw upon his water survival knowledge.

The primary cause of drowning is panic. Water survival training instills in the soldier confidence and skills necessary to survive in water.

1st Lt. Phillip Mulford was the officer in charge of the engineer's training exercise. He explained why this type of training is especially relevant to a combat engineer. "The engineers are heavily involved in water-crossing obstacles. This training will be beneficial to the engineer who works in the bridging compound. Also, this being the Army's year of physical fitness, water survival training should be strongly emphasized because swim-

ming is a marvelous way of keeping in condition and well worth the time."

Water survival training is based on simple objectives — conservation of energy and relaxation in the water until help arrives or until the soldier can work his way back to safety.

It is the goal of this training to eliminate the elements of fear, panic and exhaustion. Being in a combat environment or caught in a cross-fire is hair-raising in itself without the added fear or doubts of whether or not you could make it in the water.

The soldier is trained to relax and float just under the surface of the water instead of spending energy trying to keep his whole body on the surface. The training emphasizes keeping the body relaxed and at rest just below the surface of the water, surfacing the head for air.

Sgt. John McCalmon, NCOIC for the engineer's water training, felt the training was instrumental in identifying the good swimmers from the soldiers who would require further training. McCalmon expanded on the health advantages also, "Drown-proofing training is a good physical workout as well because you use every muscle in your body. These guys have a lot of fun practicing, too."

McCalmon explained what the



FLOAT AWAY—SSgt. Williard Jones, 42nd Engineer Company, demonstrates how to use fatigue pants as a flotation device. This was just one

of the things the 42nd Engineer Company learned during their Water Survival Training. (Photo by Doris Flack)

engineers were going through. "The training consists of removing the clothing and using the pants as flotation devices by tying the pant legs together to trap air. Also, the soldiers have to be able to tread water for ten minutes, execute the vertical and dead man's float and finish off the training by swimming two laps."

Pvt. Bruce Bennwitz felt the training built up swimming skills and was vital for the complete soldier. "Primarily it certainly comes in handy during the course of a military mission if you become stranded or end up in the water unexpectedly," said Bennwitz.

For someone like PFC Randall Hatfield, who works in the bridge section,

water survival training is of particular importance. "On the job in a combat environment we may be working in fatigues. In the event we had to go into the water to avoid the enemy or if the bridge collapsed, this training will help us utilize the clothes on our backs as flotation devices."

Water survival training teaches me to keep calm and keep my wits about me," said PFC Ronald Haeber. "This knowledge will keep me alive."

The engineers learned the value that water survival training can have.

Safety and survival in water is not only of value to soldiers but to everyone who spends time near the water.

## EOD specialist earns British patch

After almost three months of waiting, Sp5 James Leonard, explosive ordnance disposal specialist, finally

received his patch. But, it wasn't just any patch he had been waiting for.

The Berlin soldier had attended the



AT LAST!—Sp5 James Leonard waits, at attention, while Capt. Alistair Cartwright, British ammunition technical officer, impresses on him the

honor attached to the wearing of the British ordnance patch. He also presented Leonard with a tie. (Photo by Doris Flack)

British Ordnance School in England in March. There he learned about ordnance disposal equipment and techniques different from the U.S. Army's.

"I've known about the school since I attended the Army's EOD advanced individual training. I've wanted to go since then," he says.

Leonard explained, "I feel the more information a person has, the more choices are open to him, especially dealing with ordnance disposal."

"Although some of the British equipment is different from ours, most of their techniques can be applied to any equipment."

Leonard says he is very happy he attended the course. "I think it was a very good school."

Since his attendance at the school he has been applying what he learned to his usual duties of disposing of unexploded ammunition, rendering bombs safe, bomb threat planning and handling nuclear, biological and chemical ordnance.

Although everyone graduating the school is given a diploma, the British EOD section in Berlin gives all graduating American soldiers stationed here a British ordnance patch. According to Capt. Edward Wolcott, chief of ammunition and EOD, the patch is given as a symbol of regard.

Since he completed the course, it's been a matter of scheduling to get his patch.

"The British ordnance people here have many commitments as do we. It was a matter of finding the same time free in our schedules," remarked Leonard.

Last Friday afternoon their schedules clicked and with his wife Kathleen and children, Joe and Jenny, looking on as well as the four man EOD section and members of the British EOD team, Leonard proudly accepted his patch plus the unexpected gift of a tie from British Technical Ammunition Officer, Capt. Alistair Cartwright.