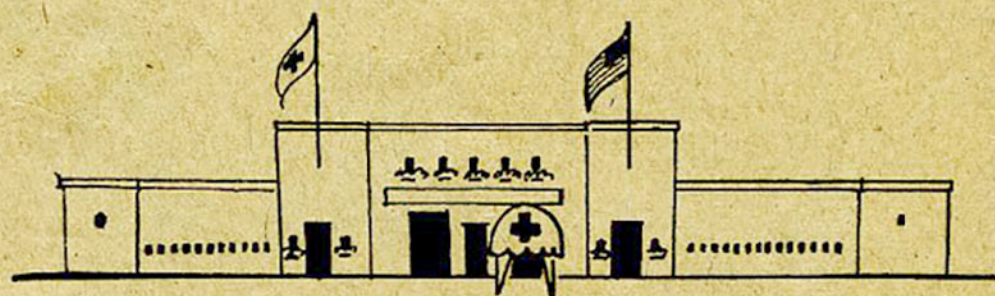


# ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET



## AMERICAN RED CROSS CLUB LINDE STADIUM

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# Dedication

THIS ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET  
IS DEDICATED TO THE SOLDIERS OF  
THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION  
WHOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION  
HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE  
LINDE STADIUM RED CROSS CLUB

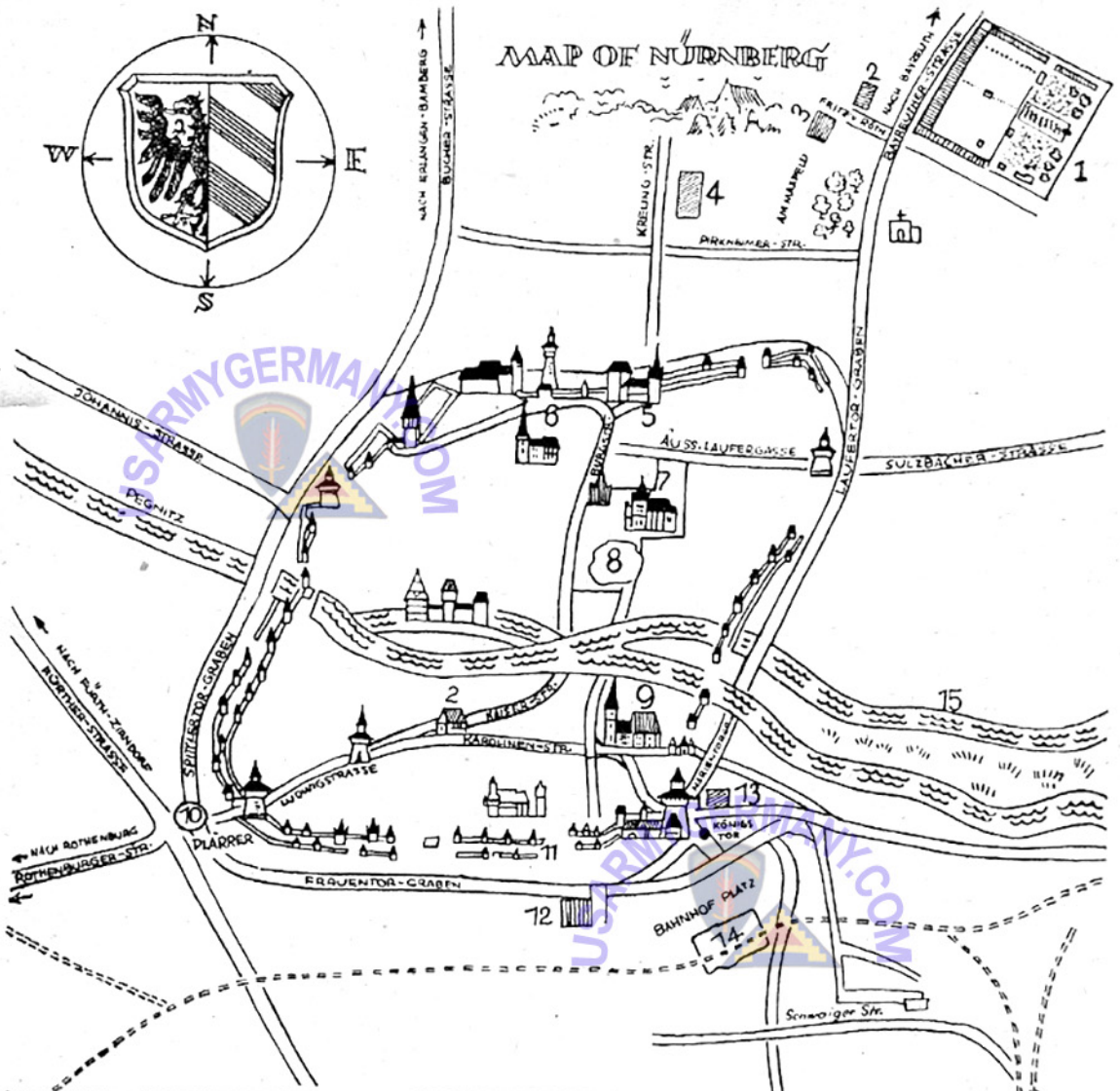
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AMERICAN RED CROSS STAFF





MAP OF NURNBERG



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| 1. LINDE STADIUM       | 9. ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH |
| 2. ARC FIELD DIRECTOR  | 10. INFORMATION-CENTER |
| 3. ARC BILLET          | 11. WALL OF CITY       |
| 4. MILITARY GOVERNMENT | 12. OPERA HOUSE        |
| 5. CASTLE              | 13. GRAND HOTEL        |
| 6. SEBALDUS-CHURCH     | 14. HAUPT BAHNHOF      |
| 7. LIEBFRAUEN-CHURCH   | 15. PEGNITZ-RIVER      |
| 8. MARKET PLACE        | 16. CONGRESS HALL      |
| 17. SOLDIERS FIELD     |                        |



# Linde Stadium

was built during 1935-36 by the Linde Ice Company of Wiesbaden, as a commercial recreation center. The charge for admission ranged from one to five marks, determined by the use of lockers, lawn chairs, and other facilities. Therefore the club was patronized mostly by the well-to-do people of Nurnberg. Local swimming and skating trials for the 1936 Olympics were held here. Ice hockey teams from Canada and England and such famous ice skaters as Sonja Henie performed on the skating rink. In 1941 the club was closed by order of the Nazi government, since gatherings at such a place were dangerous during the constant air raids.



The American Army, entering Nurnberg, pushed past the club, a few tanks going over the grounds by the swimming pool. However, the buildings and facilities were virtually untouched by the fighting and in a few weeks the club was being reconditioned by the Army Engineers. In June 1945 the American Red Cross took over the installation and, with the cooperation of the Engineers in repairing and improving it, opened the Linde Stadium Red Cross Club on July 15, 1945.

By the time the club opened the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment had set up headquarters next door. Sponsored by this regiment until its transfer from Nurnberg in December 1946, the Linde Stadium Red Cross Club continued to improve its facilities and build up its program to a standard worthy of its position among the leading clubs of the European Theater.



It's summertime at the Linde Stadium Red Cross Club now, and the swimming pool, surrounded by green lawns and shaded terraces, is a popular rendezvous for soldiers, dependents, and civilians attached to the Armed Forces. The huge concrete patio, which is the location of a mechanical ice skating rink from October until April, now is used for badminton and volleyball courts, a punching bag stand, basketball goal post, and boxing ring. Ping Pong tables bordering the patio, horse shoes, croquet, and a picnic area on the grounds around the pool complete the array of outdoor activities offered by the club.

Entering the club lobby the visitor's eye is caught by colorful bulletin boards, including a circular one in European street corner style. These boards display the program activities and describe the various club facilities.