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## Gibson New MATCOM CG

### Pieklik Receives Legion of Merit

**ZWEIBRUECKEN** — Shortly after 2 p.m. Monday afternoon, the U.S. Army Materiel Command, Europe (MATCOM) had a new commanding general. During what was the most colorful official function for Headquarters MATCOM this year, BG Harold B. Gibson Jr. took over the responsibility of managing MATCOM's 17,000 people and \$2 billion worth of assets.

Handing over his command after 20 months was MG J. E. Pieklik.

The change-of-command ceremony was witnessed by more than 200 guests in addition to the headquarters staff.

Among the many VIPs attending was GEN Michael S. Davison, USAREUR commander-in-chief. Also present were LTG Charles W. Eifler, TASCOC CG and LTG F. K. Mearns, VII Corps CG.

Local dignitaries included Dr. Helmut Fichtner, Lord Mayor of Zweibruecken; Mr. W. Reinheimer, President of the Supreme State Court; Dr. Richard Kling, County Commissioner; and COL Helmut Liebeskind, commander of the 26th German Airborne Brigade.

Adjutant's Call came at 2 p.m. as

the 76th Army Band began the ceremonies.

Both General Pieklik and General Gibson took part in reviewing the four-man color guard.

Assisting the 76th Army Band in the rendering of honors was a battery of the 81st Artillery Brigade. It fired a 13-gun salute to honor General Pieklik.

Following the inspection of troops, the MATCOM colors were presented to General Gibson by General Pieklik.

Immediately after the transfer of command, Pieklik was presented the Legion of Merit by General Davison.

As the units, passed in review, spectators were treated to a fly-by of four Phantom jets from the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, stationed at Zweibruecken Air Base.

No sooner had the jets cleared the area than the Seventh Army Parachute Demonstration Team began skydiving over the ceremonies, jumping from an altitude of 3,500 feet. After landing in the center of the parade field, the commander of the team presented General Pieklik with a baton carried by the parachutists.



GEN Michael S. Davison, CinC, USAREUR congratulates MG J. E. Pieklik after presenting him the Legion of Merit during the change-of-command ceremonies.

Story By 1LT Pete Poulsen

Photos By DeVos and Lowry



BG Harold B. Gibson Jr. (left), COL Noel C. Dandley and MG J. E. Pieklik troop the line during Monday's change-of-command ceremony at MATCOM.



The team leader of the Seventh Army Parachute Demonstration Team presents General Pieklik with the ceremonial baton carried in the team's demonstration jump.



Generals Pieklik (right) and Gibson watch as a member of the parachute team glides to the ground.

# A Commander's Viewpoint

By SP4 Mike Kilpatrick

MANNHEIM—Three months ago, LTC Joe E. Land Jr. took command of a unit which had a backlogged workload. Today, a tour through the 51st Maintenance Battalion finds shops and garages finishing repairs on schedule and personnel attitudes improved.

Colonel Land, commanding a battalion for the first time in his career talked about his first 90 days at Sullivan Barracks in a recent interview. While acknowledging a degree of success in his effort to improve the maintenance unit, he also matter-of-factly discussed some of the problems he has encountered in running a battalion-level operation.

Land, an 18-year officer corps veteran with a master's degree in education from Northern Arizona University, cited better communication as the prominent factor in the improved operations at the 51st. "First of all, you've got

to talk to your men, and you must let them know that you are listening."

Improving living conditions is another step in relieving restlessness but the South Carolina native explained that this will be no easy task. "At this time, we have the space necessary for comfortable billeting," he said, "but increased troop levels will tax that space. In keeping with the Modern Volunteer Army concept, we are attempting to give people as much freedom as possible in decorating their living areas but, as each person dresses up his area, available space is sacrificed.

Colonel Land saw no immediate solution to this dilemma but recognized the importance of the MVA concept. "I'm all for it (MVA) and am

*Improving living standards is a must.*



rid in his Army career. "So many things have changed since I first joined the military," he said, "and there seems to be no end to the

transition. The modern Army has characteristics which, at first, may be difficult to understand, but this makes it an interesting learning experience."



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*"Boredom is a factor in the drug problem."*

doing my best to apply its provisions to the 51st," he said. "I must have the authority to carry out this concept with discipline, however," he continued, "as the cooperation necessary in the realization of such a program must come from the enlisted ranks as well."

The colonel sees this command as a very interesting pe-

## MATCOM Mess Hall Is Playing a New Role

ZWEIBRUECKEN — Turning an abandoned mess hall into a modern theater could be considered an impossibility. But, according to the U.S. Army Materiel Comd, Europe, (MATCOM) entertainment director, "at MATCOM we never say impossible."

"Thanks to the full and complete support of MATCOM the transition into our new theater was successfully completed Friday," Francis Cullinan, the Materiel Command entertainment director said.

"The new 135-seat theater won't resemble the old mess hall much. The decor includes rough-wood paneled walls, three-sided seating and an open-thrust stage," Cullinan said.

"We're still building dressing room partitions and outfitting

the audience lounge, but the really important thing is that our theater will be a functional, a new concept in theater presentations as far as the Army entertainment is concerned," Cullinan said.

"With all seating on risers and therefore movable, we can not only do regular plays but shows in-the-round," he said.

"We'll premiere Oct. 10 with Brendan Behan's "The Hostage," followed by "The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf."

Cullinan said, "We're also scheduling musicals and our theater youth group will be performing several one-act plays."

Cullinan also plans to start an informal Sunday afternoon actor's workshop which will be open to anyone in the community.

Zweibruecken area personnel and dependents wishing more information on the entertainment program should contact the entertainment center at Zweibruecken Military 7919.

to talk to your men," he said, "and you must let them know that you are listening." With this in mind, he began seeking out his personnel shortly after assuming command.

With the aid of his executive officer, the colonel established a practice of spending much of his free time discussing problems with his men. He and MAJ Lavaughn Mosely Jr. visited the barracks after duty hours and on weekends as means of developing more active lines of communication.

"You discover that they'll tell you about their problems and that you become much closer to them," Land said. "More people should realize," he continued, "that the seemingly insignificant personal troubles of one enlisted man are, potentially, the largest problem a command may face."

A rapport has been established between the colonel and his men and this rapport has not only improved battalion morale but has made the task of eliminating work backlog a bit easier.

Colonel Land believes that most problems can be settled through discussion and he finds the racial question no exception. "I realize that racial problems exist throughout the Army," he said, "but I don't believe that it is as bad as it seems. You feel the tension more in the military," he continued, "because people of so many different backgrounds are thrown together."

His training in education and guidance leads him to feel that the problem can be eased through talk and understanding.

This understanding is also important to the matter of drug abuse. "I know that people in this battalion are using them (drugs)," he said, "and we must help to solve the



*"I know that people use drugs. Understanding why is vital."*

personal problems which led to their use. Understanding is vital here," he continued, "so we are striving to inform our personnel of the nature of narcotics and the consequences of their abuse."

The colonel cited boredom as another factor in the drug problem and stated a desire to broaden interest in after-hours activities, such as the bat-

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## Munich Activity Limits Services

MUNICH — Support Activity Hg's ID cards section here will no longer process passport and birth registrations.

These actions may be accomplished at the American Consulate General, Room 29, 5 Koeningstr.

The ID section, open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. except Friday, when it closes an hour earlier will still handle applications for ID, ration and temporary privilege cards, certificate of status stamps and marriage applications. ID cards, however, are made by appointment only.

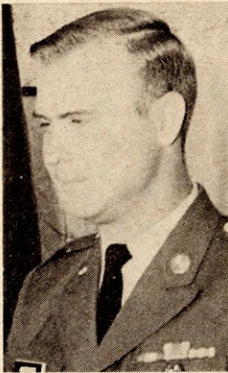
Additional information may be obtained by calling SP6 R. Wood at Munich Military (2521) 6208 or 7257.



Thompson



Goff



Harper

**GERMERSHEIM** — MG J. E. Pieklik, former MATCOM CG, referred to GERMERSHEIM Army Depot (GAD) as "the most improved depot in MATCOM" during his recent farewell visit here.

Besides inspecting GAD activities, including the 60-day trial airlift operation, General Pieklik presented several awards to GAD personnel.

SGT Arnold Thompson received the Army Commendation Medal for thwarting an attempted theft of two military vehicles.

SGT Danny Harper accepted the Award for Reenlistment Excellence on behalf of GERMERSHEIM Army Depot. The depot achieved 122.8 percent of its objective for

Fiscal Year 1971.

Mr. Virgil Goff, safety director, received an Army Certificate of Merit for Safety for GAD. GERMERSHEIM Army Depot had fewer than 5.24 accidents per million miles; less than 16.76 military accidents per million man-days; less than 0.65 DAC accidents per million man-hours; and fewer than 7.48 local national employee accidents per million man-hours for the period March 20 to July 20, 1971.

COL Edwin Rudd, depot commander, then presented General Pieklik with a plaque by which to remember "Europe's fastest-growing depot" and extended GAD's best wishes for his next assignment.

# Happenings

## Vaughan Receives Legion of Merit

**AUGSBURG** — In ceremonies held here July 29, COL William D. Vaughan, former commanding officer of SUPDIST Suedbayern retired from the U.S. Army after 30 years of active duty and received the Legion of Merit.

BG John R. Pierce Jr., TASCOM's DCG for Area Support, presented a retirement certificate and the Legion of Merit to Colonel Vaughan as the 1st Infantry Division band, honor guard and color guard performed during the retirement ceremony.

Colonel Vaughan, in addition to commanding the logistical support district, was active in sports and German-American functions. He was especially active in the Augsburg German-American Men's Club and was a strong supporter of the Augsburg German-American Soldiers' Club. He did much to foster better relations between the soldiers of his command and the Bundeswehr by establishing an active Project

**PARTNERSHIP** program throughout Support District Suedbayern.

Vaughan began his military career 35 years ago as a private with the 62d Coast Artillery at Ft. Totten, New York. One year later, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated in 1941. Following graduation, he saw service in the United States and the South Pacific. Subsequent assignments included tours in Austria, Taiwan, Thailand and Germany.

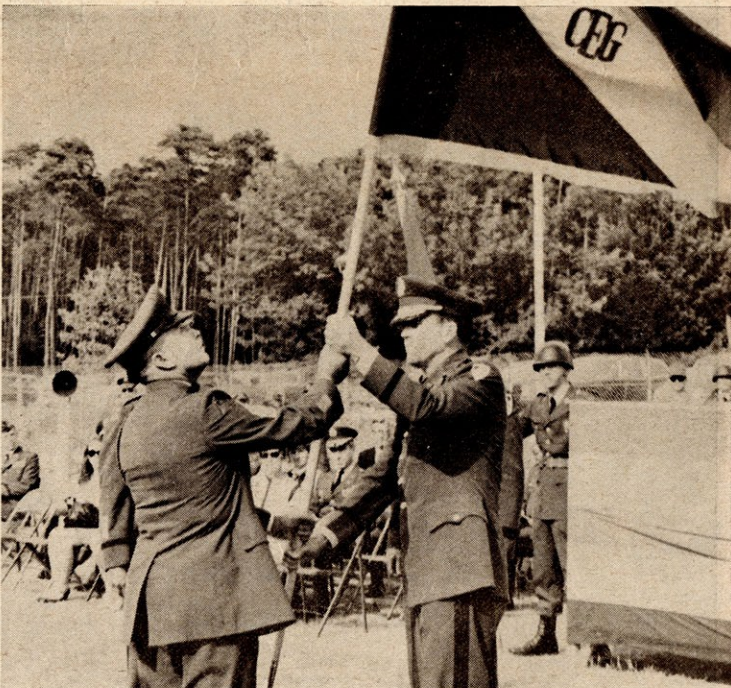
He served as commanding officer of the 3rd Infantry Division Support Command stationed in Wuerzburg from 1964-1966, then was transferred to Heidelberg. There he held the posts of deputy director and special assistant in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Headquarters, U.S. Army, Europe, and G-4 of Seventh Army. Following his Heidelberg assignment, he assumed command of SUPDIST Suedbayern.

# TASCOM



Photo by SP5 E. Lamb

No matter how you look at the dice, they come up six . . . for SP5 Gerald W. Carrel, anyway. Carrel, a former Las Vegas craps dealer, recently reenlisted for six years and drew a maximum \$10,000 variable reenlistment bonus. Carrel is a data processing specialist at the Automatic Data Processing Center, U.S. Army Medical Command, Europe.



**MANNHEIM** — COL Lloyd J. Brown became the new commanding officer of the U.S. Army Combat Equipment Group, Europe (CEGE) in recent change-of-command ceremonies at Sullivan Barracks here. Colonel Brown succeeds COL Owen R. Grogan who has been reassigned to the Army Logistical Management Center, Ft. Lee, Va.

Representatives from each of CEGE's maintenance battalions and the headquarters detachment, an honor guard platoon from the 1st Maintenance Battalion, and the 76th Army Band participated in the

ceremony. A reception at the Benjamin Franklin Village Officers' Club followed.

Colonel Brown, a native of Springfield, Mass., began his Army career as an enlisted man in World War II. During his years of service in Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Germany and the United States, he has earned the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, two Combat Infantryman Badges and two Army Commendation Medals.

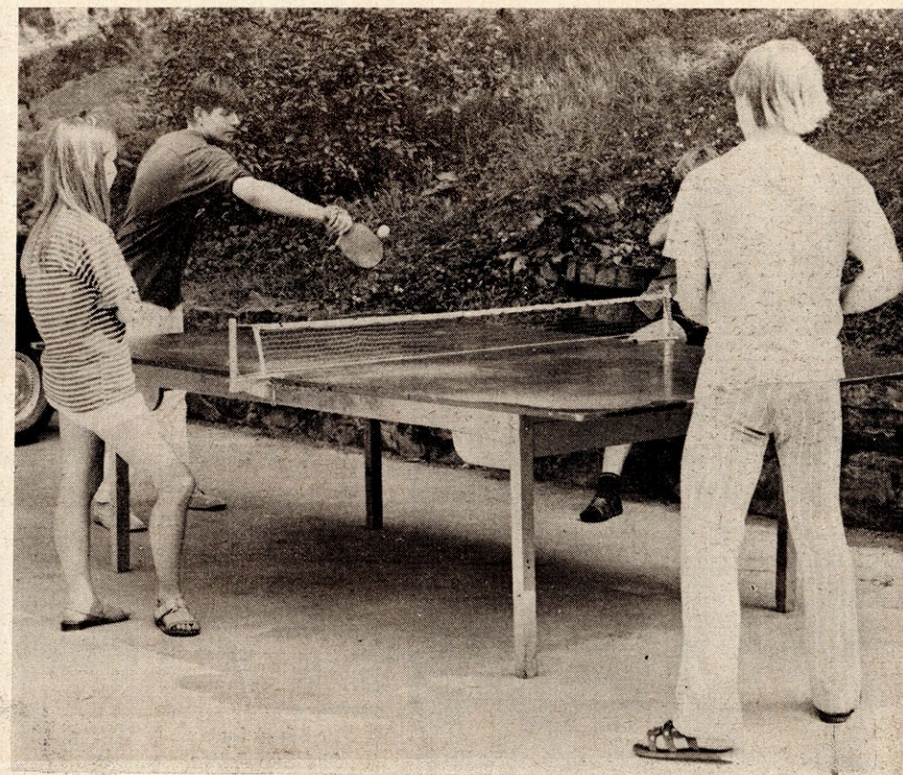
Prior to his assignment to CEGE, Colonel Brown served as chief of staff of the 1st Support Brigade in Mannheim.



American and German boys learn the techniques of handling a powerful fire hose.



A small fishpond sheltered by huge trees holds the attention of two summer camp "newbies."



Ping pong brings people of different cultures closer together in Germany, too.



Ready for just about anything, this resourceful young American camper toled his luggage on his back.

## Summer Camp: It's An International Favorite

For 120 American, German and French military dependent children, summer camp is making it fun to be "lost" in the woods.

It's also giving them a chance to get to know first-hand the people and cultures of other countries.

The children — 27 of them Americans from the Stuttgart area — are participating in a youth summer camp sponsored by the Central Welfare Agency of the German Army at Ebersteinburg Castle near Baden-Baden in the Black Forest. U.S. Army arrangements for the camp are being handled by SUP-DIST Baden-Wuerttemberg.

This is the second year for the camp, a three-week vacation and learning experience for the 11-15 year-olds who attend the camp during August.

On the first day, as soon as buses were emptied and suitcases unpacked, the Americans set out to meet their German and French campmates. Games were brought out and the sounds of ping pong balls and badminton shuttlecocks filled the air.

An American youth asked, "Where can we get some sodas?" and his question was answered by another question.

"I don't know about sodas, but where are the girls?"

Soon the talk had turned back to summer camp talk that has survived through the ages — it con-

cerned peanut butter fights, counselors and the like.

Later there was swimming, hiking and tours of the Black Forest, which surrounds the mountain-side site of the camp. Other activities have included dances, a carnival and sports contests pitting the Americans against German and French youths in football, soccer and other games native to the different nationalities.

"What we try to do is keep the children doing what they want to do," said counselor SFC Fred

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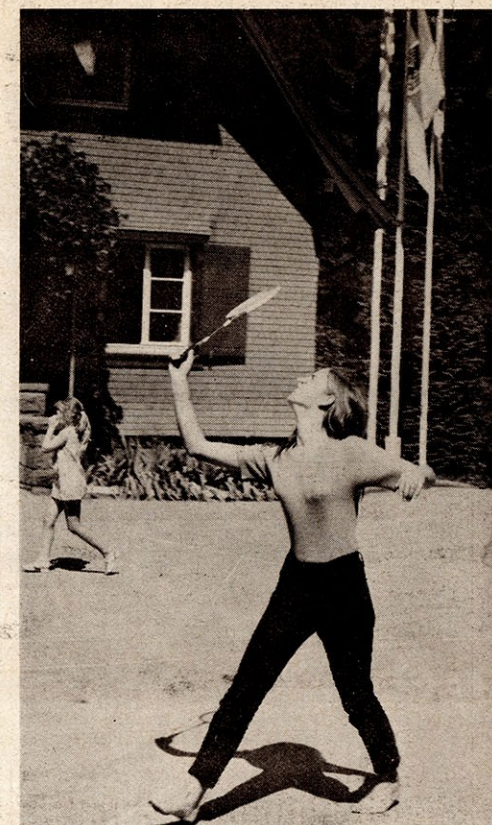
Crow of VII COSCOM in Stuttgart.

What do the children want to do?

Everything.

"I want to swim and hike and meet some new friends," said one 11-year-old boy, obviously already aware of the social possibilities of summer camp life.

"The girls? I don't know. I guess some of them are all right," he said sheepishly.



Badminton is a popular sport at the camp and this svelte young lady displayed winning form.

**During Training Exercise**

# Medical Brigade Faced Mock Disaster Situation

**SP4 Bob Fulton HEIDELBERG** — "June 12 — Berlin was sealed off from the West today. Relations between Aggressor and the U.S. have become very strained, more so than since the border country's invasion in May — almost to the state of undeclared war. Aggressor border reconnaissance units have been particularly active for the past two days."

"June 13 — Supplies in logistical depot have been brought up to war-time levels."

"June 14 — It is very likely that Aggressor will continue to maintain pressure on U.S. forces and, in all probability, will launch a major offensive against the Federal Republic of Germany within the next two weeks."

A commander's personal journal about the beginnings of a third world war?

No, it is a mock-up situation the 7th Medical Brigade was faced with during its two-week

Evacuation Hospital, the 31st Surgical Hospital and the 421st Medical Company. The 30th Medical Group participants included the 32nd Surgical Hospital and the 128th Evacuation Hospital.

They were joined the first week by the 583d and 695th Medical Companies and the 15th Medical Detachment. Additional participants during the second week of the exercise were the 548th and 582d Medical Companies and the 63d Medical Detachment.



**Story by  
SP4 Bob Fulton  
Photos by  
SP5 Joseph LeBlanc**

training exercise recently held at the Hohenfels Training Area.

**Training Tests**  
The exercises were designed to satisfy requirements for the organization's annual training tests.

In the operation, the 7th Medical Brigade established forward and rear medical areas with the 31st and 30th Medical Groups, respectively, to provide combat zone medical treatment, hospitalization and air and ground medical evacuation.

**Units Participating**  
Participating 31st Medical Group units included the 7th

A helicopter crew member lends helping hands to quickly unload a "patient."

The importance of time and efficiency is etched in this soldier's face as he rushes the "casualty" to a waiting surgeon.



This aerial view shows the final stages of inflating the 32nd Surgical Field Hospital at the training site. This hospital is composed of inflatable units designed to be set up in a few hours to provide medical treatment.



Photo by Bernhard M. Pulfer

# Colonel Stewart Is on the Air . . .

By SP5 Mark L. Albright

STUTTGART — COL Lewis M. Stewart, SUPDIST Baden-Wuerttemberg commander, attempts to clear the air by getting on it.

For the past 26 weeks, Colonel Stewart has presented his own radio show on AFN-Stuttgart every Wednesday.

"Many people simply do not know what the support district's mission is or what its assets are," says Colonel Stewart.

Because SUPDIST Baden-Wuerttemberg is such a large command — it serves more than 81,000 people and covers an area of 13,451 square miles — it became obvious to Colonel Stewart and his staff that "getting the word out to people within the district might not be an easy task. Also, the SUPDIST's local national work force is composed of a number of different nationalities which adds to the communication problem.

Past programs have dealt with subjects such as laundry and commissary services, springtime beautification, craft shops, the military pay system, educational opportunities and how to ship one's car back to the States.

The success of the show was recently recognized by the TASCOM Deputy Commanding General for Area Support, BG John R. Pierce Jr., who asked other area commanders to explore possibilities of putting together similar programs.

Colonel Stewart wanted to get away from the regulation-reading type of format that sometimes clogs the wheels of understanding. He wanted his show geared to the lower enlisted ranks and housewives who are new to the Army community — those persons who often don't completely understand military benefits and entitlements.

"I wanted a format that was informal and would be interesting to the listeners," the colonel said, noting that he wanted to cover topics requested by listeners.

During the series, he has encouraged listeners throughout the district to send him their questions.

"Please fill me in on services that can be made available through the veterinary clinics," requested one woman.

Other letters were received from listeners praising the show and the concept that put it on the air.

One woman, whose husband is stationed in the Stuttgart area, wrote: "My husband has been in the Army 25 years and I have learned things about shipment of household goods and automobiles that I had never heard before."

# Stanton Heeds Call for Rare Blood

By SP5 Bill Johnson

WORMS — The German victim of an automobile accident lay in the Mainz University Clinic in critical need of a rare type of blood. Appeals for assistance went out to surrounding hospitals and medical facilities and a TASCOM soldier answered the call.

SP4 Lindsay H. Stanton of TASCOM's 64th Military Police Detachment was at home when the 187th Army Health Clinic here received the urgent request for a donor to aid the injured German. Within an hour after being called, Stanton had

donated the pint of vital fluid needed by the accident victim.

"I was happy to be able to help someone in that situation," Stanton said. "It gave me a good feeling."

This was not the first time he had been a donor. "I've been donating blood every six months for the past four years since I found out my blood type is in demand," he said.

According to officials at Heidelberg Army Hospital, Stanton's blood — type A2B negative—is found in only one per cent of the population.

# One Man's Opinion

By LTC M.S. Lindner

No, Hollywood, you've got to be kidding. You really can't be serious about producing a movie about the life of Jack "Murph the Surf" Murphy.

Of all people, why "Murph the Surf"? He may be a smart fellow and all that but he has been convicted of a couple of transgressions considered to be against the best interests of society. I could maybe look a-skance at the jewel thief conviction but the one for a double-murder in 1967 kind of leaves me cold.

Notwithstanding the fact that actor Robert Conrad (I assume he will play the title role) said that Murphy is "a brilliant man and one of the finest cat burglars that ever lived," I just have to believe that there are more deserving candidates for a film biography than such an individual.

To illustrate my point, let's look for a moment at "Murph the Surf."

According to an Associated Press story on the matter which appeared in the August 11 edition of Stars & Stripes, Murphy is a 34-year-old one-time playboy and convicted jewel thief who currently is serving a life sentence for murder in Raiford State Prison in Florida. He has apparently pulled off some spectacular jewel thefts. These included plucking the 563-carat Star of India sapphire and other jewels from a New York museum in 1964.

He also has, according to the newspaper account, been involved in a rather gruesome murder. He was convicted of killing Terry Rae Kent Frank, 23, and Annelie Mohn, 21, in December 1967. Their bodies, lashed to concrete blocks, were found at the bottom of Whisky Creek near Hollywood, Florida.

With that brief resume, I go back to my original question. Why a film biography of "Murph the Surf" from which he will profit handsomely? (The AP story said Murphy has negotiated a multi-thousand dollar contract for movie rights to the story of his life). Do we really need this exposure to Murphy and, for that matter, others like him?

For, no matter what the moral of the movie might be, it will undoubtedly, in some way, serve to glorify the "exploits" and life of "Murph the Surf." That kind of glorification we can do without. Members of our changing society, kids in particular, already have enough to try to sort out without being subjected to this kind of hogwash.

Actor Conrad may be right when he says Murphy is a brilliant man. If so, "Murph the Surf" should have put his brilliance to better use. And, Conrad and his backers should better utilize their 'smarts' by filming the life of someone who really deserves such treatment and the financial rewards that go with it!

# Golf-Tennis Tourney Date Set WAC-WAF Competition

MUNICH — The 1971 USAREUR-USAFE women's invitational golf and tennis tournament will be conducted Aug. 28-29 at the Armed Forces Recreation Center in Garmisch, it has been announced by the US Army Special Services Agency, Europe.

All US Forces WAC/WAF military

personnel are invited to participate in the weekend tournaments.

WAC/WAF competition in golf will feature 36-hole stroke play while the single-elimination net tournament will be decided in a best two-of-three sets per match.

# New Warrant Officer

# Program Benefits Medics

By SP4 Gregory Figaro  
HEIDELBERG — Enlisted men with a primary military occupational specialty (PMOS) of patient care and treatment, 91 series, may be eligible to become warrant officers under a new program instituted by the Army Medical Department.

The Warrant Officer Physician Assistant Program aims at developing individuals capable of providing limited primary medical care in maneuver battalions, troop clinics

and out-patient clinics under the general supervision of a physician.

Participating candidates will take a 74-week course including five weeks basic instruction toward becoming a warrant officer; 2½ weeks initial orientation into the basic science subjects; 43 weeks of course study (both classroom and clinical application); and 24 weeks of practical application.

At the conclusion of the instruction period, the candidate will return to the Medical Field Service School (MFSS), Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., for final exams and possible appointment as a warrant officer in the U.S. Army Reserve with a concurrent call to active duty. Two 60-man courses will be scheduled each year.

To gain eligibility, an applicant must meet the following requirements: Leadership; high school diploma or equivalent; a working knowledge of written and spoken English; a general technical score of 110 or above; a minimum of three years clinical experience in a military environment such as a field medical unit or out-patient clinic; a medical

PMOS; and a favorable recommendation from current commanding officer and a military physician.

Enlisted men serving in Europe can apply if they are, through normal rotation to the U.S., available for the battery tests at the MFSS during the week of Dec. 6.

Candidates accepted for the course will be advanced in grade to E-5; those above that rank will retain their grades.

Upon completion of the course, E-8s and E-9s with two or more years time-in-grade will be promoted to the grade of chief warrant officer (W-2) while lower-ranking enlisted men will be appointed to the grade of warrant officer (W-1).

Warrant officer appointees will incur an obligation of four years active duty from the date of appointment.

Since not all applicants will be accepted for the warrant officer physician assistant program, the program cannot be used as a reenlistment incentive for guaranteed schooling.

Application for the 1972 courses should be made immediately by eligible and interested individuals through local personnel offices.

## Auditor Refresher Course Conducted In Kaiserslautern

By Winfried Butler

**WORMS** — Personnel of the U.S. government's Interagency Auditor Training Center have been conducting an auditor training refresher course at Kaiserslautern American High School from July 19 to Aug. 20 for the benefit of USAREUR internal review (auditor) personnel.

The course was sponsored by TASCOM's office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Comptroller (DCSCOMPT) in conjunction with USAREUR headquarters and the TASCOM office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel (DCSPER).

The Interagency Auditor Training Center is a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce. It was established to increase the effectiveness of governmental auditors through refresher courses which keep the auditor abreast of new developments in his field.

The training course at Kaiserslautern consisted of four phases conducted in eight sessions of 112 classroom hours and was attended by 175 students from various USAREUR commands.

Instructors were Sidney S. E a u r m a s h and Moses A. Michel, Department of Commerce; C h r i s Peratino, Smithsonian Institute; Leonard

Grees and David Bussey, Department of Agriculture; Carl Uhlig, U.S. Postal Service; and Elmer Muhonen, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The course affords a highly concentrated, broad approach to the field of auditing with emphasis on practical application of classroom instruction.

Students who took part in the program praised the instruction given. One student, Mrs. R. Gautier, described the program as "dynamic, very far-sighted and progressive."

"It is of great benefit to auditors and is essential in our field in order to keep us up to date in the new computer age," she commented.

COL J. E. King, TASCOM Comptroller, indicated that the training course will help update auditing techniques within USAREUR to keep pace with the increased complexity of U.S. Army operations and will assist commanders in the management of their resources.

Larry A. Jobe, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Administration, visited LTG Charles W. Eifler, TASCOM CG, recently to discuss the merits of the auditor training program.



Rick Alm caught this chimney sweep just as he was going to work. Rick used a Mamiya Press Super 23 with Plus X to capture his subject.

## Help Keep The Army Green

FT. LEE, Va. (ANF)—The First Army has offered some suggestions to consider in the fight to save the environment, focusing attention on the fact that "ecology begins at home."

- Plant a blade of grass. The roots will spread and hold the earth together, preventing soil erosion.
- Start a window box, a garden. Plants give off oxygen which the air needs.
- Join a car pool. It's economically and ecologically sound. Car fumes make the air unhealthy to breathe and contribute to respiratory diseases.
- Better yet, ride a bicycle. It doesn't dirty the air or clog the roadways and it's good for you.
- Kick the cigarette habit. It's bad for our air and yours.
- Conserve water. Don't run it unnecessarily. When cooking, use vegetable water in making soups and sauces.
- Use rain water for your plants. It saves the drinking water for you.
- Showers use less water than baths and they're cleaner.
- More suds do not make a cleaner wash. Most detergents are up to 70 percent phosphate which promotes the growth of algae in our waters. Algae absorb the oxygen, suffocate fish and eventually kill lakes and streams.
- Use the litter bag in your car or boat. Picking up after you costs you money.
- Compact your own garbage. Crush milk cartons or fill them. Stack cans inside each other.
- Avoid buying foods and household items in plastic containers that cannot be

reused. When burned these give off corrosive gases.

- Wash and reuse plastic plates and cups for your picnics and barbecues. It's a matter of family economy and it improves the environment.
- The returnable bottle is still the best buy. It's cheaper and the glass can be sterilized and refilled or crushed and reformed.
- Share your non-splintering bones with the neighbor's dog.
- Coffee grounds and egg shells are excellent fertilizer in your garden.
- Utilize scrap paper. It has two sides, you know.
- Reuse gift wrappings, ribbons and cards. It'll save you money and it's more creative.
- Buy an artificial Christmas tree. It will become a family fixture, saves our evergreens and won't go up in smoke after the holidays.
- Use a metal lunch box. You'll cut down on unnecessary paper and plastic.
- In summer, turn off your air conditioning while you are away for the day. It conserves power and saves money on your bills.
- In winter, turn house heat down at night. It takes power which has a limit — and you'll sleep better.
- Choose fresh vegetables over frozen ones. The frozen variety needs multiple wrappings and uses a lot of electrical power in supermarket preservation.
- Don't abandon that old car. It will ruin the countryside's beauty. Besides, you can sell it for scrap metal.
- Turn throwaways into useful items around your home.

## That Ain't Hay, Buddy!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following dialogue is fictitious and is not a reflection on any individuals. The event, however, actually happened. It should serve as a warning to soldiers in search of drugs.)

AMSTERDAM. The Netherlands — His friends had planned a hero's welcome but it was forgotten in the confusion. The STRATCOM-Europe trooper was coming back from a bad trip. His story came stuttering out as he recounted the nightmare of his stay in jail.

"I had the hash, 1700 grams. It looked like good stuff. No paranoia, plenty of guys had made the trip before. Just an easy ride over the border and I'd be home free."

"I hid the stash and started back, dign' on the summer and short skirts. As I neared the border, I started bringing myself down. 'Be cool,' I kept thinking. 'Just play it cool and it'll be a breeze.' Then I got to the customs inspection.

"Somehow, I blew it. All of a sudden my stash was busted and I was headed for jail. Kept hummin' some rock but it wasn't helping me cool down. Wow, jail. A really bad way to go."

"So I got booked and the hash was analyzed. The dream was over. Forgive me friends for I am busted. Disjointed images of rockpiles. 'Paranoia can be fun.' The mind clickin' about lawyers and fees and things."

"Then the door opens and some guy says I'm free. And on top of that I get my stash back. Maybe these Dutch aren't so bad after all. But this guy's trying to tell me something. 'Dere ist no law againtst habink alfalfa in your possession,' he says. 'Alfalfa? No, man. I've been ripped off.' "Back in the unit my friends didn't share my feelings of relief and happiness. They just sat and stared at their share of the cow feed and talked about next month's paycheck."



**NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT THAT** — The Uniformed Code of Military Justice leaves a lot of leeway for the adventurous soldier. It is perfectly legal to leave your unit in Germany, cross the border into The Netherlands, purchase 1700 grams of alfalfa, and return.