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The Queen Mother in Berlin



*The Queen Mother inspects the parade formed by 1st Battalion The Black Watch, escorted by Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Alistair Irwin.
Photo: Army PI*

1st Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother celebrated fifty glorious years as Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) this week when She visited the 1st Battalion in Berlin.

To celebrate this special golden jubilee — a milestone both for The Black Watch and for The Queen Mother — the Battalion held a parade in Her honour at Montgomery Barracks on 8 July.

In the words of their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Alistair Irwin, "23 Officers and 434 rank and file" formed up on parade for their Colonel-in-Chief's inspection at Montgomery Barracks, practically within sight of the border fence that divides the British Sector of Berlin from East Germany.

To the sound of appropriate Scottish tunes, The Queen Mother walked slowly along the parade line pausing to speak to many of the soldiers, watched by hundreds of their families.

Her Majesty then addressed the entire Battalion in terms both proud and sentimental in which She praised the Highlanders saying: "I congratulate you most warmly on your smartness on parade and the excellence of your footdrill" and She referred back to Her first visit to the Regiment in 1939 — a visit still strong in Her memory.

She also paid tribute to the unstinting support of the families and their "special gifts of love and fortitude".

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Powerful indeed was the response to The Queen Mother's kind words as the Scottish soldiers raised their "blue bonnets" skywards in a rousing chorus of "three cheers for Her Majesty".

During the afternoon The Queen Mother met and chatted to more members of the Battalion as She relaxed at a garden fête.

Her visit had started when she stepped down in bright sunshine the previous day, from a gleaming BAE 146 of The Queen's Flight at RAF Gatow to be met by Major General Patrick Brooking, GOC Berlin British Sector, and an Honour Guard from Her Battalion, and — rather less formally — scores of cheering



The Queen Mother is greeted by British families on arrival at RAF Gatow, escorted by Major General Patrick Brooking, GOC Berlin British Sector. Photo: Army PI



The Queen Mother receives flowers from 4½ year old Christopher Harper on Her arrival in Berlin. Christopher, wearing a miniature Black Watch uniform specially made for the occasion, is watched by Major General Patrick Brooking (left) GOC Berlin British Sector, Captain N. Hall, Equerry to Her Majesty, and Mrs. Jemima Harper (right).

children enthusiastically waving Scottish flags.

Without doubt the most junior "member" of the Battalion to greet Her on arrival was 4½ year old Christopher Harper who, clad in a miniature Black Watch uniform specially made for the occasion, presented The Queen Mother with a bouquet of flowers.

The weather held good for Her Majesty as She continued Her tour over the following two days.

BMH Berlin

On Thursday, 9 July, The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of the RAMC, visited BMH Berlin where, accompanied by Commanding Officer, Colonel John Hamer-Philip RAMC and Matron, Major Rona Curran, QARANC, She

toured the wards and met patients and staff.

When the Queen Mother was unable to open the building 20 years ago she sent a letter of apology. The signature faded over the years, but the hospital was given a fair copy last week.

The visit has particular significance since The Queen Mother had originally hoped to open the new Hospital in June 1967 but was unable to be there.

Now She was at last able to carry out the long promised visit, and She unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

A letter from Clarence House this week said Her Majesty had been sad when she was unable to open the hospital in June 1967 and was delighted to be able to see part of the building for herself.

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Chatting to members of the Unit.



Unveiling a plaque to commemorate Her visit.

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Schloss Charlottenburg

From there, as part of Her first ever visit to Berlin, Her Majesty moved on to Schloss Charlottenburg — also visited by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh just a few weeks earlier — where She met Berlin's Governing Mayor, Herr Eberhard Diepgen and signed the City's Golden Book before departing for London.



Photo: Arne P.
Mrs. Townsend and son meet the Queen Mother.

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TA Section Competition

On 20/21 June, the first 408 (Berlin) Fd Tp RE (V) Troop Section Competition took place aimed at assessing a variety of military and engineering skills. Points were awarded for individual and team efforts.

The competition began on Saturday when, after receiving their orders, the Sections deployed by "Shanks" Pony" to Ruhleben Fighting City, were confronted with their first test — resistance to the massed mosquito attack, a battle that was to last all weekend with the mosquitoes scoring the most hits!

Brig R. F. Powell visited the Troop during the Sections' first tests, weapons and NBC, when members of the Troop had the opportunity to explain the pros and cons of TA life. During his visit the Brigade Commander presented Sgt Mick Hillman with his top student award, a position gained while on the TA Field Sergeants' Course in the UK.

The next tasks were recognition and first aid. Spr West attended to the casualty and showed us all how it should really be done. Well done Nurse West!

The unsuspecting casualty was then taken by stretcher around some parts of the Assault Course — an experience he will undoubtedly remember!

At 2200 hours the Sections went on to their next tasks, a Medium Girder Over Bridge and MEXE Field Shelter. The opportunity to build MGB does not arise very often and both Sections did well to complete the task with unfamiliar equipment in the dark.

After an hour's sleep the PSI inspected the Troop again and then the Sections undertook their final tasks of map reading skills and vehicle recovery.

All that remained was a timed march back to Smuts Barracks and a clean-up of the kit.

The competition was fiercely fought and the end result was very close. The OC Maj A. P. Harris RE kindly presented Section 2 with their prize.

The weekend was enjoyed by all who participated and a special mention to Spr Graham Clark and Spr Bob Wilkins must not be forgotten for displaying both grit and determination when faced with heights!

The Troop now looks forward to its Annual Camp in September, hopefully, without mosquitoes!

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BERLIN DIARY

A look at the news and events in the Berlin Bulletin this week ten, twenty and thirty years ago.

1957

Berlin Builds Again

In July 1957, President Theodor Heuss formally opened the building exhibition *Interbau 1957*, which displayed new ideas in town planning, architecture and building. The picture shows a very rural Strasse des 17 Juni...

The main district under reconstruction is the Hansaviertel. For the last two years it has been rapidly taking shape as an airy, park-like new borough, with a few newly-traced wide boulevards meeting at calculated angles, with extended vistas, boldly spaced sky-scrapers and churches interspersed with large and medium-sized blocks of flats and groups of small houses, with a shopping centre around the station of a new underground line, a school, a library — everything to make it a residential new town right in the centre of the city. The plan is to house a community a thousand strong.

As well as architectural individuality within a comprehensive plan and a broad unity of style, the Hansaviertel is to demonstrate the widest possible variety of new building techniques; nearly all the major "objects" are built with different materials and by a different method, some of them still entirely novel and experimental, and the present exhibition is, among other things, meant to provide a daily demonstration of these various building methods for expert visitors. During the whole exhibition, building in the Hansaviertel is going on day by day, and visitors can watch the work in progress at every stage; some "objects" are finished and already inhabited, others are more or less finished in the raw, others are more or less finished in the raw, others in mid-construction, others still in the preliminary stage of breast-works and foundation buildings.

Black Watch Win Norwegian Trophy

In July 1957, 1 BW represented Britain Independent Brigade at the Inter-Unit Team Athletics Championships of BAOR...

With two events to go, the javelin and the 4x100 metres relay, it was obvious that 1 Surreys, barring a disqualification, would win the Inter-Unit Championship and that 1 BW were easy winners of the Norwegian Trophy which is presented to the unit winning most points in the field events. At this juncture, 5 Innis DG had a lead of 2 points over 1 BW for the runners-up shield and all depended on these two events. It was, therefore, fitting that the only Army Inter-Unit record broken at



the meeting should have been accomplished in the javelin where the Black Watch team, with two magnificent throws of 173 feet 3 inches and 160 feet 4 inches, an aggregate of 333 feet 7 inches, beat the existing Army record by 3 feet 9½ inches. In the last event, the 4x400 metres relay final, the team of 1 BW put the issue beyond doubt when, after a most exciting race in which fortunes fluctuated from take-over to take-over, they succeeded in running second to 1 Surreys with 1 Coldm Gds third and 5 Innis DG fourth.

Lady Ward, wife of the C-in-C BAOR, presented the prizes to the winning teams and we congratulate most heartily 1st Bn The East Surrey Regiment on their victory and particularly, from a Berlin point of view, 1st Bn The Black Watch for the magnificent struggle they put up and their sweeping victory in the Norwegian Trophy.

1967

Spandau Swims

On Tuesday, 4 July, Spandau Primary School held its first swimming gala at the Brigade indoor pool. This event was so successful that it is hoped to make it an annual affair.

There was a good deal of really high class swimming, by children with more than a little ability, but praise must also go to the children who are novices, many of whom learned to swim only this term. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Gotts many of the children have already gained swimming certificates and medals.

Light entertainment was afforded by a tug-of-war event, and also by a girls challenge to the boys at a relay race. The

boys held off this challenge but full marks go to the girls for making a race of it.

The school was very fortunate to obtain the services of the Master-at-Arms, Capt Alsop and WO1 Marshall who acted as judges throughout the gala. Capt Alsop was also kind enough to present the prizes at the school the next day.

1977

Field Troop Fashion (Well, hello, Sapper!)

Plant Troop, 38 (Berlin) Field Squadron, were involved in the preparations for the Queen's Birthday Parade laying Class 60 matting down for the Chieftains of our neighbours, 'B' Sqn SCOTS DG. This task was done in between projects already underway around the time of the Parade, amongst which were excavations at Ruhleben ranges and the building of the Hakenfelder Sportplatz. However, these jobs did not have the glamour that came Field Troop's way when, in mid June, they were involved in a Fashion Show. It would not be right to leave your mind bogging at the thought of SSgt 'Twiggy' Scott modelling off-the-shoulder French dresses in front of appreciative Glaswegian Sappers. What happened was that the Troop built the catwalk for the real models to glide up and down.

Once the Parade was over and all the bunting put away till the next time, Field Troop's thoughts turned to various tasks. There's the Tattoo scenery to be built, military training to be tackled and LCP1 Van Looy, the new Percy Thrower of Smuts Barracks, has been working on building a greenhouse up at HQ Berlin Field Force. Our Sgt Cook, Sgt 'Artichoke' Bews is now looking forward to an abundance of fresh vegetables!

Berlin in Brief

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The scientific research service of Berlin's Parliament has, in a report commissioned by the AL, come up with the view that the founding of a German History Museum in Berlin is unconstitutional. The report complained that the terms of reference between Bonn and the Federal Länder had not been observed as is laid down in the Constitution. The AL will be following this up at the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe since Berlin has no such institution. Senate spokesman Fest stated that the report was mistaken having proceeded without proper knowledge of all the facts.

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Pan Am has announced that they intend to build up a regional network to link Berlin with Dortmund, Friedrichshafen, Basel, Innsbruck, Stockholm and Zurich. In charge of operations, will be the company's subsidiary, Pan Am Express. The airline is now to ask permission from the Allied air attachés and the governments of Austria, Sweden and Switzerland.

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According to the Commission of the European Community, a subsidy of DM 46.5 million will be made available to buy 38 new S-Bahn trains. This will be one of the largest regional funding projects.

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The registration office for asylum seekers in Berlin was burnt to the ground by arsonists in the early morning of Tuesday, 7 July. It is regarded as the most serious incident of this nature for some time. Fortunately, no-one was killed or seriously injured, but damage has been estimated at between DM 5 and 6 million and a large number of files were destroyed. One fireman suffered slight burns.

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The Berlin Statistical Office reported that the population rate in Berlin rose last year by 32,180. 58% came from abroad and this is the highest rise for 35 years.

Anglo/German Fun Run

The Anglo/German 10 km Fun Run will take place on Sunday, 19 July. The start and finish is on the Maifeld. Booking in is from 0900 to 1030 hours at a cost of DM 6.50. The run will start at 1030 hours and the course must be completed by 1200 hours. Car parking is in front of the Glockenturm or to the side of the Waldbühne. Please do not park on Passenheimer Strasse. The whole family is invited to take part in this run or just support those who are running. Soft drinks, beer and fish and chips will be on sale.



Summer Activities

The DYA (Dependant Youth Association) in the American Sector have allocated thirty-six places on their Summer Activities Camp to British Junior Club members in Berlin. The theme of the camp is activities and getting involved.

The Summer Camp is at Rose Range, Wannsee from 10 to 14 August (0630 to 1630 hours daily). It is open to 8-10 year olds and the cost is DM 38.

If you are interested, please complete the application form below.

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Brooke Barracks Playschool

Sponsored Obstacle Course

On Thursday, 2 July, the children Brooke Barracks Playgroup ran a sponsored obstacle course to raise funds for their group. The course consisted of dribbling a ball around three poles, jumping over a rope, running through a box doorway, running over four tyres, along a bench, under a net, through a box and then perform a somersault to finish.

Each child completed five circuits and a total of over DM 1,000 was raised. The funds are to provide trips for the Playschool.



Mr. Bill Taylor of SSVC Berlin presents Pte Jamieson, 1 BW, with a JVC GR-C9 video movie camera, the first prize in the JVC Star Draw.





Spangenberg



Wilmersdorf



Krefeld



Schöneberg



Charlottenburg



Tempelhof



Reinickendorf



Wedding



Neukölln



Zehlendorf



Spandau

Focus on Wilmersdorf (2)

This week we continue our focus on Wilmersdorf: we feature an interview with Mayor Horst Dohm and look at some of the more interesting and unusual places of Wilmersdorf, past and present.

Luna Park

Many of us will recognize the name 'Luna Park' and some may even have experienced all the fun of the fair at Lützowplatz during the springtime but perhaps few will remember the original Luna Park near the Halensee in the earlier part of this century!

At a time when most entertainment was self-made and leisure time taken up with reading, writing letters and playing cards, Berlin's Luna Park with its massive funfair and thrilling amusements was a world sensation. The metal lake and coloured fountains were a sight to behold; the devil's wheel tested the nerves of the most daring; the suspended railways gave thrills to even the most dull of commuters; the spectacular fireworks and illuminations drew gasps of delight from the masses; and even the littlest assumed large egos in Lilliput!

Luna Park, so named in 1910 after Paul Lincke's operetta 'Frau Luna', became one of the most popular places to visit in Berlin and attracted the most death-defying entertainers. Not all tricks and risks, though, left the onlookers marvelling at the mastery. On one notorious occasion shortly before the first world war, a crowd of 10,000 watched one 'Mister Brown' of the Titanic go down with the great lady never to perform again. Fortunately, neither the Halensee nor the Luna Park of today involve us in such terrifying tests of nerves!

Markets around the Borough

Charlottenbrunn Strasse	Monday, Thursday	0900-1300 hours
Eberbacher Strasse	Tuesday, Friday	0900-1300 hours
Nestorstrasse	Tuesday, Friday	0900-1300 hours
Holenzollernplatz	Wednesday, Saturday	0900-1300 hours
Mainzer Strasse	Monday, Thursday	0900-1300 hours
Kolberger Platz	Wednesday, Saturday	0900-1300 hours
Wilmersbacher Strasse	Tuesday, Friday, Saturday	0900-1300 hours

The Mayor of Wilmersdorf

Wilmersdorf Town Hall stands in the busy Fehrbellener Platz. Its large and light exterior hides an inner sanctuary open to the public; the courtyard, in the round, is a restful and refreshing place to sit back and enjoy the sun. It is a place, too, for contemplation; memorials to those who died in wars mark its circumference and twenty-five colourful crests of (now) unfamiliar places in Eastern Europe hang around the circular walls. Berlin-born Mayor Horst Dohm



The original Luna Park, near the Halensee until c 1927.

explained the significance of these coats of arms. They are reminders of towns which once were part of a united Germany, and express a hope for its future re-unification.

It's a tangible sign of hope expressed in a borough whose efforts towards bringing communities closer together do not receive the publicity they deserve. Mayor Dohm is in the forefront of initiatives that have an international or ecumenical nature. Already proud of

Wilmersdorf's tolerant religious record — more of the world's religions are represented here than in any other borough in Berlin — Mayor Dohm is equally proud of the fact that the various religious groups including Muslims, Jews and Christians came together for a day of debate and prayer during last month's anniversary celebrations.

The Mayor's efforts to foster good relationships between communities and nations include the British in Berlin. Indeed it was he who began the popular Anglo-German Friendship Days. Back in 1982, the Mayor remembers, Wilmersdorf hosted the first Friendship Day, and it was so successful that the other boroughs within the British Sector adopted the idea too. Previously, exchanges had been mainly between officers and officials but the Mayor wanted contacts to widen. Mayor Dohm believes that the Friendship Days are important times for both the local people and British families to meet. Not only do they provide an informal opportunity for learning about each other's way of life but the chance is there for people to get to know each other a little better. Like the other Mayors so far interviewed, Herr Dohm finds the one drawback to building up and sustaining good relationships with the affiliated units is the short length of time regiments are stationed in Berlin. Despite



Mayor Horst Dohm.



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Spandau



that, however, Wilmersdorf did enjoy excellent contacts with 1 RHF and the Mayor hopes the same kind of relationship will continue with The Black Watch. 29 Sig Regt is also affiliated to the borough and for evidence of their commitment to maintaining good communications look out for the red telephone box next time you're in Wilmersdorf!

Another example of the borough's international flavour can be found within its schools; forty-six nationalities are represented, though most of the non-indigenous children belong to diplomats. Nevertheless, getting to know so many countries and cultures through classmates is a wonderful educational opportunity for the local children.

Mixing with members of other nations is not just the privilege of the children. Through the twin-town partnerships adults have ample opportunities too. Wilmersdorf is twinned with Apeldoorn in the Netherlands, Gladsaxe in Denmark, Muden in West Germany, Split in Yugoslavia and Sutton in Great Britain. Regular exchanges take place between the borough and these towns and all of them sent representatives to the birthday celebrations.

Mayor Dohm is a keen exponent of the international theme; all efforts, however small, help to foster understanding, tolerance and respect between people and nations. This is as true for the domestic situation as it is for international relations. Mayor Dohm hopes that local dialogues and exchanges will, one day, lead to a reunited Berlin and maybe even to those crests around the courtyard coming down.

Ecumenical Wilmersdorf

The borough of Wilmersdorf is host to more religious communities than any other and so it has a large variety of church buildings and meeting places. Two of the most unusual, by western standards, are the Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the Islamic Mosque. Though it's difficult to gain access to the buildings apart from during services, it is interesting to go along and see their oriental-looking exteriors in the middle of a very westernized city.

The Russian Orthodox Cathedral is situated on a little island, Hoffmann-von-Fallersleben-Platz, on Hohenollerndamm, and behind it a little way along Berliner Strasse and left into Briener Strasse is the Mosque. Both are well worth a trip!

The Russian Orthodox Cathedral

Wilmersdorf has had a Russian Orthodox Cathedral since 1928 and it came into being as a direct result of émigrés fleeing to the safety of Berlin during and after the 1917 October Revolution in Russia. They settled in the city, began new lives but retained many of their customs and institutions. Prager Platz in Wilmersdorf became a centre for Russian intellectuals, book-sellers and publishers; a few schools were open-



The Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

ed after the first world war by the Deutsch-Russische Schulverein; and a church was set up in old rooms in Nachodstrasse (St. Vladimir Kirche) after the church at the Russian Embassy in Unter den Linden was removed. Soon it became apparent that a larger church was needed for the Russian community, and a Cathedral was built at Ruhrstrasse/corner of Hohenollerndamm and dedicated on 5 November 1928. Ten years later a new building was consecrated on the present site at Hoffmann-von-Fallersleben-Platz. It survived the second world war largely undamaged.

Today the Cathedral has a membership of around 2,000 from various nationalities: German, Russian, Romanian, Yugoslavian, Bulgarian and Greek. Services are conducted in either Church Slavonic or German and are regularly held on Saturdays at 1800 hours and Sundays at 1000 hours.

The Islamic Mosque

The Mosque was originally founded by a member of a religious group with its base in Pakistan. The Berlin architect, K. A. Herrmann, was commissioned to build the Mosque in the Indian Mogul style with two 32 metre high minarets and a 26 metre high dome over a meeting room which could hold four hundred people. It was consecrated on 23 March 1928 and a report from the Wilmersdorf newspaper 'Der Western' captures the excitement of the occasion:

"What things one can experience in our Berlin! . . . Without needing travellers' cheques or Cook's Travel Office — one can today have a genuine Oriental experience if one goes out near Fehrbelliner Platz where, under a beaming blue

oriental sky, the white minarets of the new Islamic Mosque rise up."

The Mosque did not survive the war but with the help of the Allies, afterwards, the main building was restored. Further repairs and renovations were still required and in the 70s some of the 'Lotto' money was made available for this purpose. Even when it was founded the Mosque was beset by financial problems and today its troubles are still evident; the poor state of the grounds and minarets are there for all to see.



The Islamic Mosque.

Worshippers at the Mosque come from many different nations and over the years have included the Aga Khan, many heads of state and high-ranking governmental officials from the Islamic world.

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As with any "vehicles", (in this case rolling stock being used 364 days a year), a great deal of servicing and day to day maintenance is required. In almost every case this requires overnight work by the Train Maintenance Team (TMT) of 14 Berlin Fd Wksp REME — an unenviable job in the open sidings in the depths of winter!

Tourisme) have not been forgotten and they now work in a stainless steel, wipe-clean environment with all the latest modern electrical appliances including a microwave oven! The day for the crew starts at 0500 hours when they and the rations arrive from Alexander Barracks and join the train in its sidings near Charlottenburg. At 0700 hours the TCWO (Train Conducting Warrant Officer) arrives with the military guard and checks the train's security; the train arrives at Charlottenburg at approximately 0800 hours.

After receiving a briefing from the TCWO, passengers will be permitted to board the train. You will then be called forward for breakfast by the head waiter. You receive three meals on the train if travelling in both directions. Breakfast is 'Continental style' during the summer and

of the ten most interesting and unusual train journeys in the world!

The train's first stop in West Germany is Helmstedt and then, after a short halt, it's on to Braunschweig. At both these halts the train is handled by our RTO Detachments commanded by Mr. McMenemy and Mr. Carlisle respectively. These one-man units maintain a high degree of professionalism in their daily routines.

The BMT departs Braunschweig on its return journey at 1600 hours, when tea and biscuits are served. At the three-course dinner, the waiters still remain good humoured in spite of their looking forward to the end of a 15-hour day. An ancient tradition may be evoked if you are lucky enough to be in the Diner on arrival at Potsdam for an after-dinner drink!



OC Train, TCWO and Russian Interpreter of The British Military Train prepare to meet the Soviet Officer.

In the past year several fundamental changes have taken place with the introduction of a computer booking system. Additionally, the rolling stock (i.e. the staff coaches and dining cars) have undergone major refurbishment. Besides the outward change of colour from the Royal Corps of Transport blue to the DB (Deutsche Bundesbahn) colours, the passenger areas of the dining cars have received cloth covered seats (warm in winter and cool in summer!) for your comfort.

The catering staff provided by CIWLT (Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits et du

'English style' (cooked breakfast) during the winter months. Lunch is a cooked meal all the year round with the option of a Ploughman's Lunch. Wines and beer are also available; you may also wish to purchase the unique labelled wine and sekt to take home as a souvenir; just ask the staff!

The journey takes approximately four hours and a detailed route information leaflet is available either when booking in or from the TCWO. This will give you a guide to points of interest during your journey. It is of interest that the British Military Train is listed amongst one



Loading the mail on to 'The Berliner'.

It may be of interest to note that there is also a monthly freight train which runs overnight to Helmstedt from Spandau carrying stores/ammunition, and also tracked vehicles when required. The journey is slower due to the lower speed of freight stock.

The people involved in ensuring the daily smooth running of the train — who deserve a well-earned mention — are as follows:

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Train Maintenance Team —

14 Berlin Fd Wksp REME

Capt D. Clutson, REME

SSgt L. Dandon, REME



The BMT ready for departure from Berlin-Charlottenburg.

All travellers must note and remember that the use of cameras and binoculars is prohibited