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## Brigade March and Shoot 1987

This year the Brigade March and Shoot Competition followed straight on from the Brigade exercises the previous week. With some forty-two teams taking part, all of the units in the Brigade were involved either directly or indirectly. Teams were eighteen strong making a total of 756 men going through the event, backed by some 60 men running a variety of checkpoints and stands over two days.

The competition, like last year, was based on two separate courses, the Green and Blue, with each team completing one course each day. The Green course started in the US Sector at Keerans Range with a speed march of just under 12 kilometres ending at Ruhleben Range complex. At the end of the march a team had to carry out a shooting practise in respirators after having run 100 metres. Having successfully completed the shoot, it was then on to the Urban Assault Course. This course was specially laid out in the Ruhleben Fighting City and provided a variety of obstacles such as multi-storied houses, drains, barbed wire entanglements and debris. Following on from the assault course teams then completed the tactical grenade throw which involved yet more crawling! The end of the grenade throw signalled the finish of the Green course.

The Blue course was also a speed march but one with a difference. It started at Gatow Range and at the halfway point



Photos: Army PI

**The Brigade Commander presents the Brigade March and Shoot Trophy to Lt Richard Felton, OC 3 PI A Coy 1 GLOSTERS.**

the team was confronted with crossing the Havel River in three assault boats. The crossing was long and hard being over 800 metres wide. The fastest crossing was achieved by 3 Platoon 'A' Company 1 GLOSTERS. From the opposite bank, the teams rushed off to complete the second half of the Blue course. This second route required more concentration on map reading as it weaved its way through the Grunewald. At the last checkpoint teams were confronted with a casualty. This little surprise was a stretcher, heavily laden with sandbags which had to be carried on the last leg to Keerans Range.

On arrival at the range the team shoot, this time, involved a practise which repre-

sented enemy closing with the firer. Targets were only exposed for short periods so it required the firers to react quickly and with accuracy. The end of the practise was the end of the Blue course.

On the second day, as always, unit representatives eagerly watched the statistics board at Ruhleben for the latest scores and raised some original and not so original protests! The culmination of the competition was the prize-giving, also at Ruhleben. With all teams present, the Brigade Commander, Brigadier R. F. Powell, presented the prizes to the winning team and the runners-up.

The first three teams (there was a tie for second place) were as follows:

1st	3PI 'A' Coy	1GLOSTERS
2nd	4PI 'B' Coy	1KOSS
2nd	2PI 'A' Coy	1GLOSTERS

The Brigade Commander congratulated all those who had taken part and in particular 1 GLOSTERS for their excellent overall result and WLCpl Smith from 29 Sig Regt, the only woman in the competition. The team from Ord Svcs Berlin were also congratulated as they came top of the Logistic Units with a very creditable result of nineteenth overall out of the forty-two teams. In all, the competition was a hard two days but was a great success due to the determination and enthusiasm of those taking part.

(For results see back page)



The winning team — 3 PI A Coy 1 GLOSTERS.



Crossing one of the many obstacles on the Urban Assault Course.

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## Commendation for SAC Cope

The Station Commander, Royal Air Force Gatow, Gp Capt Peter Eustace recently presented a Station Commander's Commendation to SAC Cope.

The award was earned by SAC Cope whilst at RAF Coningsby for his quick thinking and positive action.

Two Phantom aircraft, unaware of work in progress on the runway because of a communication failure, were approaching to land.

With seconds to spare, SAC Cope cleared the runway of equipment and his cool and positive manner averted a potentially serious accident.



Photo: W. Muths

Gp Capt Eustace presents SAC Cope with a Station Commander's Commendation.

## Topping Out Ceremony



Speeches and celebrations at the Richtfest.

On Friday, 28 August, the topping out (or Richtfest) ceremony on the new LAD and A and C Troop accommodation was held. After several speeches by officials from the contractors, building ministry and BMG, the traditional Richtkrona was raised over the building. Mr. Roland Smith, the Political Advisor, represented BMG. The site foreman gave his rhyming dedication punctuated by many toasts and breaking of glasses.

The building which is due for completion in late 1988 will house completely modern workshops and troop offices and stores for A Troop (the military troop) and C Troop (the bus and FRIS Troop).

After the formal ceremony everyone present adjourned to the Stadion-Terrassen restaurant for the traditional meal of Eisbein and Sauerkraut downed with large quantities of beer and Schnaps followed by a lively cabaret and dancing.

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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

### Opening of British Pavilion

On Saturday, Mr. J. A. M. Marjoribanks, Economics Minister at the British Embassy in Bonn, formally opened the British Pavilion at the 1957 Berlin Industries Fair.

Mr. Marjoribanks was introduced to his international audience by Major General Rome, British Commandant in Berlin.

General Rome said that the Industries Fair would bring to a climax the Interbau Exhibition which had attracted worldwide attention and had demonstrated again that Berlin was never lacking in bold ideas and the men to carry them out.

"We, on the British side," he said, "are proud of participating in both these great exhibitions."

In his address, Mr. Marjoribanks also referred to Berlin's vitality, imaginativeness and cosmopolitan outlook. He went on to describe the theme of the British Pavilion — 'Buildings for the Future' — and spoke of Britain's fifteen New Towns and of the tremendous school building programme.

Saying that the pavilion was a symbol of the respect and admiration Britain felt for Berlin, Mr. Marjoribanks concluded, "It is also a symbol of the efforts of the whole free world to build together for a future of peace and prosperity." The guests, who included Acting Bürgermeister Amrehn, then toured the pavilion.



Major General Rome views one of the exhibits. With him are Acting Bürgermeister Amrehn (right) and Dr. Hertz, Berlin Senator for Economics.

1967

### An Added Interest Amateur Dramatics

The aim of the British Players is to foster an interest in the live theatre by bringing together, socially, people with an interest in all aspects of the theatre and with a view to producing at least four stage productions a year.

We now have our own club premises, by courtesy of Lt Col D. G. Mendham, RAOC, in the old FRIS offices of 91 Supply Depot RAOC at 46-53 Goltzstrasse, North Spandau. We meet socially there every Monday at 8 p.m. We have a bar and anyone interested, or curious, is invited to drop in. You need not be a member — you can always join later if you wish. Come and meet us first and hear our plans for entertainment and for constructing our own theatre.

The major topic at present is to get our next production, scheduled for November, under way. The committee wish to know the names of anyone eager to produce. It does not matter whether or not they are members of the British Players. Potential producers will be asked to provide the committee with a

copy of at least two plays that they are prepared to produce. The committee will then select what they consider the most appropriate play and nominate the producer accordingly.

Anyone interested in meeting us, please drop in for a drink at 91 Supply Depot RAOC any Monday.

1977

### Notes from PSA

Although archaeology is not part of PSA Berlin's job we recently unearthed a large number of relics from the last war when the excavation for the soccer pitches in Brooke and Wavell Barracks started. We uncovered not only the foundations of an old building and several thousand tons of rubble and scrap metal but also some old machine guns, steel helmets, gas masks and an anti-tank mine. We now know why the grass was always reluctant to grow on these old pitches. The two new pitches will have an artificial surface which will not wear out within the first week of the football season and will provide a much improved recreation area. Possibly not so welcome for a form of recreation is the new paving to the Parade Ground for 2 PARA, but it was noted that the standard of marching on the recent NCO's Cadre seemed to be enhanced by the new surface.

### BAFSVs Out — Bank Accounts In

BAFSVs are to be withdrawn and normal pay and allowance payment procedures in Deutschmarks are to be introduced in Berlin from 1 January 1978.

Servicemen, UK based civilian and sponsored civilians will be allowed to open local bank accounts from 1 October this year but their pay will not start going directly into Berlin accounts until the end of January.

The need for the DM exchange system will, therefore, cease and the Berlin Forward Base Pay Office will eventually close.

Negotiations are under way with two main banks in Berlin to try and get the best terms possible. Details have already been given to unit Pay Staffs.



Steglitz



Wilmersdorf



Knechtberg



Schöneberg



Charlottenburg



Tiergarten



Tempelhof



Reinickendorf



Wedding



Neukölln



Zehlendorf



Spandau

# Berlin's 750th Birthday: Borough Celebrations

Berlin's birthday festivities are drawing to a close and the borough celebrations end this month with Zehlendorf and Steglitz. Both in the American Sector, Zehlendorf is running some interesting exhibitions and Steglitz starts its week or so of celebrations today.



Schloßstrasse, the main street in Steglitz.

## Zehlendorf

### Exhibitions

Zehlendorf Library, Beuckestrasse 1-3

'Zehlendorf — Then and Now'

Open: Monday to Friday, 1000-1930 hours,

Saturday, 1000-1400 hours

S-Bahn: Zehlendorf

4-25 September

Zehlendorf Town Hall, Kirchstrasse 1-3

'Impressions of a Green Borough' — a photographic exhibition.

Open: Monday to Friday, 0830-1500 hours

S-Bahn: Zehlendorf

Until 1 November

Haus am Waldsee, Argentinische Allee 30

'On the Track — The Stober Collection'

Open: Tuesday to Sunday, 1000-1800 hours

Admission: DM 2

U-Bahn: Krumme Lanke

For more information about any of these exhibitions call 807 24 46

## Steglitz Week

18-27 September

Friday, 18 September

Hermann-Ehlers-Oberschule, Eisenstrasse 4,

1900 hours

Inaugural concert with works by Mozart and Beethoven

Nearest U-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz

### Saturday, 19 September

Ludwig-Beck-Platz and Augustaplatz

'Stalls, Artists and Cadets' — historical fun fair, from 1400 hours

Hermann-Ehlers-Oberschule, Eisenstrasse 4,

'Peter and the Wolf' — Steglitz Chamber Orchestra, 1600 hours.

Nearest U-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz

Brøndby-Oberschule, Dessauerstrasse 38/39

'Jazz-Rock-Pop-Musical', 2000 hours

### Sunday, 20 September

Stadtpark Steglitz

Frühschoppen with music and dancing, 1100-1600 hours

Nearest U-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz

Concert Hall, Siemens Villa, Lankwitz, Gärtnerstrasse 25-32

'Chamber Music in the Siemens Villa' — works by Schubert, Steffen and Ravel, 1700 hours.

### Wednesday, 23 September

Dessau-Schule, Dessauer Strasse 40-55

'Choirs-Sung-Danced', 1800 hours

### Friday, 25 September

Hotel Steglitz International, Albrechtstrasse 2

'Old Berlin Dance Festival', 1400 hours.

### 25-28 September

Steglitz Sports Complex

International Youth Sports Festival of Twin-Towns. Participants from Bad Godesberg, Windsor-Maidenhead, St. Cloud, Kortrijk and Frascati.

### Saturday, 26 September

Siemens Villa, Lankwitz, Gärtnerstrasse 25-32

'Gershwin Serenade', 1600 hours.

### Exhibitions

#### From 19 September

Hotel Steglitz International, Albrechtstrasse 2

'Steglitz — the largest village in Prussia'

Open: Monday to Friday, 1000-1800 hours

Steglitz Town Hall, Schloßstrasse 37

'From Steglitz Round the World — the Wander-voegel Movement'

Open daily from 0900-1700 hours

U-Bahn: Rathaus Steglitz

For more information about any of these events call 79 04 32 03



The charming old village of Stolpe, near Wannsee in the borough of Zehlendorf.

### Out and About in Berlin

This month we conclude the five part series of short articles that have introduced a total of ten places to visit, many of them off the main tourist and scenic routes. If you have not seen the full series, but have been interested or even tried one or two of the suggestions, back numbers of the Berlin Bulletin are available in 39 Regional Library for you to find out about our Frohnau Frölic, Rahmsdorf Ramble, Canal Curiosities, Pedestrian Places, Ferry Fantastic, Muggelheim Miles, Nature New, Colonnade Curiosities and this edition's feature on Park Places.



### Humboldthain and Houses

The 32 acre site offers an extensive and quiet green park with a formal rose garden, grass areas on which impromptu ball games are allowed and a keep-fit (Trimm dich) trail for those who insist! The Park also contains the remains of one of the great bunkers and flank towers left over from the last war. The path leads up a grass covered rubble slope to look-out positions from which, whenever the trees are not in full leaf, there is a good view of the centre of the city seen from a northerly viewpoint. The best place to park your car is on Brunnenstrasse to the south of the Gesundbrunnen U-Bahn station.

To reach the "houses" part of this double excursion, you'll need to go back to your car and travel south-eastwards until you reach Bernauer

(continued overleaf)



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## Berlin's 750th Birthday: Borough Celebrations

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Strasse. Twenty-six years ago, there were houses on both sides of that road; the front of those on the southern side actually followed the boundary between the borough of Wedding and Mitte. They have been replaced by the Wall; only that grey feature and occasional sad memorials remind the visitor of the earlier line of the street and its place in escape legends.

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### Friedrichshain and Foliage

In a direct line, it is just over three kilometres from Humboldthain to Friedrichshain but that route is not open to us. Instead you have first to cross through Checkpoint Charlie and turn on to Leipziger Strasse. Even the most uncertain navigators need not worry too much. Straight on through the under-pass at the top of Karl Marx Allee and turn right at the second set of traffic lights. The road will then fork in front of you and the Friedrichshain park will be on your left or right depending how you've responded to the fork in the road!

The park was one of the first to be deliberately created as a relaxing playground for the tenant occupants of the flats in Prenzlauer Berg and areas of quite squalid housing conditions in those times. The extensive green area contains some gems to see, the Märchenbrunnen fountains being one of them, whilst there are also memorials to look at that commemorate the struggles of former generations of citizens. Two rubble based hills provide a chance to climb and glimpse the city below through the trees.

Cathryn Wilcock

## To Berlin Scouting . . .

**A Personal Letter from Janet Hall (Raksha),  
DC (Scouts) in Berlin.**

On Wednesday last, it was with great sadness that I handed over the future of Berlin's Scouting to Sqn Ldr Doug Chapman who will, hopefully, for the next two years act as District Commissioner for Berlin's Scouts.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone with whom I have dealt in the past fourteen months.

To all the Leaders and helpers in Berlin who have had the courage to put on another uniform and give freely of their spare time,

thank you for all the fun and laughter we have had and for all your hard work. Thank you also for a memorable party and leaving gift, a gift which I will treasure.

To all the boys of the Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs and Scout Troops, thank you for being so loyal and so friendly each time I visited your meetings.

Finally, may I wish Doug Chapman as happy an appointment as I have had and hope he will be given as much support as has been given to me.

God bless you all.

Janet Hall, DC Berlin Scouts (Ex.)

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## Berlin Military Skilled Driving Competition

On Saturday, 3 October, a Military Skilled Driving Competition will be held for all Berlin-based military units. The venue will be RAF Gatow, starting at 0830 hours with prize-giving at 1630 hours. The competition is open to teams or individuals. Competitors will be tested in various driving and riding manoeuvres on the following types of vehicles:

Bedford 4 ton	MAN City Buses
Landrover and trailer	Motorcycles

All competitors will also have to sit a very comprehensive written test and have their vehicles inspected for its roadworthy and mechanical condition. Come along and take part or even support your unit as a spectator, sixty competitors are already taking part. For more details contact the Brigade Master Driver on 309 72 65. Refreshments will be available.

## Had A Nice Day!



*The American and British Police — friendly foes in the volleyball match.*

On Saturday, 5 September, the RAF Police Flight, 26 Signals Unit, hosted a barbecue for their American Military Police colleagues from Field Station Berlin.

The highlight of the afternoon was the RAF Police bid to regain possession of the RAFF / USMP 'Friendship' trophy in a volleyball match. The trophy is awarded to the winning team of each sporting event between the two sections and with a cry of "no trophy — no leave!" from Flt Lt Bernie Rice, OC RAF Police, the game was on.

Perhaps it was the leave incentive (or maybe the fact that Sgt Bob Mason, SNCO IC RAF Police, was the referee!), but after a hard fought game the RAF team won 3—2.

The rain held off, the refreshments held on and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. We are now looking forward to the winter round of basketball in the American Sector.

# Brigade March and Shoot 1987



A team emerging from one of the larger drains at Ruhleben Fighting City . . .



. . . another team midstream during the river crossing.

Photos: Army PI

The final results of the 1987 Berlin Infantry Brigade March and Shoot Competition are as follows:

Place	Team	Score	Place	Team	Score
1	3PI 'A' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2421	13	5PI 'B' Coy 1 KOSB	2243
2	4PI 'B' Coy 1 KOSB	2414	14	8PI 'C' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2242
	2PI 'A' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2414	15	ATK PI Sp Coy 1 KOSB	2209
4	9PI 'C' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2369	16	14PI 'D' Coy 1 BW	2182
5	7PI 'C' Coy 1 KOSB	2364	17	13PI 'D' Coy 1 BW	2180
6	5PI 'B' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2322	18	6PI 'B' Coy 1 KOSB	2176
7	1PI 'A' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2312	19	Ord Svcs Berlin	2167
8	Mor PI Sp Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2287	20	Rece PI Sp Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2157
9	4PI 'B' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2266	21	14 Berlin Fd Wiksp REME	2141
10	9PI 'C' Coy 1 KOSB	2263	22	1PI 'B' Coy 1 BW	2123
11	7PI 'C' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2256	23	15PI 'D' Coy 1 BW	2112
12	6PI 'B' Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2251	24	3PI 'A' Coy 1 BW	2108
			25	2PI 'A' Coy 1 KOSB	2101
				8PI 'C' Coy 1 KOSB	2101
				1Tp 'B' Sqn 1420H	2097
			28	Rece PI Sp Coy 1 KOSB	2089
			29	2Tp 'B' Sqn 1420H	2073
			30	ATK Sp Coy 1 GLOSTERS	2069
			31	82Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT	2045
			32	5PI 'B' Coy 1 BW	2038
			33	6PI 'B' Coy 1 BW	2036
			34	2PI 'A' Coy 1 BW	2031
			35	1PI 'A' Coy 1 KOSB	2024
			36	1PI 'A' Coy 1 BW	2006
			37	1Sqn 29 Sig Regt	1992
			38	Rece PI Sp Coy 1 BW	1965
			39	ATK PI Sp Coy 1 BW	1962
			40	247 Pro Coy	1912
			41	Mor PI Sp Coy 1 KOSB	1907
			42	Mor PI Sp Coy 1 BW	1876

## Fastest Teams and Timings

Green Course March	
1 GLOSTERS Sp Coy ATK PI	75 mins 02 secs
Assault Course	
1 KOSB 'A' Coy 1 PI	14 mins 22 secs
Best Shot	
1 KOSB 'C' Coy 7 PI	756
Blue Course March	
1 KOSB 'B' Coy 4 PI	72 mins 25 secs
River Crossing	
1 GLOSTERS 'A' Coy 3 PI	9 mins



The right way . . .



. . . the wrong way!