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## Goodwill and Charity

### Wolfsburg Celebrates Berlin's Birthday too!

Not only has Berlin been celebrating its birthday — Wolfsburg, the town of the Volkswagen motor company, has too!

Recently a week of festive events was organized in Wolfsburg by the 'Berliner Club Wolfsburg' and Herr Werner Salomon, Mayor of Spandau, headed a delegation representing the city.

Why did Spandau have this special honour and why was the borough presented with a cheque amounting to over DM 3,000 for use in day centres for the disabled? The answer is that Spandau has a special relationship with the town, in part due to the success of its own partnership with Luton, the home of Vauxhall cars in the UK. Luton is also twinned with Wolfsburg and helped to bring the North German town together with Spandau. Now, a special 'triangular' link exists between the three towns.

### 1 KOSB present DM 1000 to Charlottenburg

On Monday, 5 October, 1 KOSB presented a cheque for DM 1000 to the Mayor of Charlottenburg, Herr Baldur Ubbelohde. The money was raised on 14 June at the Charlottenburg Open Day and is likely to benefit some charitable cause within Charlottenburg.

Major S. J. M. Barneton and Major P. W. Middlemiss went to Charlottenburg Town Hall to present the cheque.



Maj Barneton QGM with the Mayor of Charlottenburg, Herr Ubbelohde.



The Band of 1 GLOSTERS plays in front of Wolfsburg Town Hall.

Another British link was much in evidence at the 'Berlin Week' celebrations in Wolfsburg. The Band of 1 GLOSTERS, and two pipers from 1 KOSB entertained crowds outside Wolfsburg's Town Hall and in the shopping precinct. They were also warmly greeted when they played in a

local Old People's Home. Mayor Salomon, in a speech to the people of Wolfsburg, commented that the musicians participation in the event was just another fine example of the close relationship which exists between the British Military community and the local German population.

### 1987 Berlin Marathon



The start of the 1987 Berlin Marathon.

Read about the Services support of this international event on the back page.

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## 'Old Hand' shows the way

Recently, Sqn Ldr Mike Neil revisited Berlin with a group of pilots and students. Sqn Ldr Neil knows Berlin of old as he served as RAF Gatow's Public Relations Officer several years ago and so was well qualified to take his party on a tour of the city.

His group is pictured at the Glienicke Bridge where they expressed disappointment at not seeing any 'spy-swaps' that day!



Photos: W. Muths

Back in Berlin on a visit, Sqn Ldr Mike Neil.

## Fun at the Families' Day at Hottengrund

The children of RAF Gatow Sunday School attended a Families' Day at the Senior Citizens' Home at Hottengrund. For many years the children have brought pleasure and sunshine to the old folks in visiting them throughout the year, mainly during the Christmas season.

This time, however, the children they were guests of honour at Hottengrund and a special show was put on for them. Some even assisted the magician and proved that they had no language problems.



Clowning around at the Families' Day held recently in Hottengrund.

## Works Council on the High Seas!

By kind permission of Gp Capt P. Eustace, the Station Works Council organised this year's annual outing of the RAF Gatow work force — both military and civilian — on the afternoon of 29 September.

Since there is a lot more water space than free air space in Berlin, the Air Force took to water, and on board the MS "Kehrwieder" (Return) everybody had a good time enjoying the cold buffet, music, the party and each other's company. The heavens too smiled benignly on the party and sent sunshine to make up for last year's rain! A small tombola presented pleasant suspense when Mrs. Eustace drew the winners' names out of a champagne cooler: the main prize — a flight over Berlin in the Station Chipmunk — drew an honest "Oh, my God!" from the flabbergasted lucky winner, however, she soon recovered and is determined to enjoy it.

When the "Kehrwieder" came back to moor at the Kladow pier just before five o'clock, there was only one comment by all: "We're looking forward to next year's boat trip!" — and even the heavens cried that the fun was over for this year!



The Work's Council take to the water on their annual outing.



## PRESENTATIONS



## To Sgt Luckman . . .

During his recent visit to Berlin, Brigadier M.T.A. Lord, Commander Maintenance BAOR, found time to make a number of presentations.

The first one took place on Tuesday, 29 September in the LAD of 'B' Sqn 14/20H. Brigadier Lord presented the Squadron's recovery mechanic, Sgt Luckman, with his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal in the LAD lines. The ceremony was watched by all available members of the LAD.



*Sgt Luckman receives the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal from Brig Lord.*

Workshop's Receipts and Issues department, Major Barnard, OIC Production, and Frau Kolbe, the Workshop's Civil Labour Supervisor, act as bookends.

## To German civilians . . .

On Thursday, 1 October at 14 Berlin Field Workshop REME, Brigadier Lord presented four of the Workshop's civilian employees with their twelve year certificates. Shown with the Brigadier in the photograph below, taken after the presentations are (from left to right) Mr. T. Prophet, a store-keeper with the Workshop's RAOC Stores Section, Herr H.-P. Langkavel, a vehicle body repairer, Herr W. Marth from the blacksmith's shop and finally Frau M. Coleman who many of our customers will recognize from the



*Four of the Workshop's civilian employees receive 12 year certificates.*

## For Sporting Achievements . . .

The Officer Commanding 26 Signals Unit, Wg Cdr Rick Holt, recently presented HQ RAF Germany Sporting Colours to three members of his Unit.

The recipients were SACW Debbie Lewis (volleyball), Cpl Mick Morgan (rugby) and Cpl Derek Bragg (football).



*Photo: SAC D. Shorter  
Presentation of Sporting Colours to SACW Lewis, Cpl Morgan and Cpl Bragg.*

## To LCpl Keen . . .

It is some time now since the footballing skills of Trevor Keen (23) graced school pitches at home in Worthing, but it would seem that none of that early talent has deserted him.

LCpl Keen, now serving with the Berlin Postal and Courier Troop, RE, went to the office of Brigade Commander, Brigadier Richard Powell, on Monday, to be presented with his Corps Colours in recognition of his representing the Royal Engineers. Brigadier Powell also handed LCpl Keen an attractive commemorative figurine.

Trevor Keen's footballing abilities first came to the fore while at Durrington High School in Worthing; from the school team he went on to the West Sussex Schools' side and to a place in the Worthing Youth team.

He turned out for his Corps while serving at Mill Hill in London until earlier this year and would like to continue playing for the Engineers in BAOR.

LCpl Keen, who joined the Army as a Junior Leader in 1980, arrived in Berlin in August and lives with his wife, Jan, and two-year-old daughter, Lynsey.



*Brig Powell presents LCpl Keen with his Corps Colours.*

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# Brigade Skilled Driving Competition

The Brigade Skilled Driving Competition took place at a fine but windy RAF Gatow last Saturday. Representatives from most Brigade Units and RAF Gatow took part in a series of demanding tests laid on by the Master Driver, WO2 Sutcliffe, along with driving examiners and instructors from the Garrison.

In addition to showing their driving skills competitors were given a very stiff highway code test and their vehicles were subjected to a close inspection by a team from 14 Berlin Fd Wksp REME. Everyone learned something from the day, not least the motorcyclists who were to be seen throwing themselves off their bikes with gay abandon. After a very close hard fought competition, during which spectators saw some quite excellent driving, Maj A. M. Speight, Chairman of the Berlin Road Safety Committee, presented prizes to the following winners:

Best Team	62 Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT 'A'
Runners-Up	62 Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT 'B'
Best Coach Driver	Pte Todd, 1 KOSB
Best HGV Driver	LCpl Voar,
	62 Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT
Best Landrover and Trailer Driver	Dvr Gale,
	62 Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT
Best Motorcyclist	Dvr Blowers,
	62 Tpt & Mov Sqn RCT



Part of the motorcycle course.



The very difficult landrover and trailer tests.



Lt Nick Barton and members of the winning RCT team.

## ★ ★ ★ Fuel and Your Car (2) ★ ★ ★

### Phasing out of Benzin Leaded Fuel

From 1 January 1988, the sale and manufacture of leaded Benzin will cease. However, the oil companies will no longer guarantee the supply of leaded Benzin after 1 November 1987. Each oil company will react differently but all will run down leaded Benzin stocks and start petrol pump conversion programmes from that date.

### Effects of this policy on BFG motorists

1. For BFG motorists this means that after 1 November only the following fuels will be available: Diesel, leaded Super, unleaded (Bleifrei) Super and unleaded (Bleifrei) Benzin.
2. If BFG motorists do find Shell, Esso, BP and FANAL stations which still have leaded Benzin, BFG Fuel Coupons will still be honoured, but only until 1 January 1988.
3. Leaded Benzin coupons cannot be tendered for a different grade of fuel and the difference paid as this violates the FRG Customs Laws.
4. BFG selling points will cease to sell leaded Benzin coupons after 1 November.
5. BFG motorists should restrict their purchases of Benzin leaded coupons to ensure that they have the minimum on 1 November 1987. Exchanges of coupons at CPO selling points for other grades with relevant price adjustment will be permitted from 1 November 1987 only up to 31 December 1987.
6. Thus BFG motorists should ascertain which alternative fuels are suitable for their cars and purchase the necessary coupons in good time.
7. BFG motorists are advised not to purchase or import any car which will only run on a low octane leaded Benzin.
8. Other EEC countries will shortly follow FRG led by the Netherlands.

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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

#### New Mayor's Courtesy Call



*Maj Gen Rome meets Herr Willy Brandt, Governing Mayor of Berlin.*

On Saturday, 5 October, the newly-elected Governing Mayor of Berlin, Herr Willy Brandt, paid a courtesy call on Maj Gen Rome, GOC Berlin (British Sector).

Herr Brandt, who is forty-four and the youngest Mayor of Berlin since the war, was elected to office the previous Thursday by a vote of 86 to 10 with 22 abstentions. He assumes the office of Regierender Bürgermeister in succession to the late Dr. Otto Suhr, who died in August.

Born in Lubeck in 1913 Willy Brandt first entered the Socialist Youth Movement in his early twenties, thus beginning his close association with the Socialist Party which he has maintained ever since. During the rise of Hitler he was forced to emigrate to Norway (he also lived for a time in Sweden) and assumed Norwegian citizenship which he relinquished in 1948. After the war he returned to Berlin to take up a post as editor of the 'Berliner Stadtblatt' and worked on this paper for the next two years. He became Deputy Chairman of the SPD (Socialist Democrat Party) and in 1949 was nominated as a member of the Bundestag.

Then in 1950 he joined the Berlin House of Representatives of which he was made President two years ago. It was as President that he became particularly well-known to Berliners as one of the more vital figures in the city's political life, and was regarded by many as the natural successor to Otto Suhr.

### 1957

#### 38 Fd Sqn RE March Past



*Brig M.B. Roberts takes the salute at the march past of the newly formed 38 Field Squadron Royal Engineers.*

### 1967

#### Farewell to the Inniskillings

In October 1967, First Battalion The Inniskilling Fusiliers came to the end of its second tour of duty in Berlin since the war.



*The Shamrock arrives at Tempelhof.*

### 1977

#### Visit of C-in-C to 2 Para

The recent visit of the Commander-in-Chief, Lt Gen Sir Frank King, GCB, MBE, ADC (Gen), was very much a welcome home to the Battalion, where he was a Company Commander, and Commanding Officer between April 1960 and June 1962.

The General visited the Battalion's afternoon training and saw a few of the old and bold who served under him when he commanded the Battalion. He then went on to present five Long Service and Good Conduct Medals, one of which went to his former batman, now CQMS, J. Kerr. The others receiving the medal were Lt Graves, WO2 Duncan, SQMS Myers and Csgt Warmington. The General left the Sgts' Mess heartened by the fact that the painting he presented on leaving the Battalion is still hung prominently in the bar.



*Presentations to members of 2 Para.*