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School Registration Begun; Openings Planned for Oct. 14

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—Registration began yesterday of American children in the elementary and high schools of Frankfurt area which open Oct. 14.

Students residing in Frankfurt, school authorities announced, may register any day this week through Oct. 11 between the hours of 0900 and 1730 at the Frankfurt Community High School, the Community Elementary School, or the Hoechst Elementary School.

Major Howard W. Fearing, Superintendent of the Schools, extended an invitation to parents and friends to attend the official in the Community High School. The high opening exercises on Monday at 1000 hours the school is located in the old Friedrich Ebert Schule near Dietrich Eckhart Strasse on highway 40 (and 8) in the direction of Hanau. Elementary schools of the community are located in the Furstenberger Schule next to the Community Store in Frankfurt and at 55 Peter Baidstrasse in Hoechst.

School To Board Students

Children from the out-lying districts may be boarded at the Community High School. The girls will be under the supervision of WAC 1st Lt. Barlow, while the supervision of the boys has yet to be determined. Elementary students living outside the

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Consolidated School Still Open for Registration

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8—The Consolidated I & E School of Frankfurt will re-open its doors for registration for an indefinite period. The demand for education on a High School and College level is so great, that classes have expanded and new courses added. Those interested in attending classes—and it is possible to sign up for three—should enroll at the School's Registrar's Office on Furstenberger Strasse, Room 302, from 1800 to 2100 hours. The present term expires on Jan. 3, 1946, and the second semester opens the latter part of Jan., enabling students to continue their studies on a advanced level.

Many new sections have opened in beginning, intermediate, and advanced Russian, German, French, and Spanish. Drawing and Water Color, Public Speaking,

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Physical Geology, and Sex Hygiene are new additions to the Course of Study. Oral Expression should be of particular interest to foreign students desiring conversational experience in the English language.

Reserved exclusively, at present, for military personnel are commercial studies, and those in voice, piano and other orchestral instruments. The Registrar will suggest competent instructors for civilians interested in arranging private lessons. With these few exceptions, the facilities of the School are open to civilian personnel and dependents.

The School Staff is prepared to assist students in matters pertaining to their graduation from high school and will discuss the recommendation of college credit on advanced levels.

Barter Market Opens Oct. 14

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8. One week from today, an Oct. 14, the much heralded Frankfurt Barter Market opens, exactly a month ahead of the deadline for mailing Christmas packages to the States, The public trading center, open to military, Allied civilian, and German personnel will be located on the first floor of 50 Kaiser Strasse.

Operated under the management of Lt. Robert Branagan, the Frankfurt Barter Market has been patterned after the Berlin store which has been exchanging German and American goods for several months.

China, glassware, cameras, porcelain, leather goods, silverware, household appliances, rugs, furniture, musical instruments, radios, electrical appliances, optical instruments, Blue Seal, tax-paid cigarettes, cigars and pipe tobacco, staple items of food purchased in the United States, and American bought clothes will be accepted for exchange.

Eight German appraisers will test articles in their second floor office and issue barter units for them on a pre-war value basis. These barter units may be used at any time for purchases within the Barter Market. No currency will be accepted.

Items in great demand will be rationed. All operations in the sales store will come under the control of USFET regulations. Pfc. Filty Denmsky, redeployed from the Pacific Theater, will be in charge.

Mr. Kent Droz, formerly of Switzerland, England and the United States, will be the Barter Market's chief appraiser. Both he and his subordinates are experienced with the type of mechandize that will be carried in the store.

AGO, Military Identification, Dog-Tags, or German Identification Carols must identify customers before any transaction takes place.

Store hours are being arranged to suit the convenience of military, Allied and German personnel.

18th Infantry Replaces 508th



Members of the 508th Prcht. Inf. Regt. stand one of their last formal guard mounts before USFET Headquarters. They are tentatively scheduled to pull their last guard in Frankfurt on Oct. 11, after which they will be redeployed by battalions to the states.

Third Bn. Leads 508th Home

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8—The Third Battalion of the 508th Pcht. Inf. Regt. will lead the way stateside as the honor guard of the Commanding General of the European Theater is redeployed as a unit, beginning on or about Oct. 10, it was confirmed today by Hq Comd, USFET.

The redeployment, which will be by batallion, is in conformity with the routine, long-term plan to reduce the number of troops in the Theater until a stabilized occupation force is established.

ET dependents of 508th PIR personnel will be sent to the U. S. at the same time as the troops; however, families and PIR personnel will not necessarily travel on the same ships.

The decision to ship the 508th PIR as a unit, with all presently assigned personnel, instead of the customary inactivation within the Theater and reassignment of personnel in the Theater, will necessitate cancelling the shipment of some dependents whose applications had been previously approved.

Arrangements are being made to absorb into other units those members of the 508th PIR who have dependents in, or enroute to, this Theater and who desire to complete their normal overseas tours.

P. G. Throws Farewell Party

A tearful but rousing "Bon Voyage" for the departing 508th P.I.R. is planned for tonight, Oct. 9, when the Palmgarden Red Cross Club throws a Farewell starting at 1930 hours. The "Jazz Pirates", the all-Negro GI band strictly on the solid side, will play for dancing. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The invitation is cordially extended to all Paratroopers, whether they are on the very first shipment or the last.



Col Owen Summers, Headquarters Commandant, Hq Comd, USFET, chatts with Major Edmund Sayre, Comman-Officer of the 508th's famous Third Battalion. Major Sayer will be followed to the states by his entire battalion this week.

War Department Reports on Dependent Shipping Delays

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—The shipment program of dependents from the U. S. to this Theater is at present about a month and a half behind schedule, according to a War Department summary of the dependent transportation situation, released today.

Limited shipping facilities delayed about half of the scheduled August shipments and all September sailings until after October 1st. By the end of the third week in October, it is expected that shipment of the August list will be completed. Subsequent sailings will occur about 45 days behind the original schedules.

Fort calls to dependents are made in strict accordance to priority lists, and as a result all August and September scheduled sailings will move before the October list is considered. Exceptions for earlier shipment will be made only in the case of women nearing the sixth month of pregnancy, or emergency calls from the New York Port to near-by residents in order to fill lastminute cancelations.

At present there are seven ships equipped primarily for the transportation of women and children to this Theater. The second largest of these, the USAT E. B. Alexander, capacity 900, is now in Bremerhaven for repairs.

Six Ships Operating

Total capacity of the six ships now operating is approximately 3000 per month. In addition there are other ships with some accomodations for women and children; these provide an additional capacity of between 700 and 1000 per month.

Some improvement in the dependents' shipping outlook may be effected by the considerable number of dependents who, for personal reasons, decline port calls and request later transportation. Since last-minute cancelations make it defficult to arrange full passenger complements, the War Department is currently endeavoring

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USFET Orders Aid For Youth Program

Active aid to the U. S. Army's zone-wide German Youth Activities Program is a positive military mission of all occupation forces, even though the primary responsibility for re-education and youth acivities rests with Military Government, Hq. USFET declared in a directive receved here yesterday by Liason Officer for German Youth Activities of Headquarters Command, Capt Peter Bolkan.

Commenting on the new USFET directive giving every occupation soldier the mission of teaching and demonstrating American democracy to German youth Capt Bolkan said, "I am very pleased to see the increasing emphasis that is being put upon the German Youth Program, as shown by the new USFET directive. Frankfurt Community's participation in German youth activities has been steadily increasing ,and I am sure the new directive will give the program added impetus."

In outlining, the requirements for its Army Assistance program in the US Zone, USFET emphasized the need for large numbers of capable leaders in order to accomplish the immediate objective of curtailing juvenile delinquency and the long-range purpose of teaching democratic concepts to German youth of today — Germany's leaders of tomorrow.

Juvenile Literature Exhibition in Town

More than 4,000 children's books from 14 countries are now on display at the International Exhibition of Juvenile Literature in the Staedel Art Institute of Frankfurt, as well as many drawings and paintings.

Every type of juvenile literatur is represented, including ABC's sports, fairy tales, animal stories, nature stories. Certain tales, as Pinocchio, Robin Hood, and La Fontaine's fables, are found in every language and every country represented. Other books popular in many languages are "Ferdinand the Bull" and the writings of Jules Verne and Lewis Carrol.

Most striking about the collection is the variety, beauty, and charm of the illustrations of the children's books. On exhibit also is a large doll's house contining extraordinarily complete equipment in miniature.

Sponsored by the Information Control Division, Military Government, the Exhibition is the work of Mrs. Lepman, Special Advisor for Women and Youth Affairs. Mrs. Lepman wrote to educators and publishers in many countries asking that they contribute children's books for the international exhibition.

A comprehensive survey of the present state of juvenile literature in various countries, including Germany, the exhibition will run until 27 October. It has been shown in Munich and Stuttgart and will next be displayed in Berlin. The exhibition will then be given in the British Zone. Later it will form the basis of an international library somewhere in Germany.

New Community Store Gift Shop Opens 16th

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—A new Community Store and Gift Shop for the Frankfurt area will open on October 14, at 1400 hours. The Gift Shop and Community Store now operating will close on October 10, in anticipation of the opening of the consolidated store.

A record crowd is expected to attend the ceremony marking the opening of the Community Store, located at Wac Circle on Eschersheimer Landstrasse and Miguel Allee.

Major General M. G. White, Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters, USFET, will officially open the Store to the public, by cutting a ribbon strung across the entrance. There will also be a military band present to add to the gayety of the affair.

The opening of the Community Store will feature special items such as sterling silver articles, a limited supply of choice pieces of luggage, vacuum cleaners, Rosenthal china, and crystal. An assortment of fish delicacies will be an added attraction to the food counter.

Sporting goods such as those previously sold, including fishing tackle, tennis racquets and balls, will be available.

Christmas Cards On Sale

Christmas cards, shipped from the States, will be for sale beginning Monday, but Army Exchange Services, does not expect any shipment of Christmas wrappings for sale in the Community Store.

Lt. R. E. Fischer of Army Excange Services, said that a policy of limiting one of each short item to a customer would be in effect, with everything still on a first come, first served basis.

There will be special display items shown on Monday, the 14th, for the opening that are not as yet for sale. These articles however are expected to be sold shortly and will include men's Constantine pocket watches.

The hours that the Community Store will be open will be the same as in effect now, 1230 hours to 1930 hours, except for the opening date, at which time it will open at 1400 hours.

Late Announcement

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—It was learned late today that Colonel Owen Summers, Headquarters Commandant of Headquarters Command, USFET, since the first part of this year, has been transfered to Headquarters USFET. The post of Headquarters Commandant is now being filled by Colonel Gerald B. Devore senior officer of Hq Comd. No further details were given.

Advenced Party Here To Take Over Duties

To be Stationed in Heddernheim Soon

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—Successor to the departing 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment as Honor Guard of USFET Headquarters will be the 18th Infantry Regiment of the United States 1st Infantry Division, Headquarters Command announced today. Commanded by Col. Sterling A. Wood, the 18th Inf. Reg. will arrive shortly in Heddernheim to take over their new duties.

An advance party of 125 men and 20 officers with the 508th P. I. R. preparatory to the 18th Regiment's assumption of the present functions of the 508th P. I. R.

Activated in American Revolutionary days, the 18th has had a brillant record in every major war in which the United States has been engaged.

Returning from the Philippines in 1909, the 18th Regiment was on Border Patrol duty quelling Mexican disturbances in 1912, 1914, and 1916 and became a part of the First Division for World War I. The Regiment landed at St. Nazaire and had its first engagement in the Luneville sector in October, 1917.

Engaged in 1918 Offensive

The 18th occupied a defensive position in the Toul sector in the vicinity of Seichprey until early April, 1918, when it rushed forward to occupy part of the lines in the May 28th to June 2nd Catigny engagement of the First Division. Continuing in the defensive position until July it was then moved south to participate in the Soisson offensive. As the right flank of the First Division, it made the deepest penetration of the four regiments.

The 18th participated in the St. Mihel, and Meuse Argonne offenses and was on Army of Occupation duties in the Coblenz bridgehead until June 1919, when it was returned to the USA.

Among First Overseas

One of the first Regiments abroad in World War II, it was part of the initial landing force in North Africa. It spearheaded the "Big Red Ones" through Algeria and Tunisia to Cape Bon. It was later in the Sicilian landing and overwhelmed Hermann Goering's Division in its beachhead counterattack and pushed on to Troina.

With three major campaigns under its belt, the 18th left for England and assault training in anticipation of the continent's invasion. It was ashore on Normandy Beach early on D-Day, 6 June 1944, and participated in all actions of the 1st Division in Northern France and Belgium and then pushed on trough the Siegfried Line into Germany.

The battles of Aachen, the Bulge and Hurtgen Forest are well remembered by

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Three Units in ET Being Deactivated

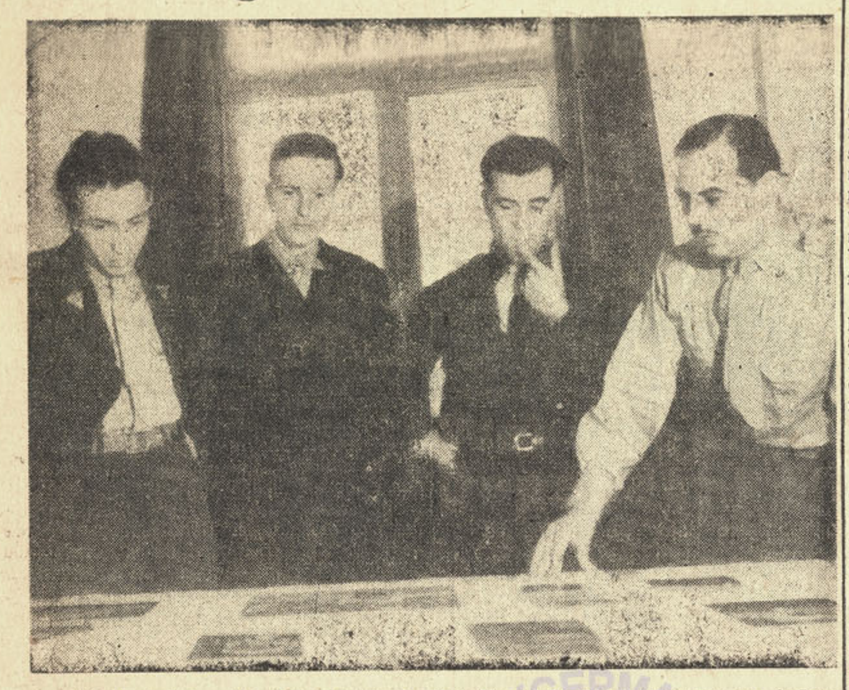
FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—Three infantry regiments in the Theater will be deactivated and two others will be transferred as replacements by the end of October, Headquarters, USFET announced today. These developments are in accordance with the long-range, routine program for the stabilisation of the U. S. Occupation Forces.

The Third Infantry Regiment, in Berlin, the Fifth Infantry Regiment in Austria, and the 29th Infantry Regiment in Bremerhaven, are scheduled to be inactivated by October 31st. Their personnel will be redeployed or absorbed by the replacing elements or the U. S. Zone Constabulary.

The 16th Infantry Regiment, less one battalion which is scheduled to go to Berlin, is being transferred to Austria to replace the Fifth Infantry. This move is expected to be completed by the fourth week in October.

One battalion of the 18th Infantry will be assigned to Bremerhaven and the Cannon and Anti-tank companies will remain under Third Army control. The greater part of the 18th Regiment will replace the 508th P. I. R. in Frankfurt.

Picking the Prize Winners



Busily judging the 418 enteries in the Chronicle Photo Contest are judges (left to right) Tony Vaccaro, William Bruckner, William A. Margolis, and Michael Syntax. The winners of the photo contest will be announced next week with the publication of the 12 top prize photographs in FORTNIGHT, the four page rotograveur section

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Handel's Messiah Called Off

FRANKFURT, Oct. 8.—The chorous for a Christmas production of Handel's Messiah has been canceled because of lack of response, Col. G. E. Fletcher of Theater Special Services Operations Branch announced today.

Only 17 female and 41 male voices, leaving a deficit of 42 from the requirement of 100 singers, applied for the program, which was scheduled to make a Yuletide tour of the Theater. Col Fletcher stated that rehersal would be cut too short if the *Missiah* were kept open until sufficient applications had been made.

Several weeks ago a request was brodeast for singers from the Frankfurt and Wiesbaden areas, and it was hoped that a chorus of 100 voices could be formed to present this famous oratorio during the coming Christmas season. However, due to the small number of applicants, it has been found nevessary to cancely plans for the present.

Invaders to Play Sat. — Regardless

From The Occupation Chronicle Desk

Just who will play the power-laden Hq Comd Invaders next Saturday at the Victory Stadium is at this point a moot question. However, there are two things which are certain at this point; there will be a football game regardless of the identity of the team and there will be another masterpiece of showmanship between the halves for the entertainment of the Frankfurt football fans. The kickoff will be at 1400 hrs.

The 8th Constabulary forteits the game with the excuse given that the local sqad is just a bit too powerful for their own team which has been gathered together from a small squadron of men. However the Constabulary Headquarters has promised to send a more powerful team to Frankfurt to see if the Invaders cant't be beaten. This has been tried several times before once by the WBS squad in Paris who went down 32-12 and also by the 3rd Constabulary Brigade last Saturday in a 13-0 convincer handed to them by the Invaders.

The Hq Comd squad, made up predominately of 508th PIR personels, will strike from the famed Notre Dame box with the unbalanced line. Former All-American nominee Wheeler Leeth will be in the left end position with Smith his running partner at left tackle. It was this combination that gave the Invaders their first six points last Saturday when Leeth blocked a punt with Smith recovering in the end zone. Dan Bogdon will start at center next to Coontz, the Invaders sturdy center. Bill Gable plugs up the line in no uncertain trems from the guard spot next to Ed Quirk, the St. Louis lad of shot put fame. Gray will hold up the right end of the line Don Gill, Sanders and Tom Hanson with Ed Wodowski calling signals will comprimise the backfield power.

BOX SCORE OF CARELESS DRIVING

FOR

HQ COMMAND, USFET, IN FRANKFURT AREA

DEATHS LAST WEEK: 1 American
1 German
Location of Accident: Farben Strasse Hoechst

NUMBER OF PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED: 5 Americans, 3 Germans

NUMBER OF ARRESTS BY MILITARY POLICE:

All were serious traffic violations: 145

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS:

Soldier Drivers: 21 percent

German Civilian Drivers: 79 percent