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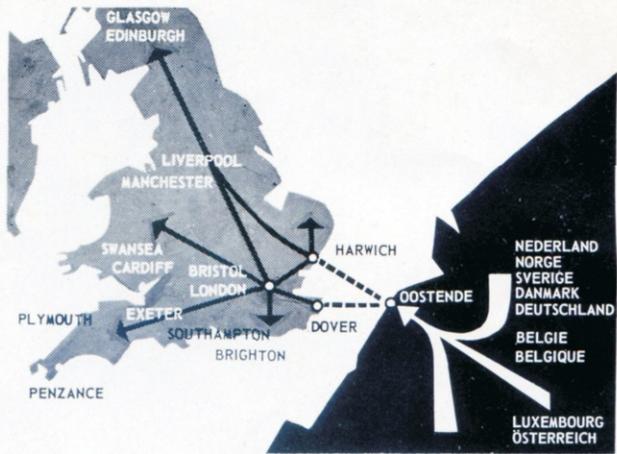


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Editorial



Wing Commander S. D. Baldock, MBE, DFM



Colonel C. L. Boynton

We have joined together to launch this first issue of the new Rheindahlen Bulletin. It is appropriate that we should do so with one voice since the primary object of this new magazine is to bring together all those who work and reside at Rheindahlen, regardless of uniform or civilian dress, by opening the doors on all the activities which are available to everyone here. It was not until we were preparing this magazine that we realised ourselves the number of various clubs and societies, etc. which we have. These organisations will, from time to time, be contributing towards the contents of the magazine.

The front cover shows a bird's eye view of Rheindahlen, we

hope this magazine will help to give all who live and work here as good a view of all that happens and bring us all closer together.

We would like to pay tribute firstly to Flight Lieutenant Owen, the RAF Families' Officer who did so much of the spade work in the preparation of this magazine, particularly in getting all the advertising material. Then, of course, there are assisting him, the four editors who have most generously offered their spare time freely to edit and produce this magazine. As you turn the pages of their first issue, we are sure you will agree that they have been extremely successful in producing a first-class professional publication covering an extremely wide field with something of interest for us all. Finally, our thanks to those who produced the previous Rheindahlen Bulletin which gave the basis for this new magazine.

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What have I forgotten?

The car is packed, the children are squeezed in, the caravan is hitched, the dog has gone to kennels – we're off, Italy here we come! Last quick look at the check list:

House locked? – Yes
Police informed? – Yes
Milk, newspapers stopped? – Yes
Medical Insurance arranged? – **No**

How many of you make careful planned preparations for your holidays in Europe without a thought to the problems that arise if the family are taken ill or involved in an accident miles from home and the comforts of service medical care – not many I would hazard, so a few guide lines on the subject are not amiss.

Service personnel and their immediate dependants are entitled to all medical treatment, at public expense, in the Federal Republic of Germany and within 50 miles of the borders; outside these limits the individual is responsible for payment of all medical expenses. What this means is that if you are unable to obtain treatment from service sources in the Federal Republic of Germany or within 50 miles of its borders, all bills incurred by you or your immediate family will be paid by the public on production of receipted bills; or the CMP/hospital may send the bill to your unit by whom it will be paid.

If outside the limits mentioned above you are liable for all medical expenses, and as treatment in most European countries is very expensive, it is essential that you take out adequate insurance against all possible emergency treatment. Your cover must be adequate for general and hospital treatment and conveyance by ambulance within the country where the emergency occurs. It is also wise to insure to cover the expense of a journey back to Germany by road or air. The following companies will advise you on medical insurance: The Royal Automobile Club or Automobile Association, NAAFI and ADAC, a German Automobile Club. (This provides excellent cover and is most worth while.)

You should discuss your requirements with the company of your choice but remember that all members of the family must be covered and make sure the cover is adequate for GP, hospital, operations and ambulance expenses – hospital charges are £ 25 + a day.

What should one take in the way of a First Aid Kit; be simple and do not overload yourself with patent medicines. I suggest the following as a basis, to which you may add any 'old favourites' of the family: –

Elastoplast Dressings	Calamine Lotion or Cream
Gauze	Simple cough mixture
Cotton wool	Throat lozenges
Bandages	Scissors
Zinc Oxide Plaster	Safety Pins
Iodine – for bites	Anti-Diarrhoea Tablets
Insect Repellant	(Enterovioform Tabs), (Kohle Tabs)
Antiseptic Cream	Anti-Indigestion Tablets
Aspirin or Disprin	(Rennies)
(Adult and Junior)	

All these items are obtainable from the NAAFI except the following – Iodine and Enterovioform Tabs from the UK and Kohle Tabs which can be bought from a German Drogerie or Apotheke.

The contents of this kit will cope with most minor problems, but be sure to seek medical advice if in doubt (most camping sites, hotels have Doctors/Nurses on call). In the following instances you should not delay, but call a Doctor at once: –

- Acute diarrhoea and/or vomiting over 24 hours (particularly in children in very hot climates)
- Any bad burn (hot water, oil, flame)
- Deep or infected cuts
- Severe sunburn
- Any severe pain for which you cannot account
- Severe headache
- Severe abdominal pain

A few general hints may save you discomfort and expense: –

- Do not overeat, especially strange untried foods
- Do not drink too much wine
- Do not over-exposure yourself to the sun, apply oils and expose gradually
- Do not drink milk or water from sources which could be suspect
- Do take extra fluid (not alcohol) and liberal amounts of salt on food in hot climates
- Be scrupulous about personal and camp hygiene
- Cover all cuts and grazes
- Wash all fruit and vegetables in dilute solution of Milton before consumption, if the source is suspect.

In summary remember to **PACK A FIRST AID KIT, TAKE OUT MEDICAL INSURANCE IF LEAVING GERMANY, NOT TO OVERDO EATING, DRINKING, SUNNING AND NEVER CONSUME WATER OR MILK FROM SUSPECT SOURCES.**

Medical officers will give you further advice on request, but Medical Centres cannot provide First Aid Kits.

GUTE FAHRT!

P. L. M.

Wildenrath Air Show



Great Britain's powerful contribution to NATO will be the theme of the mammoth air show being planned by Royal Air Force Germany for its Open Day, to be held at RAF Wildenrath, on Sunday July 5th.

Starting in the morning, there will be a mini flying show, with aircraft and display teams from many of Britain's partners in NATO performing alongside those of the RAF. On the ground the many aircraft on view, presenting a kaleidoscope of military aviation, together with exhibitions and displays and a host of amusements for children, will combine in an event for the whole family.

Aircraft from seven nations — Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the United States are likely to be represented on the ground and many of these countries will be contributing teams to the morning's mini-flying show. It is hoped that the Belgian Army's two helicopter teams — the Red Pitch and the Blue Bees — who combine for a 12-machine air ballet will be included, as well as the "Golden Girls" parachutists also from Belgium.

The afternoon's main flying show will include a "scramble" by four giant RAF delta-wing Vulcan bombers, will illustrate the range of strategic and tactical roles in which the RAF is cast, culminating in a battle demonstration, staged with the help of the Army, involving considerable ground forces as well as 10 Wessex helicopters, Canberras, Hunters and Harriers, with transport support from Hercules, Belfast and Andover aircraft. Virtually every type of aircraft in service with the RAF will be taking part. The "Falcons" will be demonstrating their astounding accuracy in free-fall parachuting, and a full programme of aerobatics will reach its climax with a display by the "Red Arrows".

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NAAFI NOTE BOOK



BY
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MEET THE STAFF!

I cannot think of a better way of starting this first Naafi contribution to the Rheindahlen Bulletin than by introducing the men and women responsible for supervising the shop and club facilities at Rheindahlen. The man with overall responsibility for both shops and clubs is Mr. George Taylor, District Manager, JHQ., whose office is located in the Marlborough Club, telephone number Moenchengladbach 59667. Mr. Taylor has held down key posts with Naafi in many parts of the world and came to Germany from Northern Ireland, where he was very much involved in the "troubles". His ability to remain calm and collected under all circumstances is reflected in his golf — as his opponents at Bruggen know to their cost.

"Mr Naafi" at the JHQ shop is generally recognised to be Mr. Andy Richardson, the official in charge of the foodhall. His helpful attitude in dealing with customers survives even the most hectic of shopping days. His butchery department manager is Mr. R. Zimmer, a specialist in this side of our business.

In the gifts and durables department, Mr. N. Marsh has many years' experience at our Dusseldorf shop and at Rheindahlen to help him cope with the problems involved in selling such a wide range of goods. Customers will also find ready assistance from Mr. F. Revitt, who has recently joined Naafi from the United Kingdom. In the Enquiry Office located in the foyer of the gifts and durables shop, Mrs. Doreen Stonehouse is on hand to answer enquiries regarding catalogue orders, special firm orders, repairs and after-sales service.

At the spacious clothing shop in Collingwood Road, Miss Eunice Bissett, a regional clothing manageress by grade, looks after the clothing requirements of the men, women and children of this camp plus a few thousand visitors from around and about. Miss Bissett will always do her best to satisfy her customers and likes to deal personally with any customer enquiries.

Next door to the Clothing shop is the JHQ Sports shop, managed by Mr Ian Bowley. The previous manager, Mr. Alan Gough, has been appointed Naafi sales representative South Region — with a special interest in bulk sales to units. In the same building is the Naafi Car Hire Purchase head office and the man in charge is Mr. Derek Priest. His telephone number is Moenchengladbach 59014 and, on the same line, is Mr. Jeff Taylor the Naafi life assurance and holiday insurance representative. The Buschhof shop, serving the South West Extension, is now managed by Mr. Murray Fairlie, whose wife, mother and father also work for Naafi. He has taken over from Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Broomfield, who are now running the Naafi shop at RAF Bruggen.

In addition to the shops, Naafi is also responsible for the operation of the United Services Officers' Club and two junior ranks clubs, the Marlborough Club in Collingwood Road and the RAF Queensway Club in Queens' Avenue. There is an active club committee in each establishment, but managerial responsibility is vested in Herr J. Baum at the USOC; Mr. J. Tiffin at the Marlborough Club and the husband and wife team of Mr and Mrs R. Gibbons at the Queensway Club.

The Restaurant & Welfare Supervisor for Rheindahlen is Miss Kay Connolly, and her responsibilities include special caterings, kitchen production and catering standards in the clubs and female staff welfare.

Rheindahlen is part of Naafi's South Region and the Regional Manager is Mr L. R. Rodway. He is located in Düsseldorf and his telephone number is Düsseldorf 433652.

SHOP IMPROVEMENTS

The continual search for more space at the JHQ shop, where the turnover in the foodhall alone tops £ 22,000 a week, has resulted in a valuable extension to the gifts and durables department. The provision of a new staff canteen above the butchery production area has freed the area temporarily used as a staff canteen and this has been converted into a showroom for domestic appliances, a toy shop and a greeting card section. In turn, the removal of the greetings cards from the main shop has enabled the popular record section to expand, providing more room for the customers to browse among the LPs and, we hope, boosting our sales above the current monthly figure of some 3,000 records. Much more dramatic improvements are being planned and I hope to be able to tell you about this in a future issue.

PRICES

Part of our PR effort is the News from Naafi broadcast, heard over BFBS at 0811 hours every Monday, and the News from Naafi column published every week in the Union Jack. A few weeks ago I used both mediums to make an important point about price increases and in view of the recent news from England on rising prices, a further reference may be useful. Like any other retail organisation Naafi must relate its shop prices to its cost prices and if the cost price goes up, then, in due course, the retail price will go up too. If the price of an item goes up in the United Kingdom it should be fairly obvious that the same item is eventually going to cost more in a Naafi Shop in Germany. Because we happen to be stationed in Germany we cannot opt out of the inflationary spiral affecting wages and prices at home.

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Katzen Capers

If you are based in Germany, own a cat and also wish to be an active caravanner, you must be prepared to accept a few complications in the interests of continuing a friendly relationship with your pet. There is, for example, the little matter of rabies which is endemic in parts of Germany and periodically moves across country into nearby areas.

"What you need", said my friends, "is a certificate to show that your cat has had an anti-rabies jab; there's an excellent Vet, Dr. Wolfgang Heinz, in the nearby village of Waldniel. In our family we have a system when visiting the Vet which I find both efficient and fitting for a caravanner who enjoys his comforts. Cat and wife stay out in the automobile whilst I join the lively crowds of dogs and loving owners on the comfortable seats in the waiting room. By the time I have smiled at the worried dog owners and patted all the slobbering hounds my position in the queue has improved sufficiently for me to receive an invitation into the surgery. To the surprise of the Vet's assistant and all my new doggy pals, I then leap to my feet and disappear into the night. Within seconds I return with wife clutching a spitting cat whose upright hair and bared teeth suggest that she is not unprepared to do battle with all the panting dogs who are lurching to their feet.



We duly transported our cat to the surgery, and the vet administered the inoculation. Then the typewriter sprang into fluent German and presented us with a delightful German document entitled "Tierärztlich Bescheinigung". It stated with great simplicity the type of inoculation that had been administered, Tollwutvaccine der Behringwerke" and the nature of the animal which has been at the sharp end of the hypodermic needle, "DKI-braune Burmesische Katze".

We breathed a sigh of relief, mentally congratulating ourselves that the Dutch rally organised by the Nederlands Toeristen Kampeer Club in a fortnights' time, was now a firm runner. "You

now take this certificate to the nearest Government Veterinary Department", Wolfgang the vet was saying. "They will give you the Government document which permits the katz to be taken across the frontiers". The moggie's ears pricked up as our faces dropped. "Where exactly do we find this pets Health and Immigration Department?", we asked. A slip of paper was proffered which told us the Strasse and informed us that the Government Certificates were issued between 0730 and 0830 hours on Wednesdays. Perhaps Whitehall Ministers should make a note of those hours.

A week later we set off for the Government building in time to be ushered into the office of three German Government Veterinary Officials. We sat down and surveyed the scene. Blue Shirt smiled generously, Baldy appeared disinterested whilst Pebble Lens seized the opportunity to practise his English. I flourished the proof of inoculation and Government certificates, ready for completion, were obtained from the nearby cabinet. Blue Shirt reached for his ball point and murmured to Pebble Lens. "May we now see the katz?", said Pebble Lens. In a quiet voice weakened by the strain of the last eight days I explained that the cat was almost certainly fast asleep in our kitchen some 20 km away.

The office vibrated gently as all three officials absorbed and discussed this valuable piece of intelligence information "No cat — no certificate", said Pebble Lens, eventually. Common sense warned me that this was a German bureaucratic victory, but I fought on. "Surely the Vet's certificate conforming that the cat is both healthy and inoculated is sufficient"? Baldy returned to sorting his cards whilst Blue Shirt smiled in triumph. "It matters not what the civilian Vet has thought, we also must examine", said Pebble Lens. I saw my wife's Irish temper approaching flashpoint as I treated her to an artificial loving smile, and grasping her arm firmly I pointed her towards the door.

The following week we all returned to the Government Offices. Once again I offered the inoculation certificate to Pebble Lens who examined it closely and then passed it to Blue Shirt. It received two noisy and impressive official stamps and then one signature. Meantime, Pebble Lens was working on the official Government certificate whilst Baldy was producing three copies of yet another document which clearly indicated that this enjoyable visit was going to set me back five Deutsche Marks. As each document was completed, it was passed to Blue Shirt who wielded his Government stamp with rare skill and not a little noise.

As a conversational gambit I asked Pebble Lens how long the certificates would last. "It is impossible to say", he beamed at me. "Perhaps you could give me a broad idea; is it a week or a year?" "Not possible to say", said Pebble Lens. The hairs on my neck bristled. "Who could tell me?", I asked in a firmly controlled voice. "It is not possible that anyone can answer your question", he replied. I resignedly offered up the five Deutsche Marks and received in exchange three well stamped certificates.

In the relative safety of the car I reviewed the position. Our cat is now inoculated against rabies and we have certificates to this effect which also state that there has been no rabies in our area for at least six months. Furthermore, I believe that the inoculation lasts a year whilst the other certificate lasts as long as rabies remains absent from our area. The only really safe assumption is that we can legally attend the rally this weekend in Holland — but there is one nagging doubt. Supposing there should be rabies in Holland; can we bring Pussy back? D. E. S.

Anglo-German Relations

On first arrival in Germany many people decide to learn the language and are fully resolved to make German friends. In Rheindahlen the complaint is often heard, however, that the British community is so self-sufficient and so self-contained that it is difficult to meet Germans. This difficulty is appreciated and efforts are made by the British and German communities to foster Anglo-German relations in as many fields as possible. These efforts are directed by a committee, with the DAG, Brigadier PGM Litton, and the AOA, Air Commodore E Cook, as the joint British Chairmen, and Oberbürgermeister W Wachtendonk as the German Chairman.

Close contacts have been developed between the British schools and their counterparts in the Moenchengladbach area. For language reasons some of the more obvious activities — exchanges of sixth formers, Anglo-German schools sports — take place in the secondary schools, but there is also increasing activity in the primary schools. Church contacts between the communities have been established by the padres and by Anglo-German services. In sport there are a number of British clubs which play German teams, the highlight of the British football season being the match between a Rheindahlen Services team and a Moenchengladbach side for the Oberbürgermeister's Cup. German lecturers visit Rheindahlen to talk in English on such topics as **Travels in Bavaria** and **The Romantische Strasse**, while British lecturers talk in the Volkshochschule on regions of Britain or aspects of the British way of life. Anglo-German coach trips are made during the summer to places of local interest, castles and museums being particularly popular. Details are published in unit orders, in The Rheindahlen Bulletin and on-BFBS.

Contacts which are of special interest to anyone having difficulty in meeting Germans have been established by the creation in Rheindahlen of an Anglo-German Club, run by Mrs Wilson of the YWCA. To find out details of club activities, ring 5/59634. The RAF Station HQ and the Garrison HQ both offer the opportunity for British and German families to be put in touch with one another. Further information is available from Flt Lt PE Brice (GD 1 HQ RAFG) or from Lt Col D Groves, HQ Rheindahlen Garrison. Many Germans in the area speak excellent English, but for anyone interested in learning German there are daytime and evening classes at the RAF Language Training Centre and at 34 Army Education Centre.

Hint of the Month

A "GIVE WAY" sign means what it says, give way to traffic on the priority road. Where a "HALT" sign is placed, there is sometimes a white line, sometimes not. Where the white line occurs, traffic **MUST STOP AT THE WHITE LINE**. Alternatively where no white line exists, traffic **MUST STOP BEFORE THE SIGN**. It is, however, **AFTER HAVING STOPPED**, permitted to move slowly forward to such an extent that one can, **WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC COMING FROM EITHER SIDE** (including cyclists), enter the main road with safety.

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RAF SHQ

The Annual inspection of RAF Rheindahlen was carried out by Air Commodore E. Cook, D.F.C., Air Officer in Charge of Administration Headquarters Royal Air Force Germany on Friday 29th May, 1970.

Air Commodore Cook inspected the parade which consisted of three flights: RAF Rheindahlen, RAF Germany Commcen and a WRAF Flight before taking the salute. He then visited all sections.

In July we sad to say shall all be farewell to **Flight Lieutenant Owen**

who is going on promotion to Central Work Study Unit. He is probably the best known junior officer at Rheindahlen, everyone who is married worries him for the first few months about getting a house then about the repairs to the one they have got — his smile never changes though. In his spare time he has done most of the background work to make this magazine possible. Farewell and congratulations Jimmy, you will be greatly missed.



Congratulations to Flying Officer and Mrs M. Shearwood on the birth of their first child, a son, Andrew Mark, at RAF Hospital, Wegberg on 3rd June 1970.

The sporting fraternity of RAF Rheindahlen were sorry to see Squadron Leader M. Haines WRAF depart to take up her new post at the Ministry of Defence, as she was an active member of both the Station and Command Hockey, Squash and Badminton teams.

However the high jumping Flying Officer Davey remains with us, maybe it's his job which makes him good at pole vaulting.

AIR STAFF

This is a period of transition for the Air Staff when they can see their efforts emerge from a morass of paperwork and take effect with the departure of the majority of the Canberras and the arrival

of the Phantom and Harrier to the Command, bringing with them the challenging prospect of a new mode of operations. Much effort has gone into the preparatory work to enable the new aircraft to be phased in smoothly and now the staff can look forward to another period of intense activity getting the new aircraft into operational shape.

The Phantoms are settling in at Bruggen and the first of the Harriers will have arrived at Wildenrath by the end of June; both aircraft can be seen being put through their paces at the RAF Germany Open Day at Wildenrath on 5 July 1970.

Recent additions to the staff are Wg Cdr Price (Ops 3), Wg Cdr Wood (C Nav O) and Sqn Ldr Devey-Smith (Ops 2C) who take over from Wg Cdr Shelley, Wg Cdr Wright and Sqn Ldr Harcourt-Smith.

Volunteers are required to take part in the Tomalin Trophy Swimming Proficiency Competition which runs from May to September. Points are awarded according to the distance each team member swims up to a maximum of 3 points for 150 yards using three different strokes. The winning team will be the one group with the greatest number of points when put as a percentage against Flt. Sqn or Dept strength. Competition times are 1500-1600 on Wednesday and 1600-1700 on Fridays.

'P' STAFF COMMENT

'P' Staff can be found in corridors W & V of the 'Big House'. At the head of the branch is Group Captain C. F. Ambrose CBE, DFC, AFC, ADC who was recently appointed ADC to the Queen, a singular honour within this Command.

In spite of the vast quantity of paperwork which comes into the Branch, policy decisions are made from time to time, and we do endeavour to deal with the various problems which reach us as fairly and as quickly as possible.

It is a well known fact that the DSPSO talks to himself and has often been heard to expostulate with some well-turned (if not monotonous) phrase to an empty room, but there is no cause for concern as not all

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'P' Staff Officers are similarly affected by their work.

We must at this stage congratulate Sqn Ldr Mike Lane for his valiant efforts at Rheindahlen Station Sports Day. Having agreed to run first man for the 'P' Staff team in the Chain of Command Relay Race, he proceeded to run a very good first leg. Unfortunately, however, the other team members were either late or had 'gone sick', and being unable to find anyone to hand-over the baton to, Sqn Ldr Lane carried on alone, finishing not far behind the leaders.

Cpl Khoaz (P2) has at last taken delivery of his new car, a Ford Capri and this week has been suffering from 'hearing noises'. No doubt he will recover from this complaint after he has had the car a few months.

Finally we wish Cpl Greenaway (NCO i/c Registry) good luck when he sits his GCE 'O' levels in English and Mathematics this month.

RAF COMMCCEN GERMANY

WO Chris Cross left us in February on retirement. He has achieved his life's ambition — a Pub on the Isle of Man! His replacement is WO Jim Mullen.

WO 'Jacko' Jackson returned to the UK in April, he only had a few months to serve before he retired. His last words to me were "I've had enough of the way things are going back home, I'm emigrating to Australia!" 'Jacko's replacement is WO Reg Davies.

Flt Lt Cliff 'Top Cat' Jones left for Boddington in April. He will be missed in many ways, not least for all the hard work he put in organising the Command football. Cliff's replacement is Flt Lt Bill Grundy who came from 38 Group Support Unit.

In July we are to lose WO Reg Berridge who could best be described as Commcen Germany's continuity man. We can always go to Reg when we've been away from our offices or on detachment etc. and find out what's been happening.

ROUNDAABOUT

The biggest change around Commcen Germany will occur when our OC, Sqn Ldr 'Paddy' Passmore, leaves in July. He is a man of strong personality who has left his mark very firmly on all sections of Commcen Germany. He has "protected" our interests against all comers and has been a most successful OC. We will miss him. His successor is Sqn Ldr J.R.B. Seal.

It was a great shock for all of us when Sgt Alistair Hart of RAF Commcen Germany died on Thursday 28 May 1970.

He was a popular member of RAF Commcen Germany and of the RAF Rheindahlen Sergeants' Mess.

At the request of his mother, he was given a Military funeral. The Church Service was held at St Andrew's Church, Rheindahlen. The burial was at Rheindahlen Military Cemetery. It was a most impressive and well organised funeral. The bearers were fellow SNCOs. A large number of Commcen Germany and RAF Rheindahlen personnel attended the funeral service and burial.

These pages are for your news. Some departments have contributed for this issue.

The Editors would like items covering other parts of Rheindahlen as well. As the Station and Garrison Commanders say regardless of the colour of uniform or civilian dress – so let us have your contributions to the address on page 1 by the 8th of any month for the following month's edition.

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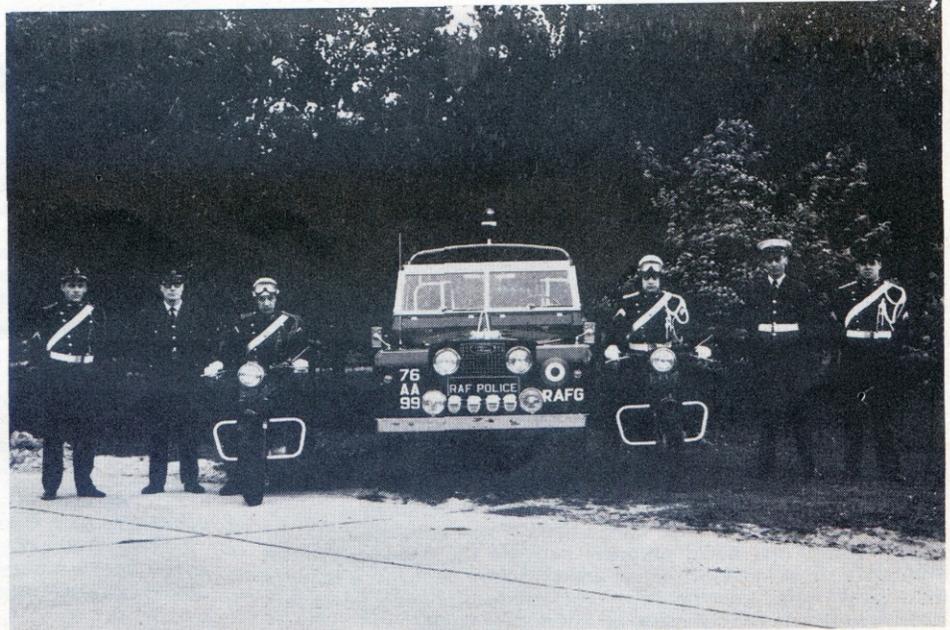
Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands visited RAF Rheindahlen on the 21 May 1970 and, as is usual on such occasions, an RAF Police escort was provided by HQ P&SS(G).

The visit went very smoothly, until the last stage of the escort was reached at 0015 hours on the morning of the 22nd. At this time the Prince, accompanied by the C in C, had just departed the Officers' Mess en route for RAF Wildenrath, where the Prince's aircraft was waiting. The lead escort car on this occasion was one of our low slung, high speed, Police Special Vauxhalls, complete with two members of the Dutch Marechaussee in the rear seats. Well, we were just in the act of departing the RAF Rheindahlen precincts and joining the main road when Crash! Bang! Thump!, our car ran over a small metal object lying in the road. The object stuck under the car and was dragged along with the vehicle, producing the most awful noise imaginable. After a few well chosen four letter words such as Oops – Dear dear, Dash etc., (and the Dutch equivalents from the rear seats); as the car appeared to be under full control, it was decided to press on. (After all, with a Royal car sitting on your tail, what

else can you do?) So on we went, thinking "Metal scraping the road" "Sparks?" "Petrol tank"!!!

After a couple of hundred yards or so the "tail" vehicle, another RAF Police car, called us up on the radio and told us "You have a shower of sparks coming from underneath your car". This illuminating confirmation of our suspicions did nothing at all for our peace of mind. We were at this stage rapidly (and noisily) approaching a village which has a couple of fairly fast bends in the road. It was decided to press on through the village in the hope that we would lose the object as we swept around the bends. Failing this, we would have to pull off the road, wave on the Royal vehicle, get rid of the object (if we could) then catch up the convoy (if we could).

St Christopher must have been with us that night for just as we left the last bend in the village the object disengaged from under the car and rolled off the road. Thereafter the trip was very smooth and we reached Wildenrath without further incident. It was later learned that the Prince and the C in C had been highly amused at our impromptu fireworks display. In retrospect we agree with them, but at the time – Dear Dear, Dash – Dash.



The Rheindahlen Scene

TOP TWENTY POSITION OF CHARTS (AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS)

1 QUESTION	Moody Blues
2 YELLOW RIVER	Christie
3 BACK HOME	England World Cup Squad
4 HONEY COME BACK	Glen Campbell
5 GROOVIN' WITH MR BLOE	Mr Bloe
6 IN THE SUMMER TIME	Mungo Jerry
7 UP THE LADDER TO THE ROOF	Supremes
8 EVERYTHING IS BEAUTIFUL	Ray Stevens
9 ABC	Jackson 5
10 COTTON FIELDS	Beach Boys
11 I DON'T BELIEVE IN IF ANY MORE	Roger Wittaker
12 THE GREEN MANALISHI	Fleetwood Mac
13 ABRAHAM MARTIN JOHN	Marvin Gaye
14 BRONTOSAURUS	Move
15 SPIRIT IN THE SKY	Norman Greenbaum
16 DAUGHTER OF DARKNESS	Tom Jones
16 KENTUCKY RAIN	Elvis Presley
18 IT'S ALL IN THE GAME	Four Tops
19 SALLY	Gerry Monroe
20 DON'T YOU KNOW	Butterscotch

SHORT SHOTS

SAD OLD KINDA MOVIE (PYE): Not as catchy as their previous record *That Same Old Feeling*, but must be another smash hit for Pickertywitch.

IN THE SUMMERTIME (Dawn Records): This years pop sensation. Four new idols with the collective name of Mungo Jerry whose "jug music" disc is selling at a fantastio 35,000 copies a day. This record is a "maxi" single which plays at 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm which all points to Mungo Jerry being at No 1 next week.

KEEP THE CUSTOMER SATISFIED (Polydor): Marsha Hunt (ex Hair) must have a hit with this up - beat version of a Simon and Garfunkle number.

LONG SHOTS

THE CLANCY BROTHERS AND TOMMY MAKEN IN IRELAND: The notes on the record cover sum up the atmosphere and production of this LP in the following words. "They look and sing like men who discovered their voices in a County Tipperary Pub with their mitts firmly gripping pints of Guinness". The LP includes a variety of folk songs with such favourites as *Wild Rover*.

DISCOTHEQUES

Roermond: Moulin Rouge. Usual style of continental Discotheques, large bar and small dance floor. It was absolutely packed when I visited last week, probably because the entrance charge was two Deutsch Marks which included two free drinks. The records were rather dated and the decor not very inspiring. However, the floor show at one o'clock made an interesting finale.

PS. If you don't mind buying singles at five Deutsch Marks each, there is a new record shop called *Die Rille* in the *Lichthof Arcade* in *Moenchengladbach*. The shop includes a coffee bar where you can have a cup of coffee and listen to your choice of records through headphones. The choice of records available is very good, and the choice of decorative shop assistants is even better. R.C.D.

RAF RHEINDAHLEN CAMERA CLUB

Do you know that there is a Camera Club at Rheindahlen? It is situated in the RAF Hobbies Centre opposite the *Queensway Club*, and at present consists of a nucleus of members keen to improve their photographic knowledge and technique. The Club has the use of darkrooms with developing and enlarging facilities and a studio well equipped with lighting which may be used for portrait or other indoor work. We have plenty of room for new members, and membership is open to all who live at Rheindahlen, whether Service or civilian, and their dependents, at small cost. We also welcome anyone from neighbouring stations or barracks.

We meet during the summer months on the third Thursday in the month, in the club Studio at 8 p.m., to discuss technicalities (if members so wish) and to decide future activities. Why not come along if you are interested, or contact the Officer i/c, Sqn Ldr J.R.B. Seal, on Extn 4233, who will be glad to give you all details.

Lourdes 1970

On the 11th June, all European roads led to the small town of Lourdes near the Pyrenean tip of France when a Peace Army of twenty thousand Service men and women were en route for the famous shrine of our Lady. Some hardy pilgrims will no doubt travel on foot like the two Belgian soldiers who walked from Brussels to Lourdes for the 1969 pilgrimage. A BAOR contingent of one hundred and fifty persons, including members of different Churches, travelled by special train with German troops and their families.

Some nineteen nations were represented by the pilgrims who wore the Service uniforms of their countries. The gathering was like a mighty conference of the United Nations at which members of many Armed Forces made a moving profession of their common faith and pray for peace. In a world in which there is so much prejudice, hatred and war, this assembly shows the tremendous power of the christian faith to bring men together in mind and spirit.

At Mass in the great square before the basilica, a hundred chaplains gave Communion, the Sacrament of Peace, to the military pilgrims. In the evening at the Torchlight Procession, twenty thousand flames merged together in one gigantic canopy of light, symbolical of the united hopes and desires of a praying army.

Father T. McATEER

STOP PRESS

RAF THRIFT SHOP

The last 'Taking in' day will be on Thursday 16th July and the last 'Paying Out' day Thursday 23rd July. The Shop will be closed until the dates stated below.

First 'Taking In' day
Thursday 17th September.
First 'Paying Out' day
Thursday 24th September.

ARMY THRIFT SHOP

Will close for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July. The last taking in day will be Tuesday 7th July. The summer sale will be from Tuesday 14th July until Friday 17th July. All items in the shop will be half price. The shop must be cleared due to forthcoming alterations. Any goods not sold or withdrawn will be automatically disposed to charity.

QUEEN'S SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

will be held on Thursday, July 2nd in The Rheindahlen Theatre at 2.30 p.m. after which all parents and visitors are invited to tea at the Upper School. Guests of Honour will be Air Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris.

RHEINDAHLEN YOUTH CLUB

The Senior Club started a Project on 1st. March 1970 to collect the sum of £250 to buy a Guide Dog for the Blind in a year. To date we have collected some £50 towards this sum. We plan to run a Sponsored Marathon Swim lasting for 24 hours, to boost this figure. The provisional date is 24th and 25th July 1970

When this is confirmed full details will be published widely in the Garrison, and members will be approaching you for your support. Please make a note of the dates and keep some cash handy, so that our efforts are a success.

1st RHEINDAHLEN SCOUT GROUP

Scout Troop: Meetings on Wednesday evening, Little Hut, Queen's Ave.
S.L.: P. Wilson, Engineer Branch, HQ
BAOR

'Eagles' Club Pack: Meetings Tuesday evening, Scout HQ, Snyders Rd.
CSL: J. C. Bowman, Officers' Mess,
RAF Rheindahlen

'Kestrels' Cub Pack: Meeting Thursday evening, Scout HQ.
CSL: Cpl J. Findlay-Wilson, RAF
Commcen Germany

2nd RHEINDAHLEN SCOUT GROUP

Scout Troop: Meetings Wednesday Evening,
Scout HQ
GSL: Mr. D. Maunder, Met Office, HQ
RAF Germany

Cub Pack: Meetings Wednesday evening,
Scout HQ
CSL: Miss S. Mason, No. 1 Civilian
Mess, Rheindahlen

RHEINDAHLEN ARMY WIVES MEETING

The venue of the meeting scheduled for 14.30 hours 14th July has had to be changed. This is due to the Marlborough Club rooms being required for a Military Law Course. The meeting will now be held in the CHURCH CENTRE, the timings remain the same. Any business for the meeting should be forwarded to the Secretary by 7th July.

M.P.B.W. WIVES' CLUB

There will be a garden meeting at 6, Hereford Walk on Wednesday 8th July at 14.30 hours. As this will be the last meeting until the autumn it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

HOUSEHOLD DIVISION CLUB

The next meeting of The Household Division Club is to take place at the Sgts' Mess Annex Rheindahlen, on Friday 3rd July at 2030 hrs. All past and present members of The Household Division (formerly Household Brigade) are welcome.

UNITED SERVICES OFFICERS' CLUB

- July 1st. Rheindahlen Flower Club, Summer Show.
3rd. Casino Roulette.
8th. Bingo.
22nd. Bingo.
29th. Services Caravan Club, Monthly Meeting.

CRASH COURSE IN ITALIAN

If, later in the year, you will be spending your leave in Italy and, like many others you do not speak the language, read on. A series of two week courses will be held in the RAF Command Language Centre, Grenville Rd. starting on Monday 27th July at 18.30 hrs. The classes will be of two hours duration on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings for the two weeks. At the end of this period it is hoped that, while you may not be fluent, at least you will not starve or die of thirst. Application to join should be made to: RAF Edn. Squadron, Tel: 4748. Places are strictly limited, first come first served.

ARIEL THEATRE GUILD

Ariel Theatre Guild meet every Tuesday evening in the Little Hut, off Queens Avenue, at 8.15 p.m. New members are always welcome and we can guarantee to involve you in all aspects of the fascinating world of the Theatre. Ring: Ext. 4038 for further information.

KENT SCHOOL DRAW 1970

This year Kent School offers a First Prize of DM 1,500 – for the lucky holder of the winning raffle ticket. DM 500 for the Second Prize and DM 250 for the Third Prize. Help the School by buying a raffle ticket now. Each ticket costs 50 Pfgs. You may buy your tickets from the Bursar, the boys and girls of Chatham and Deal House, or any pupil of Kent School.

RMP RALLY



Crew Line Up – (Photograph by Gerd Medoch, Army P. R.)

Driving beautifully prepared 850cc Minis, a four-car Redcap team have carried off, for the fourth year running, the Military Police Trophy from the annual 24 hour Liege International Police Rally. One car was unplaced after losing most of its front suspension in the crucial early hours of the morning, the remaining three cars were still fast enough to take their class award.

In a big-power line-up that included BMW's, Alfa's, Volvo's and Peugeot's the Minis were placed 15th (WOII Henry Mackie and S/Sgt Tony Johnson), 19th (Captain Peter Hewlett-Smith and S/Sgt Michael Ayling), and 21st (Cpl Sheridan and S/Sgt Moore) out of a start list of 60. The fact that they finished at all after the 750 high-speed miles of the Ardennes course is a tribute to both the men who drove and navigated them and the mixed RMP and REME team that kept men and machines going. At the final count, only 27 cars remained to cross the finish line in Liege's Palais de Congress.

The Redcaps did not altogether escape the ravages of this fast, tight 24 hours. They began their practise sessions with five cars, only to lose one as a write-off after Cpl Almen, with Sgt Seabourne as navigator, removed a solid concrete kilometre post on a fast bend and overturned several times. Mercifully, both were relatively unhurt. In the final stages of the Rally itself, a support crew Land Rover left the road, putting its three occupants in hospital for a day with cuts and severe bruising.

Fast driving on mountain roads had its risks, and the Redcap crews – a combination of experience and new blood – quickly acclimatised themselves to the sight of opposition cars left around the course in various stages of wreckage.

Team Captain Peter Hewlett-Smith and navigator S/Sgt Michael Ayling, motoring very fast along a lonely mountain road, stopped to rescue the French crew of a Peugeot that had gone off the road and overturned, resting on its roof on the edge of a frightening drop. Unable to extricate themselves for fear of sliding the car over the edge, the terrified Frenchmen were dragged clear by the RMP pair – a gesture that cost them a full minute's deficit, but one that any rally crew would not hesitate to make.

Fastest Redcap crew were veteran driver WOII Henry Mackie and navigator S/Sgt Tony Johnson, both serving with HQ 1 (BR) Corps Provost Company. Henry Mackie's fast driving and Tony Johnson's flawless navigating produced a finishing time less than two minutes down after the 24 hours. Close behind them came Hewlett-Smith and Ayling, with a fraction under seven minutes deficit, Cpl Sheridan and S/Sgt Moore taking the team's third spot two minutes later.

Unlucky Cpl Pirie and Sgt Mottram, who had driven a first class rally, were forced out of the running during the final stages, robbing them of a well deserved chance to claim their share of the accolades.

Country Dance Festival

On Tuesday 26th May children from schools in Rheindahlen and as far away as Cologne and Laarbruch made their way to St. Clement's School in Wickrath. Under blue skies over a hundred and sixty children danced for guests and for each other. Each school presented an individual demonstration dance. The schools also performed several dances together. The attractive costumes that the teams wore included kilts and dirndls. These made a colorful picture in the sunshine.

The organisers of the Festival were Miss Moira McEneny and Miss Sylvia Mason of St. Clement's School. A Festival would not have been possible without the hard work that teachers from other schools put in with their own teams, and RAF Rheindahlen gave assistance with the amplification system. Although many people helped to make the Festival a success it was the children in their dancing who made the afternoon so memorable.

The schools in Rhine Area have been holding the Country Dance Festival for several years now. Different schools in the area have acted in turn as hosts to the visiting teams and the participating schools thus share the work of staging the event.

Every year the standard of dancing seems to get better with the children obviously enjoying themselves. Country dancing evidently appeals to both boys and girls and the number of boys participating gets larger each year. The non-competitive Festival also gives children and spectators a programme of dances from different countries and in turn the children can appreciate differences in the art and culture of various peoples.

It is to be hoped that when the next Festival is held in 1971, the sun will shine on the colourful gathering of boys and girls from schools in Rhine Area who will again delight each other with their skill in the Dance.

J. D. A.

Summer Fete

The Rheindahlen Inter-Church Senate Summer Fete on 23 May proved to be a great success. As Lady Foxley-Norris approached the dais to declare the Fete open, the sun came out. A large crowd besieged the stalls and sideshows, looking for bargains and for enjoyment and by the end of the afternoon practically everything was sold. A special attraction this year was the presence of the RAF Band under the directorship of Flying Officer Barry Hingley. The highlight of the afternoon was a freefalling parachute display by the Rhine Army Parachute Club.

The grand sum of DM 6162:92 was collected after all expenses were paid and this is being shared amongst the following charities; Shelter, NSPCC, Christian Aid and three local German charities. Individual takings from the various stalls, which were organised by the Ladies Guilds from the three churches, were as follows: -

	DM		DM
Books	254	Cakes	319
Toys	199	Handwork	951
Groceries	453	Hand-made Toys	576
Plants	195	Soft Drinks	75
Hats	494	Bran Tubs	160
Bottles	751	Continental	21
White Elephant	625	Handkerchieves	33
Cosmetics	186		

The Chairman and members of the Inter-Church Senate wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make the Fete a success.

SMALL ADVERTS

WANTED: Any colour transparencies of Libya on Loan. Phone R. A 3363.

VACANCIES:

A qualified Dental Surgeon is required for employment at the Army Rheindahlen Dental Centre. Qualified applicants may obtain details from OC 6 PCLU, British Employment Office, 1, Bedford Walk, Rheindahlen. Tel: R. A. 2124 Arrangements will be made for applicants to be interviewed by the Royal Army Dental Corps Officer concerned.

The following vacancies for teachers are likely to arise for September 1970 and applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates by telephoning the Headmaster Kent School on Hostert Mil 48.

1. Graduate teacher of French and German preferably with experience of teaching French to 'O' and 'A' Level.
2. Two teachers of general subjects preferably with experience of teaching low ability groups.
3. Teacher of English to 'O' and C.S.E. Levels.
4. Teacher of Geography to 'O' Level."

LOST: rolled gold USA playmate biro pen on 19th May. Rita De'ath Tel: Office 4251/4262 or Mess 4640/4297.

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Rheindahlen Allied Marches



The Rheindahlen Allied Marches were first held in 1967. The interest shown was considerable and the marches are now a well established international event. In 1969 there were some 1500 participants from seven allied nations: Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

In 1970 the marches will take place on Wednesday – 8 July 70 and are open to all members of the Allied Nations, whether servicemen, civilians, men, women or children. Service teams and youth organisations are particularly welcomed as participants. To meet the needs of all there are three distances to select from:

Category A – 40 Km, Category B – 30 Km, Category C – 15 Km (under 14 years of age).

Participation is either by individuals or teams of a minimum of five. The start and finish point for the marches is Rheindahlen Garrison Camp Square which will be signed from all entrances to Rheindahlen base.

The route for the marches is through pleasant country in the vicinity of the base and includes: –

RAF Hospital Wegberg, Berg, Molz Mühle, Merbeck, Varbrook, Niederkrüchten, Brempt, South of Harik See, Mülrather Mühle, Laar, Brügggen, Bornemühle, Amern, Waldniel.

Rest points and medical aid posts will be established along the route.

The Marches are an excellent opportunity for members of the Allied nations to meet together and also provide an incentive to participants to attain the necessary standards of physical fitness to complete the course without discomfort.

Conditions of participation and entry forms may be obtained from: –

A P S
HQ BAOR
405 Mönchengladbach or BFPO 40
Rheindahlen 2

Entries should be made as early as possible.

An entrance fee of DM 2.50 will be charged to cover the cost of insurance, medals and other expenses.

Medals will be presented to those who successfully complete the course.

Participants are invited to assemble at the Garrison Camp Square for the start at the following times:

Category A – 40 Km
between 0630 and 0750 hrs
Category B – 30 Km
between 0800 and 0900 hrs
Category C – 15 Km
between 1100 and 1200 hrs.

Garrison Stamp Club

With our best wishes to the Rheindahlen Bulletin for its future success, we, the Rheindahlen Garrison Stamp Club, are most grateful for space to introduce ourselves to those stamp collectors who may have recently arrived.

Meetings are held every Thursday evening in Cambridge House, Rheindahlen from 7–9 p.m. Membership is open to all allied military personnel, civilians and their families in HQ BAOR, HQ RAFG, HQ 2ATF and HQ NORTHAG. Apart from those members here in Rheindahlen we have a flourishing postal membership with members scattered between Italy and Scotland; these are members who have served in Rheindahlen but have moved on.

Most meetings are 'swop and chat' sessions with occasional displays and films, we also hold a stamp auction every 6 weeks which proves to be most popular. "Sidelines" within the club are a New Issues Service for GB Commemoratives and West Germany and West Berlin stamps, at face value plus 5 pfennigs per set service charge. We are also able to obtain catalogues, albums and sundries to order from a firm in England.

Members are also encouraged to insert approvals into the club circuit. We have our own printed First Day Covers which can be used for any event.

We try and keep the membership fees at a fairly reasonable level, and they are: 5 DM for Adult members in Rheindahlen, 50 pf for children under 16 and 3 DM for postal members, (per year).

If any reader of the Bulletin would like to know more about the Club please come along on a Thursday evening, or contact the Secretary, SSgt J. Sevier, 6 P.I. Coy Int & Sy Gp (GERMANY) Tel no. 4395.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 2nd No meeting in Cambridge House. Assemble at Rheindahlen Theatre for lecture by Dr Marcus Arman.

July 9th Auction. Commence at 1915 hrs. Date to be announced: Showing of GPO prize winning film "Picture to Post".

You May Need SsaFa

- YOU** could have problems in your family and want to consult a social worker: (SSAFA Welfare Officers 4251)
- YOU** could have relatives of whom you wanted news (through Unit or Regt or through SSAFA Welfare Office)
- YOU** could need the help when you are an ex-Service family: (SSAFA Home Dept., 27, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1.)
- YOU** could be an officer's widow and need help: (SSAFA Home Dept., 27, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1.)
- YOU** could be ill and need a home help or need your children fostered: (Mrs. Gibson tel: 2007. Mrs. Gebbels tel: 4689)
- YOU** could need your child to be escorted to and from school in the UK (SSAFA Overseas Welfare Dept., 27, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.1.)
- YOU** could need to hire a cot, pram or invalid chair (Sgt. Gordon tel: 2097)
- YOU** would need ante natal care, baby clinics, school medicals, immunization, home visiting. (SSAFA Nursing Service)
SSAFA NEEDS YOU

International 100 Bird 'Skeet' Championship

In brilliant sunshine, the recently formed Rheindahlen Gun Club held it's first major competition at the Club's shooting ground on the 16th May, with the kind permission of the Garrison Commander, Rheindahlen Garrison, Colonel C. L. Boynton.

The five competing teams were a team from Dortmund, the BEA 'Silverwings' team from London, the Rheindahlen Gun Club Services Team, the Rheindahlen Gun Club Army Civilian Team and the RAF Civilian Team.

Team event of the competition was won by the Dortmund team with a total of 375 points, with Army Civilian team taking second place. The RAF Civilian team was third.

The Individual Champion: Mr. G. McGill (Services Team) 85 points
2nd: Herr Grosse-Kleimann (Dortmund) 84 points
3rd: Herr Caspers (RAF Civilians) 84 points (2nd and 3rd places were decided after a shoot off)

The special 'booby' prize of one bottle of whisky was taken regretfully by Mr. Coates of the BEA 'Silverwings' team. The competition prizes were presented by Mrs. Ogilvie, wife of the Club President. The Dortmund team presented the Services team with a souvenir book of German hunting.

At a reception given by Colonel Ogilvie, the visiting BEA team were made honorary members of the Rheindahlen Gun Club, and he complimented the visitors and club teams on their standard of competition shooting. The visiting teams in reply said "we are very impressed with the high standard of shooting, sportsmanship and organisation of the Rheindahlen Gun Club". J. M. K.



Lt. Colonel (Retd) S. Ogilvie addressing the competitors before the presentations. (Photograph by J. Miller-Kelly)

GLOBE CINEMA

1	DRACULA HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE	Christopher Lee	X
2	SINFUL DAVEY	John Hurt	A
3, 4 *	SWEET CHARITY	Shirley MacLaine, Sammy Davis jnr	A
5	RUN WILD, RUN FREE	John Mills, Sylvia Syms	U
6	FOR A DOLLAR IN THE TEETH	Tony Anthony, Frank Wolff	X
7	GUNS OF THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN	G. Kennedy, J. Whitmore	A
8	THE DEVIL'S 8	Christopher George, Fabian	A
9	THE SWEET BODY OF DEBORAH	Carroll Baker, Jean Sorel	X
10	CARRY ON CAMPING	Sidney James, Kenneth Williams	A
11	THE ITALIAN JOB	Michael Caine, Noel Coward	U
12, 13	MAROONED	Gregory Peck, Richard Crenna	U
14	DEAD RUN	Peter Lawford, Ira Fürstenberg	X
15	A BULLET FOR THE GENERAL	Gian Maria Volonte, K. Kinski	A
16	THE MAN OUTSIDE	Van Heflin, Peter Vaughan	X
17, 18	EASY RIDER	Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper	X
19, 20	THE NIGHT THEY RAIDED MINSKY'S	J. Robards, N. Wisdom	A
21	NOBODY RUNS FOREVER	Rod Taylor, Christopher Plummer	A
22	IN COLD BLOOD	Robert Blake, Scott Wilson	X
23	GENGHIS KHAN	Omar Sharif, Stephan Boyd	A
24, 25	BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID	P. Newman, R. Redford	U
26, 27	WRONG ARM OF THE LAW	Peter Sellers, Lionel Jeffries	A
28	CORRUPTION	Peter Cushing, Sue Lloyd	X
29	DUFFY	James Coburn, James Mason	A
30	THE ADVENTURES OF BULLWHIP GRIFFIN	Roddy McDowall, Suzanne Pleshette	U
31, 1 *	BARRABBAS	Anthony Quinn, Sylvana Mangano	A
	Friday at 17.45 and 20.30 hrs		
	Saturday at 14.30, 17.30 and 20.30 hrs		

MATINEE

4	BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA	Cliff Robertson, Gia Scala	U
18	HERCULES	Steve Reeves, Sylvia Koscina	U
	Children's Cinema Club at 10.30 hours		

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STATION SPORTS DAY

SPORTS ROUND UP

Sports Day 1970 had attractions for all the family including the dog and at one stage the large spectator crowd deserted the track to watch our faithful four-legged friends go through their paces.

In spite of these diversions from the athletics, the performances in the main events were of the highest standard seen for a number of years, with many former champions turning out for one more go.

RAF Rheindahlen capitalised on this improvement by producing their best ever result in the Inter Station Championships the following week.

The Inter-Departmental Championship was very keenly fought and not decided until the last event, the 4 x 100 metre relay. This event was won by SHQ but HQ RAFG took second place with Commcen third. This gave HQ RAFG the championship but Commcen won the Tug of War to take one trophy.

TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPIONS	—	HQ RAFG
TUG OF WAR	—	COMMCCEN
RELAY WINNER	—	SHQ RHEINDAHLEN

Notable novelty results included a win for the Padres in the Miniature GRAND PRIX largely due to a terrific spurt by Miss Joan Rylands (Chaplain's Assistant) on the final straight.

The WRAF gave us a lesson in speedy bed making including the construction of the bed frame.



The final event was the traditional Chariot race. Mechanical Engineering Squadron produced the most spectacular 'Roman' vehicle but Commcen with a modern pneumatic chariot won the race.

Mrs. J. A. C. Aiken presented the cups to the grateful winners.

Group Captain Henshaw proudly collected the trophy for the RAF Rheindahlen Champion Dog 1970, his second dog also won a prize which only goes to prove that it is easier to let your dog win the prizes for you on Sports Day without having to do the training yourself.

RAFG Cricket Association

The selection of the Command team proper begins on Saturday 11 July when trials will be held at Rheindahlen commencing at the *uncricket-like hour of 0930* on the RAF Sports Field. Cricketers who wish to be considered for trial should complete the proforma which is available through Officer i/c Cricket, Wg Cdr Sparkes or from the Command Secretary Sqn Ldr Durrant. The Trials conclude on Sunday 12 July with a match against Rheindahlen Extras on the RAF No 1 pitch, probable start time 1100 hours.

For our first cricket week this year we have strong opposition in the shape of RAF Training Command and The Augustans. We play Training Command on Mon and Tues 27 & 28 Jul and The Augustans on Thurs and Fri 30 & 31 Jul. The week concludes with a four team knock-out on Sat 1 Aug, the fourth team being the old enemy, BAOR.

I can't guarantee the weather but I can guarantee that spectators will see some interesting and exciting cricket. Why not plan now to take some interesting time off from the office (you may be surprised how little you are missed) and support your Command side? Play continues through the lunch hour to 1330 so a picnic lunch will just fit the bill.

Boys Cricket

Boys cricket will be run on the same lines as last Summer Holidays, i.e., a game will be arranged every Thursday afternoon, starting on Thursday 16th July. All ages will be welcome, but if *sufficient younger boys (aged 13 and under)* are available, then additional games will be arranged for them on Tuesday afternoons (from 21st July). All kit will be provided.

A match has been arranged for Wednesday 29th July or Wednesday 5th August. The date will be confirmed later.

Will all those interested please submit names and ages, preferably with details of talent, i.e., bat/bowl/fielding position to Major Sankey (Rhine Army 2834/3326); and/or turn up at the Garrison Pavilion, St Vincent Road, at 1400 hrs on Thursday 16th July.

Children's Tennis

There will be an American Tournament for all children every Tuesday during the Summer Holidays commencing 4th August. Juniors (up to 13 years) from 9.30 a.m. to 12. Entry fee 50 pfgs. Seniors (13 to 16 years) from 9.30 a.m. to 12 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee DM 1.

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