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## Compiler's Preface

This edition combines the editions of 25 April 1946 and of 15 July 1946. The base text is that of the 25 April edition with portions of the text marked in square brackets if there are [differences]. Text added to the 25 April edition is displayed as [+ difference]. Text deleted from the 25 April edition is displayed as [- difference]. Changes in the text are displayed as [25 April >] 15 July.

The paper used in the 25 April edition was only a step above newsprint. The paper used in the 15 July edition was a glossy white, a considerable step up.

The booklets have been repaginated to fit the format of this book (6X9 inches). The original page size was 4X6 inches. Only blatant typographical errors have been corrected.



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Coat of Arms of Berlin

## Foreword

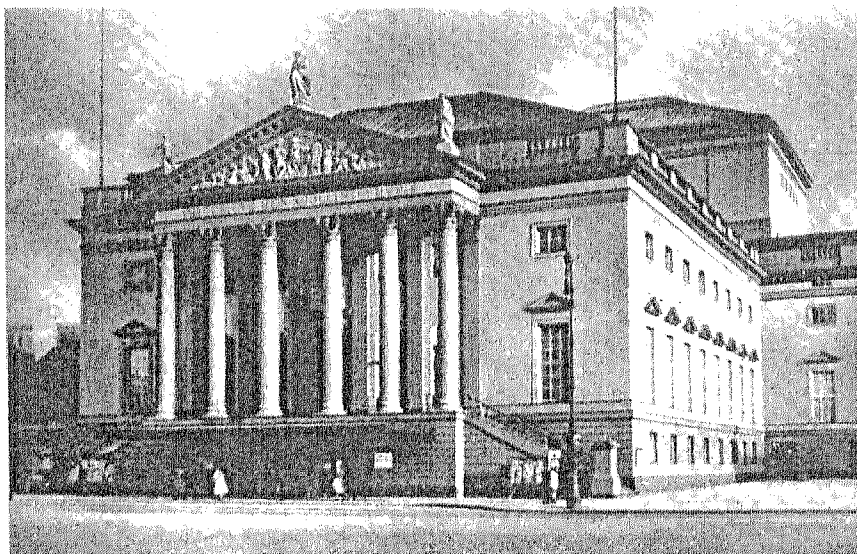
The Commanding General on behalf of the Berlin District Command extends a hearty greeting to you, the families of the United States military and civilian personnel serving in Berlin. It is hoped that your stay here will be a pleasant one. For some of you, this is merely another station, or another foreign tour; you have been members of military communities on previous occasions. For others, this is your first experience as "Army wives" and children. Your comfort, security, and well-being depend to a certain extent on your ability to adapt yourself to the military mode of living. You will find that it is not a particularly restrictive one. However, to assure an orderly, safe, and happy community, all its members must be content to abide by army and post regulations and by the decisions of the commander. In Berlin, you are in a foreign country, occupied at present by Allied Powers. During your stay here you will come in contact with the nationals of these Allies, and with the German people. You will be subject as are all our US personnel, to US military law rather than to civilian law. Your channels of official contact with the United States Government are through military, not diplomatic or consular offices.

Many agencies have been set up in Berlin District to provide you with shelter and food, and to enable you to enjoy various educational and recreational facilities. This booklet describes these; and contains in brief form much other data which will be useful to you. It is not in all cases a complete coverage, but will indicate where further information can be obtained.

Suggestions for improvement of future editions are welcomed, and should be submitted to Headquarters Berlin District, Attention G-3 Section, Telephone 84-3211, extension 2023.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Colonel, GSC.  
Chief of Staff.



State Opera





Main entrance, McNair Barracks



# Part I

## A Brief Description of Berlin and the Occupation Forces

### Berlin

#### Historical background

The early history of Berlin is obscure. There is a more or less legendary account that it dates back to the time of Albrecht the Bear, founder of the Margravate (Mark) of Brandenburg; but better opinion holds that it was established by his grandsons, as a bulwark against the Slavs. Equal uncertainty surrounds the etymology of the word Berlin; the best authorities claim that this name and that of Kölln are of Slavic or Wendish origin. Kölln stems from the word "Kal", meaning moor, and Berlin from "bor" meaning fir and "rola" or "rolina" meaning field or ground. The word Berlin, therefore, would be derived from "to dem Berlyne", i. e. a sandy field, where only firs grow. Less reliable scholars trace the origin of Berlin to the Teutonic *barelein*, from the fact that a bear appears upon the coat of arms of the city.

Although its history dates from the early part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, Berlin was in 1939 a thoroughly modern city, Capital of the Reich, capital also of Prussia. Berlin was the second largest metropolis on the Continent and the fifth largest in the world. According to the 1944 World Almanac, it had a population of 4,322,242 souls, but war casualties and the exodus of an unknown number of refugees from air raids reduced the population considerably. Current estimates, based upon food ration cards issued, indicate a civilian population of about 3,000,000, of whom 900,000 live in the US Sector.

Berlin originally comprised two communities — Berlin and Kölln. These were temporarily united in 1307; in 1432 a common council governed the two towns. As the centuries passed, other towns grew up nearby, each completely independent of the others. By 1900 this cluster included Charlottenburg, with a population of 300,000; New Kölln with a population in excess of 237,000 and Schöneberg with nearly 175,000 inhabitants; not to mention other communities which lay so close to Berlin and to each other that in most instances boundary

lines had been obliterated. Yet all attempts to unite them failed until 1911, when Greater Berlin was created. This is the reason that today each district of the city has its own burgomeister, or mayor, and that all are subject to the rule of the oberburgomeister or Lord Mayor of Greater Berlin.

Several of the main highways leading in to the center of the city are each called Berliner Strasse. Since Greater Berlin was not united until comparatively recently, each outlying town had a main road leading to Berlin; hence, the several Berliner Strasse.

After casual bombing of Berlin during the years 1940 and 1941 the systematical destruction of the various quarters of the city began in the year 1942. By early 1944 Allied bombers were leveling Berlin's buildings using incendiaries and high explosives. At this time the "Hammer and Sickle" was beginning its tidal wave across northeast Germany.

Berlin faced imminent capture by the latter part of April 1945. After encircling the town from all sides (except for gaps to the west and northwest) the Russians made the main attack from the east and north. By the end of the month they had closed in, and had begun to unleash infantry, tanks and artillery along the main thoroughfares. SS and Wehrmacht troops set up defenses within the city. One important line of defense ran from Potsdamer Square to the Brandenburg Gate, thence along the Spree River to Stettiner Station. House-to-house fighting and mortar and artillery fire raged for a few days longer. On May 2, 1945 the city fell and the Red Army swarmed in.

Today, a year later, you may still see fox holes, gun pits and broken 88's along the highways, burned armored vehicles in the side lanes; and here and there under the trees are graves of Russians or Germans.

## Landmarks

A tour through Berlin will convince you that at least one of Hitler's prophecies has come to pass. When the former dictator told the Germans in the early days of his conquests that "In five years you will not recognize Germany", he had no inkling to what extent his predictions would materialize — nor did he anticipate the manner in which the alterations would be accomplished. A drive along Unter den Linden, formerly one of Europe's most beautiful streets, will show the visitor clearly the destructiveness of this total war. Nearly all public buildings, and most of the commercial centers are now heaps of rubble or broken fragments of walls standing like monoliths stark against the gray sky.

On Wilhelmstrasse the Reichskanzlei, Hitler's office and residence, where it is assumed he took his life, is still existing in mutilated condition. It was from the small balcony on the front of this building that "der Führer" reviewed his troops and addressed his people. The bunker in the interior of the grounds, where he found protection from bombs and where his body and that of Eva

Braun are believed to have lain, is now open to the public on Sundays. Not far from there can be seen the Reichstag which was burned by the Nazis in their ascension to power. Other prominent buildings on this "highway of destruction" include the Schloss, residence of Prussian Kings since the death of Frederick the Great, the Schauspielhaus, Berlin's finest theater for the classics, and many other municipal buildings.



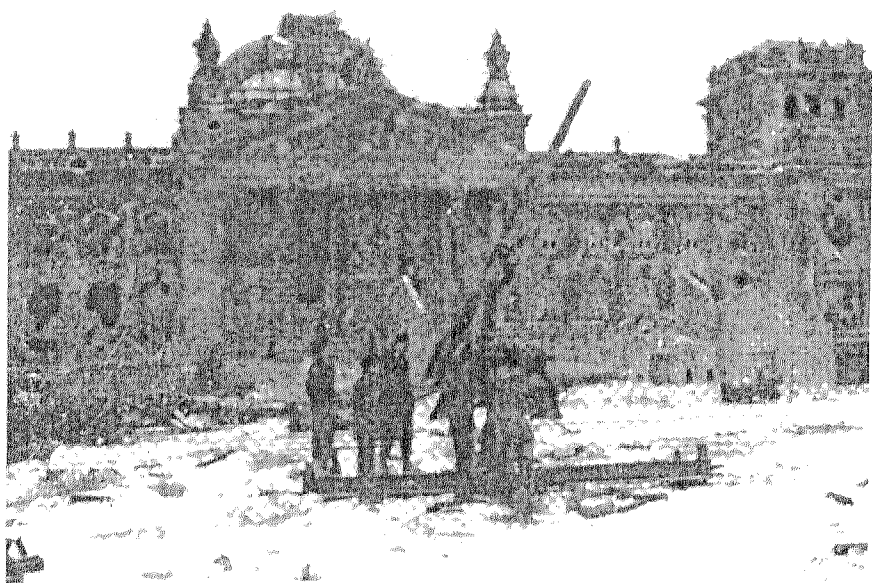
Brandenburg Tor

Arched over Unter den Linden is the Brandenburg Tor, or Gate, with the Goddess of Victory standing on top. Through its columns, to the west, can be seen the Tiergarten minus the trees which once adorned it. These trees have been cut and used for firewood, and the desolate area which remains has, until very recently, been the scene of extensive blackmarket activities. At the western end of the Tiergarten are two massive fortresses or flak towers, part of the anti-aircraft system of defenses. Nearby is the famous Berlin Zoo.

Other sectors of Berlin also contain buildings and sites of interest. Tempelhof Airport in the American sector was once the pride of the Luftwaffe and the finest airport in Europe. Kurfürstendamm, the Fifth Avenue of Berlin, even today is the style center of Germany.

One well-known landmark, now in the British Sector, is the Olympic Stadium, the site of the 1936 Olympic Games. It was not badly damaged by bombings, and despite the absence of pomp and stagecraft of which the Nazis were masters, it is still impressive.

You have been furnished another booklet "An Illustrated Introduction to the City of Berlin", which conveys more fully the contrasts offered by views of the once peaceful Berlin and its now somber ruins.



[Dom >] Reichstag

## Occupational Forces

### First troops

Life in Berlin today has a decidedly international aspect. Here you will come in contact with German civilians and with officers and men of the four occupational armies — Russian, French, British and American. Street signs, depending upon which sector you are in, probably will be posted both in German and in Russian, French or English. You are permitted to move about freely in all four sectors of the city, but you cannot (without special authority) go outside Berlin into the Soviet Zone.

Greater Berlin is not governed by a single power but by a quadripartite organization described below under "Kommandatura".

The American occupation of the US Sector of Berlin was effected during the first week of July 1945. The Southwest sector of Greater Berlin comprising the administrative districts (Verwaltungsbezirks) of Zehlendorf, Schöneberg,

find candy, tobaccos, the usual PX items, a fine gift shop, tailor shops, the QM Commissary, radio and electrical repair shop, jewelry and watch repair shop, a fancy grocery shop, a photo portrait studio, a bottled beer and coca cola service, a soda fountain will also operate here. There is a moving picture theatre daily showing current films at Onkel Toms. One more Super PX and commissary in addition to the above is planned for the near future. A large PX is located in McNair Barracks, Bldg. E, telephone: 2869 and another at Tempelhof Headquarters Bldg, telephone 5455.



Wannsee

## PX Cards

Post Exchange Cards for dependents will be issued on request by the same agency that issues the PX Card of the dependent's husband, son, [+ or] father.

## Beauty Parlor

A modern shop equipped with twelve hair-dressing machines operated, under the Post Exchange, by competent civilians is located at 24 Ihnestrasse. Appointments can be made by calling 76-6535. Open from 1300 to 2000 hours. [+ Another such shop also operates in the Super PX Onkel Toms Hütte

telephone: 43-990. The third Beauty Parlor will soon be in operation in the McNair Barracks Post Exchange.]

### [Garages >] Garage and Service Stations

At present there are two automobile garages operating in Berlin for US personnel and their dependents. These are civilian establishments under contract to the Post Exchange. The first, at 57 Schlossstrasse, will handle lubrication, repairs, washing and servicing [+ telephone: 42-522]. The next one is on a larger scale; there are seventy-five mechanics employed here and, in addition to the service mentioned above, this garage will effect all major repairs. This establishment is at [28-36 Bessamer Strasse >] 28/36 Bessemerstrasse in the Tempelhof area [+ telephone: 66-6481]. [- Plans call for the eventual establishment of three more service stations comparable to those in the United States. Gasoline and oil are now sold only by the Quartermaster on coupons obtainable from the Post Exchange, but it is expected that Post Exchange service stations will be established to take over this function.]

[+A service station located at 57, Schlossstrasse, is open for lubrication, washing, tire repairing, and minor repairs. Road service will be available from this service station for tire repairing in the near future, telephone: 42-827.]

[+Gasoline and oil coupons books can be obtained at Post Exchange Office, 18 Boltzmannstrasse, telephone 43-827.]

### Gift Shop

A [fair >] considerable variety of gifts are [+ now] available in [three Post Exchange >] all Army Exchange Service Gift Shops [now open, and it is hoped that stocks and selections will increase soon >], and stocks as well as selections are increasing continually. [+ Certain] gift articles are [- now] rationed, and your [Post Exchange card >] PX ration card must be presented when making purchases. [+ Larger] shops are located at McNair Barracks (Building E), [+ and] 26 Ladenstrasse at OMGUS [- , and Headquarters Building at Tempelhof].

### Laundry, dry cleaning, and shoe repair

The Berlin District Quartermaster will give prompt service on laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repair work. At present there are three pick-up points for these items: McNair Barracks, (Building E); Officers Sales Store (9 Hauptstrasse, Schöneberg); and another building across from Onkel Toms Hütte, 127 Riemestrasse. Approximately one week is required for all work. Services will be on a cash-and-carry basis.

## Messes

Upon your arrival in Berlin and before you are settled in your home sufficiently to set up your own facilities, you may wish to eat at a mess. The following accommodations are available to the families:

Officers Mess No. 1	18/20 Terrassenstrasse	For families of officers living at Schlachtensee
Wannsee Hotel	Wannsee Lake	For families of officers living at Nikolassee and Wannsee
Circle Hotel	57 Beerenstrasse	For families of officers and EM living at Zehlendorf-West
EM Press Mess	Argentinische Allee	
Officers Mess No. 2	McNair Barracks	For families of officers and EM living at Zehlendorf and Lichterfelde.
[+ Harnack House]	[+ 16 Ihnestrassse]	[+ For families of officers living in Dahlem]

## Newspapers

[- "Berlin Daily Post" — A daily newspaper printed in Berlin with local and international coverage. Contains latest schedules of recreational facilities. Located at Berlin District Headquarters. Phone: 84-2701. Will be handled later through news stands to be operated by the Post Exchange.]

[- "The Observer" — A unit paper published by personnel of OMGUS. It covers unit activities and special photographic features on subjects of interest carried throughout Europe. Located at 25 Irmgardstrasse. Phone: 84-6751.]

"Stars and Stripes" — the unofficial paper of the US Armed Forces in the European theater. Printed in Germany with international coverage. Distributed by subscription.

"New York Herald Tribune" — Printed in Paris and distributed by subscription. Will be sold also at Post Exchange news stands.

## Photo shop

Berlin District [+ Army] Exchange Photo Service has a complete laboratory capable of developing, printing and enlarging photographs. Film left



at any Post Exchange will be handled by this service. Portrait studios are operating at McNair [+Barracks] and Onkel Toms Hütte.

### **Tailor Shop**

There are Post Exchange tailor shops available for families of military personnel in all three commands: Building E, McNair Barracks; Tempelhof Headquarters Building; [+ Onkel Toms Hütte,] and 30 Garystrasse at OMGUS, telephone 76-4840.

### **Watch repair**

All watch repairing will be accomplished through the Post Exchanges. [+ A fine watch repair shop exists in Onkel Toms Hütte.]

### **[+ Taxi Service]**

[+ Plans are underway for a taxi service to be operated by the Army Exchange Service.]

### **[+ Ice Cream Plant]**

[+ A modern ice cream plant, located in McNair Barracks, is in operation, supplying ice cream to unit Post Exchanges. Individuals as well as organizations can obtain ice cream through their unit Post Exchange.]

## **Communications Facilities**

### **Postal**

The mail here in Berlin will be handled a little differently than it was in the States. All mail will be sent to you in care of your husband, son or father, and will go to his Army Post Office for delivery through him to you. Practically all the services available in post offices at home will be available here.

There are two Army Post Offices in Berlin at present; they are listed below, with their telephone numbers, for your convenience:

Army Post Office 742 Kronprinzenallee 42625

Army Post Office 755 McNair Barracks 2643

You will be served by the same APO as your husband, son or father. Any postal information that you desire can be obtained from the Postal Officer of your Army Post Office.

When you are supplied with your identification card, you will be given two locator cards, WD AGO Form No. 302, to complete. One card is for your

servicing Army Post Office and the other is for the Central Postal Directory, APO 800, US Army. It is necessary that they be completed immediately.

The rates for postage for you will be:

Three (3) cents per ounce for ordinary letter mail. Six (6) cents per one-half (1/2) ounce for air mail. You are not authorized free mail privileges. It is necessary that all mail be fully prepaid.

As it is illegal for military personnel to receive communications and packages on behalf of German civilians, it will also be illegal for you to do so.

You are authorized to communicate with civilians in all countries, except Spain and Japan, through international mail service. Rates for these services are available at your APO.

## Telegraph, Cable, Radio

Two commercial telegraph companies are operating between Berlin and the US. Both companies, RCA and McKay Radio, will accept messages for delivery anywhere in the United States.

The rates for telegrams to the US are as follows: a) for the "Victory Service" which requires approximately one day for transmission of the message to the addressee, the charge is 0.67 (6.7 RM) for ten words to New York City; or 0.87 (8.7 RM) for ten words to any other point in the country. b) For the "Full Rate Service", which insures priority handling of the message, the rate is a straight 0.20 (2 RM) per word for delivery anywhere in the US.

Telegrams may be sent from any of the booths set up throughout the city, such as OMGUS Gate House, Berlin District (McNair Barracks), Titania Palast and the Red Cross Clubs.

Although not at the present time available, the companies expect to be able to offer photo service (for the transmission of pictures to the US) in the near future.

## Telephone

There are two types of dial telephones now being used in the American Sector of Berlin. These phones are (1) city telephones identified by a six-digit number and (2) military automatic exchange phones identified by a four or five-digit number. To make a call from a city telephone to another city telephone it is only necessary to dial the number listed, which is in all cases a six-digit number. To call from a city telephone to an extension at OMGUS, BD, ACA or Tempelhof it is necessary to dial the number listed for the switchboard of that military installation. In other words, to call Berlin District one would dial 84-3211 and ask the operator for the desired extension number.

On all telephones in the Berlin area the dial tone is a steady tone. A rapid series of short tones indicates that the line is busy, and a regular short one indicates that the number dialed is being rung. When a number is dialed incorrectly the dial tone is a series of alternating low and high-pitched tones. When a mis-dial is indicated hang up the receiver and try to re-dial the desired number. If a mis-dial is indicated the second time, check the directory for the correct number. If you have been dialing the correct number and receive a mis-dial indication, dial 15 and ask the operator for assistance.

There are no long distance telephone facilities within Europe for personal calls. The only long distance calls booked are for official business. However, long distance service to the United States is available in Berlin at the Titania Palast, 5 Schloss Strasse, Berlin-Steglitz. To book a call it is necessary to make reservation four days in advance which costs twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a three minute telephone conversation. The twelve dollars (\$12.00) is payable in postal money order.

You will find that the telephone service in Berlin is excellent. In order that efficient service may be rendered it is requested that you confine your calls to important business only, keeping your conversation brief and to the point. German civilians are being employed in increasing numbers. In placing your calls speak in clear understandable language and do not use abbreviated terms. Where possible, avoid the use of military or other technical phrases.

Requests for changes of all telephone service should be made to the Signal Officer US Headquarters, Berlin District, in writing or, in the case of emergency, by calling the Signal Officer and later confirming your conversation in writing. In cases of emergency the following numbers may be dialed from all telephones:

Fire	[11 >] 16 ask for FIRE
Ambulance	[11 >] 16 ask for AMBULANCE
Police	[11 >] 16 ask for POLICE

The directory service endeavors to issue an accurate telephone directory each month. The cooperation of all concerned in notifying the Signal Officer of any changes, additions or deletions, is requested in order to improve further editions of the directory.

## Educational and Welfare Activities

### Children's Schools

Elementary and Secondary school facilities for your children will be of high standard, and will feature curricular and graduation requirements similar to those of the highly regarded North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Working on the basis of a six-year elementary school, a three-year junior high school, and three-year high school, the system will be staffed [- principally] by American civilian teachers.

A school board has been appointed, representing OMGUS, Tempelhof, and Berlin District. A superintendent of schools will be selected later, [- as will school buildings and other facilities. Definite information as to how much tuition, if any, which must be charged, is not available at present. Present plans are for the school to commence with the fall term of 1946, probably late in September.]

[- For further information call: I & E, G-3 Section, Berlin District, extension 2023.]

[+The former "Gertrauden Schule" located at 6-8 Im Gehege, Dahlem, has been chosen as the school site. Presently undergoing repairs, it is a modern school building of thirty-eight rooms, eight lavatories, nine laboratories, three lecture halls, a large gymnasium and large playground.]

[+ Monthly tuition charges which will be used toward defraying the cost of establishing and operating the school are standardized throughout the Theater and are as follows:]

[+]	Monthly Rate	Annual Rate (9 months)
EM Grades 5, 6, 7	No charge	No charge
EM Grades 1, 2, 3, 4	\$4.00 per child	\$36.00 per child
Civilians, all grades	\$8.00 per child	\$72.00 per child
Officers, all grades	\$8.00 per child	\$72.00 per child]

### Red Cross

The American Red Cross offers to you the same services it rendered America's fighting men throughout the war and during the first months of the occupation. This includes the recreational facilities and snack bars of the clubs listed below.

The Red Cross stands ready to aid you at any time of day or night whether it be for assistance in placing a call through to the US or for personal problems. Cablegrams can be sent from any Red Cross during open hours.

Telefunken Club	McNair Barracks	1300-2200 daily 1000-2200 Sun	2567
Tempelhof Club	Tempelhof Airport	0900-2200 daily	5265
Wannsee Club	52-54 Am Grossen Wannsee		80-4014
Rainbow Corner	5 Schlossstrasse	1000-2200 daily	76-2765
Crown Prince Club	146 Kronprinzenallee	1000-2200 daily	76-4567
Victory Club	22 Dorfstrasse	1100-2200 daily	66-0302
Mittelhof Manor Officers Club	53 Kirchweg	1000-2130 daily	80-4115

## Religious activities

The following is a list of church services, churches and chapels presently available.

### Catholic

#### Sunday Masses:

- [- 0900 — 103<sup>rd</sup> Engr Bn, NCO Club]
- [- 0900 — Mess Hall, Co "B", 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 310 Inf]
- [+ 0900 — Roosevelt Barracks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf Regt]
- [- 0930 — Dining Room, Hq Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 309<sup>th</sup> Inf]
- [+ 0930 — Sacred Heart Church, Argentinische Allee]
- [+ 1000 — Chapel Co A, 2828 Engr]
- 1000 — Berlin District Post Chapel, McNair Barracks
- 1000 — 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital Chapel
- 1030 — Holy Rosary Church, Schloss- and Kieler Strasse (Steglitz)
- [+ 1100 — Harnack House, OMGUS]
- 1100 — Berlin QM Depot, Game Room
- 1100 — 1151<sup>st</sup> Gp Chapel, 9 Pfliegerstrasse
- [+ 1115 — Protestant Church, Kirchweg Strasse, Schlachtensee]
- 1615 — 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital Chapel

[+ 1900 — Sacred Heart Church, Argentinische Allee]

#### Daily Masses:

1205 — Bldg. D, Room 220, US Hq Berlin District

[- 1500 — Wednesday and Fridays, chapel next to Ad Bn CP, 310<sup>th</sup> Inf]

[+ 1615 — 1151st Engineer Gp Chapel, 9 Pflleidererstrasse]

[1615 >] 1515 — 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital

1630 — Berlin QM Depot, Chaplain's Office

Confessions are usually heard before each Mass. Novena services are held at the Berlin District Post Chapel, McNair Barracks, on Wednesdays, following Mass.

#### Protestant

##### Sunday Services:

[+ 0915 — Game Room Berlin District QM Group, Marienfelde]

0945 — Chapel, Hindenburgdamm and Tietzen (Div Arty Chapel)

[+ 0945 — Harnack House, OMGUS]

1000 — 1151<sup>st</sup> Engr Gp Chapel, 9 Pflleidererstrasse

[- 1000 — Mess Hall, Co "A", 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 310<sup>th</sup> Inf]

[1030 >] 1100 — Bn Theater, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf, Wannsee

[+ 1100 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, Berlin District Post Chapel]

[+ 1100 — 16<sup>th</sup> Constabulary Squadron CP, Lankwitz]

[+ 1100 — Theater, 3110<sup>th</sup> Signal Service Bn]

[+ 1100 — Protestant Church, Onkel-Tom at Wilski Strasse, Zehlendorf]

1100 — Berlin District Post Chapel, McNair Barracks — Communion service immediately following

1100 — Protestant church, Potsdamer Strasse, Nikolassee

1100 — 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital

[- 1115 — 303<sup>rd</sup> Engr Bn, Tempelhof Service Club]

[- 1130 — 3124<sup>th</sup> QM Service Co, 5 Gennest Strasse (Colored)]

[1400 >] 1430 — Victory Chapel, 7 Manteuffelstrasse, Tempelhof (Colored)

[+ 1830 — Berlin District Post Chapel]

**Weekday Services:**

[+ 1200 — Wednesday Service, 92 Garystrasse]

1900 — Wednesday Services, Berlin District Post Chapel, McNair Barracks



Artillery Chapel

**Episcopal Services:**

**Sunday Services:**

1115 — Holy Communion, Roosevelt Red Cross Club

1330 — Holy Communion, Protestant Chapel, 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital

**Jewish**

**Sunday Services:**

1030 — Jewish Chapel, 78-79 Unter den Eichen

**Daily and Weekday Services:**

1315 — Saturday, 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital Chapel

1930 — Daily evening services, 78-79 Unter den Eichen



## Latter Day Saint

1900 — Sunday and Tuesday, Service Club in [APO building across from OMGUS Headquarters >] 92 Garystrasse

## Christian Science

1100—Sunday, 92 Garystrasse

2000—Wednesday, 92 Garystrasse

The schedule of church services listed above is readily subject to change owing to such factors as redeployment of units, and redeployment and reassignment of chaplains. Changes in church services and locations will be kept up to date by the Office of the Chaplain, Berlin District, and will be posted so that the information will reach everyone.

In order to allow for large congregations, increased by dependents, it is planned to construct, as soon as materials are available, additional chapels at the following places:

1. In the McNair Barracks area (Berlin District)
2. In the Patton Barracks area [(16<sup>th</sup> Cav) >] (16<sup>th</sup> Constabulary)
3. In the Roosevelt Barracks area (3<sup>rd</sup> Inf)
4. In the Wharton Barracks area (Wannsee)

## Finance

Allied Military Marks are the only legal tender in Germany. All other money must be exchanged for this currency at a Finance Office.

A currency control book has been issued to the person upon whom you are dependent. This book, which is a simple record of all currency received and spent by the individual, will be used throughout the Theater for transacting business involving moneys. A record is kept by [the Adjutant General, Berlin District, >] each command of the name and serial number of the person to whom the book has been issued. This system has been in effect in the European Theater for a considerable period of time and will continue to be used, subject to minor changes and modification.

[- On or about 15 May 1946] A system of charge accounts and coupon books [will be placed >] is in operation. Under this system an individual may purchase a book of coupons, the cost of which will be entered in his currency control book. The coupon book will be used in making [+ certain] purchases at

the PX [- or commissary]. [- It is contemplated that] Charge accounts will be used at the food commissary, payable on the first of the month, the amount being deducted in the currency control book.

Three Finance Offices are at present operating in Berlin, prepared to give service to US military and civilian personnel of the Army and their dependents within the limits provided by the Finance Department. These offices are centrally located and are within easy reach of transportation facilities. [The 56<sup>th</sup> Finance Disbursing Section is located at Kronprinzenallee and Argentinische Allee, across the street from a Strassenbahn Station and only a few blocks from the proposed shopping center for dependents. The Finance Disbursing section of Berlin District is located in McNair Barracks prepared to serve personnel and dependents in the Telefunken area. This office is a short distance from the proposed shopping center on Lankwitzer Strasse. >] The 56th Finance Disbursing section is located in McNair Barracks and prepared to serve personnel and dependents in the Berlin District area. This office is a short distance from the proposed shopping center of Lankwitzer Strasse. The second office is located at OMGUS at Kronprinzenallee and Argentinische Allee, across the street from a Strassenbahn Station and only a few blocks from the proposed shopping center for dependents. The third office is at Tempelhof US Army Air Base on Berliner Chaussee.

In addition to currency exchange facilities and provisions for cashing travelers checks, provisions will be made to safeguard excess personal funds of US military and civilian personnel and their dependents by means of "military payment orders". A military payment order is a non-negotiable instrument issued by the Finance Department; it can be cashed only by the individual to whom it is issued.

## Fire Protection

The 1241<sup>st</sup> Engineer Fire Fighting Platoon has seven military fire stations in operation, with an eighth station to be opened when equipment is available. These stations will furnish fire protection as follows:

### Community Location Fire Station Serving Area

Wannsee	No. 3
Nikolassee	No. 3
Dahlem (OMGUS Area)	No. 2
Schlachtensee	No. 3, No. 7 (depending on location of fire)
Lichterfelde (West)	No. 1
Lichterfelde (Süd)	No. 1

Lankwitz

No. 5

Schöneberg

No. 9

In addition, there are sixteen fire stations of the Berlin Fire Brigade (civilian fire department), manned by experienced fire-fighters which are available to supplement the Berlin District Fire Department. Stations are evenly spread over the whole US Sector. Additional apparatus is available from the British Sector.

To report a fire:

1. Dial [11 >] 16.
2. Tell Emergency Operator "I want to report a fire."

When Fire Department Dispatcher answers, give him the following information:

1. House number and name of street (i. e., 55 Teltower Damm).
2. Section of the city in which you live.
3. Your name and telephone number.
4. If possible, tell the Dispatcher as much of the details of the fire as you know. This will enable him to determine whether to send additional apparatus on the first alarm.

The Berlin District Fire Marshal is coordinating with the Signal Officer and will furnish to each telephone subscriber a card giving procedure for reporting a fire including house number, name of street, grid coordinates and section of city.

You will be expected to conform with the fire regulations in Berlin District, especially with regard to eliminating any fire hazards in or about your premises. You should make sure that you have fire fighting equipment in working order. Inspections will be made by the Fire Marshal to insure compliance with these precautions.

## Identification

Shortly after your arrival in Berlin, you will be issued a laminated identification card similar to an officer's AGO card. You should carry this card with you at all times, for it establishes your identity. It will be necessary for you to present this card when making purchases at the Commissary, Post Exchange, or other US facilities. On this card will be your photograph together with other descriptive and identifying data.

You will be required also to wear an identifying insignia which will help you to prove your nationality as American. You will have an opportunity to buy these badges at the processing center in lobby of McNair Barracks (Telefunken

Building) about two days after your arrival in Berlin. The price of this insignia is 4.5 marks (45 cents). Each insignia is numbered; and your name is recorded together with the number of your badge. This will prevent the badge from being misused in case of loss or theft. You must promptly report the loss of your badge or card. Until the time the badge is available to you, your visas will serve as identification in admitting you to all mess halls, theaters and other facilities at your disposal.

## Legal Matters

Dependents who accompany US military personnel, and dependents of civilian personnel accompanying or serving with the US Army in the [ETO >] European Theater are subject to military law. This means that dependents will be governed by the Articles of War which have been [established by the War Department >] enacted by Congress. All dependents will also be subject to [all laws and regulations, promulgated and established by military authority, to which military personnel are subject >] laws and regulations promulgated by military authority.

[- All] Decrees and edicts of Military Government, such as traffic control by German police, are to be observed by military personnel and their dependents. Since there are no German laws as such, [all laws that Germans must obey are Military Government laws, and >] Germans are subject to Military Government laws. In cases where such laws govern both German civilians and military personnel, dependents will also be subject to them.

[- Claims against Allies or US Government will be processed through the Judge Advocate General Department after 1 June 1946. Until that time the US Claims Section will handle them. There is no machinery for collecting claims against Germans,]

The [Judge Advocate General Department >] Staff Judge Advocate will give assistance on [- all] legal matters to dependents [- at any time]. Call Berlin District, Extension 2009, for an appointment.

## Medical

### Dental Care

Dental care will be rendered at the Berlin District Dental Clinic, 17 Habelschwerdter Strasse (Tel: [76-1641 >] 42695). Clinic hours for treatment will be 1300 to 1500 hours daily. Emergency cases will be seen at any time. After hours a dental officer for all emergency cases may be reached by calling the admitting office, 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital, (Tel: [76-3782 >] 43321).

## Hospitalization

You will be admitted to the 279<sup>th</sup> [- US] Station Hospital for observation and treatment through the 10<sup>th</sup> General Dispensary. Direct admission to hospital will be made in cases of emergency only. Consultations for out patients will be held upon presentation of a consultation request from the 10<sup>th</sup> US Army Dispensary. Elective medical and surgical procedures will be performed only if sufficient facilities are available. Hospitalized patients will pay a commutation rate of \$1.00 per day to the custodian of the Hospital Fund prior to discharge from the hospital.

## Out-Patient Clinic

Out-Patient treatment will be given at the 10<sup>th</sup> US Army General Dispensary, 25 Berliner Strasse, Zehlendorf [(Tel: 84-6878 >] (Tel: 84-3211, Ext 2214). Clinic hours are 1300-1500 hours daily. Emergency cases will be seen at any time. After duty hours the emergency medical officer may be reached by calling [84-6878 >] 84-3211, Ext 2214.

## Veterinary Service

[Veterinary service for your pets will be available on Tuesday afternoons, 1300 to 1700 hours, at the veterinary office located at Class I, II and IV QM Depot on Buchower Strasse (Tel: 76-4471, Ext 16). >]

Veterinary service for pets is available every Monday afternoon from 1400 hours to 1630 hours, at the stables located on the corner of Wolzogen Strasse and Koenigsweg, Zehlendorf, coordinates (4.6 - 0.2) Town Plan Berlin 1:20,000. The Veterinary Officer can be contacted at the QM Depot on Buckower Chaussee (Tel: 76-5211, Ext 43854, Ext 16).

## Military Police - Traffic Regulations

The Military Police will enforce regulations to which you are expected to adhere. Berlin has traffic lights and well-posted speed limits which are to be observed when driving. Also keep in mind that you are not permitted to drive beyond the city limits of Berlin unless you have been granted special permission to do so.

Traffic regulations and rules governing the operation of motor vehicles are essentially the same as in the United States. Traffic signs in English are prominently displayed. You are cautioned not to leave your car unlocked or unattended except in a guarded parking lot or other place where a positive check-in and check-out system is in effect.

Throughout the American sector there are numerous MP substations as well as the headquarters station, all in conspicuous locations. They are here to help you if need therefor arises.

Military police units may be reached by phone as follows:

MP Berlin District, Tel:[84-2236 >] 2236

MP Hq OMGUS, Tel: [76-5567 >] 43841

[- Emergency] Hq for 759<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion

88 Kaiserallee, Tel:[76-5367 >] 42521

In case of emergency, call telephone number [11 >] 16.

Uniformed civilian police are also charged with the protection of all Allied personnel, both military and civilian. They are posted through the city to handle traffic and keep order. Your obligation to them is primarily the same as to the Military Police.

## Servants

[- A separate domestic labor office is being set up within the Berlin District Labor Office. This office is located in Building H, Room 206, McNair Barracks; telephone number 84-3211, extension 2277. This office will function as a "using unit labor office" under the direction of the Berlin District Labor Officer.]

[- Your procedure for hiring servants is as follows:]

[- Initiate an informal requisition for servants (by personal visit, telephone or informal note). Formal requisitioning and actual procurement will be done by personnel of the domestic labor office. One housekeeper will be installed in each family dwelling prior to the arrival of the dependents.]

[- Procured servants will report directly to you for interview. If hired, the employee will then report to the domestic labor office for the securing of payroll data and the initiation of **Fragebogen**. The employee then reports to you for work.]

[- If the procured servant is not hired, you should contact the domestic labor office and inform them of that fact so that a substitute may be procured. Rejected servants are directed by you to return to the German Labor Office.]

[- Your procedure for discharging servants is as follows:]

[- First call the domestic labor office and inform them of the reasons for discharge and whether a substitute is required. The domestic labor office will procure said substitute automatically unless specifically directed otherwise by you.]

[- Then you should direct the servant to report to the domestic labor office where administrative details of the discharge are taken care of.]

[- You are responsible for the maintenance of a record of hours worked by the servant. Time sheets will be distributed weekly (by the domestic labor office) on which you will enter the number of hours worked and certify as to the correctness of the figures. The domestic labor office will pick these sheets up the day after delivery.]

[- Servants for BOQs will be hired and discharged by the Quartering and Accommodations Officer, US Headquarters Berlin District, who assumes the role of householder in dealing with the domestic labor office.]

[- The domestic labor office will handle all administration of the servants. Included are such matters as maintenance of **Arbeitsbuch**, initiation and processing of **Fragebogen**, and maintenance of payrolls.]

### [- Servants]

[- Those living in the OMGUS area should contact the German Civilian Employment Office, Headquarters Command, OMGUS, Phone: 76-4755, in all matters regarding servants.]

The United States Army will provide without charge for the care of billets:

a. Housekeepers, responsible for General Housekeeping and maintenance of Government property (not including laundry or personal services of any description)

b. Firemen - gardeners responsible for:

(1) Maintaining furnaces in winter.

(2) Caring for grounds in summer.

The Berlin District Labor Office and the Accommodations Section, Headquarters Command, OMGUS will maintain a domestic help pool of housekeepers and charwomen to supplement housekeepers in billets where the occasion demands.

German civilian nationals may be employed privately by US personnel for personal or "luxury" service. Berlin District US personnel must procure domestic servants through the Berlin District Labor Office, McNair Barracks, phone 84-3211, Ext 2971. Employment of private labor for OMGUS personnel will be requested in writing to the German Civilian Employment Office, Headquarters Command, 53 Leichardtstrasse. Selected applicants will be sent to addresses stated in the request for interview and consideration. Information required when requesting German labor for private employment will include the following: Type of personnel desired and intended duties, number of hours per day it is expected the employee will work; age and sex, if desired. German civilians accepted will be directed to return either to the Labor Office, or the Employment Office, whichever the case may be, for security screening and physical examination.



Prior to returning to the employer the employee will receive:

(a) Notification of employment and a statement indicating job classification and wages to be paid.

(b) A pass authorizing entry into the employer's billets for purposes of work.

(c) A food ration certificate authorizing the employee to receive from the German Food Office the food ration book of an employed person.

It is desired that the employer notify the Labor or Employment Office by telephone upon the arrival of the employee.

Privately employed German civilians are not permitted to eat any meals in a military operated civilian mess.

Upon release or discharge the employed civilian must return to the Office from which he was originally processed.

## Special Service Activities

### Athletic fields

Baseball, softball, football or practically any other sport along those lines may be enjoyed on the following fields:

Field No. 1	Chausseestrasse
Field No. 2	Sven-Hedin-Strasse
Field No. 3	Goerzallee
Field No. 4	Siemensstrasse
Field No. 5	Brucker Strasse
Field No. 6	Sachsendamm
Field No. 7	Marienfelder Strasse
Field No. 8	Monumentenstrasse
Field No. 9	Zastrowstrasse

### Bicycles

Bicycles are available for riding at the OMGUS Bicycle Shop, Onkel Toms Hütte. Cyclist's paths (Radweg) are constructed adjacent to highways to minimize traffic hazards.

## Boating facilities

There are several clubs on Wannsee including the excellent Potsdam and Wannsee Boat Clubs. Canoes, power boats, row boats and sailing craft are available.

Dock No. 1	AmGraben Wannsee
Dock No. 2	AmGraben Wannsee
American Boat Club	Königstrasse
Enlisted Mens Boat Club	Schlachtensee, Corner, Schiller- & Knirschstrasse

## Clubs

Berlin has numerous clubs for the dependents of US personnel. These clubs offer a wide variety of services including dancing, snack bars and facilities for private parties. These clubs have been located so that they are easily available to dependents; the usual hours are from 1230 - 2230 daily:

- [Potsdam >] All American Yacht Club, Königstrasse
- Wannsee Officers Club, 17-19 Am Sandwerder
- Lightning Lounge Officers Club, 48 Schloss-Strasse, Steglitz
- The Town House Officers Club, 37 Goethestrasse
- BD Civilian Club, Knesebeckstrasse, Zehlendorf
- [+Harnack House, 16 Ihnestrass, Dahlem]
- [+ All American Service Club, 44 Grunewaldstrasse, Dahlem]

## Golf course

There is one course in Wannsee; a beautiful twelve-hole course with grass greens. A new club house is being planned to replace the one destroyed in the war. Balls and clubs are available. It is the Midnight Country Club, Königstrasse.

## Gymnasiums

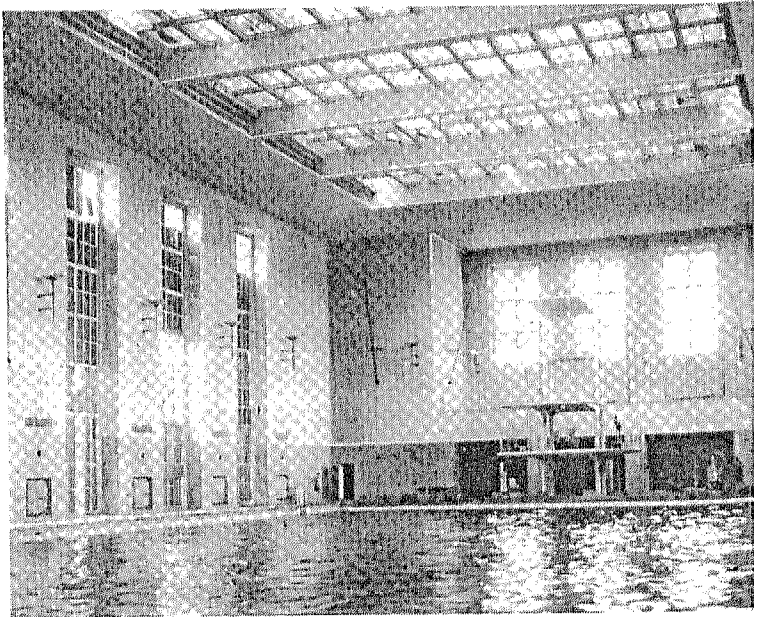
Three gyms are available, in addition to several operated by units. Sports include basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton; showers are available.

## Shooting range

A rehabilitated Wehrmacht training range has been converted into a complete installation including skeet, pistol, rifle ranges, and moving ground targets. It is called the "Major General Maurice Rose Range", Stahnsdorfer- & Kurfürstenstrasse.

## Swimming Pools

An indoor tile pool 75'X150' is available for swimming. A modern pool, it is complete with showers and dressing rooms for both men and women. It is called the Berlin District Pool No. 1, and is located on Finckensteinallee and Baseler Strasse.



Berlin District Pool

## Theaters

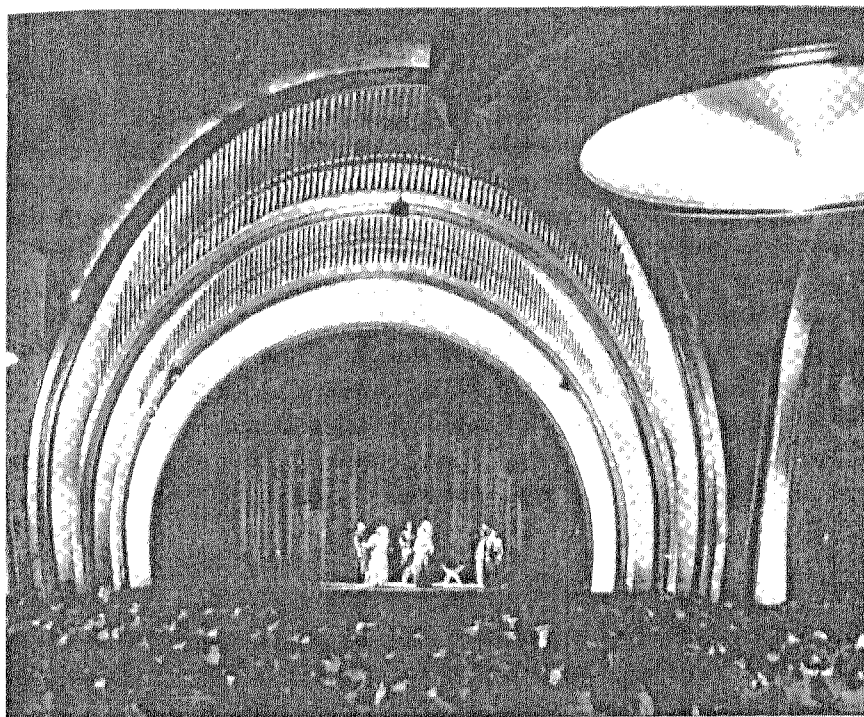
There are six theaters showing American films and new plays. They are commodious, comfortable and located for your convenience.

Name and Location	Time of showings
Titania Palast, 5 Schloss-Strasse	1400-1900-2100 daily
Onkel Tom, Onkel Toms Hütte	1830-2030 daily 1430-1830-2030 Sun
Zeli, 18 Teltower Damm	1400-1900-2100 daily 1430-1900-2100 Sun
Tempelhof Korso, 1 Berliner Strasse	1900-2100 daily 1400-1900-2100 Sun
Lumina, 17 Breisgauer Strasse	1830-2030 daily 1400-1830-2030 Sun

Harnack-Haus, 16 Ihnestrasse

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2000

Sun 1730



Titania Palast

## Tennis courts

Two hard surface courts are to be found in Zehlendorf. Both will be in good shape for the 1946 tennis season:

Court No. 1                      Andree-Zeile

Court No. 2                      Sven-Hedin-Strasse

# Transportation

## Transportation Corps

You will arrive in Berlin at the Wannsee Station where vehicles will be waiting to transport you to your homes.

Porters will be available at the station to carry your hand luggage from the train to the autos. Also, English-speaking women will be at the station to assist mothers with children. During the first few days after your arrival the Transportation Corps will furnish necessary transportation to assist you in settling down to life in Berlin. In addition, the Transportation Corps will make all necessary arrangements for the transportation of hold luggage and furniture to Berlin from the port; household furnishings and other belongings will be stored by the Transportation Section, Berlin District Headquarters, for a period of five days, after which time such furnishings will be stored at a Quartermaster warehouse. Upon request, the Transportation Section will provide transportation for furnishings from the QM warehouse to your homes (see below).

## Delivery of household goods

You will be notified of the arrival of furniture and effects shipped from the United States. At that time you should decide whether to leave the furniture in storage or have it delivered to your quarters. If you wish it delivered, it will arrive as it was received at the depot, i. e., crated. Uncrating will be accomplished by QM personnel in the presence of the owner. If at this time any furniture is found to be in need of repair it will be reported to the QM Depot. Necessary arrangements will be made to pick up the items, repair same, and return them to the owner.

## Municipal transportation systems

No doubt, you will wonder what transportation will be available to you to reach various parts of Berlin. While Berlin transportation systems were heavily damaged during the war, most of the railroads (S-Bahn), subways (U-Bahn) and street car lines are now functioning throughout the city. Granted, you may not be able to complete your trip on the same car; but in most cases a transfer can be made.

## The U-Bahn (Subway)

As in the States, you will find only one class of cars on this line. The charge per person is reasonable enough — 20 pfennigs. Trains run every five to ten minutes as scheduled below:

Monday - Friday 0530 hours to 2230 hours

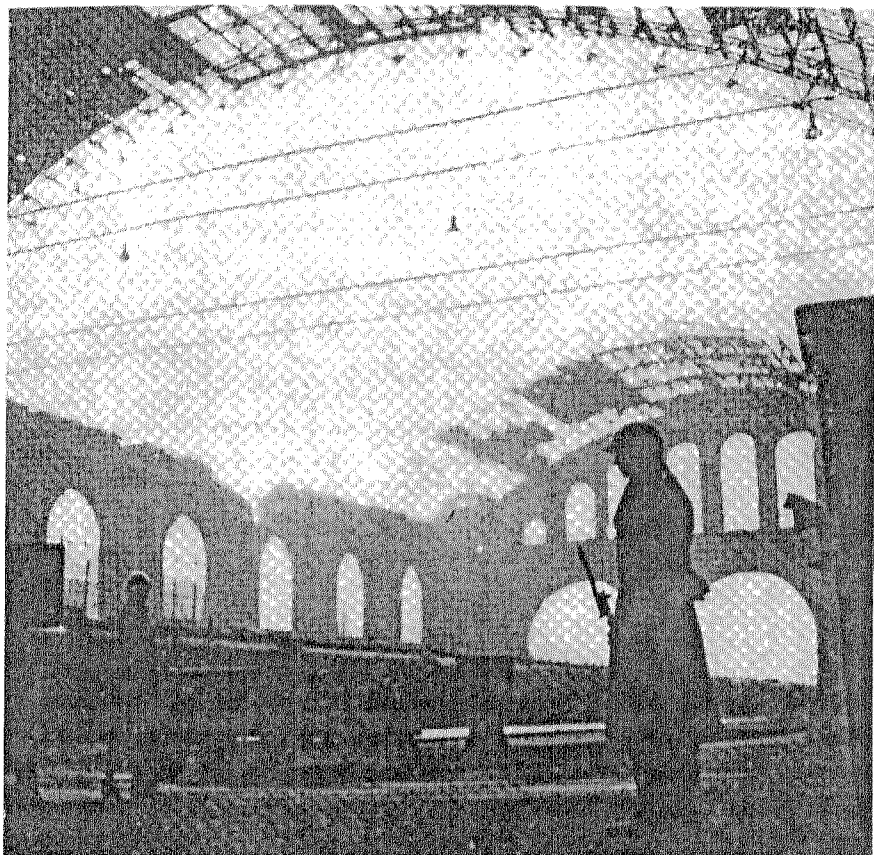
Saturday - Sunday 0530 hours to 2300 hours

## The S-Bahn

The S-Bahn is similar to our elevated RR in the States. First class cars are no longer available, but a second class carfare can be obtained for 40 pfennigs, and a third class carfare for 20 pfennigs. These trains also run every five to ten minutes on the same schedule during the week as listed for the U-Bahn.

## The street cars

You will find the street cars in Berlin smaller and more decrepit than the ones in which you have been riding in the States. The other main difference you will note is that you will be paying 20 pfennigs (2c) per fare instead of a nickel or a dime. Street cars run every five to ten minutes from 0530 hours to 2300 hours, daily, Monday through Sunday.



Anhalter Station

## Transportation to and from Berlin

At present, no commercial air lines are servicing Berlin; but although no definite date is known, commercial air lines will soon have a terminal here.

The schedule for train service on the line: Berlin-Helmstedt-Kassel-Frankfurt is published for your information. This train, the "Berliner", usually consists of 3 mail cars, 1 coachette (French) 3 coaches, 1 diner, 3 sleepers, and 1 baggage car.

"Berliner" Train No. D US. 610				
Read down			Read up	
Arr.	Lv.		Arr.	Lv.
—	1826	Berlin-Wannsee	0843	—
2305	2330	Helmstedt	0350	0405
0018	0028	Borssum	0246	0256
0130	—	Kreiensen	0132	0137
0215	0225	Göttingen	0022	0037
0251	—	Eichenberg	0001	—
0352	0405	Kassel HBF	2235	2250
—	—	Waben	2148	2152
0556	0606	Marburg-Süd	2015	2020
0543	0648	Giessen	1927	1940
0729	0731	Friedberg	1839	1841
0808	0810	Hanau	1750	1752
0940	—	Frankfurt-Süd	—	1715

## Utilities Service

Utilities service will include the maintenance, within the premises, of electrical, water, sewage, refrigeration, heating, and gas systems, and minor repairs to dwellings and furniture; and will be provided by the 1641<sup>st</sup> [+and the 1651<sup>st</sup>] Engineer Utilities Detachment[+ s]. [At present it >] The 1641<sup>st</sup> Engineer Utilities Detachment is organized into [five >] six sub-detachments with each sub-detachment having an assigned area of responsibility [-; a sixth sub-detachment, G, will be organized soon].



[+Should any doubt arise as to the area in which your residence is located information will be supplied by the Berlin District Utilities Officer, telephone 80321L Ext 2633 or the Berlin District Utilities Staff Officer, telephone 843211, Ext. 2350.]

### **Area A**

Wannsee; area of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry regiment. All area surrounding Wannsee lake.

Headquarters in Wharton Barracks (coord. 10.6-0.6); [telephone has not yet been installed >] telephone 84-3211 Ext. 2485. [- Service may be obtained by calling tel: 84-3211, ext. 2434; or, at night, ext. 2200.]

### **Area B**

Schlachtensee, Senior officers billets of Berlin District.

Headquarters at [82 >] 96 Am Schlachtensee (coord. 3.2-N.1), telephone No. [84-6990 >] 84-3211, ext. 2864.

### **Area C**

Pertains to OMGUS [+ and is handled by be 1651<sup>st</sup> Engineer Utilities Detachment.

Headquarters at 138 Kronprinzen-Allee (coord. 6.4-N.9); telephone 76-1989 or 42670.]

### **Area D**

McNair Barracks, and general billeting area for officers and enlisted men of Berlin District.

Headquarters in McNair Barracks, Bldg. P (coord. 7.3-P.3); telephone 80321L et. 2434; or, ext. 2201 during the night or for emergencies. The unit commander can be contacted at ext. 2633, or the [Engineer Utilities Officer >] Utilities Staff Officer at ext. 2350.

### **Area E**

Roosevelt Barracks and 279<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital [+and surrounding area].

Headquarters in Roosevelt Barracks (coord. 8.2-N.5); [telephone not permanently installed; at present, phone 76-1139, or service may be obtained as outlined in Area D above >] telephone 84-3211, Ext. 2663.

## Area F

Patton Barracks, Berlin District Constabulary [+and all area south of Teltower Canal].

Headquarters in Patton Barracks, Bldg. No. 5 (coord. 10.6-P.8); telephone 843211, ext. 2904.

## Area G

[- AAF and 759<sup>th</sup> MP Bn.]

[- Service may be obtained by calling 84-3211, ext. 2434; or, at night, ext. 2200. At present, utilities for Area G are being handled by the 310<sup>th</sup> Infantry. About 15 May it is planned to organize an additional detachment in the shops now used by this regiment. (Note) If a billet falls within the boundaries of the area allotted to AAC proper, the utilities service will be rendered by Tempelhof utilities section. If the billet is located out of this area the section handling area G will be contacted.]

[- Those families billeted in the OMGUS area will receive utilities service from the 1651<sup>st</sup> Engineer Utilities detachment, telephone 76-1989, or 76-1540.]

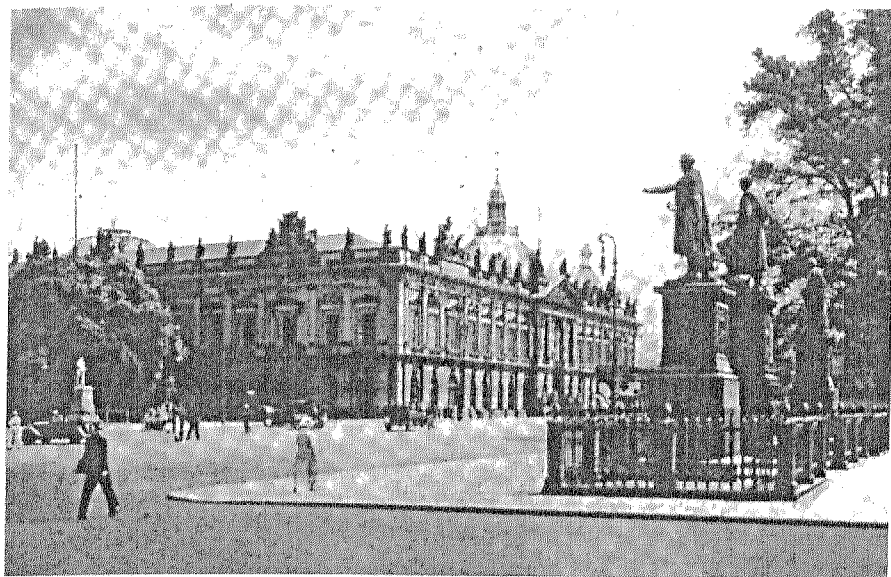
[- Should any doubt arise as to the area your residence is located in, the information will be supplied by the Berlin District utilities officer, telephone 84-3211, ext. 2350.]

Civilian Censorship Division in Schöneberg Barracks and 759<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion and all American area in Schöneberg, Tempelhof and New Kölln north of the Teltower Canal.

Headquarters in Schöneberg Barracks (coord. 10.5-L.5); telephone 660011, ext. 5507. The extension may be dialed direct from US Army installations.

## Community Service

Community Service will include care of lawns, trimming of shrubs and trees, firing of furnaces, removal of ashes, trash and garbage. Routine service will be provided without request by the 1641<sup>st</sup> Engineer Utilities Detachment, [+for those areas which it services,] and will be organized by areas as outlined for Utilities in paragraphs above. Special requests regarding these services may be sent direct to the appropriate utility detachment; or for any part of the American sector of Berlin direct to the central detachment commander, telephone 84-3211, ext. 2633; or to the work order clerk, ext. 2434. [+Personnel for community service in the OMGUS area will be allotted by the Accommodations Section, Headquarters Command, OMGUS.]



Museum

**The following words and phrases may be useful in case of emergencies:**

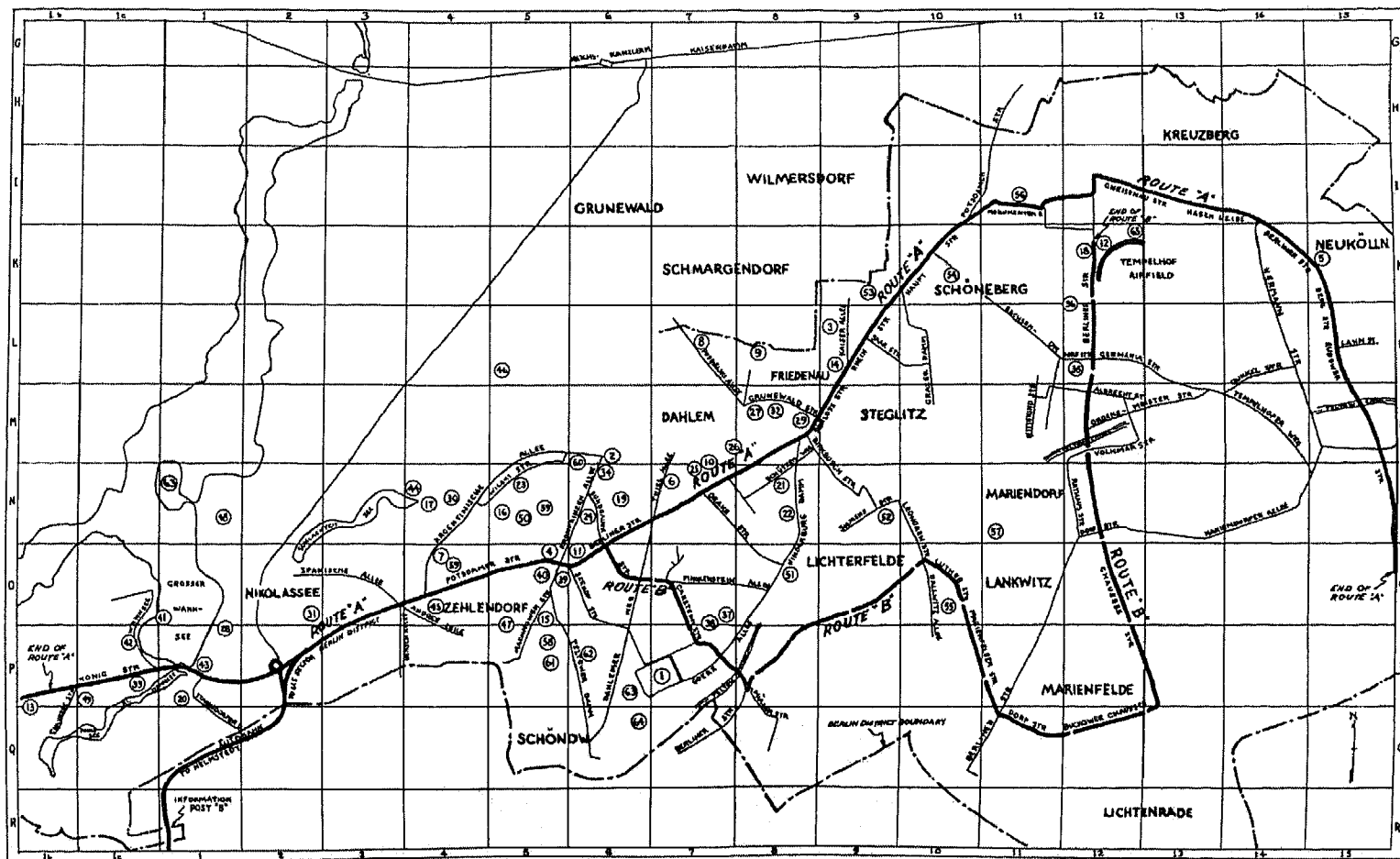
I am an American (fem)	ish bin ain-na Ah - mayree-KA- nerin	Ich bin eine Amerikanerin
Are there soldiers near here?	zint heer zawl- DA-ten in der NAY-a?	Sind hier Soldaten in der Nähe?
Where is the station?	vo ist der BAHN- hoaf?	Wo ist der Bahnhof?
Where can I get the bus?	vo kahn ish dayn AWN-nee-booss ay-RAISH-en?	Wo kann ich den Omnibus erreichen?
Hello	HA-lo	Hallo
Good Morning	goo-ten MAWR-gen	Guten Morgen
Good day or Good Afternoon	goo-ten TAHK	Guten Tag
Good evening	goo-ten AH-bent	Guten Abend
Good night	goo-ten NAHKT	Gute Nacht
Thank you	DAH-ka	Danke
You're welcome	BIT-a	Bitte
Please	BIT-a	Bitte
Pardon me	fer-TSAI-oong	Verzeihung
I don't understand	ish fer-SHTAY nisht	Ich verstehe nicht
Please speak slowly	bit-a SHPRESH-en zee LAHNK-zahm	Bitte sprechen Sie langsam
Do you understand?	fer-SHTAY-en ZEE?	Verstehen Sie?
I want	ish MERSH-ta	Ich möchte
How much?	vee-feel KAWST-et dahss?	Wieviele kostet das?
I want a receipt	ish MERSH-ta ai-na KVIT-oong	Ich möchte eine Quittung

the police station	dahss paw-lee-TSAI-ahmt	das Polizeiamt
What is its name?	vee HAIST zee?	Wie heisst Sie?
To the left	Nahkh-LINKS	nach links
Right	RESHTS	rechts
Here	HEER	Hier
There	DAWRT	Dort
How far is . . . ?	VEE WAIT ist . . . ?	Wie weit ist . . . ?
I want to go to	ish vil nahkh . . . FA-ren	Ich will nach . . . fahren
Where can I get?	VO kahn ish be-koh-men?	Wo kann ich bekommen?
a car	ain-nen VA-gen	Einen Wagen
gasoline	ben-Tseen	Benzin
an electrician	ai-nen ay-LEK-triker	einen Elektriker
a mechanic	ai-nen may-SHA-nik-er	einen Mechaniker
oil	ERL	Öl
Good-by	ouf VEE-der-sayn	Auf Wiedersehen
Many	FEE-la	Viele
What time is it?	Vee-feel OOR ist ess?	Wieviel Uhr ist es?
Today	HOY-ta	Heute
Yesterday	GEST-ern	Gestern
Tomorrow	MAWR-gen	Morgen
morning	MAWR-gen	Morgen
afternoon	NAHKH-mit-ahk	Nachmittag
Evening	AH-bent	Abend
Sunday	ZAWN-tahk	Sonntag
Monday	MOAN-tahk	Montag
Tuesday	Deenss-tahk	Dienstag
Wednesday	MIT-vawkh	Mittwoch

# Information for New Arrivals (1946)

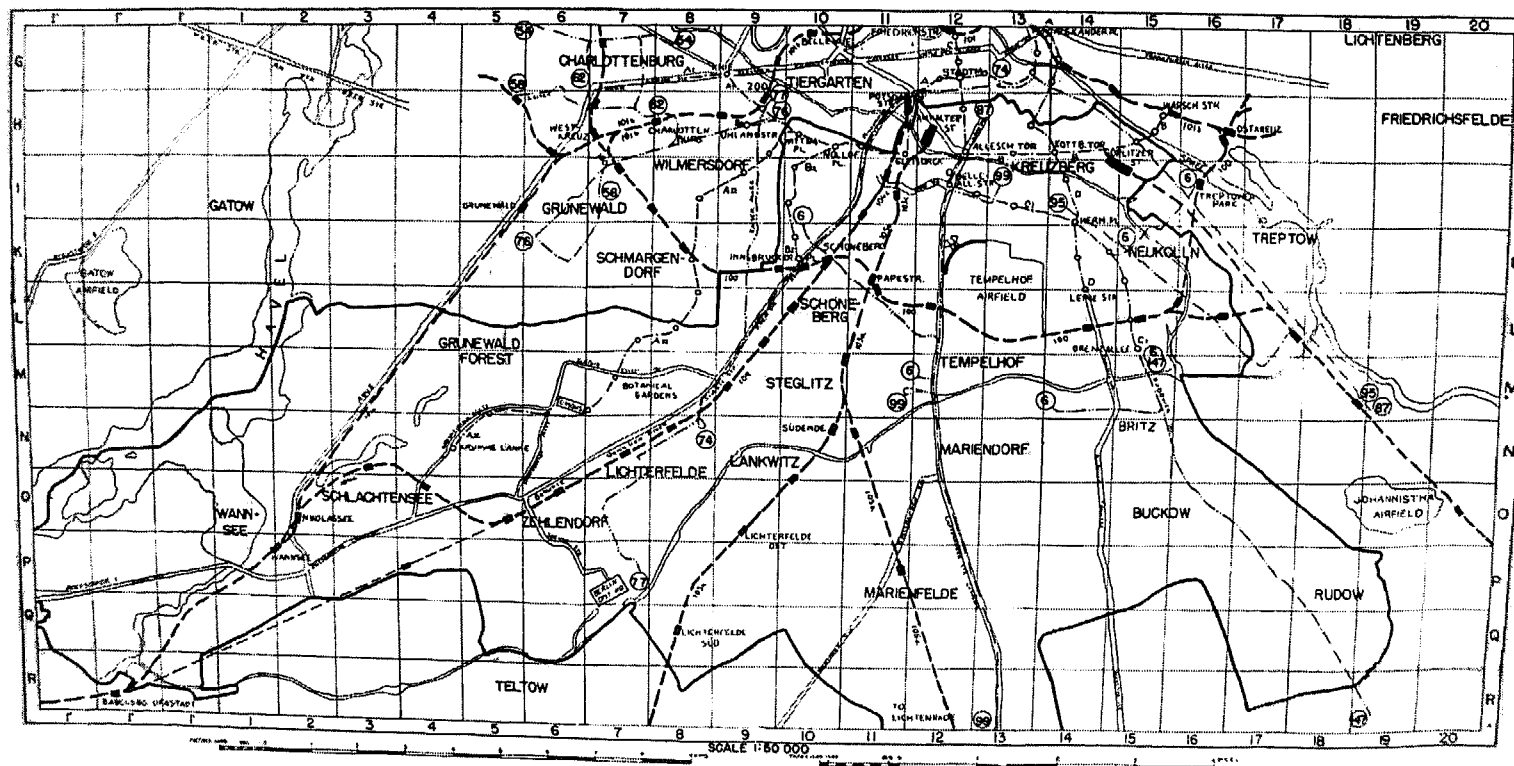
25	Hospital Chapel (Catholic & Protestant) 7-N	40-44 Unter den Eichen
26	Jewish Chapel 7-M	78-79 Unter den Eichen
27	OMGBD 8-M	Grunewald- & Kaiser Wilhelm-Strasse
28	Wannsee Hotel (Officers) 1-0	17-19 Am Sandwerder
29	Lightning Officers Club 8-M	48 Schlossstrasse
30	The Town House (Officers) 4-N	37 Goethestrasse
31	Mittle-Hof Manor (Officers) 2-O	53 Kirchweg
32	All American Club 8-M	44 Grunewaldstrasse
33	Potsdam Club 1c-P	Koenigstrasse
34	Crown Prince Club 6-N	Kronprinzenallee
35	Victory Club (Colored) 12-L	22 Dorfstrasse,
36	Castle Club 12-K	19 Kaiserin-Augusta-Strasse
37	Berlin District Pool No. 1	Finckensteinallee & Baseler Strasse
38	Madison Square Garden Gym 7-0	Baseler Strasse
39	OMGUS Gym No. 1 5-0	25 Beuckestrasse
40	OMGUS Gym No. 2 5-0	25 Beuckestrasse
41	Dock No. 1 1c-P	Am Graben, Wannsee
42	Dock No. 2 1c-P	Am Graben, Wannsee
43	Officers Boat Club 1-P	Koenigstrasse
44	EM Boat Club 3-N	Schlachtensee, Scheller & Kirschstrasse
45	Stable No. 1 4-0	Koenigsweg
46	Stable No. 2 5-L	Grunewald Lee
47	OMGUS Stable 5-O	Winnipeg- & Berliner Strasse
48	Beach Club 1-N	Strandbadstrasse
49	Recreational Field No. 1 1c-P	Chausseestrasse
50	Recreational Field No. 2 5-N	Sven-Hedin-Strasse
51	Recreational Field No. 3 8-O	Goerzallee
52	Recreational Field No. 4 9-N	Siemensstrasse
53	Recreational Field No. 5 9-K	Brucker Strasse
54	Recreational Field No. 6 10-K	Sachsendamm
55	Recreational Field No. 7 10-O	Marienfelder Strasse
56	Recreational Field No. 8 11-I	Monumentenstrasse
57	Recreational Field No. 9 11-N	Zastrowstrasse
58	Tennis Court No. 1 1 5-P	Andreezeile

59	Tennis Court No. 2 4-0	Sven-Hedin-Strasse
60	Bicycle Shop OMGUS 6-N	Onkel Toms Hütte
61	Softball Field No. 1 5-P	Andreezeile
62	Softball Field No. 2 6-P	Teltower Damm
63	Schwanen Insel 1-N	Grosser Wannsee
64	NCO Club 6-Q	Goerzallee
65	Tempelhof Club 12-K	Tempelhof, Airport.





# INTRA CITY TRAFFIC PLAN - US SECTOR BERLIN

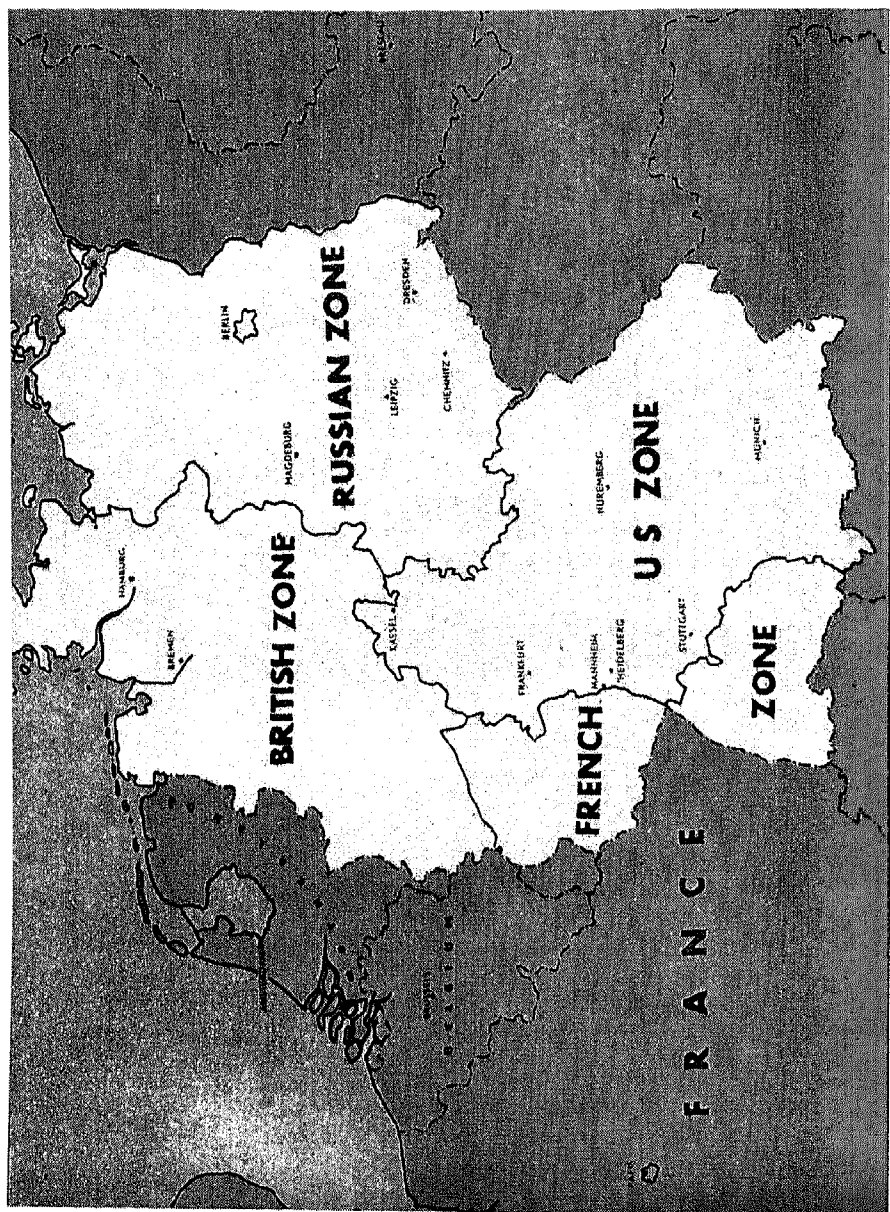


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## EXPLANATORY ENCLOSURE

to accompany

### *AN INTRODUCTION TO GERMANY FOR OCCUPATION FAMILIES*

This booklet was originally designed to serve as a guide to families coming to Germany, to indicate what they could expect to see and encounter upon arrival and during their stay. It was planned to make this booklet available to personnel who were expecting their families, so that, if desired, a copy could be mailed to families in the United States.

It was intended that the booklet be distributed during the month of January 1947. With this date in mind, descriptions were prepared of communities, recreation facilities, travel, fiscal matters, social facilities, etc., as they pertained to United States Forces, European Theater, in January 1947.

However, unforeseen circumstances delayed the publication and distribution of this booklet until May 1947. Between January and May, many large changes took place, none of which is reflected in the booklet. United States Forces, European Theater, became European Command, with accompanying changes in personnel and nomenclature. Military Communities and satellites became Military Posts and sub-posts. Rates of payment for servants and facilities changed radically. Compounds were generally abolished. All of these changes made obsolete corresponding sections of the booklet.

Rather than to scrap the entire project, it was decided to continue production of the booklet as a souvenir for families in Germany. Instead of a guide to Germany for future arrivals, the booklet is now a memento of the Occupation that ended prior to 15 March 1947, the date of designation of European Command. This booklet is now entirely unofficial, and no attempt will be made to revise it from time to time. As an effort to correct as many errors as possible at this time, however, the following errata sheet has been prepared. Despite the errata sheet, it must again be stressed that this booklet is in no sense an official publication.

## BERLIN

BERLIN had four and one half million population, was the world's fifth largest city and, as capital of the German Reich, was the center of its political, economic and intellectual life before Allied bombers worked it over.

Out of 1,500,000 family housing units, only 25 per cent remain actually habitable and most of these are not too well furnished. Berlin, nevertheless, still shelters 3,000,000 Germans plus Allied Occupation forces.

The city, a 334 square mile area split into four sectors under Allied quadripartite rule, lies in the Russian zone. The nearest American-occupied spot is some 200 miles away.

You will come in from Bremerhaven by coach at 9:30 p. m. after 12 hours of travel - and probably will pinch yourself to see if it's really true you are seeing the place which used to make so many world headlines.

The damage will appal you. All the newsreel pictures you have seen will be no preparation for what total war can do to a city; and it's not nearly so bad as it was at first, because the Germans have had more than a year to clean up rubble.

Driving through the American sector to your new home (you will arrive at Wannsee station in the US Sector), you will have a chance to see how Berlin was built on flat, sandy ground amidst a lacework of lakes, streams and canals, mostly marred now by ruined bridges and sunken barges.

You will see Russian, French, British and American soldiers - Berlin is the headquarters of the quadripartite Allied Control Council - and Poles and Czechoslovakians and numerous other nationalities, as most Allied nations have token representations of military personnel in Berlin.

You will find housing facilities in Berlin surprisingly good. Despite the widespread damage the city has suffered, quarters for American families have been set up in residential areas in several parts of the US occupied sector. There are no compounds but guards are adequate.

In your home your furniture may not match, and there will be a shortage of rugs and draperies. You are in a city where bombers began striking as far back as 1940, which underwent systematic destruction from the air from 1942 on, and was the scene of a last-act clash between Russian and German armies.

Military Community facilities, however, will go a long way toward making up to you for other shortages, as they are among the best in Germany. The Commissary, for example, is stocked with articles you may not have seen for months in America, such as olives, fancy cheeses, canned lobster and rare spices.

Other military services include a Community Exchange, a gift shop, two AES garages, laundry, dry cleaning and shoe repair services, tailoring service, beauty shops, watch repair service, a photo and portrait studio, an optical shop, an ice cream plant, and complete telegraph and cable service.

There are school facilities for children from first grade through high school age, and medical care is available at the 279th Station Hospital.

Facilities for religious worship include 13 Catholic services, 14 Protestant, one Jewish, one Latter Day Saints and one Christian Science service.

As for recreation, no place else in the Theater has such elaborate and diversified offerings.

Berlin has eight night clubs with dancing, snack bars, liquor bars and facilities for private parties. There are boat clubs on the Wannsee and Schlachtensee lake, where you can rent anything from a canoe to a sailboat large enough to accommodate 15 persons, or even a sizable cruiser. Six military theaters show American movies and numerous German theaters show continental movies.

There are two German opera houses and 20 German theaters offering legitimate stage productions. For home talent productions Berlin has its own American Little Theater.

There are nine athletic fields, seven tennis courts, a golf course at a country club, an indoor swimming pool and a Berlin Hockey Club with ice skating and toboggan slides. You can rent bicycles or try your luck in the rehabilitated Wehrmacht training range with pistol and rifle and moving targets. You can go horseback riding.

There are five Red Cross clubs and any number of snack bars and lounges.

There are Special Services and Red Cross tours to the Berlin stadium (built for the 1936 Olympics); to the Brandenburger Tor (sole remaining gate of the 16 entrances through walls that once surrounded Berlin); and along Unter den Linden, the mile-long avenue from the Tiergarten to Museums Island (built in the 17th century for triumphal parades). You can visit the Reich Chancellery (Hitler's official residence with the nearby bunker where the bodies of Hitler and Eva Braun were believed to have been burned), the Imperial Palace, home of German Emperors, and many other historical spots of interest.

There also are shopping tours where you can buy books, art works and antiques.

Special Services has courses in art and music and the Red Cross provides instruction in photography, piano, dancing, languages and music appreciation.

You may walk through all four Allied sectors in Berlin, but you may not go beyond Berlin's boundaries into the Russian Zone without orders, and you may

not enter any buildings used by Russian Occupation Forces. These are orders of the Theater Commander.

The north and east section of Berlin is the Russian sector. Mainly populated by industrial workers, it contains the Reichschancellery and was the worst-bombed area of the city.

The more luxurious residential districts where Berlin's aristocracy and middle class lived is in the British sector in the northwest. The French sector is in the extreme northeast and the American sector in the southwest.

You can leave Berlin by road for the American Zone by only one route. This consists of a 100 mile ride, west across the Russian Zone by autobahn to Helmstedt on the edge of the British Zone, and thence south to Kassel in the American Zone. If you go by air your plane follows a corridor across the Russian Zone. You also can go by military train.

The Russians, French and English frequently engage in US social activities in Berlin, and recently Russians entered a bridge tournament at a Berlin Red Cross Club and carried American soldiers off for a social hour afterwards.