

\$10 Million more coming

McNair improving

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"A year ago McNair Kaserne looked like a prison", Commented SGT. Ruth Kozak who has been here since April 1980. But now things are beginning to look better she admitted. "With the new improvements the soldiers morale has been boosted and it will make living conditions more tolerable", Kozak said.

According to SFC Frank Kidd, Deputy Installation Coordinator, the Army spent more than a million marks this past year on painting buildings and general upgrading of facilities.

Kidd said the main reason behind this renovation is to improve the morale and quality of life for troops.

Every McNair soldier interviewed said the Kaserne has definitely improved. One

female NCO stated "It use to be when a new soldier first arrived here they would take one look at McNair and say 'what did I do Wrong', but things are really starting to change".

Installation Coordinating Officials say nearly \$11 million will be spent here in the next three years for new latrine facilities, painting, and various other needed work.

CSM Richard Price, Brigade Sergeant Major said, "In the past, former commanders have neglected the area". The top enlisted man, who first joined the Army 29 years ago this month concluded by commenting, "We are taking positive steps to upgrade McNair to the standards of todays Army, and commanders all over Europe are doing the same."

17th is tops in reenlistments



The 17th Signal Battalion lived up to their motto this past fiscal year by leading the brigade in reenlistments.

The "we lead the way" battalion finished the year by reenlisting 113.29% of their overall assigned objective.

SGT. Randy Irvine, 27, Battalion Reenlistment NCO said, LTC. Feich is the key factor behind our retention rate. We have excellent leadership in our battalion, he said".

SFC Donna Wingate, brigade career counselor, commented of Irvine, "he's a go getter, he doesn't waste time".

Irvine, who calls Fayetteville N.C. home, said being the battalion re-up NCO is great. "It gives me an opportunity to help our soldiers go where they want to and do the job of their choice".