

Commander's Call

By CSM. R.K.A Price

Well, its a good day to be a soldier, and an even better day to be a Signaleer in the 22d Signal Brigade. We are making good progress. McNair is now one of the nicest looking Kasernes in Germany, and in Darmstadt the 440th continues to maintain excellent appearance of its area.

Throughout the brigade improvements have been made in the administration of E3 and E4 promotions, maintenance of equipment is on the upswing (still much to do, though), dining facility food continues to improve, and we are throwing the bums out of the Army as fast as we can. At Hoechst, bids are out on a contract to move the launderette inside of building 683 which will permit a substantial increase in the number of washers and dryers.

In addition, although you may not realize it, Hoechst has some of the nicest clubs around. In comparison, if you were a Signaleer in one of the units located southeast of here you would have a club that is little more than an attic over the recreation center.

In summation, despite some unwarranted



"bad mouthing" to the contrary, this is a pretty good outfit. We do have sore problems, of course, and I will address them in future issues of the FIVE by FIVE, but for the time being, let me say that I'm happy to be in Germany and proud to be in this unit. If you don't feel the same way please see me for an attitude adjustment, my door is always open. Until next time, continue to march.

Don't get discouraged

By SSgt T.W Rogers

Don't let the system of negative vibrations discourage you into becoming functional illiterates. Sure, you see the discouragement everyday, but you are the Captain of your vessel. An enormous concern in the educational field is the fact that well over 40% of youth at age eighteen are still considered "functional illiterates." These are largely unemployable persons whose reading skills necessary for achievement in any field tragically do not equal, or surpass, 4th grade levels.

The negative impact of this condition upon our people and society as a whole, in part, is reflected in: Increasing and devastating crime rates, enormously high unemployment levels, and demeaning forms of welfare. Other negative impacts are non-productivity degrees that spawn inflation, a strong sense of alienation, and moral bankruptcy reflected in poor health conditions and general hopelessness.

So in closing, the go word is, let's "Get down on it."