

Berlin: Where east meets west

By Jim Fahey

BERLIN, East Germany (FbP) - "The Army takes care of it's own" is an expression often heard but seldom seen by many soldiers in the Army. If your a squared away soldier and feel you deserve something a little extra ask your First Sergeant about the Berlin Orientation Tour.

For enlisted

"The Tour itself is designed for enlisted soldiers, E-7 and below, as an incentive for Soldier of the Month, Quarter or NCO of the Year", said Sgt. Cleveland Dale, an official of the Berlin Orientation Tour program.

The Tour begins with a trip through some of the American sector of West Berlin. You'll see the Berlin Airlift Memorial, dedicated to those people who lost their lives during the nine month blockade of West Berlin in 1948-1949. From there you go to Check Point Charlie and the museum of escapes from East Berlin. Then it's on to the Changing of the Guard at the Soviet War Memorial, Brandenburg Gate, Hitler's Bunker, and many other historical sights and buildings in West Berlin.

East Berlin

The second day your tour takes you through Check Point Charlie into the East. Your day begins with a tour of East Berlin which includes Embassy Row and the Changing of the Guard at the Neue Wache, or Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The remainder of the afternoon is spent shopping, souvenir hunting, or individual sight seeing in downtown East Berlin. This is also the only time which you are required to be in uniform during the tour.



The third and final day is spent seeing more of West Berlin. You visit historic sights including the 1936 Olympic Stadium where Jessie Owens captured four Gold Medals. You also stop to shop at the British PX and then return to downtown Berlin for an afternoon of free time.

Evenings

Your evenings are left free for you to explore the exciting night life of West Berlin as you like.

No leave time is deducted and the Army provides billets, food and transportation. Still you'll want to make sure to bring enough cash for souvenirs, snacks, extra film and free time activities.

Berlin is great. See your First Sergeant now. (PFC Fahey is a Stringer for HHC Brigade who toured Berlin last month.)

Wisconsin soldiers can hit the air waves

minute Christmas message to radio station: WGID-FM, 30th avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53141. Tapes must arrive by 1 Dec. 82, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the family (person) living in the station's listening area.

A Wisconsin radio station is seeking audio taped Christmas messages from soldiers stationed overseas. Soldiers who are from or have family living in Kenosha, Racine or Walworth counties in Wisconsin or Lake county, Illinois, should send an audio cassette with a one