

C-E section has multi-missions

By Wray Hall

You've heard the old adage "two heads are better than one?" What about when there are two hats to wear and only one head? That is the dilemma Col. Joseph D. Schott faces all the time. He is not only the 22nd Signal Brigade Commander, but also the V Corps Signal Officer, directly responsible to the Corps Commander for all communications activities within the Corps area. The Brigades Communications-Electronics Section (C-E), located at the Abrams building, provides the means for this all important mission.

The second hat

Lt. Col. Joe G. Ricker provides the head for the second hat, and bears the title, Assistant Corps C-E Officer. With a staff of 16 soldiers assigned from the 22nd Signal Brigade, Ricker advises and exercises technical supervision over all C-E matters. Daily interface with the G-3 and other Corps staff sections is a matter of routine, as well as frequent coordination with division and major subordinate signal units, higher headquarters and interoperability with the adjacent German III Corps and VII US Corps.

As a matter of daily policy, the various branches within the C-E section are constantly looking out for the best interests of the 22nd Signal Brigade as

well as providing communications to the Corps. The operations and plans, radio, telecommunications, and wire branches collectively analyze the capabilities versus communications needs and provide general and detailed information to the Brigade S-3. The S-3 section in turn manages the actual employment of personnel and equipment assets. The force modernization branch looks to the future for procurement of new equipment. The Comsec Material Direct Support Activity works directly under the assistant C-E officer for accountability and maintenance of all COMSEC equipment within the Corps.

During field training exercises, the C-E section provides liaison for evaluation of systems performance, operational system and circuit engineering and restoration of communications systems.

Ricker said in a recent interview, "Although it may seem that the C-E section is sometimes remote and more attuned to the V Corps Headquarters, C-E personnel never lose sight of the fact that they are a part of the 22nd Signal Brigade. And, proud of it!" (Sgt. Maj. Hall is assigned to the Brigade's C-E section.)

FIVE by FIVE will change editors in January

By G.G. Liddy

HOECHST, Germany (FbF)- Editorship of the FIVE by FIVE will change hands next month according to Col. Joseph D. Schott, Commander of the 22nd Signal Brigade and publisher of the FIVE by FIVE.

MSgt. Jim Koenig, editor and founder of the brigade newspaper, has been reassigned as the Chief Public Affairs NCO for the 3rd Support Command, due to a recent promotion.

Koenig's replacement is SSgt. Jon Pettebone who formerly served as the Command Information NCO for V Corps.

Pettebone, a 1974 graduate of Chabot



College, where he majored in communications, has served as a career counselor and field recruiter and various jobs in the Signal Corps. He is also a journalism graduate of the Defense Information School. (PFC Liddy is a brigade stringer. He will DEROS this month.)