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# Life in the Signal Corps

By Geri Wood

I have been here three years. I have seen the death of a Corps Signal Battalion, the birth of a Corps Signal Brigade and the coming and going of over 2000 soldiers.

Looking back, I remember grass cutting, police call, Grunt Week, partnership activities, REFORGER 79, 80 and 81, enough crested birds to fill a loft and WINTEX's filled with snow. I had never been to a tactical unit before. Someone called me on my first day at work and said "I need a Patch Panel Operator." I secretly thought of little ladies patching quilts and knew that this guy was suffering from combat fatigue.

Then came the exercise. What's a IASS phone? What is PCM cable? What is RATT? Are we Pied Piper or what? I spent the first six months trying to figure out just what Signal did. I have heard of codes, but this was nuts. Then a revelation struck. We were in the movies and all these people must be James Bond.

Anyway, three years have past in

## 32nd Signal soldiers visit German Army

By Wayne Terry

Twenty-one soldiers from 32nd Signal met recently with their German partnership unit, the 330th Fernmelde Battalion in Koblenz for a day of festivities

An orientation was given by Lt. Col. Heinz Karow, 330th Commander. Next the 32nd soldiers saw a German presentation of the Autoko system (signal equipment) and toured the 330th maintenance shop, electronic repair sections and motor pool.

At noon the "Press On" members were



glorious technicolor. I have watched phenomenal performances, and near disasters turned success. I have learned a lot from Signal and am glad of the experiences shared with the fantastic troops that make up this crazy world of Signal. Thank you for sharing it with me and should any of you find your way to the 7th Infantry Division, please say hello. My thoughts go with you and my prayers for your success.

As an old commander of mine once said, "All the way." And my answer to him and you is "Drive on, Signal, Drive on!" (SSgt. Wood is assigned to the 17th Signal Battalion and leaves this month).

invited to a "tasty" dinner at the German Officers Club. Later the 22nd signaleers were taken to a training site where four stations were on display.

When leaving Koblenz each soldier said they had a good understanding of the German Autoko system and how their German counterparts were working with them to make the NATO communication system the best in the world. (Sgt. Terry is assigned to the 32nd Signals S-3 Training Section).