32nd Signaleers rally with German partners

By James A. Cherihew

A group of ten soldiers from the 32nd Signal Battalion went to Koblenz, Germany recently to participate in a combined Road Rally and Military Stakes exercise held by their partnership battalion, the 330th Fernmelde Battalion.

The road rally portion consisted of land navigation from checkpoint to checkpoint in German POV's, testing their ability to navigate with maps, compasses, strip maps, written instructions, and in one case, pictures. While at each checkpoint, the soldiers were required to perform certain military related manual tasks. The tests varied from installing truck tire chains, river crossing with a rope bridge, laying cable, erecting Aframes, javelin throwing, simulated grenade throwing, tent erection, machine gun assembly, to boiling water. The most unique fact was that the whole event was planned, coordinated, and run totally by NCOs. The day ended with food, drink, festivities, and awards for the best teams.

"Events such as this Road Rally con-



tinue to be an outstanding example of what inspired, motivated, and professional NCOs can accomplish when given the required support, time, and latitude", a 32nd Signal Battalion leader said. (Capt. Clerihew is the Commander of HHC, 32nd.)

New procedure for married soldiers

By Jon Pettebone
If you're a soldier married to a soldier, be on the lookout for information from the Department of the Army concerning joint domicile assignments.

According to information from the Military Personnel Center, the Army has changed it's procedures for assigning married soldiers together. A letter, dated September 24, will provide information and instructions for those married soldiers wishing to participate in a New Married Army Couple Reassignment Program.

In a few months, when the program goes into effect, soldiers married to other soldiers will automatically be considered for assignment with their spouses when one member of the couple comes up for reassignment. This will apply only to those married couples who take part in the program.

Although this program does not guarantee an assignment together, it does simplify things. Married soldiers will no longer have to request a Joint Domicile each time they are reassigned.

Army couples who do not participate in the program will continue to be managed according to current policies. For additional information call 2311-6194. (SSgt. Pettebone is assigned to the Brigade Public Affairs Office and will take over editorship of the FIVE by FIVE next month.)