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Summer's Coming

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POOL PATCHING is carried out by members of the 27th Artillery's 'Big Brother' movement. The Ilbenstadt Orphanage swimming pool was aban-

doned in 1959 when cracks along the pool's sides and bottom allowed thousands of gallons of water to escape daily. —Army Photo by Holl

'Operation Schwimmbad'

Troops Repairing Orphanage Pool

FRIEDBERG — The 27th Artillery's "Big Brother" group, continuing an Army tradition of lending a helping hand to worthy charities, has embarked on a project called "Operation Schwimmbad."

The worthy charity in this case is the Ilbenstadt Orphanage; the project is the repair and renovation of the orphanage's swimming pool.

The Big Brother movement's planning committee learned of the pool's sad state of repair while visiting the orphanage to make plans for future events. Hastily constructed in 1945, the pool had not stood the test of time and was abandoned in 1959 because of severe and recurrent leaks.

Permission to work at the orphanage had to be obtained, so the potential pool repairers went to Maj Samuel Costello, the battalion executive officer.

The major, who has given support to the Big Brother group on many previous occasions, obtained permission for the men to work at the orphanage and arranged transportation for them.

Engineers Help

With the aid of Col George T. Pitts, Jr., Combat Command C commanding officer, Army engineers were called in to drain the pool of accumulated rainwater which was delaying the necessary cleaning and patching.

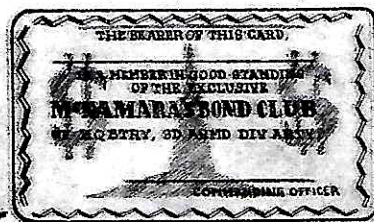
As in any large group of soldiers, there are men in the Big Brother movement who are fitted for special tasks. Two men with experience in masonry work, Sp4 Hector Bolduc and Pfc Richard Savageu, are supervising the operation of repairing the pool while other Brothers, under their guidance, assist with the renovation.

The Brothers expect the task to be completed and the pool ready for swimming by next week at the latest.

This venture is only one of many that the group has been involved in. The children are regularly treated to educational tours by members of the movement, who also provide funds, transportation and manpower for projects to improve the orphanage.

Bond Club Spurs Savings At DivArty

HANAU — McNamara's Bond Club is an exclusive organization for members of Headquarters Btry, DivArty. It is named for



"27TH ARTILLERY BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT"
ILBENSTADT ORPHANAGE

13 February 1961

Members of the 27th Artillery were host to 35 orphans from the Ilbenstadt Orphanage Saturday February 11th 1961. The children were picked up by bus at the orphanage and taken to Ray Barracks Kaserne where they were treated to an excellent meal at the Service Battery Mess Hall.

At 1300 the children accompanied by 16 sponsors left in two buses for Bad Homburg. Here they visited the Saalburg, a restored Roman Fort built 1900 years ago. At the Saalburg they visited a number of buildings containing Roman pottery, tools, artcraft, impliments of war and many other interesting items all found at the camp site. Later that afternoon the bus drove through picturesque countryside and visited the former headquarters of Adolf Hitler from which the early part of World War II was directed. The children romped and froliced in the wide outdoors and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were then returned to the orphanage where they lunched on milk and cake furnished by the mess hall.

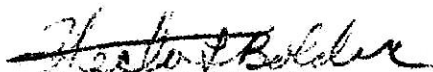
The orphanage directors wish to express, (in behalf of the children), their whole hearted appreciation to all who helped make the event an outstanding success. Many thanks are due Sgt Pettit, Sgt Cain and the entire mess personnel of Service Battery mess hall for the fine meal which they provided and to Major Costello and the Battalion Chaplins who arranged for the transportation. The children are especially grateful to the sponsors who made the event possible.

Total cost of the activity are as follows:

a. Two buses and drivers:	\$11.25
b. Entrance fees to Saalburg:	\$ 1.75
c. Candy and refreshments:	<u>\$ 7.76</u>
TOTAL COSTS	<u>\$20.76</u>

d. Cost per sponsor; \$1.25.

Notices on coming activities will be posted and all those interested in participating are urged to contact their battery representative.



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Chairman, orphans committee

27TH ARTILLERY
"BIG BROTHER MOVEMENT"
ILBENSTADT ORPHANAGE

17 March 1961

The huge success shown during the last collection for the orphans fund conducted on 28 February 1961 clearly shows that an added interest has been developed by members of this command in regards to the orphans at Ilbenstadt.

Orphanage directors report that a larger number of men have been visiting the children and in many instances bringing them gifts and goodies.

Because of the units movement to Grafenwoehr, no program was scheduled for the month of March.

The following is a breakdown of the orphans collection for the months of January and February 1961:

<u>JANUARY</u>		<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
Hq Btry	\$25.75	Hq Btry	\$42.50
"C" "	25.17	"C" "	30.00
"A" "	9.99	"B" "	22.80
"Svc"	6.50	"Svc"	9.33
"B" "	----	"A"	4.51
TOTAL	<u>\$67.41</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$109.14</u>

Jan \$67.41
Feb \$109.14
TOTAL \$176.55

Everyone is extremely greatfull to all who helped make the last collection such an outstanding success.

The next orphans fund collection is scheduled for 31 March 1961. All Battery Commanders and First Sergeants are urged to support this fund within their batteries to insure the best results. If present trends continue the orphans fund should be in excellent shape for the next Christmas program for which the battery is planning an all out program.


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