

Jim Miller
Lübeck 1960 - 1962
MOS: 722 Cryptographer

1960



1998



I joined the Army in December of 1959, had basic, went to Devens, then to Ft. Gordon for cypto school, and walla in less then 9 months found myself in Lübeck at the end of July 1960. Having more then 800 days to serve, I was naturally the company “newk” for a loooong time. I lived in the “dorm” at Zwingli Haus for a few months before moving to the third floor and rooming with Harry Yergey. My first year was rather low profile, working with and for the infamous Mike Janicki in the Com Center, watching movies at Jerk Haus while sampling the “goods” from the bar. I did get down to C Strasse, the Riverboat during that time and also played on the Company B softball and basketball teams.

In the fall of 1961 most of us moved to the “barracks” in Blankensee (sob!) where I stayed for about 6 months. After purchasing my new 1962 Volvo, I was able to again move “downtown” to the Haus on Park Strasse. The last nine months in Lübeck were kind of a blur, with most of my time spent downtown at Maxim’s. The guys that I remember “hanging” with are Mike Moyle, Dave Wrench, John Schexsnyder, Frank Crane, Bob Edgerton, Lenny Pittman, and Fess Parker just to name a few.

After discharge I returned to So. Cal., tried to finish school but was soon a member of the work force. I was lucky enough to get in on the ground floor of a “new” type of work known as data processing in 1963, where I remained for nearly 30 years. I was also lucky enough to marry my college sweetheart, the “lovely and gracious” Bonnie in 1964 and we have two great daughters Kimberly and Robyn.

Finding the Lübeck Association in 1996 has added a new and meaningful “surprise” to my life, just as being there did some forty years ago.