

AYA cheerleaders at DYA tournament

by Charlene Wiscombe

The Berlin AYA All-Star Cheerleaders travelled to Stuttgart to compete in USAREUR DYA Cheerleading Tournament Nov. 16. These six girls were chosen from 70 girls between the 13 and under age group, to represent Berlin. Arriving at the Frankfurt RTO and having four minutes to catch a train, they arrived in Stuttgart at 9:15 a.m.

After having made previous bus arrangements with Stuttgart, they still had a 3½-hour wait at the Bahnhof for a bus, therefore being late for opening ceremonies which were held at 10 a.m. and also late for competition which was held at noon. When they did arrive, they were immediately third to compete. After all the hard work on the banner, it was not able to be judged because of not being able to attend opening ceremonies.

Considering the girls had no breakfast, no dinner and a long wait at the Bahnhof, the girls did fantastically. There was a lot of time and work involved by these girls and also by mothers and volunteers. Although Berlin did not place, I do believe things could have been arranged better for a visiting group.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the mothers and volunteers who helped with the 1973 Football Cheerleaders. I would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Ferrell and Mrs. Leuhrsan for all their time and help and also to TSG Percy for making the banner.



1973 AYA ALL-STAR CHEERLEADERS — First row (from left): Dawn Leuhrsan, Cindy Ferrell, Sara Pirkle, Julie Engbretson, Jill Nikolaus and Lily Junkert. Second row: Berlin Bear (Christine Black); coaches Carla Royer, Mrs. Irene Ferrell and Mrs. Charlene Wiscombe; and Berlin Bear Janice Carter.

(Photo by William Satterwhite)