

# Swimmers join European league

by Jeff Neely

The 1975-76 swimming season will be the fourth year of competition for the Berlin American Swimming Team. The team was originally formed under Bill Brown and since has been coached by Jim Donahue, Sperry Kaler, and the present coaches, Jeffrey Neely and David Knott. The team is composed of an "A" and "B" squad differentiated by individual swimmer's performance and ability. The "A" team trains four afternoons and one morning weekly. Afternoon sessions are 90 minutes in length while morning sessions last 60 minutes.

The team competes in meets within a German League in Berlin (Berliner Schwimm Verein) and a newly formed Allied Forces swimming league in Europe. This year's team, doubled in size, is highlighted by returning swimmers Bryan Storer (Team Captain), Donna Holsapple

(Co-Captain), Klaus Erb, Susan Platt, Greg Dolge, Karla Werner, and James Rabasa. The 1975 season begins with competition in SHAPE, Belgium over the Thanksgiving holidays.

This year saw the birth of the European Forces Swimming League, which was designed to promote competitive swimming throughout the Allied European Commands. The Berlin American Swim Team will be competing in travel meets with SHAPE, Ramstein, Lahr, Mannheim, and Stuttgart. The Berlin team will also be hosting meets with these teams. During the course of the year the team will also compete in several inter-city and championship meets with German teams. The swim team is anticipating a very challenging and productive season. Individuals interested in joining are invited to contact Jeff Neely at 6871.



**BERLIN'S SWIM TEAM** this year promises to bring home a few trophies from the new league. (U. S. Army Photo)