

scoutmaster



▲ ASSISTANT 4th Brunswick scoutmaster and winner of the Baden Powell Award, John Francis, second from left, shows some of his troop the correct way to sling a broken forearm.

In the instruction group are Mark Lance, Kevin Adams and Stephen Condron, all aged 12. Patient is 11-year-old John McMillan.

John Francis is a member of the Bowden Rover Crew.

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Changing of the guard at the Berlin 'Wall'

Overseas reports in recent weeks indicate that there may be talks between Western Powers and the Russians on the subject of Berlin.

That the Wall and "Check Point Charlie" are still of absorbing interest to travellers to West Berlin is clear from a recent letter from Miss Suzanne Colyer, a physical educator on a visit abroad, to her parents in Upper Heidelberg Rd., Heidelberg.

After a visit to Russia, which included a view of the fantastic May Day celebrations in Moscow, Miss Colyer said the journey through East Germany to East Berlin was uneventful. The countryside was similar to West Germany, visited earlier, although collective farming was evident.

On the outskirts of the city, they passed

many old factories and rather dull suburbs. But centre of the city, in contrast, is modern and has been nearly completely rebuilt.

"We stayed at the Hotel Berolina, just off Karl Marx Allee, in this rebuilt area," she wrote.

"The streets were almost too wide for the little traffic around. A couple of streets behind the hotel was a newly-developed flat area. Old flats were being demolished and a new block erected almost immediately on the site. Very unimaginative buildings they were.

"The hotel was very modern — about 12 storeys high. Our suite was on the 9th floor, included a television set and was quite luxurious. The food was good, too."

The next morning, they were taken on a conducted tour of East Berlin. They only had glimpses of the wall, of which the interpreter made no mention. Evidence of the last war was obvious by vacant

blocks, some of which hadn't been cleared of rubble.

"We saw the Changing of the Guards. The relieving Guards marched down the road, turned, faced the other Guards and then they goose-stepped up to each other and changed places. To watch the goose-step still being used sent shivers up my spine," she added.

"When we arrived back at the hotel, we had to wait an hour and a half for lunch. We were furious about this, because the delay cut down our time in West Berlin and there was so much we wanted to see.

"Finally, after 2.30 p.m., we set out for West Berlin. There was a long delay at "Check Point Charlie," while the guards checked passports and the collective visa. It was quite an ordeal as the guard took the passport, looked at it, looked at you, looked at the passport, then at you again, before he was satisfied. He was such a serious young guard. It was hard for us to be serious, but we were advised to sit still and be quiet.

"Finally they allowed us to go past the barriers. It was a relief to wave to the American soldiers on the other side of 'no man's land'.

"We all set off at a great pace after changing money. First we took the underground to Dahlem (eight stations), ran two blocks to Dahlem Museum, where we saw the Man in the Golden Helmet, by Rembrandt. No time to look at any more of the collection. Made

the half-hour trip back to the heart of West Berlin and the Congress Hall in the Tiergarten — built in 1957, as a gift from America."

It was then nearly 6 p.m., she wrote, and time to be back at the coach.

"So we hailed a taxi to go to Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, which is known as the Lipstick and Snuffbox. The new church has been built in two sections, the bell tower (lipstick) and the chapel (snuffbox) on each side of the ruined tower of the old church."

"Then it was back to the coach and into the East again. The guards had set a time limit on our visit to the West, hence the short time.

"It was strange to

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Lunch with Princess Anne

John Francis, 22, a rover ¹⁷/₃ ₇₀ from 4th Brunswick Scout Group, has been chosen to represent scouting in Victoria at a youth luncheon with Princess Anne during the Queen's visit to Victoria.

The luncheon will be held at the Chateau Restaurant in Queens Rd., Melbourne.

Between 50 and 60 youths will attend.

John, of Moreland Rd., Pascoe Vale South, holds the highest scouting award, the Baden Powell Badge.

A rover for five years, he is assistant scoutmaster of the 4th Brunswick Troop.

He first joined the cubs in 1956.

John works for the E. S. and A. Bank and in his spare time enjoys a game of basketball.

He is pictured brushing his scout hat for the big day.

