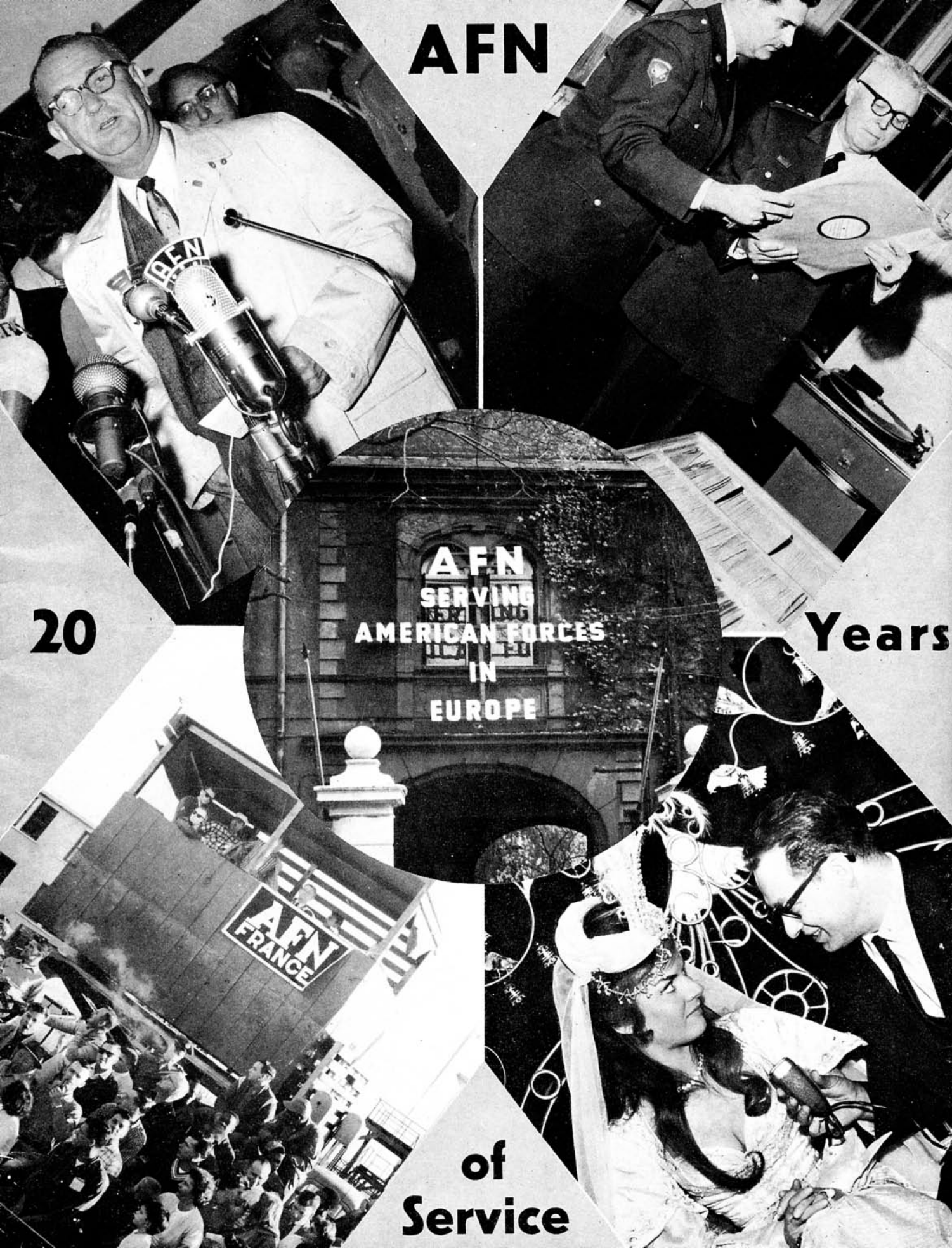


AFN



20

Years

**AFN
SERVING
AMERICAN FORCES
IN
EUROPE**

**AFN
FRANCE**

**of
Service**



It Started Modestly ...

On 4 July, 1943 at 1800 hours in the cellar of the BBC in London. At left we see the original news and sports staff preparing for the opening broadcasts. Below Cpl. Syl Binkin follows the national Anthem with the first "This is The American Forces Network".





... and grew fantastically

To its present status of 10 studio stations and 63 transmitters. Above we see one of AFN's modernly equipped studios while below General Bruce C. Clarke examines a transcription in one of the world's largest musical libraries. Headquarters for the net is in the old Von Bruening Castle in Frankfurt/Hoechst.





from mansion to castle . . .



The German V-1 bombs made the cellar of BBC untenable so AFN moved to a British nobleman's mansion at 80 Portland Place, London. Moving to the continent shortly after D-Day they followed the troops until war's end where the final home for the network occupies the 14th century Von Bruening Castle. (left) The "Schloss" was built in 1357, destroyed three times by the citizens of Frankfurt, and is now the billeting and studio area for the enlisted staff.



... and makeshift to make sure

(Above) The scene . . London, 1943 . . the cast, three EM preparing for broadcast in temporary, makeshift studios. (Right) The scene . . London, 1963 . . the cast, the London Philharmonic preparing for broadcast in one of the world's most perfect sound stages. The London orchestra is heard frequently over AFN.





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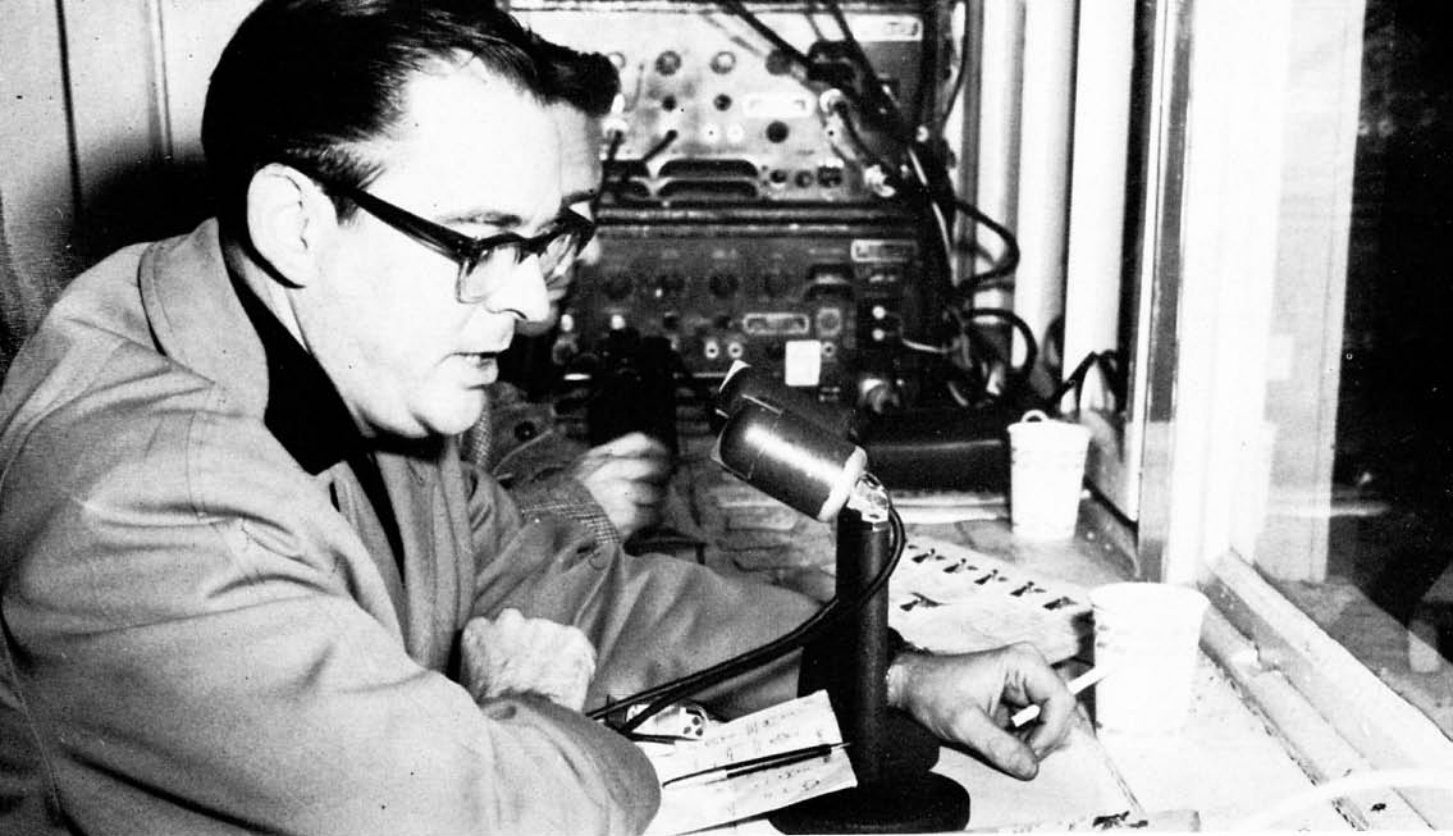




From one divided city to another

From BBC in London to RTF in Paris. (left) Former Presidential network announcer Corporal Keith Jameson does an A.E.F. program in 1944; Jim Stutzman, AFN, and French radio man do a broadcast from RTF in 1963. On the right Academy Award winner Bill Holden does an interview in the divided city of Berlin as an AFN man gathers material from another divided city . . . Jerusalem.





Sports

Jack Warnick, Chief of the AFN-Europe sports section, broadcasts a play by play account of a football game on Saturday afternoon while the versatile men of AFN France move out to a remote location to offer its France based servicemen a play by play description of a regional baseball game. World series broadcasts are presented live from the States each fall.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The AFN microphone brings the listeners many facets of life around them; right, our reporter transports the listener deep into a Bavarian Salt mine while, below, Special Events Chief John Morris interviews His Majesty King Hussein, ruler of the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan. One of the great features from Jordan has been the Christmas Mass on the sight of the Manger.





Local Shows

AFN Berlin's "Frolic At Five", a D.J. Show, moves to a mess hall for an interview from the mess sergeant while another group, from Nurnberg Germany, takes their "Doctor Music" to the local field hospital in order that EM patients may have an opportunity to participate.





Local Glamor

AFN-Bremerhaven, a few years past, named local lassies after Disc Jockey shows for which a (beauty) popularity contest was held. In fairness to all the gals we won't say which one won. Below, Johnnie Morris talks to glamour girl Heidi Bruehl, star of TV and Motion pictures.





Entertainers

Famous names in the entertainment world and famous statesmen are no strangers to the AFN microphone. Above, Don McNeill of the "Breakfast Club" has been on AFN for many years while, upper right, the Vice President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson speaks to our audience. Below right John Morris does a "special interview" with James H. Douglas, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.





Lt. Col. Robert Cranston, Commanding Officer, AFN-E, talks to singer Paul Anka after his performance in the Frankfurt Studios. Below, left, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara greets our listeners on his recent arrival in Europe. An old friend to AFN and its vast audience is Jayne Mansfield (below) who flashes one of her prettiest smiles for all to enjoy.

Statesmen



AFN GERMANY TRANSMITTER OPERATION

AM TRANSMITTERS

<u>FREQUENCY KC</u>	<u>METERS</u>	<u>TRANSMITTERS</u>	<u>POWER</u>
548	547	MUNICH	100 KW
611	491	NURNBERG	10 KW
		Grafenwoehr	10 KW
		KAISERSLAUTERN	10 KW
872	344	FRANKFURT	150 KW
935	321	BERLIN	10 KW
1034	290	Ansbach	250 W
		Bad Kissingen	250 W
1106	271	STUTTGART	100 KW
1142	263	BREMERHAVEN	5 KW
		Wurzburg	250 W
		Hersfeld	250 W
		Schweinfurt	250 W
1304	230	Bamberg	250 W
		Heidelberg	1 KW
		Goeppingen	250 W
		Berchtesgaden	250 W
		Regensburg	250 W
		Fulda	250 W
		Wertheim	250 W
1394	215	Bitburg	250 W
1502	199	Garmisch	250 W
		Giessen	250 W
		Straubing	250 W
		Rothwesten	250 W
		Wildflecken	250 W

FM TRANSMITTERS

FREQUENCY

Frankfurt	98.7 Megacycles	55 KW ERP
Berlin	87.85 "	1.5 KW ERP
Stuttgart	101.2 "	0.45 KW ERP

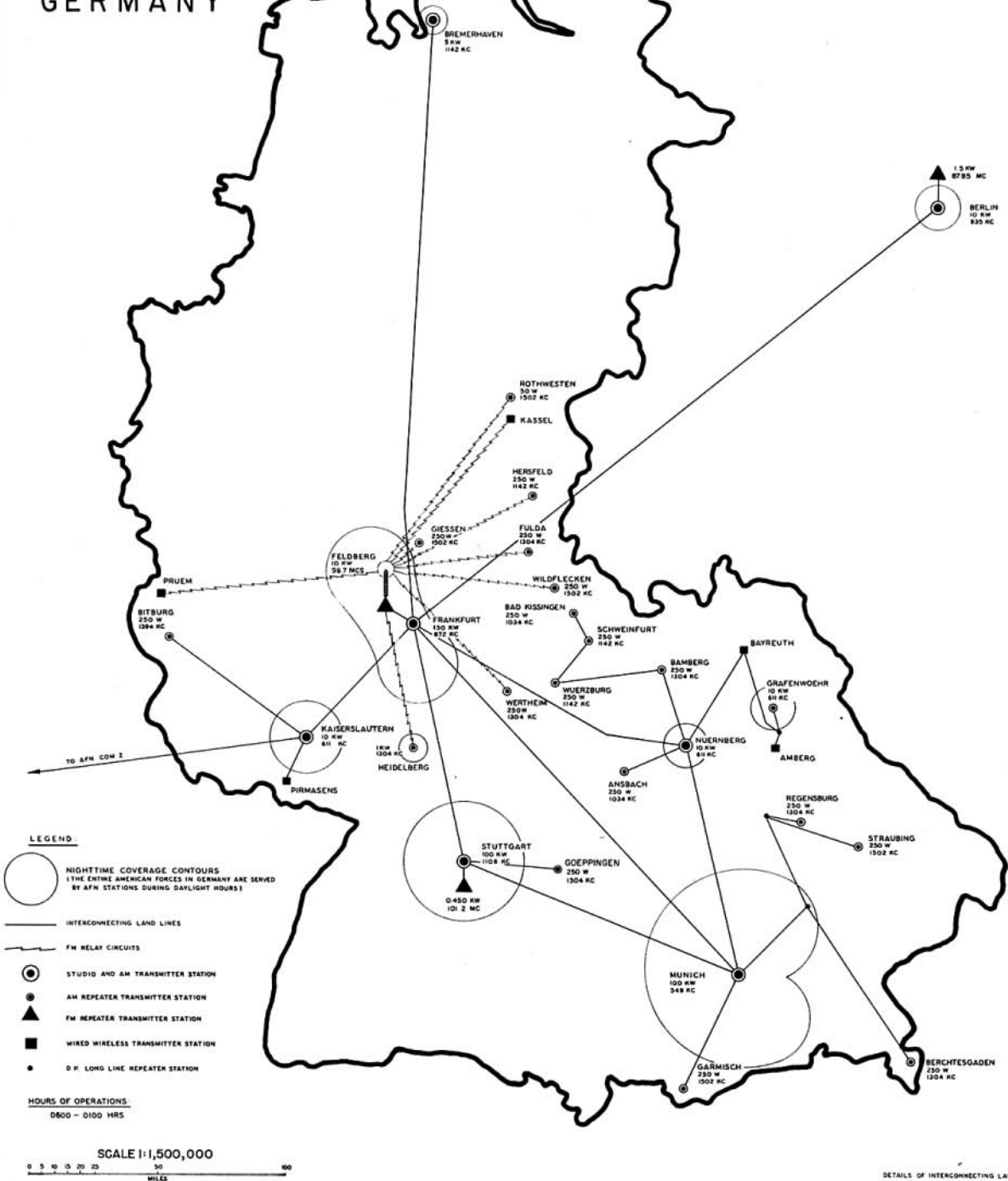
PROGRAM SOURCE FOR REPEATER TRANSMITTERS

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Hersfeld	Berchtesgaden	Bitburg	Grafenwoehr	Goeppingen
Heidelberg	Regensburg		Ansbach	
Fulda	Garmisch		Bamberg	
Giessen	Straubing		Wurzburg	
Wertheim			Schweinfurt	
Wildflecken			Bad Kissingen	
Rothwesten				

NOTE 1 — All above transmitters operate from 0600 until 0100 hours, except AFN Berlin AM, which operates 24 hours per day.

NOTE 2 — Capital letters — Studio installation.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK GERMANY



AFN FRANCE TRANSMITTER OPERATION

FM TRANSMITTERS

(Capital letters denote studio installation)

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TRANSMITTERS

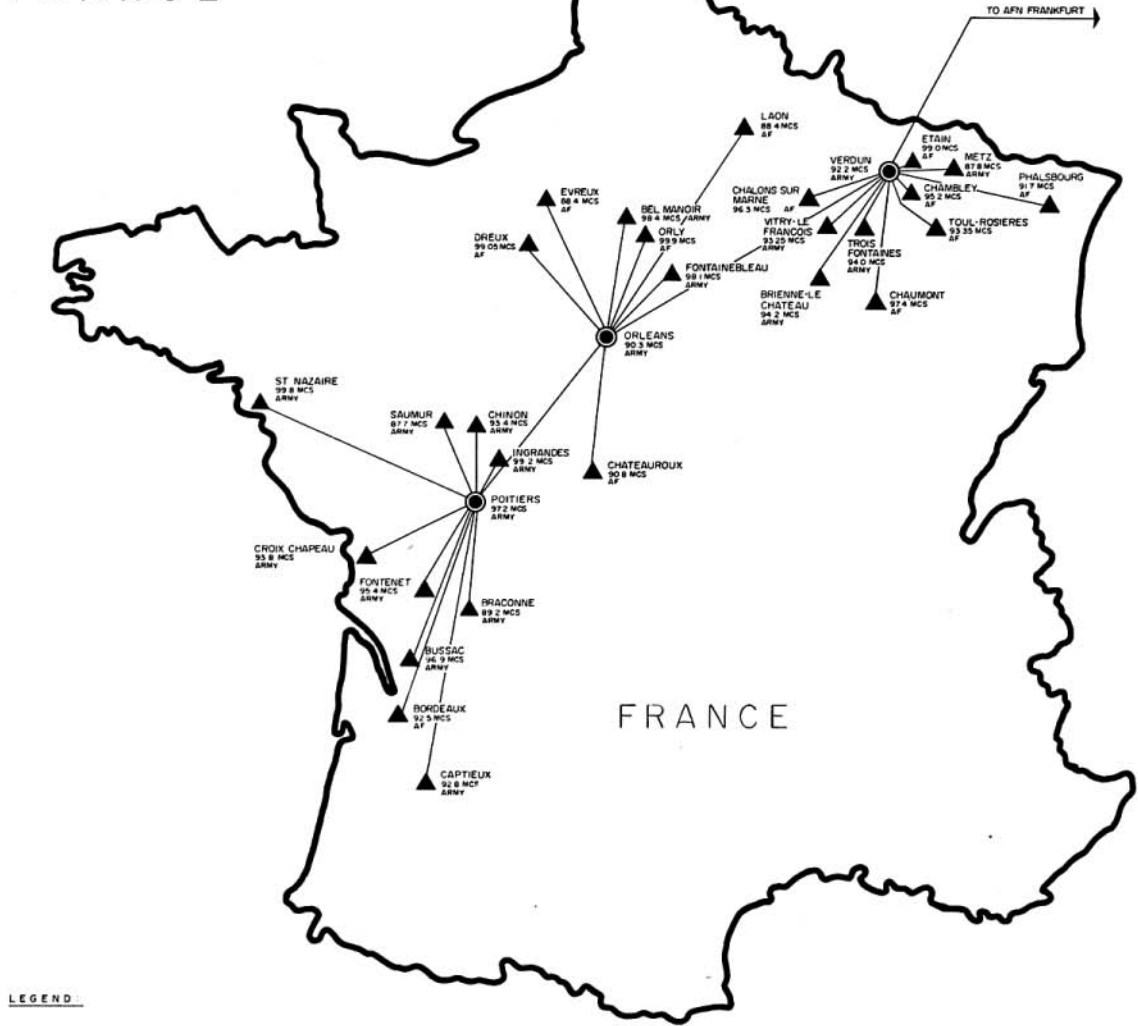
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93.35	Toul Rosieres
97.4	Chaumont
91.7	Phalsbourg
87.8	Metz
88.4	Laon
98.1	Fontainebleau
99.9	Orly
90.8	Chateauroux
93.8	Croix Chapeau
94.2	Brienne-le-Chateau
99.2	Ingrandes
96.3	Chalons-Sur-Marne
93.25	Vitry-le-Francois
93.4	Chinon
89.2	Braconne
95.4	Fontenet
92.5	Bordeaux
96.9	Bussac
88.4	Evreux
94.0	Trois Fontaines
99.0	Etain
87.7	Saumur
92.8	Captieux
95.2	Chambley
99.8	St. Nazaire

PROGRAM SOURCE FOR REPEATER TRANSMITTERS

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	Laon	

All above transmitters have a power output of 50-watts.
Hours of operation of all transmitters is 0600-0100 hours.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK FRANCE



LEGEND

ARMY = ARMY INSTALLATION

AF = AIR FORCE INSTALLATION

— = INTERCONNECTING LAND LINES

▲ = 50 WATT FM REPEATER TRANSMITTER STATION

● = STUDIO WITH 50 WATT FM TRANSMITTER

HOURS OF OPERATIONS

0600 - 0100 HRS

SCALE 1:2,500,000
0 25 50 100 200
MILES



For the Net

The dedication of a new trans-Atlantic phone system finds the AFN reporters making one of the first calls to the USA via this new under water communication cable. Below, the 150,000 Watt "voice" for AFN is opened at Weisskirchen, near Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

SOME BIG





MOMENTS

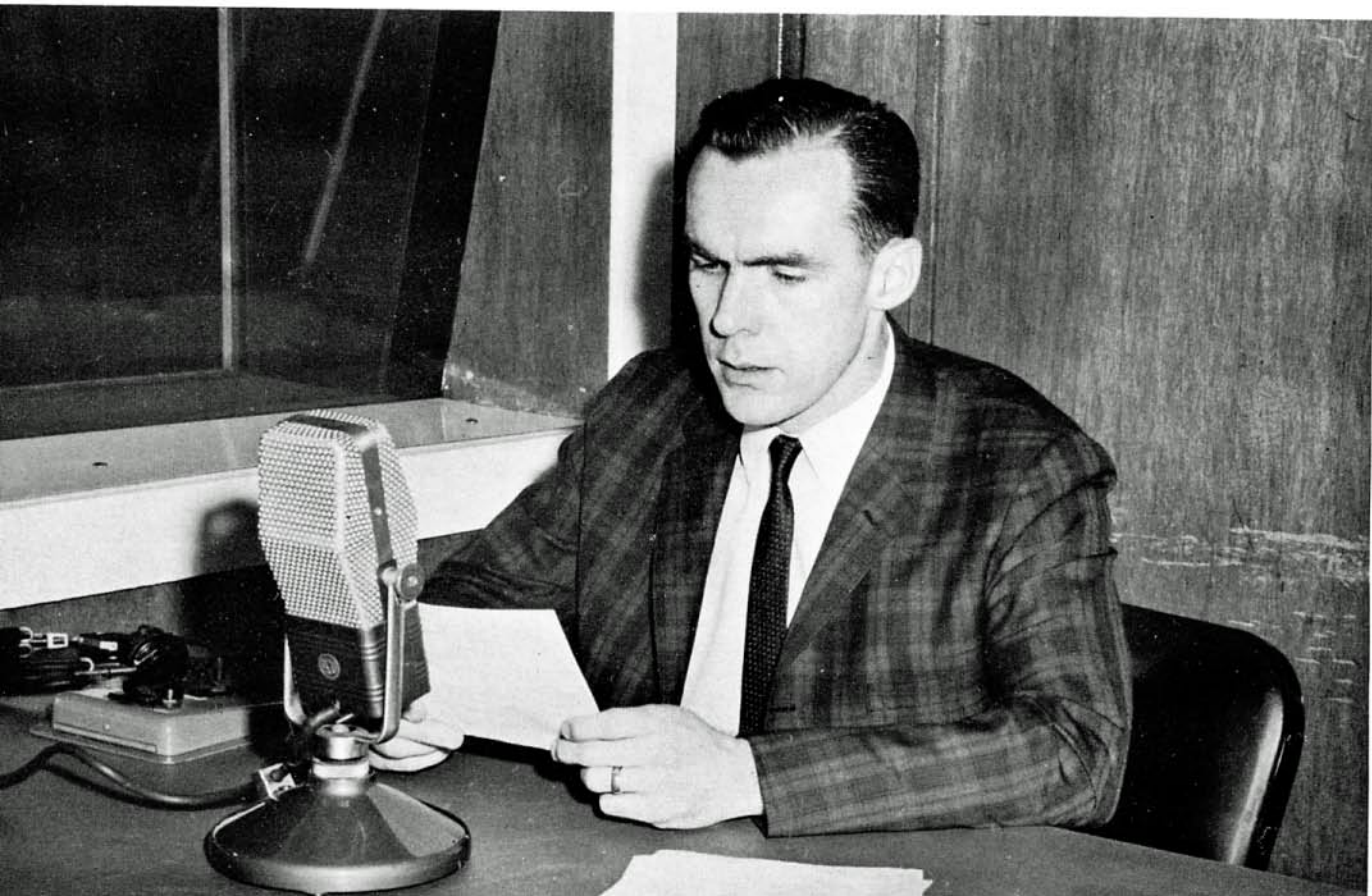
For the Staff

Almost 250,000 cards and letters are received by the net during the course of a year. Pity the poor D.J.'s who have to read them all. The two above have seemed to "av 'ad it!" To the right we see Munich's D.J.'s presenting a transistor to a "shut in" so that she may hear her favorite tunes.



News

Staff



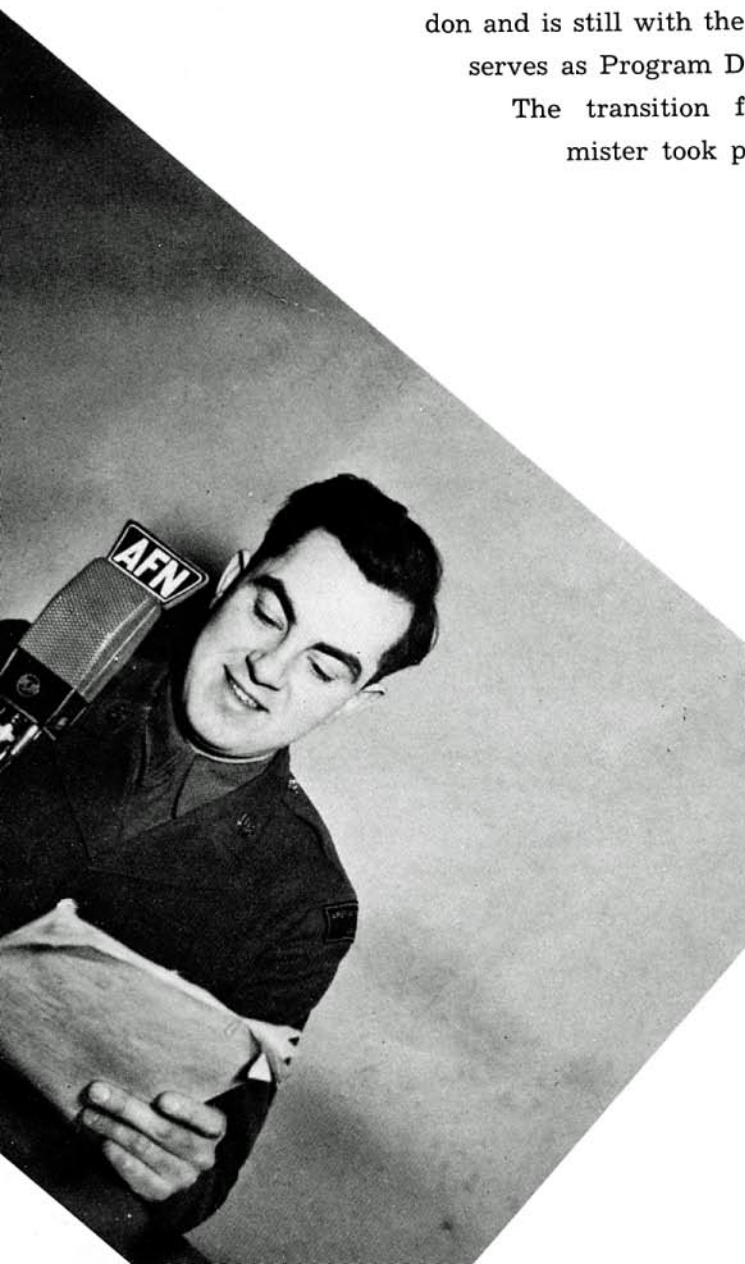


On the preceeding page, (top) Assistant Managing Editor Maurie Cagle reviews copy before it is presented for airing. Below, is Managing Editor Bill Marsh reading one of the major news casts which are heard 4 times daily. 5 minute casts are heard on the hour every hour. Above, AFN news man Dan Allen talks to pilots before take off when Dan flew thru the "sound barrier" at Ramstein, Germany.

Mister A. F. N.

BEFORE — AFTER! The time — 1830 hours, 4 July, 1943 Sergeant John Vrotsos faced the AFN mike to bring the serviceman famous songs which were enjoyed during that period. (on the right) The time — 1830 hours, 4 July, 1963 MISTER John Vrotsos faced the mike in studio "A" to bring the present day listeners the same type of program aptly named "The Golden Record Gallery." Johnny Vee began with AFN in London and is still with the web . . . however he now serves as Program Director AFN-France.

The transition from sergeant to mister took place in 1946.



The Commanders AFN EUROPE

1943 - 1963



Major Charles Gurney — 1943



*Lt. Col. Robert Cranston
Present Commander*



Lt. Col. John S. Hayes — 1943



Lt. Col. Ernest C. Saunders — 1945



Major William E. Rigel — 1947



Col Philip M. Johnson — 1949



Lt. Col. Franklin Tourtellotte — 1955



Lt. Col. Oren Swain — 1946



Lt. Col. Walter Ball — 1948



Lt. Col. Harold G. Price — 1952



Lt. Col. Samuel S. Kale — 1958

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON


TO THE AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

I know that Americans everywhere join me in extending congratulations and warmest greetings to the American Forces Network on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary.

In two short decades, this Network has established an enviable reputation and a singular record of service to the Nation. It has informed and entertained our men and women overseas with skill and professional competence and has presented a vivid and accurate picture of the American way of life to countless millions of Europeans, thereby strengthening in new ways the bond of friendship and understanding among people of the free world.

These many achievements are, in a very real sense, a reflection of the individual efforts of all of you who have served and are serving with the American Forces Network.

On this Independence Day, I salute you on your accomplishments and wish you continued success in your important endeavors.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John F. Kennedy", is located in the bottom right corner of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.