

My dear Admiral Ruge:

Commander Friedrich K. Guggenberger graduated on 10 June with the third class of the Naval Command Course for Senior Foreign Officers held at the Naval War College. It is now my privilege to report to you on his performance as a student in the course.

Commander Guggenberger made friends easily with his classmates from the twenty-six countries represented in the course and soon became adjusted to his new surroundings. He was liked and respected by the officers of the staff and by the citizens of the local community. Although his proficiency in the English language enabled him to participate fully in all activities from the beginning, he nevertheless voluntarily attended an evening course in English language and rapidly developed an excellent ability to converse fluently and write exceptionally well.

He was thorough and enthusiastic in his academic work and contributed a great deal to the effectiveness of the course.

In addition to the presentation of a short study on his own country, Commander Guggenberger was required to participate in several group studies and to prepare a long research paper and present a brief of this paper orally to the class. His research paper was entitled "The East German Provinces and the West". It was an excellent discussion portraying the present plight of the East German Provinces; the relationship of the problems to peace and the economic stability in Central Europe; and a suggested means for dealing with the question. His paper was outstanding as was his oral presentation.

The first term of the course included a detailed study of the Planning Process and a general review of the various weapon systems involved in naval operations and their capabilities and limitations. The subjects studied included carrier striking forces, anti-submarine and amphibious warfare, mining and mine-countermeasures, as well as nuclear weapons and guided missiles. During the second term the students participated in operations problems as members of staffs at task force and fleet levels.

Running concurrently with the above studies were studies of international affairs, geopolitics and world resources. In addition, a series of orientation trips were conducted covering naval and military installations in the United States, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Commander Guggenberger displayed an active interest in all phases of the Naval Command Course. His desire for knowledge and his effective participation in student staff work marked him as a strong leader and an outstanding student. Aside from the academic aspect, Commander Guggenberger, together with Mrs. Guggenberger who joined him in this country later in the school year, entertained the other student and staff officers on many occasions and greatly contributed to the congeniality of the group. This cordiality was also extended to many U.S. officers and leading civilians of the area. Commander and Mrs. Guggenberger should both be congratulated for their highly successful efforts to further the good fellowship of the nations represented at the Naval War College.

Your interest and cooperation in sending us such a capable officer is fully appreciated. He has been a fine example of the spirit and capabilities of the

officers of the Federal German Navy. We hope the knowledge which he has taken home will be of real value to your Navy and to the Free World.

Sincerely,

ARLEIGH BURKE

Vice Admiral Fredrich Ruge
Inspector, Federal German Navy
Ministry of Defense
Bonn, Germany

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MAY 13 1959

From: Head, Naval Command Course Department
To: CDR F. K. GUGGENBERGER, Federal German Navy
Subj: Research Paper IIA: "The East German Provinces and The West"; review of
Encl: (1) Subject Research Paper IIA

1. Your paper is an outstanding one. First, you have chosen a subject which to most Americans has been "hidden in the closet" since the war, or at least, has been overshadowed by other world events such as Berlin, Korea, Algeria, the Middle East, etc. Secondly, you have treated your subject in a most interesting and informative manner. It was not only educational to read your paper but most absorbing as well. For its organization, readability and content it is exceptional.

2. Many subjects are selected by students which become so involved that the student never succeeds in limiting his material or in reaching conclusions which bear directly on the subject undertaken. You have avoided both these pitfalls.

3. Your comparison of the French/German settlement of the Saar, Ruhr and Rhineland problems with the possible German/Polish solution to the East German provinces kindles a spark of hope that a solution might be worked out in this case too. The point that the USSR will never give up her present position in relation to her European satellites unless forced to do so is well taken. The way to compel Russia, short of war, is, as you state, to make her realize that the unrest and tension in these satellites is so great that efforts to maintain their captivity are too great a drain on the homeland.

4. The conclusions you offer to solve this problem quite effectively demonstrate that if the higher goals of the free

world societies are firmly and calmly pursued that such problems as those of the East German provinces will eventually be settled on terms which are satisfactory to all concerned.

5. You are congratulated on a job well done.

T. K. KIMMEL

First Review-CDR J. P. Fox
Second Review-CDR L. B. Jennings

Written by: CDR J. P. Fox:gp on 6 May 1959

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J/JAE:gp
3 Nov 1958

MEMORANDUM

From: Head, Naval Command Course Department
To: Cdr. F. K. GUGGENBERGER, Federal German Navy

Subj: Research Paper IIA; approval of subject and scope

1. The proposed title, "The East German Provinces and The Free World", and scope for Research Paper IIA, as submitted by you, are approved.
2. Your attention is invited to the Naval War College Pamphlet, "A Guide For Use in the Preparation of Term Papers." This Guide should be thoroughly understood before endeavoring to prepare the paper in its final form.

T. K. KIMMEL

J/JAE:gp
3 Nov 1958

From: Head, Naval Command Course Department
To: CDR F. K. GUGGENBERGER, Federal German Navy

Subj: Short Paper IA: "The Federal Republic of Germany";
review of

Encl: (1) Subject Short Paper IA

1. Your Short Paper IA has been reviewed and is returned herewith.

2. The review disclosed that:

a. You have submitted a well written and most informative paper. You defined your purpose clearly in the introduction and then proceeded to present your material in a concise, readable manner.

b. Chapters V and VI, dealing with the present political and military systems of the Federal Republic of Germany, were particularly well done. The major problems confronting the German people in those areas are frankly stated; and the courses of action, which the German nation has adopted in order to meet its many responsibilities in the free world, are discussed in interesting detail.

c. The paper is well organized throughout. Facts are well substantiated. The visual aids were very well prepared and were used most effectively in support of the discussion.

3. It is quite apparent that you have put considerable time and effort in the preparation of your paper. Your interest and endeavor in this regard are highly commendable, and I sincerely trust that you have found this work to be personally rewarding.

T. K. KIMMEL

Written by CDR Rusch:gp on 29 Oct 1958

When I was informed that the German government did not accept the offer to change my status from "non-grant-aid student" to "grant-aid-student", I wrote to Cdr. Erich Grundmann who is in charge of the training section in the navy department in Bonn and who happens to be a friend of mine and asked for some background information.

With a letter dated 11-29-58, I received a reply from which an excerpt translation reads as follows:

".....For clarification, I (Cdr. Grundmann) want to state the following:

1. Up to now, we (German Navy Section) have not received an official offer to change your status.

2. Furthermore, we shall not receive it since MAAG refuses to forward it.

3. We heard that Washington offered grant aid only in a private conversation.

4. This verbal information was only received due to good personal relationship with one of the representatives of MAAG. Without it, we would not know anything about it up to date.

5. The request to change your travel order was received by MAAG not before the beginning of September 58. We had therefore to allocate funds for your course in our own budget in order that you could be sent to the USA at the time of the beginning of the course.

6. These approved funds are now obviously the reason for MAAG to say, why should we (the US Navy) give grant-aid when German funds are approved and available.

7. If the wording of MAAG's letter to Washington suggests that the German navy approves the rejection of the offer to change your status, this is not correct. It is exclusively the opinion of MAAG.

8. We want to help you to get your status changed to grant-aid-student, but at present we have no possibility as we have not yet received the official offer.

....."

Figgemburger

Ch. Nav Sec MAAG Germany

ITO 286 Issued to Cdr. Gert Jeschonnek
on 7 June 56 under Non Grant Aid

CNO message 181946Z of March 1957
requested Ch Nav Sec Maag Germany to
cancel ITO 286 and issue Grant
Aid ITO for Cdr. Gert Jeschonnek with
same effective date.

Ch Nav Sec Maag Germany issued
corrected ITO on 25 March 1957.

Ch MAAG Germany

ITO 6-33 of 12 June 57 issued
to Capt Werner Roever under Non Grant
Aid

CNO message 302042Z of August 1957
requested Ch Nav Sec MAAG Germany to
Modify ITO 6-33 as of 12 June
1957 under Grant Aid Orders. Maag
issued corrected copy accordingly.

MAAG Germany ITO 8-2 (Non Grant Aid
Case No. Germany 7801)
To Cdr. Friedrich Karl Guggenberger
of 1 August 1958.

CNO message 22 2132 Z of Aug 58
requested Ch Nav Sec MAAG modify
MS/MS ITO 8-2 as appropriate -
authorized as Grant Aid.

Reply not read at War College but
advised by telephone by Capt Dawson
that Germany had declined. Info
Cdr Guggenberger read discloses
German Navy not approached on subj
and decision made in MAAG.

Cdr Pollard

LtCdr Saroch 78801

Europe and Middle East Officer