Jeff Sieber serves with Naval Intelligence

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Jeff Sieber, son of Mrs. Sarah Sieber of Shavertown and the late Charles Sieber has been in Bahrain since January, 1990 as a member of the Naval Intelligence Service. When he was sent to Bahrain it was with the understanding he would be there for two years, but now he is not certain when his tour will end.

"I talked with Jeff January 19. I called him about 11:40 a.m. our time. He was still sleeping; he said he slept when he could. He is fortunate because since he is with the NIS, he has his own apartment which makes it better. Like most people Jeff said Saddam is a madman, but very clever."

Jeff, whose father was employed at the State Correctional Institution, graduated from Lake-Lehman High School in 1971. He graduated from King's College in 1975 with a degree in criminal justice and then joined the U.S. Army Intelligence for eight years.

He has been sent to Germany, apan and Okinawa. In Okinawa, eff transferred to the Navy Intelligence Service and was then sent to Norfolk, Va. In 1986 he was on an aircraft carrier in the Coral Sea the year that Khadafi was bombed.

"That worried me very much, but later I received a letter from him in which he said he was writing a letter to me when the planes were coming back. It was a relief to hear from him and know he was all

"I never know what he is doing because he doesn't talk about it. I realize that he probably is unable to do so," said his mother.

Later Jeff was transferred to Jacksonville, Fla., then to Mayport and then to Bahrain where he

expected to be for two years.
"Jeff has said Bahrain is beautiful. It is the banking capital of the Mideast and you can buy just about everything there; fruit, produce, just name it, you will find it.

"Jeff is very proud of his staff and he invited them to his apartment for dinner on Thanksgiving. He was going to prepare the dinner but he had never peeled potatoes so he went to buy instant potatoes. He went from shop to shop and had decieded he would have to peel the potatoes whether he wanted to or not when in the last shop he went to, they had instant potatoes."

Mrs. Sieber said that Jeff has met a girl from Kingston in Bahrain. Her name is Miriam Amie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Amie, who still reside in Kingston.

Miriam went to the university in Cairo and taught in Cairo and now in Bahrain. She came home right after August 2, then returned to the Mideast. When Jeff talks to his mother, if he has talked with or has seen Miriam he relays messages to his mother to pass on to

I asked him if he had any messages for the Amies but he said he hadn't



GOING MY WAY? - Not really. Naval Officer Jeff Sieber stands outside the fence in the Saudi Desert watching the large animals pass by. (Photo contributed)

He has been too busy.'

"Jeff has no idea how long he will wanted to do."

seen nor talked with her recently. have to stay over there now but he never talks about it. I couldn't "Jeff sends me different items begin to tell you what he is doing from Bahrain from time to time. He but I know he is very busy. I worry has sent me three different sets of about him but I realize that he is The last time I talked with him prayer beads that the Moslems only one of many in jeopardy over use. They are beautiful," she said. there and he is doing what he

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question them and ask them to show us their registration. All merchant ships have to have a registration certificate," the officer explained to the students.

The Lt. Commander explained the students that the Persian bulf is 15,000 miles from the United States, more than halfway around the world, he told them as he used a large map to point out to the students where his ship was stationed in the Gulf.

"We were in the Gulf from August to December," he told the students. "We left from the Gulf December7 just after the United Nations voted to approve the invasion after January 15, and we arrived in San Diego, January 18. On January 15, we were watching the news on the ship just as you were here,"

Vithers said. "Now that we are in San Diego and I have leave, I am enjoying a reunion with friends and my fam-Withers told the students. When asked when he would reurn to the Gulf he said he didn't know if or when he would be

going back. In answer to some of the students' questions, he told them that it was hot near the end of summer. "In the Gulf of Oman in August one day it was 85 degrees, the next day

was 119 degrees.
"Our engineers worked in rooms where the temperature was 145 degrees. Now it is about 75 to 80 degrees and in the evening it cools

off," he said. Withers told the students that he had never participated in a war but admitted like everyone else he would be scared if he went back.

In answer to other questions he said that someone is up all the time on the ship.

"We have watches - six fourhour segments every 24 hours," he explained.

He also told the students that the O'Brien had 61 Tomahawk missiles on the ship and they were given to another ship when the O'Brien left. He also explained that the O'Brien carried 400,000 gallons of fuel which weighed 2.4 million

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rent or utility expenses as well as counseling. Other agencies offering programs are Hospice St. John at 823-2144, or the Lutheran Welfare Service at 800-468-9136.

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groups are organized and announced, The Dallas Post will list

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"Do I think about war," he said. "Yes, I do, but our goal is to prevent war. If action is taken we have to protect because the United States is well respected. I don't like war."

Withers explained that he was second to the Commander on the ship and had 30 men under him. "I do counseling, executive work, radar, and other necessary re-

circuit TV, a radio station on board, and many of the men do a lot of reading. We have some who read a 500 page book in two days, then

pick up another one," he explained. When asked about the pins he was wearing, Withers explained that a gold one indicated that his professional training was a service warfare official and the other pins were for his various achievements

and Peace ribbons. He said the men on the U.S. S. O'Brien were adopted by tens of thousands of people across the country. We had people from at least five states writing to us.

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pended from school but had five days detention and the other girl days detention.

Kristy Ann's mother, Mrs. Janet Lopuhovsky, said the girls thought there would be no problem with the sit-in because last year, students in the Middle School held a sit-in for Martin Luther King's Day, and they weren't punished.

"I believe the discipline was too harsh for the girls just helping to plan a sit-in. All Kristy Ann did was make two telephone calls from our home. Punishing her for using the phone in the privacy of her own home is a violation of freedom of speech," said Mrs. Lophovsky. "The girls were upset about it as it was.

"If the administrator had more patience in discussing why the tion so I believe the punishment was too severe. Later, the school had a program about the war but my daughter couldn't attend because she had detention," Mrs.

Lopuhovsky said. Superintendent of School Gerald Wycallis said school rules are specific about demonstrations.

"The public school building should not be the setting for any demonstrations. They are disruptive to the process of education," Wycallis said.

'We issue District Policy Handbooks at the beginning of the school year to each student. In these books

Kristy said she was not sus- are included policies referring to such subjects as demonstrations, and other such gatherings. We do had one-day suspension and seven not believe the school should be a rallying place for social issues whether it be religion, war, political issues or other such issues.

"The school should not permit pro or con demonstrations on a social issue. If the anti-war supporters wanted to let their feelings be known, they should have talked with a teacher or the administration and explain that they would like to have a debate or similar program on the pros and cons of the subject and the administration would probably agreed to planning such a program," Wycallis said.

When asked if the yellow ribbons students had placed on a fence encircling the Dallas Elementary School was a form of discipline even though the sit-in demonstration. Superintendent didn't occur, the girls would have Wycallis explained that the yellow "For entertainment on the ship understood better. The students bows were not a show of support of willingly stopped the demonstra- war but a project done by the elementary students who had relatives in the Middle East.

"Each child made a bow and printed his or her relative's name on it in honor of the service person," Wycallis explained. "Many of them had been writing letters to service personnel in the Persian Gulf."

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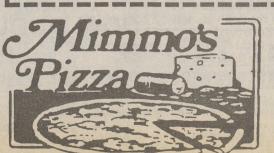
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Family watches for news of Iraqi missile attacks

By RICH JOHNSON Staff Writer

Iraq continue, a Dallas family continues to watch television and hope for the safety of relatives in that country.

The Dallas Post reported last week about Guy Bloch and Dr. Karen Cooper, who have relatives and friends in Tel Aviv, Israel. Since then, four attacks were made on that city by Iraqi missiles and for the first time since the war broke out Scud missiles hit the city, killing three and injuring others.

The Dallas couple worried about whether Guy's brother and sister were injured in these attacks but has found to their relief that each time everyone was safe.

"We get to talk to them every other day," said Karen. "They are safe but it has been tough on them."

The latest attack took place Monday, but U.S. Patriot missiles stopped most of the damage to the

been hard on them since the war over there," said Guy.

started but says it is even harder on their relatives.

"Obviously they are becoming As missile attacks on Israel by emotionally exhausted. Every time the sirens go off they have to put on the gas masks and head for shel-

Guy's brother took his family to Jerusalem for a couple of days for safety. It is believed that this religious city will not be bombed by

Guy and Karen say they are continuing on with their lives but add that a part of them is still in Israel with their relatives. The coverage on television takes some of the anguish away.

'By watching television I am able to recognize the part of the city that they live in," said Guy. "They live in an area with a lot of high-rise buildings and I could determine where that was as compared to where the missile hit," he added.

Talking to the relatives on the phone also helps the couple.

city. "We get to talk quite often but it
The Dallas couple admits it has is still not a comfortable situation "We get to talk quite often but it

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