WEEK REPORT Week ending 22nd Feb. '46

This week report takes on the appearance of a 'travelogue' as only the wondering of members provides anything to write about.

David returned from F.R.S. Conference

Ian and Stan brought back a report of their rail trip, which took them to Dortmund this time, which in many ways resembled the experience of the previous excursion --- extreme discomforts for the travellers, serious lack of information and as usual contrasting degrees of efficiency on the part of the reception Camps.

Ramsay and Fred have returned in time to take their place in the IVSP Scheme am Friedland though in their absence Marian, the third of the Trio who are being left on the Scheme if we move, has been pushing ahead with preparations and has successfully borrowed equipment from several Army sources. The Scheme is being watched with a degree of interest by many people and so more than ever we are hoping that the weather behaves. At the present rate of application it is thought that the duration of service will extents for more than a month during which time the vacations University faculties will have been represented. Several other German friends are also interested but so far we have not managed to bring in more than the three Nationalities --- German, English and Scottish.

The atmosphere in the Russian zone is rather strained at the moment as the guards are being changed and the 'new brooms' are making their presence felt. Our 2 km drive to Arenshausen is often interrupted two or three times while they examine the Ambulance. Some of the stops seem unaccounted for as we have no common language and after the young lad strikes the mudguard a few times he allows us to proceed. It causes us little inconvenience but those who stay on the other side of the line take a more serious view. We wonder how we are going to introduce the Salvation Army to them.