

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR PEACE

WORK PROJECT

- 1) **Organising Branch / Office :**
British - Germany
- 2) **Service at :**
Twisteden, Geldern
- 3) **Nature of Service :**
Fuel-cutting camp
for youths, 15 upwards
- 4) **Duration of Service :**
6 weeks; Aug 5th to Sep 14th '46
- 5) **Volunteers required :**
Men 20, Women 5
- 6) **Leader :**
Leslie Gore, RS/150/IVSP, BRC Kevelaer
- 7) **Finances:**
Local and IVSP British Branch,
ie Stadt Geldern will foot food, equipment, rent
(if any) bills; and also contribute a 50% share
of the pooled fares of volunteers. IVSP and
volunteers share the balance of the fares.
- 8) **Work to be carried out :**
Cutting, stacking and loading wood.
- 9) **Authorities and other organisations
involved, and how :**
Bürgermeister of Geldern, assisting in
organisation. Local Mil Gov, being kept
informed, and assisting. CCG Education
Branch, Bünde, being kept informed.
- 10) **Assistance required from other branches :**
None possible
- 11) **Additional Information :**

It was felt that the volunteers were mostly too young. They could not absorb the IVSP spirit sufficiently; and may have tended to regard the camp as just another camp. This is no fault at all of the idea of IVSP, only that not sufficient trained English and other nationality IVSP volunteers were able to be on the scheme. But all the same a great deal of valuable work has been done; and the experiment is certainly worth repeating just as soon as the balance of other nationalities volunteers can be brought up to more or less equal the German.