

Relief Section 143 /IVSP / BRCC.  
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Dear Willy,

I am very sorry to have been such a long time sending you the reports of our camp at Neu Kladow we had our ups and downs, as I believe you heard, but in the last few weeks the camp became what we had been striving to make it. a real IVSP camp, the experience that we all gained was extremely useful, and we had many really excellent volunteers through the camp. It was a pity that you were not able to stay long enough to see the camp in operation. The work they achieved was really splendid, and they gained the respect of all the hospital staff etc. The "high-spot" of the evening activities was the last Wednesday evening when we invited representatives from the education departments of the British, American and French Military Governments, and several other interested friends. The evening was a huge success, one could feel that the camp really felt themselves responsible for making the evening a success, every member made it his or her duty to see the visitors were being looked after, and that someone was talking to them. First we took them all a tour on the work that had been done, first the garden work in the new Kladow hospital, and then we drove over to the other hospital where the volunteers had helped to build in only a few days a lying out terrace for T.B. patients.

The hospital had only two skilled workers available, and it would have been quite impossible for them to have done the work alone. Our volunteers carried 30 tons of scrap iron that was lying in the way where the terrace was to be built, they then cleaned and smoothed the place where it was to be built, and then carried the 200 square metres of wood that was required for the building, and also helped with the building. They also improved the road leading down to the terrace where the patients would be wheeled. All this work was achieved in just a week. This was definitely the most spectacular part of our work, and our visitors were most impressed.

After the tour of inspection we returned to the Tagesraum where they had worked wonders, and it was almost looking like the lounge of a hotel! But all improvised with blankets off their beds for tables cloths, and large potato tins for flower vases, and the table tennis table in two halves balanced on forms to make nice low tables to sit round. We then talked together in groups, and at the end sang some talks together. Next morning in Mil. Gov. house I heard from a totally different department about the success of our international evening, so already it had spread.

Pegeen stayed a few days with the team here after the camp, and then we saw her off to Italy, we haven't heard from her since, but I hope that she has arrived safely. Pegeen was splendid, and a tremendous help, she took over the job of Head Sister after Agi Willke had made a mess of it, and brought things into order again, and managed all the complicated German ration cards very successfully.

Greetings to you all from the team.

Yours.

Betty Dinwiddy