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To volunteers going to Easter Services in Germany :

At the moment of writing things seem to be going according to schedule and I hope this letter will bring up to date with news and information. I have now applied to COBSRA for papers for you to travel on the dates given below.

DATE OF DEPARTURE :

Thursday, 11th March :	1. Frances Lancashire	- Gelsenkirchen
	2. Edna Smith	- Berlin
Saturday, 20th March :	3. Douglas Sowerby	- Berlin
	4. Connie Sowerby	- Freiburg
	5. Tom Joseph	- Gelsenkirchen
	6. Muriel Higginson	- Gelsenkirchen
Thursday, 25th March :	7. Cyril Baker	- Freiburg
	8. Hazel Wheeler	- Berlin
	9. Veronica Saunt	- Mülheim
Monday, 29th March :	10. Bruce Hayllar	- Warndt
	11. Roger Newsom	- Berlin
Thursday, 1st April	12. George Layer	- Ratingen
	13. Joan Alderson	- Ratingen
Saturday, 10th April :	14. Walter Hertz	- Warndt

PLEASE NOTE :

In each case the train leaves at 8.4 p.m. from Liverpool Street station but you should report at 7.15 p.m. at Platform 11

I shall be given the tickets by COBSRA and I suggest that on the day of departure you collect them from the office. Should this, for any reason, not be possible from my end I will let you know and if you cannot do this, please let me know.

I shall give you some Reichsmark if you are going to need them the other end.

EQUIPMENT :

In reply to my question to Basil Eastland, he writes : - ... "Lined sleeping bags are not absolutely essential as blankets are laid on in all camps but they are useful if the volunteers happen to possess

them ... unless you happen to have got some spare pairs of working boots or trousers, in which case they could be given or loaned to German volunteers."

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DIRECTIONS FOR GETTING TO THE CAMPS :

Berlin : Your tickets will take you right through to Berlin.

At the station ring through to the Berlin IVSP team.

Phone No. Mil. 9344 - 68

Civilian address : Kühler Weg 8, Grunewald, Berlin

Military address : RS/143/IVSP, British Troops Berlin, B.A.O.R.

Address of Service : Berlin-Schöneberg, Dominicus Playground

Freiburg & Warndt :

Get out at Essen and take civilian train to Duisburg where you spend the night with the IVSP relief team.

Phone No. Duisburg 33495

Civilian address : Neckarstraße 13, Duisburg

Military address : RS/150/IVSP, British Red Cross, B.A.O.R. 4

The team will give you German money to take you the rest of the journey.

Address of Freiburg Service : Flughalde am Schauinsland, Phone Mil. 505

Address of Warndt Service : Zivildienstlager, ehemalige BDM-Schule, Ludweiler / Warndt,

Gelsenkirchen :

Get out at Essen. Take civilian train to Gelsenkirchen (I will give you the necessary marks for the journey in London). From the station take number 2 tram going in direction of BUER (about 40 minutes ride) in the middle of which you have to get out of tram, walk across a bridge and transfer to a tram on the other side of the canal. Ask for BERGESEE stop. After alighting, skirt the lake which appears in front of you to the right, by turning to the right. The Schloss Bridge, where the service is, then appears the right-hand side of the road which has by then turned round the first corner of the square-shaped lake. It is almost a quarter of a mile from the tram stop. If you have a lot of heavy baggage you can either ring up Don Suisse in Gelsenkirchen (Ernst Hodel, a Swiss member) Tel. Gelsenkirchen 22082 or 20281 who will arrange transport, or you can ring up the service from the station, so that someone is waiting for you at the tram stop - Tel. Gelsenkirchen 30260

Address of Service : Jugendheim Schloß Berge, Gelsenkirchen-Buer

Ratingen :

Detrain at Essen and get local German train to Ratingen-West (through Mülheim bound for Düsseldorf). I will give you the necessary German money.

Address of Service : Salem House, Ratingen (Further instructions from Ratingen station to follow)

Mülheim :

Detrain at Essen and go to IVSP relief team at Duisburg.

Address : RS/150/IVSP, British Red Cross, B.A.O.R. 4

General : R.T.O. at stations will help you and you can phone military number from there.

Some of you have served in Germany before, but others are going for the first time. All of you will certainly be representing the British membership in working alongside the German Branch of SCI. The difficulties they have to overcome are very many and some of them are hard for us to imagine. From the comments of volunteers who have been on previous German services I am certain you will find it a significant experience, and one which can help both the German and British Branches to develop in the right way. Very best wishes from us all at home and greetings to our friends in Germany.

Yours sincerely

Derek Edwards