

Relief Section 143/IVSP/BRCC
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Dear Derek and Basil,

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The Work-Camp

The first thing that comes to my mind to report is naturally the work-camp as I have spent a lot of my time lately with all the various arrangements. Everything is going very well, at first we were very short of volunteers, quite a number from the British Zone didn't come because of the political situation - so that we started the camp with five volunteers, gradually building up to 17 to-day but we are still hoping for more.

The spirit in the camp is fine, and the work is going ahead very well. We have some difficulties as usual with the food situation, but we are doing our best to solve that.

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Conditions in Berlin :

Life is naturally not made any easier by the political situation, when a city is divided into four occupying zones, and between the four occupying powers there is a certain tension, you can imagine that it has an effect on many aspects of everyday life. Travel from and to Berlin has become more difficult, and many people are trying to get away from the Russian zone. This has also unfortunately had an effect on our camp too, as it has meant that quite a number of volunteers would not travel to Berlin.

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No more news for now.
Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Betty Dinwiddy