

R E P O R T
on the 4th Weekend Camp at Borgwedel, May 22nd/ 23rd, 1948

It was the mixed feelings that we arrived in Borgwedel. Three weeks previous we where diverted from our main object, namely building a playground, as there where no rails and no wagons available and whilst the work done, was worthwhile, it was rather a disappointment. However we were very pleased to note (not to mention surprised) that there lay before our eyes two railcars and fifty meters of lightweight narrow-gauge rail.

Immediately we set to work to lay the rails and before we left Sunday night a goodly part of the field was lower or higher than it had been when we arrived. Everybody worked with a good heart and with high spirits from 15'30 till 18'00 hours Saturday and from 6'00 till 8'00, from 9'00 till 12'00 and finally from 13'00 till 15'00 hours Sunday.

The moment we stopped work we started to eat, and as soon as each men (- and women too!!) had their fill, we started to sing (and wash up). Saturday evening we Folkdanced first indoors, than went for a walk on the banks of the beautiful Schlei, and in a forest clearing danced some more. The evening finished to the strains of "Guten Abend - gute Nacht" sung softly in the candle-lit Girls dormitory. Sunday afternoon was given up to a walk followed by a discussion on the question of Alternate Service (or rather of the principle of refusal to bear arms in an ideological way); our opinions were divided.

All to soon the big IVSP three-tonner flew into the yard and another camp was over.. The little party climbed aboard and IVSP went into competition with the Reichsbahn. This camp was smaller than the previous ones, partly so on purpose: we restricted the members of Germans in the Camp; partly by accident, our Danish friends are going home, and our new allies, the Swiss, were not able to come as yet. There were 14 of us, 13 Germans and 1 British.

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