

Elensee Heisen - Team 313 - Correspondence and Reports

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Goisern, 21th May 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM, Director, Team 313
From: V.S. HARSHBARGER, Acting Director, Goisern Hospital
Subject: Administration of Goisern Hospital

This is to report on the current situation at Goisern Hospital and to make certain suggestions.

As you know, UNRRA was asked to participate in a situation at Goisern which had existed for almost a year without control. The patients were well organized and determined not to submit to any kind of hospital routine. Consequently, to date practically all of my time has been given to attempts to institute some kind of organization and procedure which would enhance our chances of running the situation smoothly. Constant resistance has been ~~given~~ encountered in all such efforts. Patients refuse to cooperate in all plans and, as you know, we have had interminable strikes and demonstrations.

In spite of these things we have been able to move out over 150 patients who were well, or for other reasons did not belong in the hospital. We have closed two buildings and consolidated all patients in Heim I and Heim II. Hospital rules and regulations have been drawn up, discussed with the patients' Committee and interpreted to all patients. However patients have refused to cooperate in the observance of any of these regulations and have actively resisted most of them. For example patients have placed their members in the kitchens, against orders and in one instance took for themselves unopened tins of Red Cross food-stuffs before there was opportunity for them to be prepared for service.

The administrative organization has been completely revised, with supply and certain other functions transferred to Team 313, and a revision of all responsibility allocations among local personnel. Personnel found surplus under the arrangements on being disposed of transfer to the Bad Ischl Hospital Center or proper notice of termination. Lists of positions have been sent to Ebensee for any action deemed necessary.

Sanitary conditions have been considerably improved, but we are still handicapped by lack of cleaning personnel, materials and necessary disinfectants.

Welfare activities in so far as active programs are concerned have had little attention due to the excited state of the patients during the past three weeks and the complete lack of time of the present personnel for attention to organization. The fact that the patients have been non-cooperative or actively in conflict all during this period, has made direct work with them impossible until a different frame of mind can be cultivated.

Practically all of the time of the Nurse and I has been taken up with interminable discussions and with administrative details during the past two weeks. And all that we could do, has not been sufficient to control the situation.

In the light of the experience to date at Goisern, there are certain facts that appear to stand out.

1. The unit is too small for economical administration, even under the supervision of Team 313 and it is necessary to have at least the following personnel (in uniforms, due to patients state of mind). -Deputy Director, Welfare Officer, Nurse and Messing Officer. The Welfare Officer and Messing Officer might be dispensed with after a month's time, but they are absolutely necessary for full-time service now.

2. Relationships between full-time staff at the Hospital and other member of Team 313 should be clarified, and definite allocations of responsibilities drawn up. Confused statements of policy by different members of the team and uncertainty of responsibilities have caused no end of trouble. Some of these things are, of course natural to a transfer of functions, but here is no reason now for the local Goisern staff to be longer embarrassed by this confusion.

Examples of the situation as it now exists can be taken from today activities alone. (1) Transportation for laundry has been pending since Friday, 14. May. It was promised definitely, first for Monday, then for Tuesday. At 3:00 P.m., the truck has not arrived. (2) Ambulance transportation for patients needing treatment in Ischl was promised by 9 a.m. today. At 11:30 we were informed that an arrangement was being worked out with the Bad Ischl Hospital Center so they would furnish transportation. At 2 p.m. it appears that the arrangement is still being worked out. Of course the patients are incensed at this negligence and are using it in every possible way against the administration. (3) A former patient brought in a note, signed by a Team 313 member stating she should receive April Red Cross packages and one package for May. The patient had already received her April package and May packages are definitely not given out except through the kitchen. (4) It has been decided, that approximately 10 patients are to be transferred from the hospital by force and without notification on 22 May. Although I am supposedly in charge I was not consulted as to the move nor the method of moving the patients. As it happens I am unalterably opposed to moving the patients without notification and giving them a chance to prepare for the move.

3. Definite policies as to the enforcement of hospital routine and regulation should be adopted. The present situation where the administration promulgates rules and the patients either ignore them or dare the staff to enforce them must come to an end. Tuberculosis is too contagious and dangerous a disease to allow the present situation to continue and it is my opinion that definite and arbitrary action must be taken.

I suggest therefore, that the Goisern situation should be given immediate attention and that the local staff receive co-operation in correcting the existing deficiencies. I am aware that I am in an administratively precarious position and can easily become the proverbial "fall guy" thru circumstances which I cannot control.

That you understand the situation I have no doubt, but it would be easy for headquarters personnel to conclude that nothing has been done at Colisern, since they are not in the position to know the amount of real work this job has taken to date.

Naturally I do not like to be in this kind of situation. Therefore I am asking for clarification and for the necessary personnel to pull me out of the situation. If these cannot be granted, I would like to discuss with you the possibility of other alternative for the hospital or for myself.

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Goisern, 17. May 1946

To: Director, UNRRA Team 313
From: Acting Director, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Weekly report.

Current Activities during week.

1. This week has largely been one of confusion due to patient's resistance to the institution of new rules and regulations. Long hours have been spent in attempt to interpret to the committee the necessity for hospital routine and proper protection measure. Patient's refuse the stay out of the kitchen and insist on accounting for all food and supervision of its preparation. They also refuse to remain in the hospital environs and continue to roam about the country.

2. On Tuesday evening 14 May the patients refused to eat Corned Beef from Red Cross parcels because the tins were opened. They insisted on having the tins unopened. The following day they refused to eat the same food even though an offer was made to prepare it in any form they wished. Long discussions were held on Red Cross packages and patients still insist on receiving the complete packages dry and resist it's being served through the kitchen. However the situation seems better as the week ends.

3. D.P. personnel for Goisern seems hard to find because of the reputation of the hospital. The patients are now saying that they do not want D.P. personnel on the staff. A revised personnel list is attached.

4. Sanitary conditions have considerably improved, but there is still a shortage of cleaning women.

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Goisern, 22.5.1946

To: Director, Team 313
From: Acting Director, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Fire in Home II.

1. At approximately 15,30 hours on Tuesday 21. May, a fire started in the attic of Home II and completely destroyed the roof and several top rooms of the building before it was quenched by the local fire department.

2. All patients with their possessions were successfully removed from the building without injury and now temporarily housed in the building Gebirgsheim which we had recently closed after removing well and convalescent patients.

3. Mr. FISHER of Team 313 and the Military authorities were informed immediately and two Army trucks were provided to move patients and materials. A Military guard is kept at the building at present. It should be mentioned that there was no Military personnel present at the time of the fire, nor has there been Military personnel at the hospital since Saturday, 19. May.

4. The origin of the fire is undetermined. It started in the attic and there is some indication that it began in more than one spot. Arson cannot be suggested at this point, but there is some circumstances that support such a conclusion. The CIC is investigating.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

U.N.R.R.A.
U.S. Zone, Area II
Apo 777 -US Army

Goisern Hospital
10 April 1946

Subject: Present Situation at Goisern DP Tuberculosis Hospital
To: Warren H. Cornwell, Area Supervisor
U.S. Zone, Area II
From: Acting Director (UNRRA)
Goisern Hospital

1. Mr. Andreassen has requested me to report on conditions at Goisern Hospital. I spent the past week studying the situation interviewing local military officials, reviewing the records, interviewing local Austrian medical and administrative staff, talking to patients and the resident committee (of patients) and making numerous personal inspections of the entire set-up.

2. Hospital facilities consist of five buildings scattered about the village in which patients are housed and a central administrative building. A total of 294 patients are at present in the hospital, broken down as to the following nationalities:

Polish	229	Stateless	3
Yugoslav	24	Lettland	2
Rumanian	14	Austrian	2
C.S.R.	6	Dutch	1
Russian	6	Lettland	1
Hungarian	5	German	1

3. One hundred eighty-one (181) of the patients are Jewish. Most of them have a history of concentration camp experience.

4. All buildings include separate messing facilities, dispensaries and other facilities for medical treatment.

5. The hospital is staffed completely with Austrian, including 9 physicians and 24 nurses. Administrative, clerical, messing, cleaning etc. staff are also Austrian. Military personnel at present stationed at the hospital consist of one officer and six enlisted men.

6. It has been next to impossible to control the patients to date. They will not follow orders of the Austrian medical staff and refer to them as Nazi and scream "SS" at them when they attempt to enforce hospital routine or even medical treatment. The military have run into the same difficulty and patients will ignore their orders and even dare the soldiers to shoot, dramatically baring their chests, when requested to follow orders. Thirty-four (34) patients have been pronounced cured, but to date the military have not found it possible to move them. Patients refuse to move from buildings where active cases are hospitalized when their conditions have improved. No control has been exercised over patients' movements about the community, and they are constantly traveling about the country, attending movies and other public gatherings. The Burgomeister has the past week presented a request better control for fear of further infection in the community. Sanitary conditions are improving, but still deplorable, with little cooperation from the patients. Patients cook in their rooms, insist on keeping food in their rooms, and will not allow dishes to leave their possession for sterilization. There are numerous reports of black market activities on the part of patients.

7. The difficulty of control was pointed up in Friday last in a near riot on the hospital grounds when an Austrian ambulance driver was beaten by patients and the enlisted men present were threatened by a mob of some fifty patients.

8. Among necessary immediate actions are the following:

a. Red Cross packages must be broken down and served according to instructions, at once.

b. The 34 (and possibly more) cured patients must be removed from the hospital.

c. All food from whatever sources received must be served through the kitchens only.

d. Patients must be placed in the various buildings in accordance with medical recommendations.

e. The movements of patients in the community must be controlled.

f. Hospital routine must be followed and patients' cooperation in treatment required.

g. Continuous and effective attention must be given to the problems of sanitation.

9. These things help, I believe, to point up the conditions as I see them now. It is regarded as an explosive situation that will require the cooperation of all agencies and organizations involved. All attempts to date to control the situation have failed and there is no reason to believe that it can be quickly brought in hand now. I strongly recommend that UNRRA entertain no consideration whatever of assuming full control of the hospital at this time.

10. I am today taking Mr. Arthur B. Wahnson as Principal Welfare Officer to Goisern with me and will continue to study the situation. Further recommendations for control of the situation and as to personnel and as to personnel needed will follow.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

cc: Mr. Andreassen, Acting Director
U.S. Zone - Salzburg

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Current Projects.

1. Continued adjustment to the Team 313-Goisern relationships.
2. Continued interpretation to committee in an attempt to gain cooperation of patients in hospital rules and regulations.
3. Preparation for disinfection and storing of patients clothing and personnel belongings.
4. Planning administration of kitchen so as to avoid the current demonstration and control by patients.

Proposed Projects.

1. Collecting of clothing from patients and proper disinfection and storage of same.
2. Registration.
3. Continued enlargement of the welfare program.

V.S. HARSHBARGAR

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
AUSTRIAN D. P. OPERATION
HEADQUARTERS AREA II LINZ
U. S. ZONE

3rd July 1946.

TO : Mr. V. S. Marshbarger, Goisern.
FROM : Director, Area 11 HQ. Linz.
SUBJECT : Personnel Field Regulations.
REF : P. 18.

1. We are still not in possession of your signed receipt in respect of the Personnel Field Regulations.
2. Would you please complete this and forward it to this office by return as we are anxious to send them to Central HQ.

W. H. Cornwell

for WARREN H. CORNWELL.
Director, Area 11 HQ.

TEL: LINZ 22860.
AS/MB.
cc: File.

*Advised Mr. Woodman that not have
received such regulations.*

Goisern Hospital

Goisern, 9.7.1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM
From: V.S. HARSHBARGER

Subject: Typewriters removed from Goisern.

1. Several days ago I wrote you regarding two typewriters removed from the hospital by Mr. BIALUCKI and requested their return. They have not been returned to date.

2. We need at least one of these machines very badly. My own secretary has had to loan her machine for other necessary work for most of today.

3. Will you please see, if one of these typewriters can be returned on the next truck to come to Goisern?
Thanks.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

Goisern, 8.7.1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM
From: V.S. HARSHBARGER

Subject: Letter from Austrian District Physician.

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V.S. HARSHBARGER.

Copy in English sent to
Dr. Rogoff

C o p y !

Bezirkshauptmannschaft
Gründen,
Gesundheitsamt
VI/A/III/1 -2599

Gründen, 18.6.1946

8-7-46

An die
Leitung des Hospitals 904
in G o i s e r n.

Betrifft: Ausgang von Patienten.

Auf Grund einer Beschwerde, dass lungenkranke Patienten des Hospitals dieses verlassen und in Goisern Besuche machen, ja in Privatwohnungen übernachten, bitte ich, strenge Maßnahmen zur Verhütung solcher Zustände zu ergreifen. Über das Veranlasste ist bis 6.7.46 hierher zu berichten.

Der Amtsarzt:
Dr. T e n t s c h e r t e.h.

Beglaubigt:
Unterschrift.

Gaisern, 7th July 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM

From: V.S. HARSHBARGER

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V.S. HARSHBARGER

District's Commander
Public Health
VI/A/III/1 - 2599

Gmunden, 18.6.1946

To the
Direction of Hospital 904
in G o i s e r n .

Subject: Patients leaving the hospital.

With reference to a claim, that consumptive patients of the hospital had left it and paid visits in Goisern and even stood over night in private lodgings, I ask you, to provide severe orders to prevent those events.

You have to report to me until the 6.7.46 what you have ordered in this matter.

District's physician:
Dr. TENTSCHERT e.h.

Attested: Signature.

Bezirkshauptmannschaft Gmunden

Gesundheitsamt

eing. 3/7
Gmunden, 18.6.1946

VI/A/III/1-2599

An die Leitung des Hospitals 904

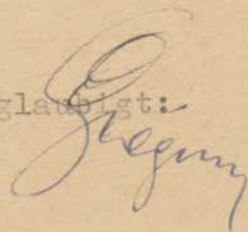
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Beglaubigt:



Copy -> Mr Haurbanger

Goisern 8th of July 1946.

To: Dr. ROGOFF
From: Dr. SPENCER
Subject: Discipline at Goisern.

1. I enclose a copy of a letter received by the Administration of this hospital from the Austrian District Physician.
2. I have to report that it is quite true that patients are still leaving the hospital unauthorized.
3. I wish to draw attention to the fact that, until we obtain an adequate 24 hour guard this state of affairs it will undoubtedly continue.
4. I wish also to mention that, in spite of continuous requests made by every member of the UNRRA personnel here to the Military authorities, there has been no increase in the number of soldiers. All that has happened is that three soldiers have been removed from our strength.
5. It is my opinion that, without the military support that has been promised repeatedly, there can be no further improvement in the discipline of this hospital.
6. Until discipline is satisfactory the standards of hygiene in the hospital are, of necessity, below standard.

Dr. R.E.W. SPENCER
Medical Officer
Goisern Sanatorium

Goisern, 3. July 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM, UNRRA Director TEAM 313,
Ebensee

From: V.S. HAREHBARGER, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Conference with Col. ROSS

1. Following my conversation with you on 28 June regarding the suggestions of the Division Surgeon and proper permission from Mr. CORNWELL, I talked to Col. ROSS on 29 June.

2. Col. ROSS stated he still expected to close the Goisern Hospital as soon as proper arrangement could be made for the patients. He would not agree to furnish a guard of 20 men for the hospital, but did state that he would furnish 16 men. He agreed to check on the repair of Home II.

3. Col. ROSS also stated that Goisern Hospital was definitely under US Army control and that any insubordination or any failure to follow orders on the part of the civilian staff should be reported and he would order the arrest of any such offenders.

11th July 1946

TO : Personnel Officer, Area II U. S. Zone
FROM : James B. Woodrum, Director UNRRA Team 313, Ebensee
SUBJECT: Annual leave and return to Home Station
for W. S. Harschberger, Welfare Officer Team 313.

1. The attached letter and leave application are hereby forwarded to you for consideration and action.

2. Please inform the undersigned as soon as convenient regarding possible arrangements.

JBW
James B. Woodrum
Director
UNRRA Team 313, Ebensee

Goisern, 28. June 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM, UNRRA Director, Team 313

From: V.S. HARSHBARGER, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Continuation of Hospital

1. This is to report a telephone conversation on 27 June 1946 between Dr. SPENCER and Colonel BAGNALL, Division Surgeon.

2. Colonel BAGNALL reported, that in view of the fact, that large numbers of Jews are expected to arrive in the area, it has been decided that it would be unwise to close Goisern, and that the Hospital should remain open in readiness to receive any tuberculosis people among the new arrivals.

3. He stated, that the army at Salzburg will do everything in its power to ensure that Goisern's operation will be efficient. A letter has been sent to Colonel ROSS in Linz, asking him to do everything possible to help. He suggested that someone from Goisern go personally to Col. ROSS to present UNRRA's requirements at this place. He also suggested that Capt. ROGOFF see Col. ROSS.

4. Do you wish that someone from the staff see Col. ROSS as suggested by the Division Surgeon? I see the situation now, there are two things we need particularly from the army: Adequate men to maintain a 24 hours guard, and assistance in the immediate repair of Home II. Today we have only 10 soldiers, while a minimum requirements are 25 for adequate guard, and as I reported to you by telephone, nothing whatever has been done to date on the repair of the burned hospital building.

5. I also wish we could obtain some kind of definite statement from our own Headquarters as to their attitude with reference to UNRRA's responsibility here.

6. Furthermore in the light of Col. BAGNALL's Statement should we soon revise our policy with reference to new admissions? As you know our policy now is not to admit any new patients.

1. This month's operations have proceeded with a fair degree of success in spite of complete confusion as to the policy of both UNRRA and the army with references to responsibility for the administration of the hospital, as well as the final disposition of the installation. We were, at the beginning of the month, told that the institution would continue indefinitely, provided it was under control within 30 days. Two weeks later we were advised the hospital would be closed almost immediately. On 27 June we were advised, that we could expect it to continue indefinitely.

Such was the policy under which we attempted to function with some kind of effectiveness.

In addition to these things, any contacts with UNRRA officials above the local Team 313 level has usually brought only the response, that UNRRA was not responsible for Goisern. This, as you can see, has had a rather dampening effect on the morale of the local staff, living as they are in comparative isolation, and working in an extremely difficult situation.

In spite of this, the staff has worked faithfully and enthusiastically and are to be commended for the splendid spirit shown during this trying period.

2. Some definite policy statements, both as to the disposition of the hospital and the UNRRA responsibility for its administration are needed. However, since this seems rather impossible, we are proceeding on the assumption that we will be here indefinitely, planning and executing our work accordingly.

3. Hospital Control: Rules and regulations for patients were revised and put into effect during the first week of the month. A series of letters to the patients was initiated, in order to interpret the new policies.

A military guard was placed at each building. However, only 12 men were provided by the US Army, which makes a 24 hour guard as well as an adequate guard at any time, impossible. A minimum of 20 men are needed to actually see that the present rules and regulations are enforced.

Rules and regulations have also been promulgated for doctors and nurses.

4. Welfare Program: Enough supplies (also still inadequate) have been received in sufficient quantity to provide games and reading material for patients. Classes in English, French, German and Mathematics are now in process with a total enrollment of approximately 35 patients. A reading and recreation room is in the process of being furnished and decorated in Home I. All DP forms 2 have been revised or verified during the month.

5. Mr. Van der Brugh has revised the personnel organization but has been unable to make some necessary changes because of the uncertainty of policy as outlined above.

One of our most difficult problems is that of communication. It frequently takes from 2 hours to half a day to get a call thru to Ebensee and then is no telephone service whatever after 8 P.M. of the evening.

This report is supplemented by that of other local staff members.

V.S. HARSHBARGER
UNRRA Acting Director

Goisern, 27th June 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM, UNRRA, Ebensee, Team 313

From: V.S. HARSHBARGER, Goisern Hospital.

Subject: Property transport to Ebensee.

1. Since Team 313 assumed responsibility for Goisern Hospital a considerable amount of property has been transported to Ebensee presumably for use in other D.P. operations.

2. This property was in all instances removed without clearance with me and without the opinion of the local staff as to whether it was needed locally.

3. I should like, therefore, to make it a part of the documented record of my work in Goisern, that neither I, personally nor any other member of the local staff has at any time ordered, or authorized the removal of any of the property in the use of this hospital when I assumed responsibility here.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

Goisern, 17th June 1946

To: Mr. Woodrum, UNRRA Team 313
EBENSEE

From: V.S. HARSHBARGER, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Polish Red Cross.

1. This is to report that according to my information, a patient from this hospital visited the Polish Red Cross in Ebensee on 14 June and received food which he in turn smuggled into the hospital and distributed against hospital regulations.

2. Would someone in Ebensee please check with the P.R.C. the truth of this rumor, and, if true, explain to the local P.R.C. official the reasons for am asking that he not deal directly with tuberculosis patients.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

DP -Hospital

Goisern, 2. June 1946

To: Mr. WOODRUM, UNRRA Team 313, Ebensee
From: V.S. HARSHBARGER, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Removal of typewriters from Goisern Hospital.

1. I am informed that Mr. R.S. BIALUSKI, Director of the Children's Home took from this hospital on Friday 28 June 1946, at about 19,30 hours two typewriters.

2. This arbitrary action was not cleared with any member of the local UNRRA staff, even though I had dinner at the same table with Mr. BIALUSKI within an hour of the visit of his representative to Goisern.

3. I personally consider action of this type a breach of everything I know in the way of administrative ethics, and I should like once more to ask your cooperation in seeing that property is not removed from Goisern without clearance with the local staff. As you know, this is not the first time that we have been embarrassed by such activity.

4. Furthermore I should like to ask that the two typewriters removed on 28 June 1946 be returned, since we have need of both of them in our operation here.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

Monthly Narrative Report

- A. Concise summary of important problems not yet solved, important targets set for the team during the succeeding period;
- B. Concise summary of results of operations of the team during the period ended by the report including following topics:
- 1) Relations with the military and other agencies (if any)
 - 2) Major results and developments including special problems concerning DP's such as:
Housing,
Food,
Clothing,
Fuel,
Registration,
Repatriation,
Health,
Sanitary conditions,
Welfare services and problems
Education,
Equipment,
Voluntary agency matters
 - 3) Organisation and Administration:
 - a) Major organisational changes
 - b) Personnel requirements and problems,
 - c) Problems involving morale, PX, allowances,
 - d) Internal administrative problems, such as communications, staff transport, supplies, billets, equipment.

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Statement.

At approximately 15.30 hours on Tuesday 21 May 1945 I was in my office when I was notified that Heim II of the hospital was burning. Upon arrival at the building, the roof was in flames. A quick survey disclosed all patients out of the building and equipment and other movable items were being rapidly removed.

Prior to the fire the patients had been considerably resistant to attempts to control them in accordance with hospital regulations, and for some four weeks there were frequent demonstrations and one prolonged hunger strike. Rumors, of course, floated about that patients would in various ways implement their resistance by more overt actions. Among these rumors were those to the effect that they would burn one or more of the hospital buildings. However, such statements were never possible of verification. However Mr. Burgomeister was notified of the rumors and the local fire department alerted.

I was not personally near the building when the fire started and can make no definite statement as to its place of origin, or the possibility of arson.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

UNRRA

Acting Dir., Goisern Hosp.

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I was not personally near the rioting when the life
 the local life department started.
 However, Mr. Williams was notified of the rumors and
 rioting. However, such statements were never made of any
 the effect that they would ruin one or more of the possible
 persons or whole other persons. Among these rumors were those to
 about that persons would in various ways injure that le-
 persons and one proposed public strike. Rumors of course, those
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 at approximately 12.30 hours on Tuesday 17 May 1942 I was

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To: Director, UNRRA Team 313
From: Acting Director, Goisern Hospital

Subject: Weekly Report.

Current activities during week.

1. The hunger strike of patients was suspended 8 May 1946 pending a definite decision as whether the hospital is to move to Roith. Patients indicate strike will be resumed if the decision is finally to move. The proposal upon which the strike was suspended is attached.
2. Consolidation of patients in Heim I and Heim II has been practically completed, under the supervision of Dr. MILON and Miss LEJEUNE.
3. The entire nursing situation has been reviewed and definite personnel regulation for nurses is in process of the UNRRA nurse.
4. The entire personnel and administration picture has been reviewed and revised. Personnel needs are attached to the report. Lists of persons whose services can immediately be dispensed with are being submitted to the Bad Ischl Hospital Center so that they can be transferred rather than released if possible. Personnel to remain has pretty largely been selected. It is requested that any contemplated changes in personnel be discussed with the Acting Director at Goisern before definite action or commitment.
5. Supply and food responsibilities have been transferred to appropriate officials of Team 313.

Current projects.

1. Continued adjustment of personnel to the new situation.
2. Improvement of sanitary conditions and setting up of laundry, linen and adequate food magazines in each hospital building.
3. Proper disposal of buildings and equipment no longer needed.
4. Organization of both medical and other personnel in new organization and procedures.
5. Strengthening of relationships (which are currently good) with the Committee and definitions of the Committees functions and methods of operation.
6. Setting up procedure for distribution of amenities included in Red Cross Packages.
7. Readjustment of official space for more efficient operation.

Proposed Projects.

1. Establishment of hospital routine and procedure.
2. Collection of clothing from bed patients and proper storage of same.
3. Welfare program planning and immediate institution of feasible aspects of the program.
4. Proper D.P. registration of all patients.

General.

Patients are still considerably up-set over the possibility of a move to Roith Camp. A definite decision on this matter would greatly facilitate the possibility of good program operation.

Most of the medical aspects of the program are not included here, since they will be covered in the Medical Officers report.

V.S. HARSHBARGER

attached: 1 list of personnel

1 list (conditions under which the strike
was suspended)

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Goisern Hospital
10 April 1946

Subject: Present Situation at Goisern DP Tuberculosis Hospital

To : Warren H. Cornwell, Area Supervisor
U. S. Zone, Area II

From : Acting Director (UNRRA)
Goisern Hospital

1. Mr. Andreassen has requested me to report on conditions at Goisern Hospital. I spent the past week studying the situation interviewing local military officials, reviewing the records, interviewing local Austrian medical and administrative staff, talking to patients and the resident committee (of patients), and making numerous personal inspections of the entire set-up.

2. Hospital facilities consist of five buildings scattered about the village in which patients are housed and a central administrative building. A total of 294 patients are at present in the hospital, broken down as to the following nationalities:

Polish	229	Stateless	3
Yugoslav	24	Lettland	2
Rumanian	14	Austrian	2
C.S.R.	6	Dutch	1
Russian	6	Lettland	1
Hungarian	5	German	1

3. One hundred eighty-one (181) of the patients are Jewish. Most of them have a history of concentration camp experience.

4. All buildings include separate messing facilities, dispensaries, and other facilities for medical treatment.

5. The hospital is staffed completely with Austrians including 9 physicians and 24 nurses. Administrative, clerical, messing, cleaning, etc. staff are also Austrian. Military personnel at present stationed at the hospital consist of one officer and six enlisted men.

6. It has been next to impossible to control the patients to date. They will not follow orders of the Austrian medical staff and refer to them as Nazi and scream "SS" at them when they attempt to enforce hospital routine or even medical treatment. The military have run into the same difficulty and patients will ignore their orders and even dare the soldiers to shoot, dramatically baring their chests, when requested to follow orders. Thirty-four (34) patients have been pronounced cured, but to date the military have not found it possible to move them. Patients refuse to move from buildings where active cases are hospitalized when their conditions have improved. No control has been exercised over patients' movements about the community, and they are constantly traveling about the country, attending movies and other public gatherings. The Burgomeister has the past week presented a request for better control for fear of further infection in the community. Sanitary conditions are improving, but still deplorable, with little cooperation from the patients. Patients cook in their rooms, insist on keeping food in their rooms, and will not allow dishes to leave their possession for sterilization. There are numerous reports of black market activities on the part of patients.

7. The difficulty of control was pointed up on Friday last in a near riot on the hospital grounds when an Austrian ambulance driver was beaten by patients and the enlisted men present were threatened by a mob of some fifty patients.

8. Among necessary immediate actions are the following:

a. Red Cross packages must be broken down and served according to instructions, at once.

b. The 34 (and possibly more) cured patients must be removed from the hospital.

c. All food from whatever sources received must be served through the kitchens only.

d. Patients must be placed in the various buildings in accordance with medical recommendations.

e. The movements of patients in the community must be controlled.

f. Hospital routine must be followed and patients' cooperation in treatment required.

8. Continuous and effective attention must be given to the problems of sanitation.

9. These things help, I believe, to point up the conditions as I see them now. It is regarded as an explosive situation that will require the cooperation of all agencies and organizations involved. All attempts to date to control the situation have failed, and there is no reason to believe that it can be quickly brought in hand now. I strongly recommend that UNRRA entertain no consideration whatever of assuming full control of the hospital at this time.

10. I am today taking Mr. Arthur B. Wahnson as Principal Welfare Officer to Goisern with me and will continue to study the situation. Further recommendations for control of the situation and as to personnel needed will follow.

V. S. HARSHBARGER

cc: Mr. Andreassen, Acting Director
U. S. Zone - Salzburg

Copy to EIC on 23 May 1945.

Subject: Weekly Report From Team Members

Please arrange the report
under following headings:

- A. Current Activities During Week;
- B. Current Projects;
- C. Proposed Projects;

! To: Princ Welfare Officer
! Assistant Welfare Officer
! Medical Officer
! Nurse
! Supply Officer
! Messing Officer
! Warehouse Officer
! Administrative Assistant
! Labour Officer
! Maintenance Officer
! Transportation Officer