

child welfare - Children's Home - Bod Schallerbach

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14 February, 1947.

To : Director, U.S. Zone, Salzburg.
(Attention - Mr. M. Sherry - Child Welfare Supervisor)

Subject: UNRRA Children's Home, Bad Schallerbach - Change in Personnel.

Ref : W 5.

1. In conference with Colonel Miller, Colonel Cottrell, and Miss Grant Glass this morning, it was decided that a change would be made in the position of nurse at the UNRRA Children's Home, Bad Schallerbach. The responsibility for this will rest with the Nursing Division and Miss Grant Glass is getting in touch with Miss Visscher.

2. I had mentioned the fact that Miss Bretoi said Mrs. Uchman had nursing experience and I tried to find her personnel record, but was unable to. It must be in the personnel office in Salzburg. Miss Grant Glass is suggesting that Miss Visscher look into her qualifications as a possible person to use. However, Miss Grant Glass and I are agreed that any person who is employed must be interviewed by the administrative staff of the home from the point of view of an integrated overall programme. We cannot afford to employ staff who are not in complete sympathy with our objectives.

Aleta Brownlee,
Chief, Child Search Branch, CHQ.

For CHARLES S. MILLER,
Colonel, U.S.A., Retired,
Deputy Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

AB/MLW

13th February, 1947.

To : Chief Child Search Officer
From : Director of Health

Below is a copy of report on my visit to Bad Schallerbach Childrens Home.

BAD SCHALLERBACH CHILDRENS HOME. Present population 54 children included 42 babies 6 months to 3½ years. Very satisfactory diet is received from Austrian Authorities with adequate supplies of milk, but there is at present a shortage of fresh vegetables. There is an UNRRA nurse attached to the team though her relations with other members of the team are not particularly happy. An UNRRA doctor visits the home once weekly. This doctor is not particularly trained in paediatrics and alternative medical arrangements have been discussed with the Acting Director of the team. In case of emergency, the local village doctor is called in. In addition, there is a good Austrian childrens hospital in the vicinity with a trained paediatrician. The Acting Director of the Team has been asked to ascertain whether this woman would be willing to run a regular twice monthly babies school childrens health clinic at the home. If she is willing to undertake this, it is strongly recommended that this appointment be made. For dental services, the children attend a local village dentist, and all children have been examined once by him. Medical records kept at this childrens home are not satisfactory, the UNRRA doctor at present supervising the Home will shortly be declared redundant and a new doctor will be appointed to supervise and to arrange for the keeping of adequate records. At Present the Home is somewhat overcrowded, but it is hoped to take over a new building any day to which older children and some of the staff can be moved, allowing for better spacing of the babies. Owing to present shortage of electricity, there is great shortage of water on the upper floors, but the older children go to the sulfur baths in the village twice weekly. All the children appeared well, happy and full of good spirits, and are taken out into the fresh air even during the winter at least every second day. As soon as the weather becomes warmer a very fine sun balcony will be put into use. It was stated that there is also some shortage of cups and spoons at this Home as at Leoben.

J.D. COTTRELL, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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To Director, UNRRA U.S. Zone Salzburg.

Attention : Mr. Martin Sherry.

Would appreciate arr-angement with U.S. Military that Soviet Mission visit Bad Schallerbach earliest possible date giving sufficient advance notice to enable Brownlee meet them there.

Charles Miller
Deputy Chief of Mission.

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Signature of Sender:

Charles Miller

Initiated by:

Aleta Brownlee

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18 December 1946

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TELEPHONE: U 46590

To: Child Welfare Specialist, CHQ - Miss Aleta Brownlee,
From: Miss Joan KAIN, Child Welfare Supervisor, US Zone, Salzburg.
Subject: The Children's Home - STAFF DUTIES.
W/5

1. UNRRA Nurse

Miss Grant Glass, Chief Nurse Austrian Mission, asked me to discuss with Miss Wilhelmina Visscher, Chief Nurse US Zone, what the duties were of the UNRRA Nurse who is a member of the Children's Home Team 314, Bad Schallerbach. At present, Miss Nettle is the UNRRA Nurse on the team. It should be known that she is not only a nurse but is also responsible for the total training and care of the younger group of children up to the age of six. Miss Visscher and I outlined her duties as follows:

- A. Prevention of illness of children and staff:
 - 1. General hygiene, children and staff;
 - 2. Supervision of cleanliness within home;
 - 3. Care of dispensary;
 - 4. Isolation for newcomers, etc.
 - 5. Immunization.
- B. Training and Care of small children under six.
- C. Training and supervision of nurses aides in care of small children.
- D. Contact with children who are hospitalized, and
- E. Supervision of children's diets.

Miss Wilhelmina Visscher and I decided it would be wise to visit the Children's Home together. This we did on November 26th. The purpose was to discuss with the UNRRA Staff members at the Children's Home their various duties. It happened that during our visit we met Doctor Samuel Kanarienstein at the home and he joined in the meeting. We reviewed briefly with the staff Miss Nettle's duties and the Welfare Officer's duties which are as follows:

2. Welfare Officer

- A. Reception and billeting of children, clothing for all children, recreation, education of children and staff, individual case records, and household maintenance and staff. There is some question as to whether or not the nurse or the Welfare Officer should be responsible for messing. It was decided at the time being that the nurse should assume this responsibility.

3. Director

Owing to the shortage of time, duties of the Director were discussed very briefly. He is responsible for receiving all indents from staff members and submitting them to the Area Supply Officer, is responsible for transport, and all administrative reports and details dealing with operation of the home. The Staff are responsible to him administratively but have the

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right to consult with their technical advisers on technical matters.

4. Medical Officer

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Doctor Samuel Kanarienstein, UNRRA Team 337, Ried, will visit the Children's Home on Tuesdays and Fridays. He will examine the children, check up on their general health, and check on sanitation of the home. He seemed very much interested and had some good suggestions to offer. He has previously worked with Mr. Rudolph Bialuski. He will be responsible for giving each child a medical examination prior to repatriation.

5. Messing Officer

It was suggested at this meeting that a Messing Officer visit the Children's Home to set up moves, check on preparation of food and calories. This point was later discussed with the Zone Nutritionist who arranged for the Messing Officer of Team 337 to visit the Children's Home at regular intervals. After discussing the duties and responsibilities of the Resident UNRRA Staff in the Children's Home - Mr. Bialuski and Miss Nettle and Miss Bretoi and the Visiting Staff, Doctor Kanarienstein and Mr. Meres, Messing Officer, consideration was given to the importance of a daily staff meeting so that information would be passed from the Director to the Staff; also the numbers of household staff was discussed.

6. Household Staff & Nurses & Aides.

do not have.
With small children under three, it was considered essential to have one nurses' aide to every five children. At the present time, this age group requires nine nurses' aides, ~~a fully trained night nurse, and a fully trained day nurse was also considered essential.~~ *not f. trained* In the kindergarten, children from 2-5 would be cared for and two persons should be in charge of the kindergarten.

Total 11.

The following staff was considered necessary:

1 housekeeper <i>Gopila</i>	1 launderess
1 warehouse man <i>Uchman</i>	2 seamstresses
3 cleaning women	1 cook
1 handy man	3 helpers (cook)
1 maintenance man (odd jobs)	2 teachers (1 woman and 1 man who is the recreational or youth leader)
<i>2</i> 3 drivers (1 driver per vehicle)	2 secretaries,
	TOTAL - 31

3 corp. Temporary
To facilitate work and to give assurance to members of the staff, a daily schedule and weekly schedule indicating duty and time off was suggested to be posted on the Bulletin Board.

It was considered important that provision be worked out for recreational facilities for members of the staff. Since there was additional space in Bad Schallernbach, this seemed easy to organize. The nearest town is Wels which is 17 kilometers. Because of the length of the meeting and the bad weather conditions, Miss Visscher and I did not have an opportunity to visit Bad Schallernbach, the new Children's Home, which at one time was a "kurhaus". It is beautifully located, gets the maximum amount of sun in a small rural village, and is 7 kilometers from Pichl where a group of children was found. The village people today have been most helpful and there is stationed at Bad Schallernbach a group of 250 soldiers who are receiving special training. The Children's Home is on the military line and also has a civilian telephone so that communication is easier.

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Joan Kain
JOAN KAIN, CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISOR
US ZONE - SALZBURG.

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Attention Deputy Chief of Mission from D.A.Bugelli.

Please be advised that the Childrens home was moved from
Ebensee to Schallerbach Upper Austria on November 19th.

D.A.Bugelli.

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Attention Director of Health, Chief Nurse from Medical Office.
For your information children's home moved from Ebensee to Bad
Schallerbach on 18th November 1946.

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Children's Home,
Rindbach, near
Ebensee, U. A.

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Rindbach, the 13th of Oct., 1946

To: : Mr. D.A. Bugelli, Acting Director
UNRRA, U.S. Zone HQ., Salzburg.

From: : R.L. Bialuski, Director Team 314, Children's Home, Rindbach
near Ebensee, Upper Austria.

Subject: Movement of Children's Home from Rindbach, near Ebensee, Upper Austria

1. September 3rd a request was sent to Mr. Haverstick, Area II Director, for requisitioning property suitable for winter quarters. Goisern, Park Hotel had been located by me as the most suitable place for a Children's Home, as Mr. Greely, Billeting Officer failed to find anything adequate elsewhere.
2. September 6, following our conversation with Mr. Corkery and Mr. Bugelli regarding the move, I submitted all the information about the requirements to the Salzburg Office, attention Mr. Greely.
3. Mr. Greely then contacted the US Army and Military Government for authority to proceed with the acquisition of the property.
4. With the understanding that UNRRA approved the move and repairs to the buildings, I proceeded to prepare the hotel for occupation before the cold weather set in.
5. On October 8 Col. Ross visited Ebensee and disapproved the transfer of the Children's Home from Rindbach to Goisern as he felt that it was too far from supply channels and could never have approved such a move had he been aware of such a plan.
6. October 9 I was instructed by UNRRA Offices Salzburg and Linz that it was absolutely necessary for me to accept one of a number of places suggested by the US Army.
7. Following day after contacting Mr. Sewell Field Supervisor Linz I visited Col. Ryan, who informed me that a Kurhotel in Gallsbach should be inspected by me as a prospective children's home.
8. October 11, after having Miss Bretoi, my Welfare Officer, examine the building, I notified Col. Ryan that I found little repair to the hotel necessary and as the weather forced me to move the home as soon as possible, I wanted his assurance that we could have it without any further difficulty and that we could look for assistance from the Army with regard to fuel and other needs that could not be fulfilled by UNRRA or authorized Austrian sources.
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10. The Gallsbach Buergermeister and local tradesmen cooperated and agreed to start the required repairs immediately. Some of this work is already under way.

(Signed) Rudolph L. Bialuski, Director Team No. 314,
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Tel: Ebensee, Mil. Line
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US Zone and Land Salzburg
Residenzplatz 1, Salzburg

7th October, 1946

REF: R2

TO : Miss Joan Kain
Child Welfare Specialist,
U.S. Zone Headquarters

SUBJECT : Transfer of Children's Home from Ebensee to Goisern.

1. In a discussion of the Ebensee installations today, Col. Ross, Commanding Officer, 4th Constabulary, indicated that the matter of the transfer of the Children's Home from Ebensee to Goisern, had not been brought to his attention.

2. Inasmuch as this is a matter in which you are immediately interested at this level, will you kindly undertake to investigate, and report in writing to this office, the reported failure on our part to clear with the appropriate Military authorities on this transfer.

DAB/em
Tel.: 5167-77

DELMAS A! BUGELLI
Acting Director,
U.S. Zone

[see my answer]

October 8th, 1946

REF: R2-

TO : Mr. DELMAS A. BUGELLI, Acting Director U.S. Zone.
SUBJECT : Movement of Children's Home from Ebensee to Goisern.


According to procedure set forth in a statement dated June 6th Mr. BIALUSKI, director of the Children's Home reported in writing to his immediate Superior area director Mr. HVERSTICK, that the Children's Home at Ebensee would move to Goisern. In view of the merger of Area I & II, Mr. Havenstick forwarded this correspondence pertaining to the move to U.S. UNRRA Zone director.

The move from Ebensee was necessitated for the following reasons.

1. The house was not planned for winter quarters.
2. Consumption of fuel would be very great in order to keep the place warm.
3. Extensive stove repairs were necessary as well as major roof repairs.
4. The building is in the shadow of the mountain so therefore gets no sun.
5. The building proved to be too small for the present number of children. It lacked proper isolation facilities.

At present there is a waiting list of children who cannot accomodated to lack of space.

The Goisern building offer adequate space, proper heating and a good exposure.

JOAN KAIN, 
Child Welfare Supervisor, UNRRA
US Zone Hdqtrs. - Salzburg

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October, 2nd 1946

To : Mr. Dennis, Personnel Officer, UNRRA H.Q.
U.S. Zone Austria, Salzburg

From : JOAN KAIN, Child Welfare Officer

Re : Staff Children s Home Villa Mendelsohn, Rindbach
near Ebensee

At present the UNRRA staff at Villa Mendelsohn, Rindbach consist the followed persons:

Mr. R.L. Bialuski in charge of the home - grad 9
Miss V. Bretoi principal Welfare Officer - grad 10
Miss Claire Netti special children nurse - grad 6

The UNRRA staff of the Children Home are at present a part of UNRRA Team 313 at Ebensee.

In a memo written by Mr. John C.L. Andreassen, dated June 6th 1946 (see enclosed copy) it was purposed that the person in charge of Villa Mendelsohn be designated as Deputy Director of the Ebensee Team.

On July 15th it was purposed to UNRRA - Director of Area 2 Mr. Haverstick that the UNRRA staff of the Children s Home become a separate Team and accordingly on Aug. 16th this was approved but to date has not been confirmed. On Sept. 28th I checked into this matter when in Vienna and ^{was informed} ~~discovered~~ that Children s Home staff was to be given Team No. 314 but that official confirmation of this action had not yet been made.

I would like to recommend that when confirmation is received regarding establishing the Children s Home staff into a Team that the following personnel actions be made:

1.) Mr. Bialuski as Director should be grade 10

At present he is classified as Deputy Director grade 9.

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It is my opinion that at the time he was designated as Deputy Director he should have been upgraded to grade 10 effective June 1st 1946.

2.) Miss Bretoi principal Welfare Officer grad 10 remain unchanged.

3.) Miss Nettl be upgraded to grade 8. It is my understanding that her automatic increase due last April will be effective forthwith and that her upgrading to 8 will be effective as of July 1st 1946.

Beside the 3 UNRRA staff there are four Class II employee-positions with the following designations and budgetlines set up as of August 15th 1946.

1.) Teacher Director	A/AAL-T - EB 1
2.) Kindergarden teacher	EB 2
3.) Teacher Matron	EB 3
4.) House father	EB 4

At present budgetline EB 3 is filled by Mrs. Uchman - Tuska and Mr. Uchman is House father EB 4. They have been at the Childrens Home since July 1st and to date have received no payment. This matter was discussed with Mr. Turner, Vienna C.H.Q. who stated they would both be placed on September payroll. At present there are two vacancies which will be filled in the near future.

The Children s Home will soon move from its present location to Goisern where there will be a capacity for approximately 120 children.

JOAN K A I N
Child Welfare Officer
UNRRA H.Q. U.S. Zone
Salzburg - Austria

C O P Y !

6th June 1946

To : Director, UNRRA American Zone, Salzburg
Subject: Villa Mendelssohn, Ebensee, Area II.

1. I have discussed the situation at this Children's Home with the various interested parties and wish to make a matter of record the conclusions reached in order that all concerned may have the necessary terms of reference.
2. Although this Centre will serve the American Zone, its location in Area II places it administratively under the Director, Area II.
3. Proximity to the Ebensee Team makes it advisable to attach this Centre to the Ebensee team, which will be responsible for providing Villa Mendelssohn with certain services. These services are roughly-
 - a) Supply
 - b) Transport
 - c) Class II personnel
 - d) Essential administrative services
 - e) Messing and billeting if necessary
 - f) Essential health services

In other words contact with the military and civilian authorities in Ebensee and vicinity shall be through the Director of the Ebensee Team.

4. It would seem advisable to designate the person in charge of Villa Mendelssohn as a Deputy Director of the Ebensee Team, with sole responsibility for the operation of this facility.
5. It does not follow that the Welfare Officers on the Ebensee Team supervise Child Welfare Officers at Villa Mendelssohn.
6. Vehicles assigned to Villa Mendelssohn shall be on the basis of an approved establishment and not merely on call from Ebensee Team.
7. It must be recognised by all concerned that in terms of displaced persons cared for, the personnel establishment for a Centre of this type will have to be larger than is customary in a normal assembly centre.

JOHN C. L. ANDREASSEN
Acting Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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30 September 1946

16 SCHWARZENBERGPLATZ
TELEPHONE: U 40 5 60.

MEMO TO FILES: FROM JOAN KAIN, Child Welfare Supr. Salzburg.

SUBJECT: EBENSEE CHILDREN'S HOME - CHANGE OF STATUS.

1. As of August 15, 1946, the Ebensee Children's Home UNRRA Staff became a team. Director, Mr. Rudy Bialuski; Welfare Officer, Miss Viorica Bretoi; Nurse, Miss Nettl. Although this matter has been approved, confirmation has not yet been received in the field. Since two members of the staff at this time are being reclassified, Mr. Bialuski from Deputy Director to Director, and Miss Nettle, Nurse, Grade 6 to Nurse, Grade 8, it was suggested to Mrs. Helliwell in Personnel that these changes of personnel reclassification take place at the time of the change over of the team. It is likely that Miss Nettle's reclassification will be effective one month after she joined the Staff of the Children's Home.

JOAN KAIN,
Child Welfare Supervisor, SU Zone Hdqtrs.
SALZBURG.

Joan Kain

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27 September 1946

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16 SCHWARZENBERGPLATZ
TELEPHONE: U 46560

for action
To : Miss Betty Barton, Deputy Director, UNRRA
Relief Services
From: Child Welfare Supervisor, US Zone, Salzburg.

Subject: Purchase of Winter Apples for Children's Home, Ebensee
W/5. Supplemental Diet.

1. Probably Miss Brownlee spoke to you about the possibility of a ton of winter apples being obtained locally costing approximately 80 groschein a kilo, the total costing 1190 Schillings. This seemed to be a wise purchase for it did supplement the children's diet with something fresh and green. I talked this matter over in Salzburg with Supply and the Nutritionist. In the absence of Mr. Bugelli, I referred it to Miss Brownlee. This morning I had a chance to talk to Mr. Adrien, DP Supply, who told me there was no emergency found for such purchase. I talked with Mrs. Starr who is familiar with the nutrition situation at Ebensee. She said that the children's diet is fairly well balanced. She strongly advised the purchase of any apples and considered that the Children's Home was not in such a good position to get supplemental fresh food and fruit as were the camps; For it was her experience that most of the families in the camps were able to exchange and pick up fresh food etc. to supplement their daily diet. The Children's Home does a little exchanging, but this will soon come to an end.

2. It had been my thought that what was good for the Children's Home was good for all children and I did not wish to request an exception, but if the camp diet on the whole is slightly better then I would like to recommend expenditure of funds for winter apples which would benefit the children during November, December, January, and February. The purchase would have to be made before October 1st when I understand rationing of apples takes effect.

JOAN KAIN, *Joan Kain*
Child Welfare Supervisor
US ZONE - Salzburg Hdqtrs.

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UNRRA AUSTRIAN MISSION.
CHC, VIENNA.

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"ESSENSEE CHILDREN'S HOME - UNRRA" - Sept. 6, 1946

On Saturday, August 31st, we examined the 50 odd children at present in the Centre, some of them had arrived only the previous day from Braunau. Some 4 or 5 were absent, in hospital or attending for dental treatment elsewhere.

Practically all the children show evidence of previous rickets, excepting 7 or 8 older children, but the 40 odd under 4 years all showed evidence of deformity of bones. All were somewhat over nourished with prominent bellies and pronated feet; there is, however, no evidence of any active deficiency diseases other than anemia at present. Remarkably there is no dental caries whatever in the group 3 years old and under, though there is dental caries in the 5 and 6 year old group.

The diet seemed adequate containing $\frac{1}{2}$ liter of milk for each child per day.

The Home seems adequately staffed with the 3 UNRRA personnel and 22 Class II employees. The UNRRA personnel in particular seemed extremely keen, the children show complete confidence in them, and are for the most part decidedly extrovert in manner. The equipment of the Home seems adequate other than some shortages of toys for indoor play. The building seems well adapted though somewhat overcrowded as regards sleeping accommodation for a summer colony. However, they propose moving to a larger centrally heated hotel for the winter.

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This too I consider to be a very creditable improvement but feel that these children are fit to be repatriated as soon as possible, so that they may develop their emotional stability and sense of security more rapidly in permanent surroundings in their own countries.

R. R. Struthers, M.D.,
Medical Specialist,
E.R.O.

INDENT FORM

CAMP NAME Children's Home, Team 313

DATE 6 September 1946

LOCATION Rindbach near Ebensee

NUMBER

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SIGNED

R. L. **INITIATING OFFICER**

TO : Colonel J. D. Cottrell,
Director of Health.

FROM : Dr. R. R. Struthers, M.D.,
Medical Specialist, E.R.O.

WS/8.

3rd September, 1946.

SUBJECT : Children's Centres - Leoben and Ebensee.

After W.D.
Following your request, I paid a short visit to the UNRRA Children's Centres at Leoben and also at Ebensee on August 29th and 31st respectively.

LEOBEN.

Doctor Smith and I were very kindly received by the Staff and between us did a combined physical and nutritional survey. I found the children happy, ~~in~~ responsive, well fed, showing no evidence of any deficiency diseases and at present adequately clothed. Some of the children showed evidence of scabies and a great number of them showed the prominent abdomen frequently associated with a high carbohydrate diet. Many showed evidence of healed ricketts but there were no cases of active ricketts.

The physical surroundings in the Home seemed good, the accommodation adequate, bedding and food satisfactory and the staff very interested in what they were doing. The physician of the Home had apparently just arrived and was a young Yugoslav doctor who qualified only a year or two ago at Zagreb.

I would concur that all the children are fit to be repatriated, though there are 4 who require prolonged orthopaedic care and 1 other who will require plastic surgery. However, as it is my belief that the National Governments of the individual countries should have the determining voice in their care after repatriation, I would respectfully recommend that these children be repatriated as soon as it is feasible.

We also visited another children's camp which had recently repatriated 90 of the children to Poland and had only some 25 remaining. All these adolescents appeared small for their age but adequately nourished, bright and cheerful and showed no evidence of disease on cursory inspection.

The staff of 5 UNRRA and 25 Class II employees impressed me as being somewhat expensive for so few. Mrs. Klok expressed a good deal of satisfaction over the efficiency of the Unit, which is quite pardonable. I did feel, however, that she was showing a rather excessive amount of indiscriminate affection to the children who have admittedly been in need of this evidence of security. The nurse seemed extremely capable, had a well established M.I. room and afforded us a great deal of co-operation.

It was kind of Mr. Cherry - the Child Welfare Officer for the British Zone - to meet us and give us his time and help.

On the whole the Leoben Children's Camp seems a very successful venture, though I would hazard the opinion that it is not our function to convert this into a permanent establishment.

EBENSEE.

Here we were very kindly received by Mr. Baliuski who is in charge of the Children's Camp for UNRRA, Miss Nettil, the nurse, and Miss Bretoi, the Welfare Officer and we were given very comfortable billets.

On Saturday, August 31st, we examined the 50 odd children at present in the Centre, some of them had arrived only the previous day from Braunau. Some 4 or 5 were absent, in hospital or attending for dental treatment elsewhere.

Practically all the children show evidence of previous ricketts, excepting 7 or 8 older children, but the 40 odd under 4 years all showed evidence of deformity of bones. All were somewhat over nourished with prominent bellies and pronated feet. There is, however, no evidence of any active deficiency diseases other than anemia at present. Remarkably there is no dental caries whatever in the group 3 years old and under, though there is dental caries in the 5 and 6 year old group.

The diet seemed adequate containing $\frac{3}{4}$ liter of milk for each child per day.

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Medical Specialist,
E.R.O.

Carbon copies to:-

Miss Barton.
Miss Brownlee.

RRS/CM.

Miss Brown
WS/8

U.N.R.R.A.
AUSTRIAN MISSION
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

SUBJECT: UNRRA Children's Home, Villa
Mendelsohn, Rimbach, Nr. Ebensee
U.S. Zone, Austria

Admin. Order No. 186

SERIES: Austrian Mission

Vienna 30th Aug. 1946

1. Purpose. UNRRA Children's Home, known as Ebensee Children's Home, provides temporary care for separated repatriable boys and girls of United Nations nationality, any age up to 18.

2. Program. The object of this home to prepare children to return to their own countries with healthy attitudes. Religious training, education, health program, recreation, is provided for all children. Vocational training is arranged for older boys and girls.

3. Administration. The Home is under the direction of Mr. R. Bialuski.

Staff: Welfare Officer - Miss Bretoi
Nurse Miss Nettl;

The UNRRA staff was chosen on the basis of their special knowledge and experience with children. Besides the UNRRA staff there is a specially qualified teaching staff who speak the language of the majority group of children. This staff is responsible for preparing the children realistically for repatriation.

4. Capacity - 55 children.

5. Admissions. For admission of separated children of United Nations nationality under 18, arrangements should be made through the Child Welfare Supervisor, U.S. Zone, 1 Residenzplatz, Salzburg, telephone number 2196 or 4017.

The following documents and records should be forwarded to the Child Welfare Supervisor for approval:

a) Children living in camp:

1. Movement Order (to be obtained through Child Welfare Supervisor)
2. DP2 card, original and duplicate.
3. Separated children's form in duplicate.
4. Child's medical record.
5. Any other documents relating to the child's identity and nationality, such as birth certificate.

b) Children living outside of camp:

1. Movement order (see above.)
2. DP2 card in duplicate where the child has been registered.
3. Medical record.
4. Any other documents which would be helpful in establishing the child's identity and nationality, such as birth certificate etc.

6. Discharge. Children may not leave the Home until proper clearance has been made with the Child Welfare Supervisor.

7. Transport.

- a) Children living in camp: The UNRRA Team of the Camp where the child is living will be responsible for transporting the child to the Home.
- b) Children living outside camp: Transport will be provided by the Children's Home to collect children living in Austrian Homes or Institutions.

R.H.R. PARMINTER, Brigadier
Chief of UNRRA Mission to Austria.

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U. N. R. R. A.
Children's Center
Rindbach near Ebensee
Upper-Austria.

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Rindbach, 26th August

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Medical Report

August 1946

32 children are in the Children's Home at present. 20 children between the age of 5 to 17 years left for Poland 2 weeks ago. Their healthcondition was very good. Most of them put on weight 5 to 8lbs while they were with us. they went off in good spirit and longing to get back to Poland.

Our 22 Babies are doing well. Their skintrouble has been cleared up. They are putting weight continuously with no eating difficulties what so ever.

Two Babies have been admitted to the Hospital at Ischl; one for Otits for about 4 month; the other for Gland Abscesses, which had to be opened. One Baby got Scabies, ans is being treated at the Home. All the children have settled down, and are freer in their behaviour, but still disturbed especially few of them who are quite serious.

The healthcondition of the bigger ones is excellent, dental treatment has been completed.

One girl of ten has been transfered from the local Polish Hospital to the Landeskrankenhaus Salzburg, as her condition got worse as it is a skin disease and no Specialist is available here.

Hygiene conditions in the house have improved, but all the Nurserygirls need constant supervision and their work in this respect is still unsatisfactory.

Food supply is suffint and everybody gets fresh fruit ~~fruit~~ daily.

El. Nettle

Miss Cl. Nettle
U.N.R.R.A. Nurse
Children's Home.

Ebensee
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U. N. R. R. A.
Children's Center
Rindbach near Ebensee
Upper-Austria.

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27 AUG 1946

Rindbach 23rd August 1946

TO: Mrs. Brownlee, Child Welfare U.N.R.R.A Central
Headquarters Vienna.

FROM: Mr. R. L. Bialuski, Director Children's Center Rindbach-Ebensee

SUBJECT: Staff required for maintaining a Home of approximately
seventy children of various ages.

Below you will find a list of a fairly stationumber
of people for the Children's Home.

Duties of each person are outlined and where possible
duties of one person are so planed, that in the event of any change in
the age groups of children at the Home, the person can carry on, in a new
capacity, without replacements of personnel.

1. 1 Supply-Warehouse-Man
2. 1 Teacher
3. 1 Teacher-Assistant
4. 1 Nurse-Teacher
5. 6 Nurse-Maids
6. 1 House-Keeper
7. 1 Maintenance-Man
8. 1 Secretary
9. 1 Stenographer
10. 1 Seamstress
11. 3 Laundress-Cleaners
12. 2 Drivers
13. 1 Cook
- 3 Cookshelpers

1. SUPPLY AND WAREHOUSE MAN to be delegated the responsibility of
maintaining the Warehouse-books, distribution
and receival of all items; the preparing of
indents. He will also be used as the main overseer
and security man at the Home.
2. TEACHER to train the older children and also act as a House-
matron.
3. TEACHER-ASSISTANT preferably, a male, who can carry out the
education of the secondary school-age group, and
also look after the group work recreational acti-
vities.

4. NURSE TEACHER a fully trained Kindergarten-Nurse who could also act as a teacher for children of primary school-aged who could also assist the UNRRA nurse, in the supervision of the Kindergarten Personnel.
5. NURSE MAIDS to be under the supervision of a nurse and attend to the care and training of the infants.
6. HOUSE KEEPER to be responsible for the Staff which is engaged in the cleaning, sewing, mending and laundering of clothes; responsible for the linen distribution and cleaning supplies. Under her care is the Food Warehouse.
7. MAINTENANCE MAN to do odd jobs; be fireman and woodcutter and general handy workman.
8. SECRETARY will be responsible for the Office supervision; making of reports and contacts with people delegated to him; also providing the Stenographer with routine work.
9. STENOGRAPHER to take notes and type correspondence and reports.
10. SEAMSTRESS will be responsible for making new clothing articles, mending clothes and ironing.
11. LAUNDRESS-CLEANERS will clean the Home on certain days, wash clothes and articles not too heavy for handwork.
12. DRIVERS to be responsible for the maintaining their vehicles and will assist and will assist the maintenance man, when not on transport call.
13. COOK AND COOKSHELPHERS to be responsible only for their own phase of the Children's Home operation.

R. L. Bialuski

R.L. Bialuski.
Director Children's Center
Rindbach near Ebensee.

Ref: W 5

16 August 1946

To: Captain Gzegorz Panasino,
Polish Repatriation Mission, Rennweg 1, Vienna.

Dr. Boba is leaving our employ at the Children's Home in Ebensee and is, we understand, seeing you today. We would like to inform you that he has been a conscientious worker and has been the greatest factor in enabling the Polish children to understand their country and want to return to it. We regret very much to lose him.

JOHN C.L. ANDREASSEN
Director, Relief Services

16 August 1946

To: Miss Barton

Subject: Dr. Boba.

I just talked to Miss Kain by telephone, and she tells me Dr. Boba will be in town tomorrow to see the Polish Repatriation Mission. He has not yet been paid, and she wonders if we could get in touch with him here and make some final arrangements about his salary.

ALETA BROWNLEE
Child Welfare Specialist.

AB/c

14th August 1946.

TO: Miss B. Barton, Deputy Director, Relief Services.

Attached you will find a letter I have just written to Miss Kain. The most urgent question relating to this is to get Dr. Boba paid before he leaves Ebensee on the 17th August. Will you please verify with Personnel the information I have given to Miss Kain.

AB/KEP

Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist.

File: W.S.

14th August 1946.

TO: Miss J. Kain, Child Welfare Supervisor, Area I, Salisbury.

SUBJECT: Class II Employees - Ebensee.

Will you please completely clarify the position of staff at Ebensee.

On the 24th July I wrote to Miss Barton as follows:-

"Miss Kain writes that according to a memorandum from Mr. John Andreassen in June, the teaching staff at the Ebensee Children's Home was told they would be Class II employees. All necessary forms were filled out, but they are now informed by the Area Office that there can be no more Class II employees, which she feels is a breach of promise. She would like to know the procedure to be followed at this point. She points out that this staff were not drawn from the immediate locality as are the usual persons on the Burgenlander payroll, but went to Ebensee from Vienna.

May we request that budget lines be established for two Class II positions at the Ebensee Children's Home."

in accordance with a note you wrote to me. Mrs. West discussed this with Personnel and as I remember set up four Class II positions. Now I have from you a statement of Class II employees as follows:

Dr. Boba	started	10th May.
Miss Bomser	"	1st July
Richard Borowski	"	6th July
Mrs. Uehmann	"	7th July
Mr. Uehmann	"	7th July

You previously sent me forms for Dr. Boba and Mrs. Uehmann. You later gave me forms for Miss Bomser and Katharina Pobiavayn. The latter is not listed with the Class II employees and I have no forms for Mr. Uehmann and Richard Borowski. I do not know whether the forms you sent are necessary, but if they are, we should have them for all.

AB/SEP

Miss A. Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist.

2nd August 1946

To: Director, Relief Services

Subject: Ebensee Children's Home.

The Children's Home at Ebensee was planned primarily for Polish children. They were a special problem because the first group were taken from the influence of the Polish Red Cross 2nd Corps, which operated in the UNRRA Camp at Hallbrunn, and which was known to have influenced the children against repatriation. Most of the children had been for several years in German and Austrian institutions, and some spoke no Polish at all.

In order to make repatriation possible and provide a transition period for the children it was thought essential to have Polish staff recommended by the Warsaw Government. Accordingly staff was secured through the Repatriation Mission in Vienna. When the first members were screened on May 10 1946, we were advised by Personnel that Class II employees (Mr. Andreassen had decided teachers should be Class II) were to be employed by the Area Office and that our responsibility in Central Headquarters was only to secure travel for them, which was done.

The difficulties of administration of the Home as between Team Area and Central Headquarters have been very great. They culminate in the fact that no Class II employees have been paid at all, nor have any staff supposed to be on the Burgemeister's payroll been paid.

We now find that Dr. Boba is returning to Poland on the transport which leaves August 10. He has received no salary - he has paid his own money for various small things for the children. He has been working practically 24 hours a day as he lived at the Home and was primarily responsible for the children. It is largely he who is responsible for the fact that the older children now ask when they too may go to Poland.

It is a tragedy in our relationships with a member nation, if we permit him to leave Austria with no compensation.

May we request approval for payment of all Class II (teaching) employees?

Aleta Brownlee
Child Welfare Specialist.

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LAND MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UPPER AUSTRIA
APO 541 U.S. ARMY

30 July 1946.

Subject: Request for New Property.

To: Deputy Director
Team 313 UNRRA.

1.- Your attention is directed to par 2 letter Lins Real Estate Office dated 26 July 1946.

2.- Since requisition cannot be made for purposes requested, it is suggested that other arrangements be made.

FOR THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AREA COMMANDER:

THOMAS B. HANFORD

Lt. Col. Inf.
Deputy Commander.

incl.

Lins, tel 2-68-51, ext. 415.

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HEADQUARTERS 4th CONSTABULARY REGIMENT
HEADQUARTERS LINZ MILITARY COMMUNITY
APO 174. US ARMY

26 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Request for New Property.

To: Land Military Government, Upper Austria,
APO 541, US ARMY
Attn.: Col Hanford.

1.- The attached communication is forwarded to you as a matter pertaining to your command.

2.- The See-Hotel, Ebensee, is not on requisition by American Military Forces and in accordance with current directives this office does not requisition property for the purpose stated.

3.- This office returned to civilian use on 12 July 1946 the following properties in Ebensee:

15 Offenseweg	- Capacity 10
Hotel Post	- Capacity 50

FOR THE REAL ESTATE OFFICER:

WILLIAM C MILLER
1st Lt. Inf.

Linz 25425

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

(U.N.R.R.A.)

H.Q. EBENSEE (Austria) D.P. Camps

Team No. 313 - Camp No. 400

Children's Center Rindbach.

Ebensee: 19th July 1946.

Tel.: Black dog 23.
(Civ.) Ebensee 130.

To: Commanding General USFA, APO 777 U.S. Army.
Attention: - Deputy Chief of Staff Military Army.

From: R.L. Bialuski, Director Children's Center, Rindbach near Ebensee.

SUBJECT: Requisition of See-Hotel, Rindbach near Ebensee, Upper-Austria.

Please accept this letter as request for requisitioning the See-Hotel, Rindbach near Ebensee, Bezirk Gmunden.

This hotel is required for billeting orphaned children of Allied Nations, found in the U.S. Zone, as well as D.P. staff employed for maintaining the Children's Center at Villa Mendelssohn, near the See-Hotel, and the children to be received as soon as the See-Hotel is made available.

Arrangements had been made previously to billet the present occupant of the See-Hotel in the four properties that had been released by UNRRA Team 313 Ebensee. Among these properties were the:

- 1) Mariengasthof which can accommodate thirty people comfortably.
- 2) Villa Roith for approximately thirty people.
- 3) Schloss Wirttenburg at Altmünster where two hundred and fifty people lived.
- 4) Roith School building.

Your immediate approval would be greatly appreciated as there has been much delay in obtaining the above mentioned property which is the only place suitable and close enough to the Children's Center that we are now operating.

Deputy Director Team 313
R.L. Bialuski.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
Austrian D.P. Operation

Headquarters Area II Linz
U.S. Zone.

9th July 1946.

To: Director,
U.S. Zone,
Salzburg.

From: Director,
Area II. U.S. Zone.

Subject: Requisition of See Hotel. Rindbach nr. Ebensee.

Ref.: A1.

- 1.- Attached hereto is past correspondence dealing with the requisition of See Hotel.
- 2.- This Office has contacted the Linz Military Real Estate Department regarding the requisition of See Hotel and was referred to Col. Ladou, USFA. as the person authorized to grant our request.
- 3.- Talked to your Accommodation Officer Mr. Greeley and he informed me that he had been working on this requisition during the past week and that to date, he has been unable to report any progress.
- 4.- Request that immediate action be taken by your Office to contact either Col. Leakey, Salzburg or Colonel Ladou, U.S.F.A. in order that this matter can be settled immediately.

H.R. HAVERSTICK
AREA DIRECTOR.

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daily file.

TJD/MC.
Phone. 25100.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
(U.N.R.R.A.)

H.Q. Ebensee (Austria) D.P. Camps

Team 313 - Camp No. 400.

Children's Center Rindbach.

Tel.: Black dog 23
(Civ.) Ebensee 130.

Ebensee: 8.7. 1946.

To: Mr. HAVERSTICK U.N.R.R.A. Director Area II. U.S. Zone LINZ.

From: Mr. R.L. BIAJUSKI Deputy Director Team 313 Children's Center Ebensee.

Subject: Requisition of See Hotel Rindbach near Ebensee.

Attached find past correspondence regarding See Hotel.

Since last dated letter contacts were made by J. Woodrum Director Team 313 with the Military Real Estate Dept. - Linz, and with U.S.F.A. - Engineers, and he was referred to M.G. Salzburg, and informed that the Military had no jurisdiction over property requisitioned for children or D.P's.

M.G. Salzburg however claimed that such requisitioning, is not their responsibility, and only that of the Austrian Government.

We went back to the Bezirkshauptmann Gmunden, who stated that the See Hotel could be turned over to us, as soon as arrangements could be made with the Burgermeister in Ebensee.

The Burgermeister now claims, in spite of vacant property released by Team 313, that there is no place available for the present occupants of the See Hotel.

Another contact was made with the Bezirkshauptman in Gmunden but no satisfaction has been obtained to date.

Can you please intervene in the matter and get immediate action as there has been much unnecessary delay in the release of this property.

R.L. BIAJUSKI
Deputy Director, UNRRA Team 313.

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U.N.R.R.A. Children's Center,
Rindbach near Ebensee, Austria.

1 June 1946.

To: J.B. Woodrum, Director UNRRA Team 313, Ebensee.

From: R.L. Bialuski, Acting Director, Children's Center.

Subject: Requisition of "Seehotel", Rindbach near Ebensee.

We have been informed that we must now communicate directly with USPA Engineers for approval to requisition the "Seehotel", Rindbach near Ebensee.

This extra-procedure after our correspondence with you and Area II Headquarters is causing much delay in carrying out our operations efficiently.

Please consult our request of May 21 and 22 for detailed information.

The following information has been requested.

- 1.- The "Seehotel" is required for the billeting of staff, mainly Displaced Persons, which is employed for the maintenance of the Children's Center in Villa Mandelsch, Rindbach.
- 2.- Approximately 15 persons will occupy the premises. The kitchen facilities are adequate and necessary for providing messing separate from the children's mess at the Villa Mandelsch.
- 3.- The hotel is approximately 400 m. or about a 5 Min. walk from the Children's Center and is within easy reach in case of emergency. Staff billeting here would also not require the transport which is so difficult to provide regularly.
- 4.- Present occupants of the hotel are the families of 2 engineers comprising 9 members, several transient personnel and also several families of Viennese Displaced Persons (approximately 14 people.)

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

R.L. Bialuski
Acting Director.

Copy.

22 May 1946.

To: Supervisor, U.S. Zone, Area II, Lins.

From: Deputy Director, Team 343 Ebensee.

Subject: Requisition of "Seehotel", Rindlach near Ebensee.

1.- According to the attached report from Mr. Bialuski, an additional building for billeting the staff at the Children's Center is needed for which purpose the so called "Seehotel" at Rindlach near Ebensee has been selected.

2.- Your assistance to intervene with the Divisional Real Estate Officer in Lins, Lt. Miller, and with the USFA Real Estate Officer, Col. Ladeu is herewith requested for the requisitioning of the building in question.

H.M. Fischer.
Deputy Director.

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U.N.R.R.A. Children's Center
Rindbach, near Ebensee, Upper-Austria.

21st May 1946.

To: Mr. H.M. Fischer, Deputy Director, Team 313 Ebensee.
From: R.L. Bialuski, Act. Director, Children's Center Rindbach.

Subject: Requisition of Seehotel, Rindbach by Ebensee.

Arrangements had been made by me through the Buergermeister of Ebensee on 26 April 1946 for the exchange of the Seehotel, Rindbach to UNRRA Team 313 Ebensee. The Mariengasthof which was being utilized by the UNRRA Team for Displaced Persons was to be turned over to the Buergermeister so that the inhabitants of the Seehotel, mostly displaced persons could be billeted there without causing any difficulties in the removal of these people.

The Seehotel is needed for billeting the staff, which is required for maintaining the Children's Center in Villa Mendelssohn, Rindbach. The Buergermeister could suggest the Seehotel as the only premises now available and suitable by virtue of its proximity to the Children's Center.

The Mariengasthof itself is too distant from the Children's Home to be of any use and with transportation difficulties always arising, a place closer to the Center is required as soon as possible, so that space necessary for Children at the Home will not have to be utilized for staff.

The owner of the Hotel, who, it is claimed is still a strong Nazi, has refused to accept the Buergermeister's suggestion and demands a Military order before she will release her place for UNRRA use.

Contact was made with Lt. Miller, Real Estate Department, 42 Div., Linz for authority to requisition the above mentioned premises but he informed me that any new property that was requisitioned by the Military had to have the approval of Col. Ladeu, USFA.

R.L. Bialuski
Acting Director
Children's Center.

24 July 1946

To : Deputy Director of Relief Services
Miss Betty Barton

From : Child Welfare Specialist

Subject : Class 2 Employees - Ebensee.
REF. W 5

Miss Kain writes that according to a memorandum from Mr. John Andreassen in June, the teaching staff at the Ebensee Children's Home was told they would be Class II employees. All necessary forms were filled out, but they are now informed by the Area Office that there can be no more Class II employees which she feels is a breach of promise. She would like to know the procedure to be followed at this point. She points out that this staff were not drawn from the immediate locality as are the usual persons on the Burgomeister payroll, but went to Ebensee from Vienna.

May we request that budget lines be established for two Class II positions at the Ebensee Children's Home.

AB/cl

Miss Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist

24 July 1946

To : Deputy Director of Relief Services
Miss Betty Barton

From : Child Welfare Specialist

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REF. W.5

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Miss Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist

AB/cl

22 July 1946

To : Miss Joan Kain, Child Welfare Officer - Salzburg.
From : Child Welfare Specialist, Vienna
Subject: Number of Class 2 Employees Necessary

I have been asked by Miss Barton to make a specific request for the number of Class II employees you require so that we can set up budget lines for them. This will include the Children's Home at Ebensee as I understand it, although you should clear this with Mr. Haverstick.

Miss Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist

AB/cl

26th June 1946

TO: Mr. J.C.L. Andreassen, Director, Relief Services.

Attached you will find a letter from Miss J. Kain. Apparently Mr. Hunter proved to be an excellent assignment and I think she would like this to be a matter of record if it will be helpful.

Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist.

AB/EEP

18th July 1946.

TO: Mrs. N. West, Chief Welfare Officer.

ATTENTION: Miss Barton, Deputy Director, Relief Services.
Health Division.

SUBJECT: U.S. Zone Area II report July 1st, 1946.

The Area Director, Mr. Cornwall, states in his report -

"Reports of Area Medical Officer, Area Nurse and Area Nutritionist indicate lack of coordination between the Child Welfare Specialists and other UNRRA personnel with the result that health sanitary and welfare standards are below normal."

The Medical Officer does not mention the Children's Home, the Nutritionist's report is not included, but the Area Nurse reports -

"Rindbach:

After 2 months' UNRRA work at Rindbach the orphanage has not improved at all. There is no school, there are no team games, adolescents are lying in bed in the afternoon, rooms are still in disorder, mess, play rooms are dusty, and they are only now beginning to prepare rooms for babies and brothers expected from Braunau and Pischl."

Miss Grant Glass, Central Headquarters, made a competent and acceptable report on this matter relating to the same visit. I consider these comments from Area II unprofessional and incompetent, and only slightly related to the nursing function. Miss Geraldine Aves, Director of Child Welfare from E.R.O., reported this month favourably on the general care of the children and particularly upon the fine approach of the Director to child welfare problems and his understanding of what is important in the lives of children.

Aleta Brownlee,
Child Welfare Specialist.

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Tel Nos 2196/4017.

June 24th 1946.

To : Mr J. Greely, Billeting Officer, Area 1 HQ's.
From : Joan Kain, Children's Welfare Supervisor, US Zone.
Ref. : R2/3. SEE HOTEL REINHOLD.

Enclosed are copies of correspondence indicating the various attempts made by our Children's home staff to obtain the use of the SEE HOTEL.

Originally it was their intention to use the See Hotel as staff billets because of the anticipated number of children expected in Villa Mendelssohn which is near by - it is now desirable that the See Hotel be used first, for the care of non-Austrian separated children, the majority of whom will be repatriated to their own countries in the near future and also for staff billets.

It is proposed to use Villa Mendelssohn to its full capacity for the care of young children aged 1-3 years.

Because of the conflicting statements which Mr Bialuski, Director of the Children's Home has received concerning the proper manner of obtaining property, I would appreciate your help in straightening this matter out, for I believe Mr Bialuski has followed proper channels and filled out all the necessary forms.

Thank you,

Joan Kain
Joan Kain,
Child Welfare Supervisor
U.S. Zone.

JK/VGJ.

Tel Nos. 2196/4317.

June 22nd 1946.

To : Miss E. Brownless, Child Welfare Specialist, Vienna Hq's.
From : Miss Joan Kain, Child Welfare Supervisor, U.S. Zone.
Subject: Mr Hunter - Supply Officer, Temporarily assigned to Childrens
Receiving Home, Ebensee.
Ref. : R2/3.

Mr Harold Hunter was temporarily assigned as Supply Officer to Childrens Receiving Home, his services according to Mr Bialuski, Director of the Home, have been most satisfactory - he is an energetic enthusiastic person who has fitted in well with the Childrens Receiving Home staff.

It is my understanding that Mr Hunter is to be permanently assigned away from Ebensee on July 1st.

Mr Woodrum, Director of Team 113 Ebensee has suggested that Mr Hunter be assigned as Supply Officer half time to the Childrens Receiving Home, and half time to Gaisert.

I would like to concur if such part time arrangement could be worked out for Mr Hunter at the Childrens Receiving Home, Mr Bialuski is of the opinion that his services would still be most helpful.

Joan Kain
Joan Kain,
Child Welfare Supervisor,
U.S. Zone.

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6th June 1946.

TO: Director, UNHRA American Zone, Salzburg.

SUBJECT: Villa Mendelssohn, Ebensee, Area II.

1. I have discussed the situation at this Children's Home with the various interested parties and wish to make a matter of record the conclusions reached in order that all concerned may have the necessary terms of reference.
2. Although this Centre will serve the American Zone, its location in Area II places it administratively under the Director, Area II.
3. Proximity to the Ebensee Team makes it advisable to attach this Centre to the Ebensee team, which will be responsible for providing Villa Mendelssohn with certain services. These services are roughly -

- a) Supply
- b) Transport
- c) Class II personnel
- d) Essential administrative services
- e) Messing and billeting if necessary
- f) Essential health services.

In other words contact with the military and civilian authorities in Ebensee and vicinity shall be through the Director of the Ebensee Team.

4. It would seem advisable to designate the person in charge of Villa Mendelssohn as a Deputy Director of the Ebensee Team, with sole responsibility for the operation of this facility.
5. It does not follow that the Welfare Officers on the Ebensee Team supervise Child Welfare Officers at Villa Mendelssohn.
6. Vehicles assigned to Villa Mendelssohn shall be on the basis of an approved establishment and not merely on call from Ebensee Team.
7. It must be recognised by all concerned that in terms of displaced persons cared for, the personnel establishment for a Centre of this type will have to be larger than is customary in a normal assembly centre.


JOHN G. L. HILDEBRANDT
Acting Chief of UNHRA Mission to Austria.

Cc. Director Area II
Mrs. West
Miss Brownlee
Miss Kain
Director of Personnel
Director of S. & T.

File: T.5.

6th June 1946.

To: Miss Main, Child Welfare Specialist, Salisbury.

The memo on Stenace has been written by Mr. Anderson and you will be receiving it.

I asked him about the Polish teachers, and he says that all employees from now on are Class II employees. Therefore you should indicate how many teachers you need in accordance with this memo.

Aleta Brownlee
Child Welfare Specialist.

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May 28th 1946

To: Mr. Andreassen

Subject: Children's Home

In view of the problems which have arisen in regard to an undue assumption of responsibility for the Children's Home by the Ebensee team, I should like to recommend that there be created a child welfare team, with the Director in complete charge. He should, however, have the privilege of using certain team services so long as the team is there or able to render them. These might include billeting and messing of some or all staff, maintenance of transport (Homes should have own transport), supply, incidental labor (not maintenance staff) and medical care.

A definite decision should be made in the area office as to what services may be made available to the Child Welfare team and confirmed in writing.

AILETA BROWNLEE
Child Welfare Specialist

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28th May 1946

Mr. Andreasson

Subject: Appointment of Miss Clare NETTL

I should like to recommend the appointment of Miss Clare Nettl, nurse with special qualifications in the care of pre-school age children, to the staff of the Children's Home at Rindbach-Ebenssee. We are planning soon to move some 20 3-year-old Polish children there and she can assume special responsibility for them as well as general health supervision of the whole group.

ALETA BROWLSE
Child Welfare Specialist

AB/C

Revised, W 5/8
File 1A.

To: Director, F & A
Director, S & T.

22nd May, 1946.

Subject: Supplies for Children's Home - Rindbach-Henzenes.

1. Will the Director of F & A authorize the release of the items indicated in the attached memo to the team at Henzenes for use by the New Children's Home there, by approving this memo?
2. Will the Director of S & T authorize the delivery of any of the items listed in this attachment which are available at Gredig to the team at Henzenes for the purpose indicated above.

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J. C. L. ANDERSON,
Director, Relief Services.

21st May 1946

To: Director, Relief Services

Subject: Supplies for Children's Home - Rindbach-Ebensee.

I left Ebensee last week with a long list of needed supplies for the Children's Home and was asked to try to locate some of the items after which they will be indented for in the usual fashion.

I went to Grodig and found the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>needed</u>	<u>Can be released by:</u>
Radios	1	F & A (or R.S.)
Towels	150	"
Typewriters	2	"
Tea cloths	12	?
Sewing machine	1	R.S.
Boot polish black	40	"
" " brown	20	"
Tooth brushes	70	"
Combs	70	"
Candy	15 boxes	"
Leather (for shoe repairs & plumbing washers)	4 hides	"
Polish books	-	"
Garden seeds	11	"

Some of these items may have been released from Vienna but Mr. Hodges did not know of any. Miss Barton said she would telephone Mr. Hodges and I telephoned Mr. Bialuski to put in orders for the above.

Aida Brownlee

AIDA BROWNLEE
Child Welfare Specialist

WS/8
21 May 1946.

TO : Mr. N.M. Fischer, Deputy Director, Team 313 Ebensee,
FROM : R. L. Bialuski, Act. Director, Children's Center, Rindbach
SUBJECT : Requisition of Seehotel, Rindbach by Ebensee.

Arrangements had been made by me through the Buergermeister of Ebensee on 26 April 1946 for the exchange of the Seehotel, Rindbach, to UNRRA Team 313 Ebensee. The Mariengasthof which was being utilized by the UNRRA Team for Displaced Persons was to be turned over to the Buergermeister so that the inhabitants of the Seehotel, mostly displaced persons, could be billeted there without causing any difficulties in the removal of these people.

The Seehotel is needed for billeting the staff which is required for maintaining the Children's Center in Villa Mendelsohn, Rindbach. The Buergermeister could only suggest the Seehotel as the only premises now available and suitable by virtue of its proximity to the Children's Center.

The Mariengasthof itself is too distant from the Children's Home to be of any use and with transportation difficulties always arising, a place closer to the Center is required as soon as possible, so that space necessary for children at the Home will not have to be utilized for staff.

The owner of the Hotel who, it is claimed is still a staunch Nazi, has refused to accept the Buergermeister's suggestion and demands a Military order before she will release her place for UNRRA use.

Contact was made with Lt. Miller, Real Estate Department, 42 Div., Linz, for authority to requisition the above mentioned premises but he informed me that any new property that was requisitioned by the Military had to have the approval of Col. Ladeu, USFA.

R.L. Bialuski
Acting Director
Children's Center

Copy

22nd May 1946

To : Supervisor, US Zone, Area II, Linz.
From : Deputy Director, Team 313, Ebensee.
Subject : Requisition of "Seehotel", Rindbach near Ebensee.

1. According to the attached report from Mr. Bialuski, an additional building for billeting the staff at the Children's Center is needed for which purpose the socalled "Seehotel" at Rindbach near Ebensee has been selected.

2. Your assistance to intervene with the Divisional Real Estate Officer in Linz, Lt. Miller, and with the USFA Real Estate Officer, Col. Ladeu, is herewith requested for the requisitioning of the building in question.

N.M.Fischer,
Deputy Director.

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U. N. R. R. A.
Children's Center
Rindbach near
Ebensee, Austria

1 June 1946.

TO : J.B. Woodrum, Director UNRRA Team 313, Ebensee.
FROM : R. L. Bialuski, Acting Director, Children's Center.
SUBJECT : Requisition of "Seehotel", Rindbach near Ebensee.

We have been informed that we must now communicate directly with USFA Engineers for approval to requisition the "Seehotel", Rindbach near Ebensee.

This extra-procedure after our correspondence with you and Area II Headquarters is causing much delay in carrying out our operations efficiently.

Please consult our request of May 21 and 22 for detailed information.

The following information has been requested.

1. The "Seehotel" is required for the billeting of staff, mainly Displaced Persons, which is employed for the maintenance of the Children's Center in Villa Mendelssohn, Rindbach.
2. Approximately 15 persons will occupy the premises. The kitchen facilities are adequate and necessary for providing messing separate from the children's mess at the Villa Mendelssohn.
3. The hotel is approximately 400 m or about a 5 Min. walk from the Children's Center and is within easy reach in case of emergency. Staff billeting here would also not require the transport which is so difficult to provide regularly.
4. Present occupants of the hotel are the families of 2 engineers comprising 9 members, several transient personnel and also several families of Viennese Displaced Persons (approximately 14 people.)

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

B. L. Bialuski
Acting Director

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1 West
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3 Brownlee

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS
VIENNA, AUSTRIA

9 HELFERTORFERSTRASSE
TELEPHONE: U 21 475

18th May 1946

To: Mr. Andreassen

Subject: Food supplies for Children's Center, Ebensee.

We have at present 20 children in the Ebensee camp and ten more will be admitted next week, and 20 more in a matter of two - three week's time.

Rations can only be drawn on the strength of children already in the institution. It is extremely important that we have a reasonable quantity of food in reserve, so that there will always be sufficient food to meet any emergencies and to supply their ^{rations} ~~rations~~ for a matter of two or three days' time ^{after admission} ~~after admission~~.

With the reduction in team personnel it will be increasingly difficult to move quickly on any urgent problem such as food. I understand from Miss Brownlee that in Groedig there were a number of barrels containing boxes in ^{such a} ~~the~~ shape in ^{which} ~~that~~ the Red Cross packages had to be broken down, and there are quantities of cans and packages of single items that would serve as this reserve basis in Ebensee.

I would strongly recommend that immediate action be taken to make these available to the Ebensee Children's Center. Most of these children are Polish children and have been benefitting from the contributions of the Polish Red Cross London, which is extremely critical of our ability to provide for the children properly.

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NELL WEST
Chief Welfare Officer

- 21/5/46
- 1) I asked Bell & Aubin to load in some extra parcels here if A R C could do so.
 - 2) 22/5/46 I asked Tom Dunn in firm to see A R C person there on this centre. jeta

10th April 1946.

TO: Mrs. N. West, Chief Welfare Officer.

SUBJECT: Personnel for Children's Home.

We have secured the promise of the military release of Villa Mendelssohn in Rindbach, Enensee. After considerable discussion with both the Ebensee team and the Area Office, we think that the necessary UNRRA staff will be a Director, a Welfare Officer, and a Supply Officer. This staff will be semi attached to the Ebensee team, upon which it will depend for certain services such as transport, supply, medical and nursing and so forth. The other staff we hope will be of the national group, which will be largely Polish.

We have taken steps in the Area for the release of Rudolph Bialewski, now Welfare Officer at Ried Camp, to be Director. This was cleared verbally with Mr. Andreassen yesterday. At that time he stated that a team could be set up without budget lines if it had the approval of Relief Services.

We should also like to ask for the appointment of Miss Viorica Bretoi as Welfare Officer.

We should like these transfers to be made immediately, as we hope that Mr. Bialewski will report this week for duty if the Army has released the building. In any case we would like to have these two persons for the first Children's Home we establish.

Miss A. Brownlee,
Chief Child Welfare Specialist.

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