Mass graves in Wintermoor

The hospital "Gesundungshaus Wintermoor" opened in February 1943. It was divided in two parts: the northern part was for children and the southern part for grownups. Many children with lung diseases where cured here. There are very many victims of bombings from Hamburg, too. The hospital started with 400 beds and was build up to 825 beds in 1943.

About 500 people died in Wintermoor in war-times. The cemetery in Wintermoor was built for them. Because there are so many corps, all deads from the hospital



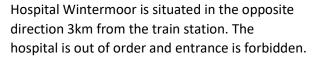
were buried in mass graves in part B of cemetery, on the left side of the main entrance (picture from 1998 on the right above).



Part C & D are for private burials in after-war-times. Next to the church building in part C are some graves of German soldiers. Prisoners-of-war where buried in part B2: Soviets who build the hospital in 1941/42 and some allied soldiers who died fighting in Wintermoor or by airplane crashes in 1944/45. There was a train with a concentration camp transport in Wintermoor in April 1945: the 156 dead bodies from it where buried in part A after war. Part A2 was reserved for "displaced persons", former prisoner-of-war from Sovietunion, who couldn't get back home after war. Many of them died in Wintermoor hospital because of lung deseases. Part A2 doen't exist anymore.

Directions

Wintermoor a.d.Ch. is situated at federal street 3 (B3) between Hamburg and Soltau. Wintermoor has a train station. The cemetery is located western, not far away from the train station: a street sign at street "Ehrhorner Heuweg" will show the main entrance.







Sources

Information (in German) are published on this website for local history:

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