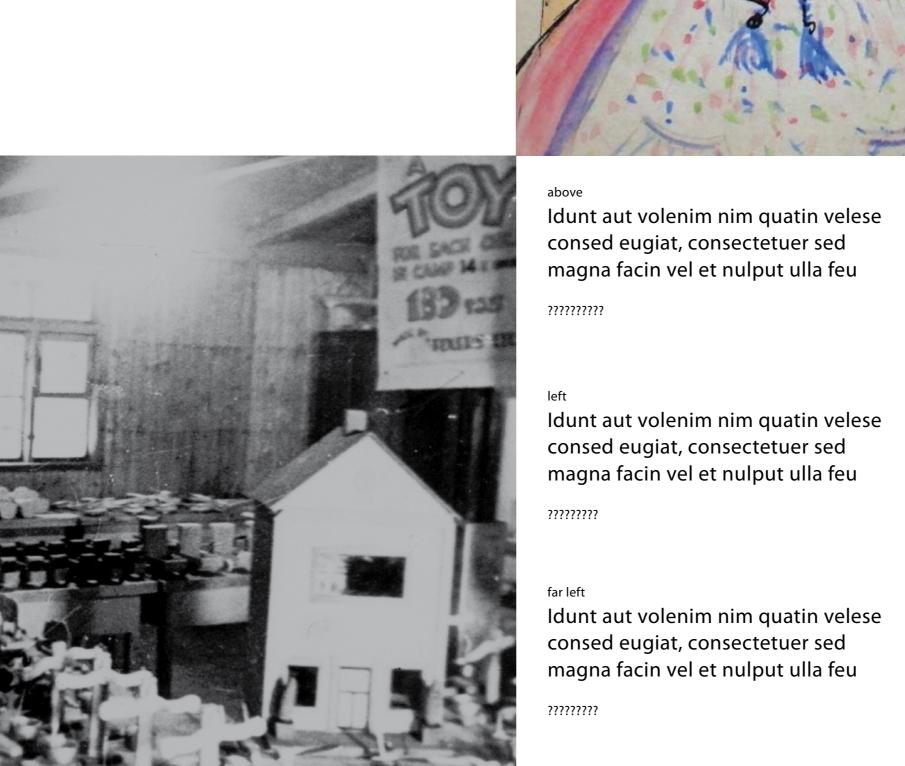
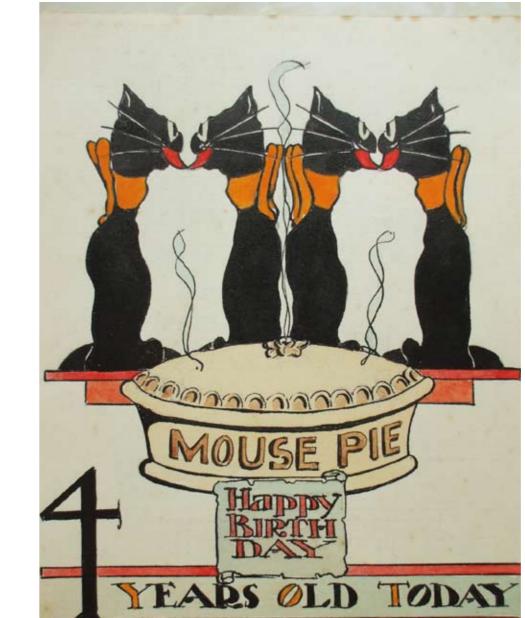
HLDHOOD IN THE CAMPS

Children were a major consideration within the camps. In Wurzach alone there were some 200 children, the majority of whom had not been able to bring toys with them when they were deported.

These children were left without the comfort or distraction of many of their favourite things and so the adults quickly stepped in to put their craft skills to good use. Toys were produced that included "Heidi" dolls made from scraps of fabric, toys made of wood like "pecking hens" as well as farmyard animals stitched together from scraps of shoe leather. In the Biberach camp a caring father made his daughter a toy cooking stove complete with pots, pans and utensils from nothing but Red Cross tins. In December 1943 the men interned in the Biberach camp set up a production line to ensure that each of the over 100 boys and girls in the camp received a toy for Christmas. In the end planes, dolls, cots, wheelbarrows, cranes and other toys were distributed, much to the joy of the young children.











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