

Anna Danon On Brigade Work In Dimitrovgrad



We are on brigade work in Dimitrovgrad. [This town, named after the communist party leader Georgi Dimitrov, was built up entirely under the new communist regime.] We are carrying food here. We were building the panorama road of the town for about 2 months during the summer of 1948. We were there at our own will. We worked hard to fulfil the plan but we never succeeded because some of us were physically quite weak. There was a daily plan and everything was reported on a daily basis - how much we dug, etc. The most difficult thing for us after the war was to find a house in Sofia. The one we lived in before the internment had been given to other people. Iosif Kamhi's family gave us a room on Vladaiska Street. We lived in that room for quite a long time. I graduated from high school in Sofia after the war. During the internment in Kiustendil I tried several times, but I wasn't allowed to study. In 1948 I began studying medicine and I graduated in 1953. First I worked in Krainitsi village. I wasn't married at that time. My husband was a soldier, as they took him after he had graduated law. For three-four years I worked in Pernik and after that in Sofia. I was a doctor until my retirement. During the last three years I worked at the Ministry of Health. I was responsible for the instruction of college medical specialists.