

Herzograd residential development

built in a row behind the two-family house and finished in the course of 1942 (nowadays Herzograd 14, 16, 18 and 20).¹³³



These four apartment buildings type 4A as part of wartime contract KA 215 (Herzograd 14, 16, 18 and 20) were built behind the two-family house (Herzograd 12, right foreground). [Archive ECS]

Gertrude Koppendorfer lived with her parents in Herzograd 20, a type 4A building constructed in the third phase. She wrote about the living conditions of that time:¹³⁴

»...for the living conditions of the time, the houses were >luxurious<. In those days, we were used to: kitchen-cum-living room, bedroom and closet, toilet in the hall shared by 2 families, in front of the house a joint laundry room for 4 homes where water is heated in cauldrons and people take baths in tubs. That was a company tenement owned by the Steyr Works in Steyr on the Ennsleiten, that was later torn down, and where I lived with my parents before moving to the Herzograd residential development. There were different sizes of apartments in Herzograd; ours had a bath and a toilet, then the kitchen, to the right two bedrooms, and at the back a large living room with a patio, a nice garden where my Papa built a rabbit hutch to add some variety to our meals.«

¹³³ BASTV, Minutes of meeting recorded by Amstetten District Council on 22nd January 1942, application for a building permit to construct 16 apartments in the Herzograd settlement; Collection Perz, Nibelungenwerk GmbH board of directors meeting dated 23. July 1941: Report of the technical directors, plan Reich-owned Herzograd plant residential development, Wo-10.072, 28. October 1942

¹³⁴ MW, Recollections of Gertrude Koppendorfer, May/June 2008

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A typical type 4A apartment building (Herzograd 16). [Archive ECS]

Registration of the house of Plant Director, Dr. Ing. Judtmann, was done of July 20, 1942 using the address „Werksiedlung Herzograd 1” [Works Estate Herzograd 1].¹³⁵



Villa built for the Plant Director Dr. Ing. Otto Judtmann, photo taken 1943 or 1944. Both director's homes and the single-family house had their own garage. [Doku STV]

¹³⁵ MASTV, Registration Card Archive

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The fourth and final phase of KA 215a, was built to the north of the staff hall of residence. Here, the layout was modified to provide three entrances rather than a central one in the middle of the building. Each of the external entrances led to the ground floor apartments. The middle one directed residents up a stairway to the two upper floor apartments.¹³⁶ Five type 4B apartment houses with three entrances each were built (nowadays Herzograd 22, 24, 26 and 28). A further two type 4B apartment houses featuring three entrances were constructed directly to the north of the staff hall of residence (today Herzograd 17 and 19). Then came two longer type 4C residential buildings, both of which were made up of two joined apartment buildings with one central entrance each, and separated by an oval-shaped road (nowadays Herzograd 21 and 23, plus Herzograd 25 and 27).¹³⁷



The five apartment buildings type 4B of KA 215a in spring 1943. From right foreground to left rear: a part of Herzograd 22, then Herzograd 24, 26, 28 and 30. [Archive ECS]

By the end of March 1943 all the planned apartment buildings had been built, at least structurally. 56 apartments were already occupied with another 20 about to be moved into. The majority of the lodgings in the staff hall of residence were also

¹³⁶ Collection Perz, Plan Reich-owned Herzograd residential development, Wo-10.072, 28. October 1942; BASTV, Plan house type 4B No. 3485B, 4. March 1942

¹³⁷ Collection Perz, Plan Reich-owned plant residential development Herzograd, Wo-10.072, 28. October 1942; BASTV, Layouts house type 4C, Wo 10.040, 28. June 1942; AL, communication to the Police Registration Office St. Valentin listing the occupied apartments in the plant residential developments Herzograd, Langenhardt and other plant facilities, Nibelungenwerk GmbH Department Workforce, Property Management, 17. September 1943

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occupied, where a higher level of utilization was reached through increased occupation of the individual rooms.¹³⁸

The road through the Herzograd estate was surfaced with concrete and had a sidewalk. Street lighting was not yet available. The inhabitants could reach their workplaces in the Nibelungenwerk via the Werkstrasse or by a dedicated cycle and footpath. Parts of this cycle track and footpath still exist today.¹³⁹



The bicycle track and footpath led from Langenhart northward, passing by the type 4B apartment buildings of the Herzograd estate, to the Nibelungenwerk (spring 1943). [Archive ECS]

As of September 17, 1943 a total of 76 families had moved into apartment buildings of the Herzograd housing development. Another 24 families were scheduled to occupy the remaining four-apartment houses (Herzograd 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 27) planned for completion by the end of 1943. At this time, 140 unmarried staff and three families were living in the hall of residence. Apartments were also set up in a few works buildings. One family was assigned an apartment in the building yard. In the area of the plant entrance, four families were housed in the

¹³⁸ Collection Perz, technical report on the ongoing business year 1942/1943, plan Reich-owned plant residential development Herzograd, Wo-10.072, 28. October 1942

¹³⁹ MW, Photo Collection