

HAPPY HOLIDAY FOR INVALIDS.

Corleston-on-Sea holiday camp, near Yarmouth, has its happiest visitors of the year when 300 physically handicapped people, with their families and friends, take over the camp for a fortnight. The holiday's organised by a Norfolk voluntary association, but the guests come from as far afield as Carlisle and Sussex. Local councils and clubs have helped to make the holiday possible.

Charlie Coffey's been on his back for 58 years, but he can still laugh; so can Lealie Bowers, who was tortured by the Japanese, and Mrs. Mable Day, a polio victim. There's no shortage of voluntary helpers, and as everything's on the ground floor the holidaymakers get around quite smoothly.

The big sunny dining hall is ideal for getting to know one another, and friends are made quickly among people who have every reason to understand each other's problems.

Physical handicaps seem to make people like Mrs. Mable Day determined to get the most out of life. There's always something to try, even if you've been in a wheelchair for 39 years like Tom Jay, another polio case.

On show at the camp are some of the ingenious gadgets which can make life easier for those who can't get around like the rest of us. Anything which saves them having to ask for help increased the self-reliance they value so much.

But when help is needed, it's willingly given. Eleven-year-old David Newman, a spastic victim, finds a friend to show him the sea. For these courageous people, a holiday to remember.