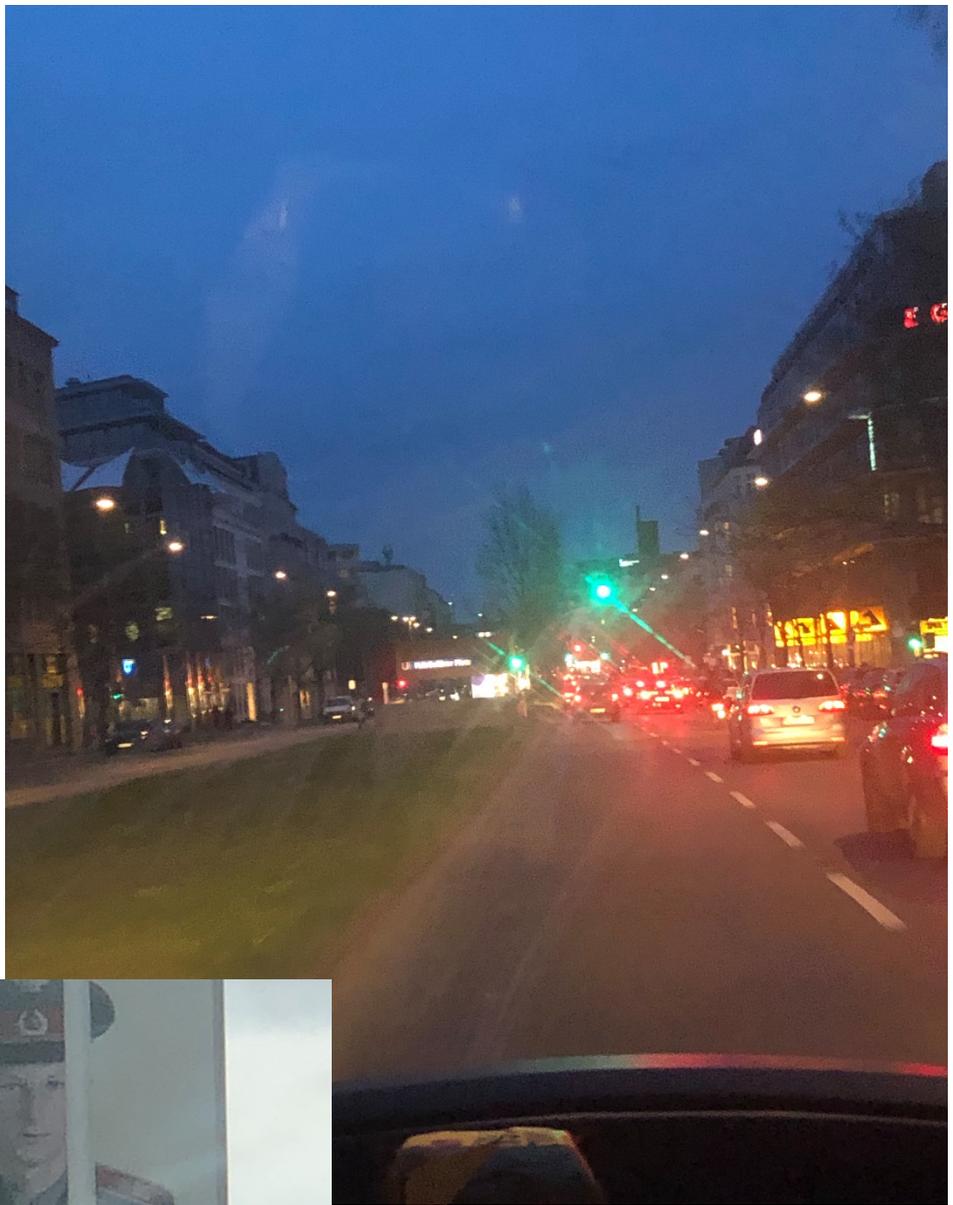


On Friday the 1st of April we left to go to Ukraine to deliver Humanitarian Aid at 02:00 in the morning. This was all organised by my Dad through all 6 hotels and a shul. Seeing as it was snowing, the 3 hour drive to the channel tunnel was exhilarating. The heavy the snow came down the more nervous we got.



When we arrived at the tunnel we got on the train and headed towards Calais, France. It took about half an hour to get to France on the train and when we arrived the clocks went forward an hour. After that, we got off the train and drove through Belgium and holland to get to Berlin.

After about 700 miles of driving, we arrived in Berlin at 20:30 local time. The city was full of lights and packed with loads of people. We stayed In Premier Inn Berlin, it was very comfortable.



On the second day we visited Checkpoint Charlie. Checkpoint Charlie was the primary checkpoint between East and West Berlin. It has also been in a lot of spy and action movies like James Bond and Funeral in Berlin. This of course, representing the split between East and West.

On the way out of town, we drove along the River Spree. This river goes through the whole of Germany. After this, we got on the motorway and travelled to Warsaw, Poland.

During our drive to Warsaw we pulled over on a motorway. As we did this, an Irish man pulled up next to us who asked if we were going to Ukraine. He noticed our van by our British number plate and he gave us some money towards the fuel as well as thanking us for what we were doing. It just shows that people will help a good cause.



After another 600 miles of driving, we arrived in Warsaw, Poland. It was covered in snow. When we tried to park up, we hit a parking post because the truck slipped into it from the snow. After all of this chaos, we finally checked into our beautiful hotel for the night.

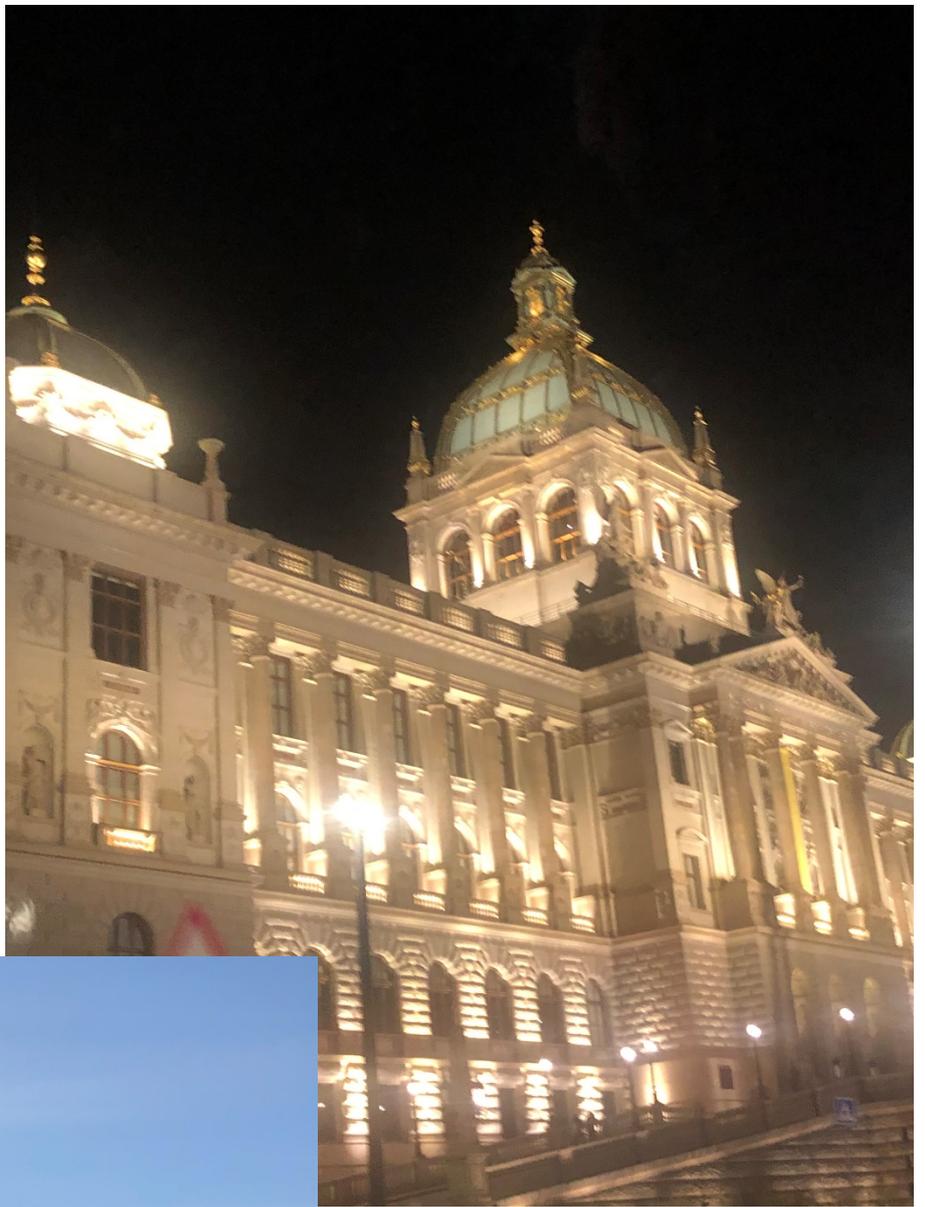


The next morning we left Warsaw and stopped by The Warsaw Holocaust Memorial. It was mind blowing, the art was so moving.



At 10:14 in Lublin, Poland we had successfully dropped off the aid to the Help Ukraine Centre. There were about 5 employees working, this was surprising as it was a Sunday. It was also nice to see that there were lots of other pallets donated by other people who wanted to help. Adding to this, we met a Ukrainian refugee who was there to help us unload. It was a life changing experience and will definitely be something to remember.

When we eventually arrived in Prague, after dropping the stuff off at Warsaw, it was a struggle because the navigation wasn't telling us to go the right way, at least that's what we thought. After following Waze for about an hour, we arrived at our hotel. It was the Majestic Plaza Hotel, it was amazing. It was a top tier hotel and was all so modernised.

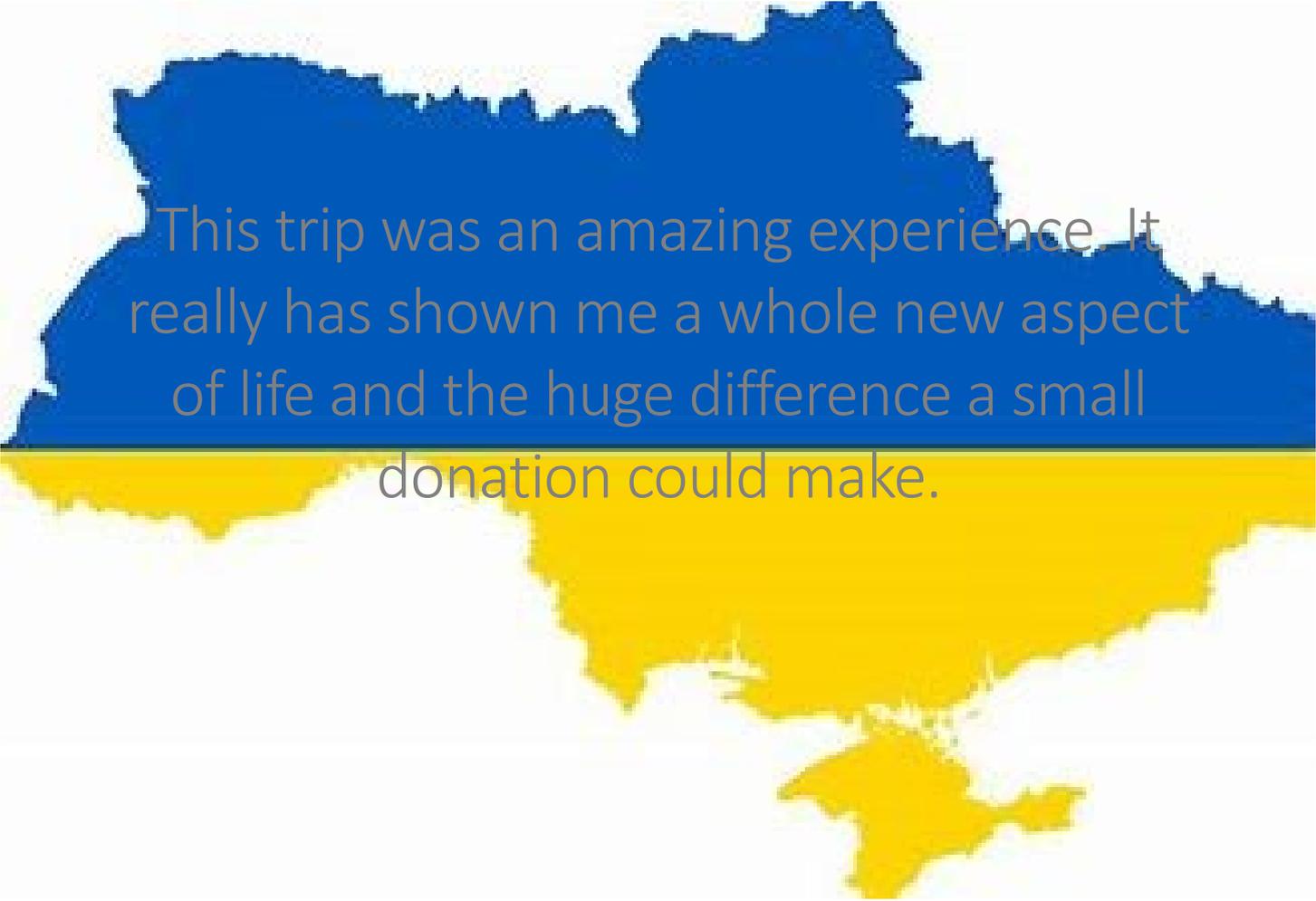


The next morning we left the hotel, we had to walk around to our van and while doing so we passed a stunning area full of classic trams and a huge cathedral

On the second to last day after doing another 800 miles, we arrived at our last hotel. It was called the Brit Hotel. It was interesting. When I went into my room our air conditioner was broken so we pulled out the plug because it was blowing hot air everywhere. This hotel in Reims, France wasn't the best out of the four but it was good enough for one night.



The next morning we were ready to leave Europe. We left the hotel and headed straight back to Calais. Once we arrived in Calais, we got directly onto the train and ended up back in the UK safe and sound.



This trip was an amazing experience. It really has shown me a whole new aspect of life and the huge difference a small donation could make.



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