**Camp 167** **- Shady Lane Camp, Stoughton, Leicestershire (aka Evington)**

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| **1947 Camp list** |
| 167(G.W.C.) | Shady Lane Camp, Stoughton, Leicester | N. | Priswar, Oadby | Oadby 584 | Thurnby | Lt.Col.E.L.Farnell | v/1453/2 |

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| **Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003** |
| OS NGR | Sheet | No. | Name & Location | County | Cond’n | Type 1945 | Comments |
| SK 627 024 | 140 | 167 | Shady Lane, Stoughton, Leicester | Leicestershire | 5 | Base Camp |  |

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| **Location:** On the SE edge of Leicester.**Before the camp:** From 1942 the site was in military use. For a short time used by the US 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment before D-day.**Pow Camp: opened in 1945.** Italian and then German pows.The camp had a weekly newspaper; *Der Neue Weg* (The New Way).Memories – *“Karl Hohn, who was sent to Evington as an eighteen-year-old prisoner, having been wounded and captured in the Ardennes region of France during the Allies’ advance towards Germany. He confirmed that relations between the local population were friendly; indeed, he said, compared to conditions in Germany at the time, Evington seemed like paradise, what with biscuits and invitations to Sunday and Christmas dinners with local families. He even married a local girl while still a prisoner – although he had to return to the camp each evening!” (*[www.evingtonecho.co.uk/shady-lane-pow-camp/](http://www.evingtonecho.co.uk/shady-lane-pow-camp/) )Camp commandant c.1947 Lieutenant Colonel E L Farnell (Possibly from the Royal Corps of Signals).The camp closed in 1948.**After the camp:** Occupied by squatters when the camp closed. Part used by a riding school. Arboretum from 1970. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1956 |

**Further Information:**

National Archives FO 1120/230 – Re-educational survey visit reports for camps 165 to 175. Dated 1 Jan 1946 to 31 Dec 1948

Leicester and Rutland Record Office – Papers including letters from German prisoners of war based at Stoughton and Scraptoft Camps. Dated 1946-1960. Ref DE6888

IWM has copies of the camp newspaper from 1947 to 1948

< Camp 167 token money. Could only be used in the camp as stamped. The back was stamped after each use.