**Camp 613** **Blackbeck Camp, Stainton, Co.Durham**

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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 |
| NZ 0720 1793 | 92 | 613 | Blackbeck Camp, Stainton | County Durham | 5 | German Working Company | Precise location not identified, NGR given for Stainton Grove Camp. There were numerous camps in this area associated with the initial training of army recruits during World War II. |

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| **Location:** NGR NZ 0688 1767  **Before the camp:** The large military camp was built in 1942. Blackbeck was on the edge of the military camp.  **Pow Camp:** BBC People’s War : “*Blackbeck POW Camp was built… only a field away from the railway line and was known to the ICRC as a POW camp for German prisoners. It is said that prisoners snared rabbits in this field and taught some local youngsters this useful skill.*  *It can be seen on the RAF aerial photograph of 1946 but not on the 1945 photograph. A track led from Stainton Camp along the northern side of the railway embankment to Blackbeck Camp... Today the site is known as The Oval, Stainton Grove*.” Article A7149666  **After the camp:** Residential area |  |  |
| Aerial photograph 1946 | Ordnance Survey 1954 |

**Further Information:**

The snared rabbit story was in the Northern Echo, 10 November 2007.