**Camp 617** **Dryfeholme Camp, Lockerbie, Dumfrieshire (aka Halleaths)**

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| Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003 |
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| **Location:** NGR NY 1015 8175. About 3.5km W of Lockerbie. Dryfeholme Farm is just over 2 km to the NE.**Before the camp:** Farmland**Pow Camp:** The Canmore site states that this was originally thought to be a military accommodation camp, but is in fact a German pow camp. It also states that, as the camp is visible on the 1941 air photograph, it was opened before June 1941. I think this is incorrect. In 2017 a hand-drawn map of Halleaths camp came up for auction. The map was dated September 1942. Although the catalogue image was a little hard to read, there are clear labels for: Gymnasium, Drill shed, Sleeping huts - men, NAAFI, Assault course and (firing) range. So, it was still a military site at that date. There are reports, (not confirmed) that the camp was used by Canadian troops.At least 150 huts, mainly Nissen, on various sites in local area - from Halleaths Farm to the N on the map down to the railway line.Listed by Canmore as a German pow Base Camp**After the camp:** Part farmland, factory built on S section. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1952 |

**Further Information:**

[http://canmore.org.uk/site/174347](https://canmore.org.uk/site/174347)

RAF WWII air photograph, F309, 5056-57, 26 June 1941

Air photographs, (541[A] 397, 3130-3132, flown 20 May 1948