**Camp 679** **- 083 Ordnance Supply Depot (OSD), Wem, Shropshire (aka Aston Park Camp)**

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| **1947 Camp List** | | | | | |
| 679(G.W.Coy) | W | 83 O.S.D. (Don). Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire | Wem 200 Ext.27 | 23(W.O.) | V/1270/4 |

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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 |
| SJ 523 294 | 126 | 679 | 83 Ordnance Supply Depot (O.S.D.) (Don), Soulton Road, Wem | Shropshire | 4 | German Working Camp | Irregular fenced compound around a pre-existing camp consisting of nine groups of six curved profile huts. Farmland and housing. |

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| **Location:** On the NE edge of Wem.  **Before the camp:** The large Wem depot was built in 1942 / 43 as part of Operation Bolero for building-up US troops and supplies within the UK.  **Pow Camp:**  Heritage entry (PRN 29140): *Second World War prisoner of war camp at Soulton Road, co-located with the US Army 83 Ordnance Supply Depot. It was set up on an existing camp comprising 9 groups of six curved profile huts enclosed by an irregular-shaped fence.*  *On May 1st 1945, when the end of the war in Europe was only days away, Corporal Friedrich Wolter and Grenadier Erich Mullenhord* [Wullenkord] *tried to escape and were shot dead as they rushed a guard at the US base as he was opening a warehouse door. They were buried at Wem Parish Church. It was in use up until 1948.*  The two pows who were shot were later re-buried at the Cannock Chase German War Cemetery.  < 1946 pow postcard – note use of address ‘Aston Park Camp’, the name of the site on the map. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1954 |

**After the camp:**

<https://repatriatedlandscape.org/england/pow-sites-in-the-west-midlands/pow-camp-679-83-ordnance-supply-depot-wem/>

**Further Information:**