**Camp 694** **Handy Cross Camp, Bideford, Devon**

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| **1947 Camp List** | | | | | |
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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 |
| SS 4411 2587 | 180 | 694 | Handy Cross Camp, Bideford | Devon | 4 | German Working Camp | Pre-existing military camp. |

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| **Location:** NGR above marked on map. The ‘bidefordbuzz’ website places the camp across the road at Pridham Place, just off Stucley Road and just N of Clovely Road. Other suggestions have been made that the site was just S of Clovely Road.  **Before the camp:** US troops had various camps in Bideford and in the Handy Cross / Bowden Green area. The site had barrack huts and a cinema.  **Pow Camp:** Established in the US army camp after D-day.  **After the camp:**  <https://repatriatedlandscape.org/england/pow-sites-in-the-south-west/pow-camp-694-handy-cross/>  **Further Information:**  National Archives 939/325 – listed as 994 [I think this is an error for 694] Working Camp, Handy Cross Camp, Bideford, Devon. Dated 1946 - 1947.  Camp visible on aerial photograph Royal Air Force SDV342938 |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1963 |