**Camp 1022** **Bradninch Camp, Bradninch, Exeter, 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 9987 0395 | 192 | 1022 | Bradninch Camp, Bradninch, Exeter | Devon | 5 | German Working Camp | Precise location not identified. NGR for centre of village. |

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| **Location:** NGR SS 000 036 - alongside Kensham Avenue, (just NE of ‘Cemy’ on map). About 14km NE of Exeter.**Before the camp:** The US 955th Field Artillery Battalion were based in Bradninch in 1943. The camp was mainly Nissen huts erected on the cricket pitch. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1962 |

**Pow Camp:** The US army camp was taken over as the German pow camp. (I have seen one report that Italian pows were held here – this is not confirmed and is unlikely. However, an Italian hostel or sub-camp was believed to have been based at nearby Ashclyst Forest).

The 1946 aerial photograph shows 28 Nissen huts and 2 larger buildings around a large quadrangle.

The camp was demolished in 1947.

**After the camp:** Recreation ground.

<https://repatriatedlandscape.org/england/pow-sites-in-the-south-west/pow-camp-1022-bradninch/>

**Further Information:**

Aerial Photographs - RAF, 1946, RAF/CPE/UK/1823 RS, RAF/CPE/UK/1995 RS 4043-4044 04-NOV-1946 SDV356902.

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