**Camp 98** **- Little Addington Camp, Hill Farm Estate, Irthlingborough Road, Little Addington, Northamptonshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 98. Little Addington Camp, Kettering, Northants.

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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 |
| SP 960 731 | 141 | 98 | Hill Farm Estate, Irthlingborough Road, Little Addington | Northhamptonshire | 3 | German Working Camp | STANDARD type. |

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| **Location:** Just S of Little Addington; 10 km SE of Kettering.**Before the camp:** Farmland**Pow Camp:** Listed as Italian working camp / labour battalion to at least 1945, then a German Working Camp.The site had a standard layout with a main pow compound, with guards’ huts and offices at the front towards the road. Common buildings and facilities at standard type camps included water towers, offices, officer's mess, a canteen, guard rooms, barrack huts, ablution blocks, cell blocks, a camp reception station (medical facility/hospital), a cookhouse, dining rooms, recreation rooms and living huts. Pictures with thanks from Robert Moore. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |

From the photograph, the buildings appear to be mainly wooden construction, with some brick-built buildings requiring a more stable foundation such as the cookhouse.

The Italian pows were listed as co-operators. They were responsible for building a sewer through the village and also helped at the local farms. There was an Italian Chapel built inside one of the huts.

There was an International Red Cross visit on 6 January 1944 - Italian prisoners, capacity 560.

The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion under the Eastern Command area in May 1944 and November 1944, (WO 32/10737).

On 1 August 1945 an urgent memorandum was sent to this camp, and others, about maintaining records of Italians who were classed as ‘co-operators’. At this point many, sometimes all, of the Italian pows were in hostels / billets.

Hostels listed for pows from this camp on 15 September 1945, (WO 32/10737):

Farndish, Wollaston, Bedfordshire – later taken over as a hostel for Ducks Cross Camp 72.

Upper Dean, Risley, Bedfordshire – later taken over as a hostel for Ducks Cross Camp 72.

**July 1946** – Listed as a Satellite camp for Weekley Camp 259 (separate details)

**Postal items seen:** Mail to Italy dated May 1943 and April 1945.

**After the camp:** Camp for European Volunteer Workers. 2019 industrial estate.

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|  | **Further Information:**National Archives - FO 1120/223 – ‘Re-educational survey visit reports for camps 93 to 99’. Between 1946 to 1948 inspections were carried out at various camps for German pows regarding the provision of re-education programmes. The quality and detail of the reports vary greatly.< The Italian Chapel built inside a hut. |