**Camp 6** **(& 296) - Doncaster Racecourse Camp, Doncaster, Yorkshire**

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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 |
| SE 595 031 | 111 | 6 | Racecourse Camp, Doncaster | Yorkshire | 5 | Base Camp |  |

**Location:** The Grid Reference SE 595 031 is for the NW of the race course where the grandstand and other buildings are located.

**Previous use:** Race course. During the First World War, the site had been used as a troop camp.

**POW Camp:** One of the nine Command Cages where pows were held for interrogation by the Prisoner of War Interrogation Section

The site was discussed during a House of Commons debate about land cultivation, 29 September 1942:

Mr Tom Williams, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, was asked about using more sites, such as Doncaster race course to grow food:

“*If my hon. Friend has not been to Doncaster race course for the past two years, I can tell him, with tears in my eyes, that immediately the war broke out the Army took possession of the race course, and that they have used the interior part of it for German and Italian prisoners. There have been no races held there for the past three years, nor have there been any race horses there. In odd spots tiny crops have even been produced on Doncaster race course, where nobody would have thought that anything but dandelions could be produced….”* (House of Commons, 29 September 1942, Vol 383, Col 742)

The St Leger Stakes were cancelled at Doncaster from 1939 to 1945.

The site as it is today: <https://repatriatedlandscape.org/england/pow-sites-in-yorks-humber-and-lincs/pow-camp-6-doncaster-racecourse/>