**Camp 10** **- Gosford Camp, Gosford Castle, Markethill, Armagh**

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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 |
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Note – there was another Gosford Camp in Scotland (Camp 16)

**Previous use:** 19th Century country house and parkland.

**Location:** The camp was in the grounds of the castle. Commandeered at start of war and used by British and US troops.

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| **Pow Camp:** A notice within the park states the camp was open from 1942 to 1945 – this was at the same time as allied troops based here.  A miniature stone tower was built by German pows at the camp – it was the base for a model windmill. Also reported that pows built their own chapel here.  Two pows from Gosford camp - Stabsgefreiter August Kreinbring and Gefreiter Rudolf Blume – were killed on 25 May 1945 when their transport was involved in a road traffic collision. Both pows were re-interred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery.  Closed during 1945 (FO939/383).  **After the camp:**  Parkland restored as Gosford Forest Park. Parts of the castle are now self-catering accommodation.  A sale of the contents in 1946 gave an indication of the size of the camp, BUT some of this may have been troop use and pow use. |  |
| Model windmill |

| **Item** | **Quantity** | **Information** |
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| Standard Nissen Huts | 154 | 16' x 36'. |
| Large Huts | 24 | Various sizes ranging from 38' x 38' to 24' x 102'. |
| Brick Buildings | 15 | Various Sizes with Asbestos Roofing. |
| Urinals | 25 |  |
| Ablution Huts and Benches |  |  |
| Dog Kennels |  | Brick Built. |
| Heating Stoves | 200 |  |
| Ranges | 20 |  |
| Shower Heads | 56 |  |
| Metal Boilers | 43 |  |
| Soyer Stoves | 50 |  |
| Large Cooker | 1 |  |
| Coils of Barbed Wire | 4,000 |  |