**Camp 12** **- Elmfield Camp, Gilford, Portadown, County Armagh**

Included in the 1945 ICRC list - Base Camp. 12 Elmfield Camp, Gilford, Portadown, Co. Armagh.

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| **Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003** |
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|  |  | 12 | Elmfield Camp, Gilford, Portadown | County Armagh |  |  | Northern Ireland |

**NOTE –** The English Heritage list also records ‘Camp 11 Gilford, Elmsfield’ – there is no location for Elmsfield, only Elmfield.

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| **Location:** About 1.5 km NNE of Gilford, between the Moyallan and Plantation Roads. The camp was located in and around the grounds probably over-spilling into Wood Bank farm.**Previous use:** Country estate owned before the war by the Uprichard family.**POW Camp:** Italian and then German pows.**January 1945** – German pows arrived. Camp capacity stated to be 1800.**14 January 1945** - four pows escaped two days after arriving, intending to go to Eire. They used a plank of wood to lift the bottom strand of the barbed-wire fence. Martin Wolff, Luftwaffe and Heinrich Westermann, Army were captured on the same day at Tandragee. Horst Zimmerman and Ferdinand Kanowski (Kankowski?) were captured two days later.**26 May 1945** – a pow was killed in a lorry crash on the Portadown-Gilford Road at Knock Bridge. Several others were injured. Wilhelm Jungclaus was later reinterred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery. (Further, see <https://archives.wartimeni.com/person/wilhelm-jungclaus/>)Camp commandant; Lieutenant Colonel (Thomas William?) Norrish, Royal Corps of Signals. |  |
| **Estate about 1.5 km NNE of Gilford** |
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**After the camp:** Camp huts sold in 1948. The house remained empty for about 10 years. Bought by the Shaw family and restored.

**Further information.**

Memories of the camp - <https://www.wartimegilford.com/prisoner-of-war-camp/>

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