**Camp 84** **- Sheet Camp, Sheet, Ludlow, Shropshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC Camp list – Labour Camp. 84. Sheet Camp, Ludlow, Salop.

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| **1947 Camp List** | | | | | | | |
| 84(G.W.C.) | Sheet Camp, Ludlow, Shropshire | W. | Priswar, Ludlow | Ludlow 344 | Ludlow | Lt.Col.N.A.Willis | v/1453/2 |

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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 |
| SO 5316 7408 | 137 | 84 | Sheet Camp, Sheet, Ludlow | Shropshire | 4 | German Working Camp | STANDARD type. Only the water tower remains extant |

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| **Location:** Sheet is a small village just SE of Ludlow.The 1951 aerial photo shows the individual huts which were shown grouped together in the later map.  **Before the camp:** Farmland.  **Pow Camp:** Italian pows up to 1945, then a German working camp.  The site had a standard layout with a main pow compound, and with guards’ huts and offices at the front. 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 |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1964 |

reception station (medical facility/hospital), a cookhouse, dining rooms, recreation rooms and living huts.

**1942 / 1943** – opened with Italian pows.

**1943** – Hostels listed for Italian pows: Acton Burnell / C.S.D. Ludlow.

**May and November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion under the Western Command area, and then as an Italian Working Camp (WO 32/10737). The Italians were recorded as non-co-operators.

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| Oversight and development of re-education activities and English teaching for German pows was carried out by PID (Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office) / COGA (Control Office for Germany and Austria – UK). Visits and reports were made. The standard of the reports varied greatly. The visitors took little interest, if any, in activities other than re-education. They rarely mentioned welfare, sports, games, pastimes, crafts, etc of the pows. |

**1945** – Italian pows were moved to other camps/hostels before repatriation. This camp became a German Working Camp.

**17 July 1945** – PID Progress Report 129 – The camp had been politically screened. A request was made to remove 53 Nazis (C Grade) and replace them with the same number of A/B Grade pows from Warth Mills Camp 177.

**Before September 1945** – PID Progress Report 154, (FO 939/383) - Hostel opened at Eaton Hill with 100 German pows

**15 September 1945** - Hostels listed for pows from this camp, (WO 32/10737): Acton Burnell, Salop / Mawley Hall, Shropshire / Pensax, Worcester.

**4 & 5 November 1945** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength; 1025 in main and 3 hostels (+ billets?). 38 pupils in main + 25 at Clifton.

Commandant: Lt Col A N Willis Camp Leader: Legband

2nd i/c: Major J Barnettt

Interpreter: Lt R J R Hall, B.A. (Cantab).

The Commandant started 3 weeks earlier. He was supportive of re-education.

Inspectors met teachers, gave talks, checked teaching texts and resources, and tested the pow pupils. Teaching texts and materials such as paper, pencils, chalk etc, were urgently requested. A few books sent by the Red Cross, but none from PID.

Camp padre’s name ‘Strange.’

**23/25 April 1946** - English Inspector’s Report. Numbers not given.

The camp was now well stocked with teaching texts. There was an Information Room where extracts from German newspapers were displayed with press reviews.

He recorded that a suicide occurred at the camp a day or 2 earlier, but did not name the pow. [It later stated that the pow was buried in Shrewsbury on 25 April – so it is probably; Richard Zundel, German Army, 1905 – 21 April 1946, buried at Shrewsbury Cemetery.]

**23-24 May 1946** – Visit to 1 Organise Re-education, 2 Re-screen C-grade pows, 3 Screen pows from USA. Strength; 2 officers (the M.O.s), 1481 Other Ranks.

Commandant: Lt Col A N Willis O.B.E. Camp Leader: F Legband (A)

Interpreter: S/Sgt Spitz Deputy C/L: L Freitag (B)

Adjutant: Capt Hood German M.O.: Dr G Ch Metge (B-) and Dr H Hoehn (B)

The Interpreter was given a bad report by the Commandant, the visitor agreed and recommended he be replaced.

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| Political screening: | A+ | A | AB | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C | Unscreened |
|  | 1 | 181 | 2 | 4 | 541 | 10 | 52 | 3 | 689 |

412 pows arrived from camps in Canada during March – they were often C-grade. The visitor upgraded some pows to B – the better the grade, the sooner repatriated, in theory. (The visitor put C grades the wrong way round; C+ was meant to be worse than C.

73 pows arrived from the USA on 12 May 1946. They were regarded as a cause of trouble and were re-screened by the visitor. *“They are slovenly in appearance and full of grouses.”* Pows complained that they had been mistakenly informed in the US that they were being repatriated – instead they found themselves in working camps in the UK.

Morale was considered to be ‘good,’ except for those from the USA. Mail was arriving, except from the Polish zone. Positive factors included the site itself which was well kept with garden areas, and excellent sport and entertainment facilities.

One potential war criminal was found – Erhard Wagner, was accused by comrades of causing the death of British Ps/W. It was recommended that he be sent to the London District Cage for interrogation. [Probably ‘Unteroffizier Wagner’ investigated for involvement in the shooting of British pows – described in ‘The London Cage’ by LtCol A P Scotland, p168].

35% of the pows were ‘youth’ – under 25. They were not seen as a problem, and no special arrangements were made for them.

The standard list of re-education activities was given:

Wochenpost and Ausblick – Only 320 copies of Wochenpost received.

Newspapers – A wide range of British daily papers. German papers were occasionally sent by PID. A daily news sheet was issued.

Library – Only 300 fiction books + text books. More required.

Lectures – regular, but the hostels were often missed out.

Discussion groups – A committee of 12 organised discussion meetings.

Exhibitions – materials sent by PID were displayed and then toured the hostels. Latest exhibition was about ‘Democracy.’

Films – PID films fortnightly at main and 2 hostels. (Two hostels did not have electricity – Acton Burnell and Pensax). YMCA films alternate fortnightly.

Wireless – excellent set with 4 loudspeakers controlled by the pows. BBC broadcasts mainly – Hamburg reception often very poor.

Camp Magazine - *“Die Brűcke.*” excellent, but as in other camps, paper shortages was hindering publication.

Press reviews – 1½ hours on Sundays and attended by 300 pows. The hostels were also visited.

English Instruction – c.140 pupils at all sites.

Other camp activities –

Religion – interest was only ‘fair.’ 80-100 pows of each denomination attended services. Protestant padre – Gefr Dietrich Strange. RC padre San.Uffz Braun. The visitor told them that more effort was needed for services and activities. The padres visited the hostels.

Education – Small classes held for Latin, maths, book-keeping, shorthand, Spanish, and French.

Theatre – a good group performing variety and one-act plays. The theatre could hold 250.

Orchestra – 5 very talented players. Swing and classical music played.

**1-3 August 1946** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1677. 111 pupils in 13 classes at all sites.

The RC Parish Priest from Ludlow, Fr Spears, visited the camp fortnightly to give advanced English lessons.

**29 November – 1 December 1946** - English Inspector’s Report. Strength 2151. 110 pupils in 6 classes at all sites.

A new Camp Leader (Lagersprecher): Willi Hagen.

The new RC Priest at Ludlow, Fr Pownall, continued to take lessons.

**21/24 January 1947** – Visit to organise re-education. Strength; 2 officers, 1838 OR.

Commandant: Lt Col A N Willis O.B.E. Camp Leader: Willi Hagen (B) [New]

Interpreter: S/Sgt E Popper [New] Deputy C/L: L Freitag (B)

German M.O.: - [Why no M.O. listed ?]

The Interpreter was “*very capable, industrious and helpful.”*

The new Camp Leader had been the leader at Camp 51. He was a shopkeeper, “*capable but uninspiring…. possessing a rather gloomy outlook*.” He had not been a member of the Nazi party. He visited hostels and billetees fortnightly.

Deputy C/L, aged 41 – “*Intelligent, politically sound, helpful in re-education… a good influence*.”

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| Political screening: | A | B+ | B | B- | C | C+ | Unscreened |
|  | 12 | 130 | 1000 | 191 | 150 | 1 | 356 |

It was recommended that the 1 C+ pow be removed immediately. 139 pows appealed against their screening grade – the report did not state how many were successful – in most camps, most were. 240 pows repatriated to date.

Overall morale was considered to be ‘quite good.’ The Commandant took an exceptional interest in welfare and re-education, and general conditions were very good. Repatriations had started which gave an extra boost to morale.

Only minor changes to the standard list of re-education activities:

Library – 2400 books in the main camp. (Corrected in the next report to 852).

Films – shown by Gaumont British and YMCA except at Acton Burnell and Pensax – pows from those two hostels attended shows at Condover and Mawley Hall respectively.

Religion – RC priest, G Sonst (B). Spent the war years in a monastery. “*A pleasing personality but somewhat dreamy and unworldly… a good influence*.” He also attended 4 other camps. There were Protestant and RC churches in the camp,

Rare mention of sports – Inter-camp and hostel football matches were played and some games against Ludlow and British Army teams. Table tennis tournaments were held.

**21/24 March 1947** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1599 (2339 was the incorrect total given, some pows were added twice). 55 pupils in 7 classes at all sites; this fall in numbers after an initial interest was recorded in most camps.

A new Interpreter Officer – Capt Lootens, in addition to the S/Sgt.

**17/20 June 1947 –** Re-educational Progress report. Strength; 2 officers, 1609 OR.

Commandant: Lt Col A N Willis O.B.E. Camp Leader: Fw Johann Meyer (B) [New]

Interpreter: Capt Lootens; S/Sgt E Popper Deputy C/L: Ofw Caesar (B+) [New]

German M.O.: Stabsarzt Dr Metge (B-)

Capt Lootens was of ‘Belgian extraction’ and the time spent in Belgium; “*served to prejudice him somewhat against the Germans*….” This did not affect his duties and he supported re-education activities. However, another comment made in September’s report should also be noted.

The Camp Leader had been hostel leader at Bromyard. He claimed his membership of the Nazi Party since 1933 was purely nominal. The visitor accepted this and stated he was trustworthy and doing a good job.

The deputy had not been a Nazi Party member, “*not an outstanding personality, he is reliable and assists Meyer*.”

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| Political screening: | A | B+ | B | B- | C |
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10 pows appealing against their grades. 879 pows repatriated to date.

Morale was stated to be ‘good’ and there was little misbehaviour. Relationships between the pows and local civilians was ‘quite good.’ Negative factors were slow repatriation and bad news from Germany, especially the Russian Zone.

The percentage of youth pows fell to 25-30% - they were involved in camp activities.

An investigation into the pow who had been in charge of discussion groups, Kasteleimer, found he was over zealous in his anti-Nazi stance and alienated many pows. He kept lists of those who attended his groups and stated they would receive favourable treatment for repatriation, which was totally false. His methods went unnoticed by the previous I/O (Spitz). The distrust he created was revealed when the new I/Os started work. Kesteleimer was repatriated in January and all discussion groups (except at Condover) were closed down until new leaders could be found.

A supplement to the camp magazine was issued with reports sent from Germany by ex-pows who had been repatriated from this camp. Paper shortage continued to be a major problem.

Outside contacts – Many pows developed their own informal contacts with local families, often with men they worked with. There had been no regular formal contacts developed other than the RC priests who visited and taught English. A group of students from Birmingham University, who could all speak German, visited and held a ‘Brains Trust’ session to exchange views. It was hoped further contacts would be created.

**9/12 August 1947** - English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1477. 20 pupils in 6 classes at all sites.

New Commandant: Lt Col Doherty.

Most pows were busy with farm work during the day and preferred to walk out of camp in their free time rather than attend classes.

**8/13 September 1947** – Re-educational Progress report. Strength; 2 officers, 1578 OR.

The new Commandant was supportive of re-education.

Comment re: Capt Lootens, the I/O – “*The anti-semitic I.O. left the army during my visit*.” Anti-German and antisemitic.

Political screening was of little value, it simply stated ‘*B 1580*.’ Many of the pows were politically ‘apathetic’ though they were concerned over the future for Germany and relationships between Russia and America.

Slight changes to re-education activities:

Newspapers - Due to the welfare fund being reduced, a few less newspapers were received, but the numbers were still seen as satisfactory.

Library – PID sent more books, there were now 1122.

Discussion groups – restarted.

Films – transport restrictions were limiting films travelling to the hostels.

Camp magazine – the supplement of news from ex-pows in Germany was stopped due to lack of paper.

Outside contacts – no further formal links created. There were some links to local churches. The Society of Friends were active in the camp and hostels, (here and elsewhere often assisting in welfare work). The camp orchestra took part in a concert held in Ludlow, and another was held at Condover.

Overtime work with the harvest and the preferred option of walking-out reduced most activities.

**14 November 1947** - Camp number included in an ‘Urgent Memorandum’ (FO 939/270) regarding inspection of food parcels.

**20/22 January 1948** – Final survey of re-education. Strength; 1 officer, 801 OR.

It was expected that HQ and Condover sites would close shortly.

One change to senior personnel – Deputy C/L; Ofw Merck (B)

Pows were disturbed by reports, sadly true, of large scale thefts of pow property taking place during repatriation and at Műnsterlager.

Activities were being wound down – equipment, books etc transferred to other camps. Formal outside contacts continued to be meagre – some visits to schools and local council meetings.

There were no further reports.



Known Camp Commandants:

**<** 1945-47 Lieutenant Colonel Nigel Addington Willis, (1897 – 1977) from the Queen’s Royal, West Surrey Regiment. Injured at Delville Wood, losing his right arm. He was awarded an OBE in 1946.

c1947-1948 Lieutenant Colonel Terence O’Cahir Doherty, (1897 – 1971) from the Essex Regiment. He moved from Merry Thought Camp 76 to Sheet Camp 84. He was demobbed on 5th August 1948. <http://www.felstedremembers.uwclub.net/TDoherty.htm> **>**

**After the camp:** Farm and land.

**Further Information:**

National Archives FO 939/164 84 Working Camp, Sheet camp, Ludlow, Shropshire. Dated 1945-1948. Used above.

**Numbers of pows**

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|  | Open |  |  | With other camps |  |  | Unknown |  |  | Not listed / not open |

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|  | 1943 | 1945 (1) | 5/1946 | 8/1946 | 12/1946 | 1/1947 | 3/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 9/1947 | 1/1948 |
| Main |  | 650 | 638 | 761 | 620 | 596 | 534 | 532 | 509 | 550 | 440 |
| Acton Burnell |  |  | 38 |  | 35 | 33 | 40 | 38 | 30 | 27 | With C240 |
| Ludlow CSD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eaton Hill |  | 200 | 200 | 174 | 66 | 38 | 38 | 30 | 32 |  |  |
| Mawley Hall |  |  |  | 72 | 56 | 43 | 41 | 54 |  |  |  |
| Pensax |  |  | 108 | 123 | 108 | 53 | 47 | 103 | 93 | 100 |  |
| Bromyard |  | 101 | 93 | 101 | 86 | 80 | 70 | 76 | 69 | 81 | With C27 |
| Clifton | With C27 | 74 | 68 | 77 | 76 | 54 | 53 | 66 | 58 | 69 | With C27 |
| Tenbury |  |  | 93 | 99 | 84 | 75 | 62 | 81 | 76 | 97 | With C27 |
| Condover |  |  | With C71 | | 656 | 538 | 395 | 279 | 257 | 267 | 305 |
| Berrington |  |  |  |  | 127 | 118 | 113 | 113 | 107 | 135 | With C27 |
| Billetees |  |  | 245 | 270 | 237 | 212 | 206 | 239 | 246 | 254 | 57 |
| TOTALS |  | 1025 | 1483 | 1677 | 2151 | 1840 | 1599 | 1611 | 1477 | 1580 | 802 |

(1) The column shows all the hostels that were listed in 1945, but not at the same time – the numbers record those sites open in November 1945.

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| **Satellite camp**  **Condover**, Shrewsbury. 25 miles N of the main camp. Brick huts – former WAAF accommodation huts for RAF Condover on edge of Condover Park – entrance at SJ 4908 0423..  **December 1946** – Recorded as having recently been transferred from Sheriff Hales Camp 71.  **January 1947** – Officer i/c Capt Eccles.  Camp Leader – F Enderlein (B), owned a confectionery. Not a member of the Nazi party.  Deputy C/L – W Knaack (B), a policeman to 1933, then called up to the Luftwaffe. He also supervised the camp police. “*An uninteresting type…. Reliable*.”  The camp was described as “*rather difficult”* as a group of communist pows discouraged re-education. Many pows worked at beet farms. An excellent theatre and a theatre group.  **June 1947** - Officer i/c Capt Pope. Same camp leader. The group of communists were reviewed again and not considered to be of any danger, indeed, they often contributed to discussion. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1954 |

**September 1947** – same Officer i/c and leader.

The study-leader at the hostel, Josch, caused issues by using tactless ‘*bulldozer*’ methods to try and promote re-education. He was *“temperamental and highly-strung, he finished up serving 14 days detention for insubordination.”*

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| Condover |  |  | With C71 | | 656 | 538 | 395 | 279 | 257 | 267 | 305 |

**Hostels.**

**Acton Burnell**, Condover, Shrewsbury, Salop. 23 miles from the main camp.

**1943 –** Opened as a hostel for Italian pows.

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; K Hallacz (B) “*Unsuitable”* – to be replaced.

**June 1947** – Hostel leader; Ofw Pflueger (B). No films due to lack of electric supply – pows went to other hostels. Wireless out of action for three months.

**September 1947** – same leader.

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| Acton Burnell |  |  | 38 |  | 35 | 33 | 40 | 38 | 30 | 27 | With C240 |

**Berrington,** Leominster. 8 miles S of the main camp. Huts.

Probably with a different main camp before these entries.

**June 1947 –** Hostel leader; Stfw Goehler (B+) **September 1947** – same leader.

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| Berrington |  |  |  |  | 127 | 118 | 113 | 113 | 107 | 135 | With C27 |

**Bromyard.** (20 miles from the main camp). Described as huts in 1 report, a building in another. (Possibly at what is now Kirkham Gardens – NOT confirmed).

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; J Meyer (B), farmer. Nazi Party member since 1933. “*Now satisfactory and doing a good job.”* He became Camp leader.

**June 1947** – Hostel leader; Stfw Werling (B)

**September 1947** – same leader.

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| Bromyard |  | 101 | 93 | 101 | 86 | 80 | 70 | 76 | 69 | 81 | With C27 |

**Clifton**-**On-Teme**. (20 miles from the main camp). Huts. NGR SO 714 614 – for map see Ledbury Camp 27.

**1943** – Italian hostel with Camp 27

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; H Starmann (B), farmer. Not a member of the Nazi Party. “*A mediocre leader*.” **September 1947** – same leader.

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| Clifton | With C27 | 74 | 68 | 77 | 76 | 54 | 53 | 66 | 58 | 69 | With C27 |

**Eaton Hill,** Leominster (15 miles from main camp). Building and huts. SO 506 595.

**Before September 1945** – Hostel opened with 100 German pows (it may have been open before this with Italian pows).

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; F Keller (B), a storeman, joined Nazi Party in 1939. “*He is now politically sound… not a forceful personality*.” **June 1947** – same leader.

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|  | 1943 | 1945 | 5/1946 | 8/1946 | 12/1946 | 1/1947 | 3/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 9/1947 | 1/1948 |
| Eaton Hill |  | 200 | 200 | 174 | 66 | 38 | 38 | 30 | 32 |  |  |

**Ludlow C.S.D.** (Command Supply Depot).

**1943** – listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

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**Mawley Hall**, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire. SO 689 753.

**August 1946** – “*contains beautifully proportioned rooms commanding lovely views… it has an RC chapel where services were attended by pows and locals.”*

Weekend courses for pows were held at the hall, mainly discussion groups.

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; L Draudt (B). “*Created a good impression*.” **June 1947** – same leader.

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| Mawley Hall |  |  |  | 72 | 56 | 43 | 41 | 54 |  |  |  |

**Pensax**, Bewdley, Worcester. Described as a building, rather than huts. SO 725 690

**24 April 1946** – visited by the English Inspector.

Pows were from camps in Canada. It does not state so here, but pows from Canada, having been caught and shipped there earlier in the war, were often C grade (Nazis).

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; W Pohl. Not a member of the Nazi party. “*Intelligent and interested in his work.”*

**June 1947** – same leader. No films due to lack of electric supply – pows went to other hostels.

**September 1947** – Hostel leader: Korv.Kpt Juettner (B-), aged 39 – “*sensible rather than intellectual.”* Claimed not to be a member of the Nazi Party and his travels gave him a tolerant, liberal outlook.

This hostel became an ‘Officer Hostel’ (though the officer numbers were not included in the declared overall camp strength). As an ‘experiment,’ 95 junior officers were transferred from Llanmartin Camp 184 – “*to this miserable hostel for a period of 2 – 3 months.”* The aim was to find volunteers from the officers to work on the land. The visitor did not believe it would be successful, mainly because of poor conditions and isolation of the hostel; *“The comparative isolation of this gloomy and rambling old house, coupled with initial labour difficulties, does not lend itself to a high level of morale or to volunteering for a further term of employment*.” The Commandant agreed with this view.

**End of 1947** – hostel closed to pows and handed over to the Ministry of Works.

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| Pensax |  |  | 108 | 123 | 108 | 53 | 47 | 103 | 93 | 100 |  |



**Tenbury**. 15 miles from main camp. Described as a building, rather than huts. SO 595 676

**January 1947** – Hostel leader; L Draeger (B+), regular soldier, former farmer. Not a member of the Nazi Party. “*A pleasing personality and is most suitable.”*

Had its own theatre group.

**September 1947** – same leader.

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| Tenbury |  |  | 93 | 99 | 84 | 75 | 62 | 81 | 76 | 97 | With C27 |