**Camp 140** **- Racecourse Camp, Warwick, Warwickshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. Racecourse Camp, Warwick.

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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 27 64 | 151 | 140 | Racecourse Camp, Warwick | Warwickshire | 5 | German Working Camp | Precise location not identified, there was a large camp at SP 257 648 |

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| **Location:** The NGR above is a general location.  A brief reference; “*There was an Italian prisoner of war camp on the racecourse, they wore a yellow circle on the back of their brown jackets. There was a German PoW camp at the corner of Myton Road with Banbury Road, where the prep school is today*.”  (By Tony Talliss - [ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/article/wartime-warwick](https://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk/content/article/wartime-warwick))  2 sites marked A and B on map. Possibly another site at nearby Budbrooke Barracks.  **Before the camp:** Horse racecourse  **Pow Camp:** Italian collaborator Pows listed from 1944 until at least September 1945, then a German Working Camp.  **November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion, (WO 32/10737).  **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.  **November 1946** – Record for Maxstoke Camp 39 – “*met…by Major Lynch, Asst Cmdt., (Formerly* |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1952 |

*Cmdt of Warwick Racecourse)…* ***Major Lynch has brought most of his officers with him from Warwick to Coleshill.* ”**

**1946** – Camp closed (before November)

**After the camp:** Racecourse back in use 1947.

**Further Information:**