**Camp 142** **- Brockworth Court, Brockworth, Gloucester, Gloucestershire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 142. Brockworth Court, Brockworth, Gloucester.

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| **Location:** NGR for Brockworth Court is SO 891 171 – camp at SO 891 167. Another camp 554 Woodfield Farm was just 2.5 km N of here.  **Before the camp:**  **Pow Camp:** Italian collaborator Pows listed from 1944 until at least September 1945, then a German Working Camp.  **1943** – camp opened.  **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.  **15 September 1945** - Hostel listed for pows from this camp , (WO 32/10737): Northleach, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. [Link to map](https://maps.nls.uk/view/238920904)  **September 1945** - Appendix to HQ Southern Command War Diary–  Brockworth Court Camp – Italian labour battalion – capacity 100 – 92/339379. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1952 |

Italian hostels – Northleach, Newtown, Shurdington, Bentham House, Sezincote, Winchcombe, Woodchester, Quedgeley – total cap 900

**January 1947** – Recorded as a hostel for Leckhampton Camp 263, with just 65 German pows, it increased numbers soon after. It was still open in March 1948.

**Postal items:** Seen Pow mail to Italy dated June 1943

**After the camp:** 2019 residential area.

**Further Information:**

Inside the Wire – Ian M C Hollingsbee – The History Press – 2014. A chapter on Brockworth and Quedgeley hostel.

**Hostels**

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| **Bentham House,** just outside LittleShurdington. NGR SO 911 175.  Very close to Hunt Court which was listed as a pow hostel for Leckhampton Camp 263.  **September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1954 |

**Newtown.** Huts. Where the Canterbury Pub is on Ashchurch Road, GL20 8BT.

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**June 1946** - Transferred to Sudeley Camp 37.

**Nothleach**, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. “*A few pows were housed in the old prison*” [at Northleach] - Leckhampton Local History Society.

**1942** - listed as a hostel for Italian pows with Sudeley Camp 37.

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows with Brockworth.

**September 1947** – Listed as a hostel for 64 Germans with Leckhampton Camp 263.

**Quedgeley.** Hostel at Quedgeley Court - NGR SO 816 152. A large, late Victorian brick house, now demolished.

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**January 1947** – Recorded as a hostel for 138 German pows with Leckhampton Camp 263

**Sezincote**

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**June 1946** - Transferred to Sudeley Camp 37

**Shurdington.** SO 921 186.Shurdington Social Centre – *“built during WW2 to house women’s land army volunteers. It was subsequently used for POW’s and, during the fifties, as hospital rehabilitation.”*

*“The part wooden / part brick structure was equipped with dormitories, washrooms, kitchen, dining room and recreation area, and halls.”*[*http://www.shurdington.org/socctrold.htm*](http://www.shurdington.org/socctrold.htm)

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**Stanton.** Possibly located near to Stanton Court – SP 067 343

**June 1946** - Transferred to Sudeley Camp 37.

**Winchcombe**

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**Woodchester,**

**September 1945** – Listed as a hostel for Italian pows.

**January 1947** – Recorded as a hostel for Leckhampton Camp 263