**Camp** **147 - Boar's Head Camp, Walgherton, nr Nantwich, Cheshire (aka Walgherton)**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 147. Boars Head Camp, Walgherton, Nantwich, Cheshire.

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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 |
| SJ 701 485 | 118 | 147 | Boar's Head Camp, Walgherton, Nantwich | Cheshire | 4 | German Working Camp | Former Heavy Anti-aircraft battery (HAA Bty) |

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| **Location:** In the centre of the map off the A51 London Road. The Boar’s Head Public House is seen to the N. NGR SJ 701 485.  **Before the camp:** Fields. HAA Battery (Crewe H4) was there 1941-1942.  **Pow Camp:** Italian and then German pows.  **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** - hostels listed, (WO 32/10737):  Marbury, Whitchurch, Salop / Sandbach, Cheshire / Warmingham, Sandbach, Cheshire.  **27 July 1946** - [Die Lupe : Lager Unschau POW Camp Eberkopf - G.W.C. - The Wiener Holocaust Library](https://www.whlcollections.org/image/99711/) |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1953 |

Camp magazine No.4 – The magnifying glass – Camp review, Pow Camp Boar’s head – German Working Company.

Mentions that the Commandant is Major Thornville. Refers to football matches against Tarporley Camp 74 and other hostels.

**Summer 1946** - Boar’s Head Camp became a hostel for Tarporley Camp 74. After this it was usually called Walgherton hostel. Later with Marbury Camp.

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| **No. of pows** | **As Camp 147** | **With Tarporley Racecourse Camp 74** | | | | **With Marbury Camp 189 (cf180)** | | | |
|  |  | 7/46 | 10/46 | 1/47 | 3/47 | 5/47 | 8/47 | 10/47 | 2/48 |
| Walgherton (Boar’s Head) | **?** | 280 | 186 | 156 | 123 | 103 | 92 | 152 | 55 |

**After the camp:** A later OS map marks the site as a hostel. 2019 fields.

**Hostels**

**Hankelow Court;**

**Mid 1946** – Recorded in the camp magazine. Administered by Boar’s Head Camp 147. Later, administered by Tarporley Camp 74 and then Marbury Camp 180.

**Marbury**, Whitchurch, Salop (Was this what became the main Marbury Camp 180 – or a smaller site?).

**15 September 1945** – With Camp 147

**Mobberley;**

**Mid 1946** – Recorded in the camp magazine. Administered by Boar’s Head Camp 147. Later, administered by Tarporley Camp 74 and then Marbury Camp 180.

**Sandbach**, Cheshire. NGR SJ 772 609.

Previously listed with Racecourse Camp 74

**15 September 1945** – With Camp 147

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|  | 1942  Italians | 1943  Italians | >1946 | 4/46 no. of Germans | 7/46 | 10/46 | 1/47 | 3/47 | 5/47 | 8/47 | 10/47 | 2/48 |
| Sandbach | - | With 74 | With 147 | | 82 | 62 | 54 | 51 | With 189 |  |  |  |
| With 74 | | | |

**Warmingham**, Sandbach, Cheshire –

**15 September 1945**  – With Camp 147

Was with Crewe Hall Camp 191 - Boar’s Head Camp 147 – then Tarporley Camp 74 – then Marbury Hall Camp 189. Details with Marbury Hall Camp 180 / 189.

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|  | 1942  Italians | 1943  Italians | >1946 | 4/46 no. of Germans | 7/46 | 10/46 | 1/47 | 3/47 | 5/47 | 8/47 | 10/47 | 2/48 |
| Warmingham |  |  | With 191 & 147 | | 57 | 44 | 38 | 34 | With Camp 189 | | |  |
| With 74 | | | |  |

**Weston;**

**Mid 1946** – Recorded in the camp magazine. Administered by Boar’s Head Camp 147. Later, administered by Tarporley Camp 74 and then Marbury Camp 180.

**Wrenbury**

**Mid 1946** – Recorded in the camp magazine. May have been administered by Boar’s Head Camp 147. Later, administered by Tarporley Camp 74.