**Camp 150 – Cherry Hinton Camp, W****alpole Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 150. Walpole Road, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge.

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|  | **Location:** About 6.5 km SE of Cambridge.Walpole Road is shown with dashed lines at W side of Cherry Hinton Hall, TL 481 564. A local resident stated; “*the camp was near the paddocks, not far from where Budgens is now*” – this site marked x on map, with residential area by 1960.  < Walpole Road, 1946 - [raf\_106g\_uk\_1490\_rp\_3053 - Aerial Photo | Historic England](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/aerial-photos/record/raf_106g_uk_1490_rp_3053)  **Before the camp:** Fields in the area marked.  **Pow Camp:** A satellite camp for Camp 45 – then a separate camp 1945/46 – then reverted back to being a satellite for Camp 45.  Memory – “*Land girls who always seemed friendly and waved, later there were Italian POWs from the POW camp at the end of Walpole Road, they were similarly a happy bunch. Later in the war Germans took their place and they were not a happy lot, very miserable in fact*!” (David Bentley - <https://cherry-hinton.ccan.co.uk/>).  **June 1945** – War Diary for Camp 150 Italian Prisoner of War Working Camp – see below. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1960 |
| **1 June 1945** – “*Canvas erected to accommodate 109 Italian personnel.*”  **29 June 1945** – the independent camp 150 ‘opened’ with 3 hostels and Commandant, Captain Peddell, who then became a temporary Major. From the War Diary; “*Cherry Hinton, Bolsham,* [Balsham] *Cottenham and Impington Hostels taken over by No.150 Camp from 45 P.W. Camp.”* Camp 45 was Trumpington.  The German camp leader was noted in a report as being unsatisfactory and “*is being dealt with*” – this usually involved a transfer to another camp. By August there was a new Camp Leader – Eisenschmid (B+) – who was sent by PID.  **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. | |

**May/June 1946** - the camp reverted to being a satellite camp for Trumpington Camp 45 with 471 pows.

Known Camp Commandants –

June 1945 Major James Thomas Joseph Murphy (1895-?), Royal Munster Fusiliers / Royal Irish Fusiliers / Pioneer Corps.

24 June 1945 Captain / Major H.L. Peddell from the Pioneer Corps.

**After the camp:** Residential area.

**Further Information:**

National Archives WO 166/17823 – 150 (Italian) Prisoner of War camp at Cherry Hinton, Cambridgeshire. Dated June 1945. (See below).

**Hostels**

**Balsham**. Described as converted stables and ‘Green House.’ Approximate NGR TL 586 508 – see Royston Camp 29 for map.

**1943 –** Italian pows with Camp 45.

**29 June 1945** - Transferred to Cherry Hinton Camp 150, (WO 166/17823).

**3 August 1946** – Back with Camp 45 / managed by Cherry Hinton satellite camp. An English Education visit was carried out. The pows were German.

Later transferred to Royston Heath Camp 29.

**Cottenham**

**29 June 1945** - Transferred to Cherry Hinton Camp 150, (WO 166/17823).

**3 August 1946** – The hostel was listed as being managed by the satellite camp at Cherry Hinton. 68 pows. Hostel leader; Hwm. Richter (B)

**Impington**

**29 June 1945** - Transferred to camp 150 Cherry Hinton, (WO 166/17823).

Not listed **25 June 1946** – ‘Re-educational Visit’.

**3 August 1946** – an English Education visit was carried out. The pows were German. The camp was listed as a hostel managed by satellite Camp at Cherry Hinton. 200 pows.

**War Diary for June, 1945 (WO 166/17823)**

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | References to Appendices |
| Cherry | 1 |  | Administration. Canvas erected to accommodate 109 Italian personnel. | Variable, Showery. |
| Hinton | 2 |  | Administration. Comdt.proceeded on Privilege Leave, Capt.A.G.de la Mare, M.C., Asst.Comdt. assumes command. | Heavy rain. |
|  | 3 |  | Administration. | Sultry |
|  | 4 |  | Administration. | Showery |
|  | 5 |  | Administration. Adjt. (Lt.R.G.Lloyd) attended hospital for X ray. | Warm but overcast |
|  | 6 |  | Administration. | Windy and showery |
|  | 7 |  | Administration. Cpl.Midghall (ACC) arrived from Stromness, Orkneys. | Rain, windy |
|  | 8 |  | Transport to Trumpington for A.B. 406 inspection and repainting. Cpl.Twist (ACC) compassionate posting to Ashton-u-Lyne. Administration. | Rain |
|  | 9 |  | Instructions received for release of Comdt. And Asst.Comdt. w.e.f. 21 June 45 | Showery. Sunny periods. |
|  | 10 |  | Administration. Personnel to Church. | Rain |
|  | 11 |  | Administration. | Rain |
|  | 12 |  | Administration. | Rain |
|  | 13 |  | Administration. | Rainy |
|  | 14 |  | Administration. | Fair |
|  | 15 |  | Administration. | Cloudy |
|  | 16 |  | Administration. | Cloudy |
|  | 17 |  | Administration. | Fine and warm. |
|  | 18 |  | Administration. | Warm and sunny |
|  | 19 |  | Administration. Adjt.(Lt.R.G.Lloyd) admitted to White Lodge E.M.S. Hosp., Newmarket. | Sunny, hot |
|  | 20 |  | Administration. | Variable |
|  | 21 |  | Comdt. (Major J.T.J. Murphy) and Asst.Comdt. (Capt.A.G.de la Mare, M.C.) proceeded to No.3 Military Collecting Unit, Northampton for release. | Variable. |
|  | 22 |  | Administration. | Sunny and hot |
|  | 23 |  | Administration. | Warm and sunny |
|  | 24 |  | Administration. T/Capt. H.L. Peddell (257870) Pioneer Corps reported to take over Command. | Sunny |
|  | 25 |  | Administration. | Sunny |
|  | 26 |  | Administration. | Overcast |
|  | 27 |  | Administration. | Sunny, cool |
|  | 28 |  | Administration. | Cool |
|  | 29 |  | Cherry Hinton, Bolsham, Cottenham and Impington Hostels taken over by No.150 Camp from 45 P.W. Camp. T/Capt G.C.Foster (164695) E.Surrey Regt. Reported for duty as Asst.Comdt. |  |
|  | 30 |  | Administration. |  |
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|  |  |  | Cherry Hinton  Nr. Campbridge, *[signed]* Major,  Cambs. Commandant, No.150 I.P.W.W.Camp. |  |