**Camp** **158 – North Burton Camp, North Burton, Yorkshire**

Not included in the English Heritage list.

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| **Location:** Vicarage Closes. NGR TA 069 725  **POW Camp:**  **28 April 1945** – The unit ‘Pow Camp 158’ was formed at Bramham, Yorkshire. The commandant, Lt Col A F B Powell, joined them on 30 April. No pows.  **6 / 8 May 1945** – Pow Camp 158 (still no pows) moved from Bramham Camp to North Burton Camp, Burton Fleming, Yorkshire. 10 officers and 210 O.R. from the Pioneer Corps.  **9 May 1945** – 4 Italian co-operator pows arrived as cooks.  **12 May 1945** – 2 officers and 12 OR German pows arrived.  **14 May 1945** – Camp stated to be functioning as a Base Camp for German pows. 33 pows from Butterwick Camp 163 arrived to form the permanent pow staff.  **16-24 May 1945** – nearly 3000 pows arrived – most from Kempton Park.  **June 1945** – war diary recorded pows being transferred to and from the camp.  **5 July 1945** – Captain Perry and British staff received training from the Political Intelligence Department (PID) to politically grade pows. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |

**13 July 1945** – film about concentration camps shown to 3,243 pows. This was compulsory and afterwards a report was submitted on the pows reaction, (not detailed in the war diary).

**15 July 1945** – Uffz Martin Peetz, a pow from this camp, died at Driffield Emergency Medical Service hospital. He was later re-interred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery.

**August 1945** – Various inspections took place. Lecture visits started, arranged by the PID, marking the start of re-education activities at the camp.

The War Diary held at the National Archive ends at the end of August 1945, though the camp continued.

**1946** - pows from this camp repaired and painted the church walls, and a pow who was a glazier repaired some windows.

**26 October 1946** – Hull Daily Mail article referred to Pows attending church services and the vicar, Rev. D Murphey arranged film shows for them.

**January 1947** - a North Burton Hostel was attached to Eden Camp 83. I am not sure if this was the same place as the hostel was very small with just 30 to 50 pows.

Known Commandants:

1945 Lt Col A F B Powell R.A. – from the Royal Artillery. Recorded as Commandant at Camp 22 Bourton, Gloucestershire in 1947.

**After the camp.**

**Further references:**

WO 166/17824 – 158 (German) POW camp, North Burton, Burton Fleming, and Bramham Park, Yorkshire. 1000 prisoners arrived from 9 POW camp, 22 May 1945. Dated 1945 Apr-Aug. Used above.