**Camp 94 -** **Gaulby Road, Billesdon, Leicestershire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 94. Gaulby Road Camp, Billesdon, Leicester.

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| **1947 Camp list** |
| 94(G.W.C.) | Gaulby Road Camp, Billesdon, Leicester. | N. | Priswar, Billesdon | Billesdon 288/9 | Leicester | Lt.Col.L.Bromley | v/1453/2 |

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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 |
| SK 717 021 | 141 | 94 | Gaulby Road, Billesdon | Leicestershire | 4 | German Working Camp | STANDARD type. |

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| **Location:** Just S of Billesdon on the Gaulby Road. Marked as Agricultural Hostel on OS map.**Before the camp:** Farmland**Pow Camp:** The first Italian pows were accommodated in tents while they constructed the camp. The site had a standard layout with a main pow compound of about 30 huts (B), and guards’ huts and offices at the front alongside the road (A). The buildings were mainly wooden construction, with some needing firmer structure, such as the cookhouse, being brick built. Buildings and facilities included water towers, offices, officer's mess, a canteen, guard rooms, barrack huts, ablution blocks, cell blocks, a camp reception station (medical facility/hospital), a cookhouse, dining rooms, recreation rooms and living huts or tents. There was a library. A hut was used as a theatre / classroom. 1944 aerial photo - [us\_7ph\_gp\_loc305\_v\_5038 - Aerial Photo | Historic England](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/aerial-photos/record/us_7ph_gp_loc305_v_5038) |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1959 |

**March 1943** – The camp opened.Listed as Italian working camp / labour battalion to 1945, then a German working camp.

**1943** – a list of Italian pow camps recorded 2 hostels - Ridlington, Uppingham, Rutland and Whissendine, Oakham, Rutland.

**May and November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion under the Northern Command area and then as an Italian POW Working Camp (WO 32/10737). Believed to have held non-co-operator pows. Hostels listed as above.

**22 March 1945** – Segregation Section; Progress report 54 – during the week the camp became a German Labour Camp, with 600 ‘*employable Germans’* transferred from Featherstone Park Camp 18. Any Italian pows remaining were held in hostels awaiting repatriation.

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| Oversight and development of re-education activities and English teaching for German pows was carried out by PID (Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office) / COGA (Control Office for Germany and Austria – UK). Visits and reports were made. The standard of the reports varied greatly. The visitors took little interest, if any, in activities other than re-education. They rarely mentioned welfare, sports, games, pastimes, crafts, etc of the pows. If there were still Italian pows in hostels, they were usually ignored by PID. |

**8 June 1945** – Segregation Section; Progress report 97 – a further 200 pows transferred from Camp 197.

**30 June / 1 July 1945** – Visit to the camp to inspect English language teaching and re-education. A “*passive resistance to educational courses*” was noted. It was hoped that three English classes would start soon. English inspectors met teachers, gave talks, checked teaching texts and resources, and tested the pow pupils.

**3 August 1945** - Segregation Section; Progress report 151 – political screening had been carried out. It was requested that 10 Nazis (C grade) be removed from the camp and be replaced by 10 pows, As and Bs.

**15 September 1945** - Hostels listed for pows from this camp, (WO 32/10737): Aylestone, Leicester / Kibworth, Beauchamp, Leicester / Rearsby, Leicester / Wigston, Leicester

**November 1945** – a re-education survey noted 20 ‘*trouble-makers’* - they were removed shortly after this visit. A later intake of pows from Shady Lane, Leicestershire Camp 167 were mainly political category C. These altered the political complexion of the camp, but were not seen as a serious problem.

**1 January 1946** – Review of English education. The educational level of most pows was recorded as being, “*not-too-high.*”

The Commandant, Lt Col L Bromley, was “*most co-operative*” – this does not mean he did anything to support re-education, but he did not stop activities and allowed the visitor to conduct the review. Like most camp Commandants, he was apathetic towards COGA and its aims.

The Interpreter Officer, Captain Goldmann, was Swiss. There were two teachers for 75 pow pupils of English.

**24/26 April 1946** – Re-education survey. Strength; 1 officer; 1401 OR. German pows.

Commandant: Lt Col [J – should be L] Bromley Camp Leader: Mueller, Karl (B) [Műller]

Interpreter: Capt F E Goldmann Deputy C/L: John, Otto (B)

 German M.O. Dr Mueller, Hans (A) [Műller]

In a later report the camp leader was described as a book-keeper who carried out his duties efficiently. He had been a Nazi party member from 1932 to 1939 and had served in a Flakabteilung (flak detachment).

Dr Műller’s rank was ‘unterarzt’ which was a rank comparable to a Sergeant First Class.

Political screening was; A – 124; B – 789; C – 380; Unscreened – 95. For most of its history as a German camp it was classified as ‘grey’ – no strong Nazi views. One particular pow, Oberstabsarzt Mebert, had been causing some political unrest and was due to be removed from the camp within a few days.

Overall morale was recorded as *“good*.” Pows from the Russian zone were the most depressed.

Youth pows (under-25) in HQ received compulsory classes in German, arithmetic and history – there were no provisions for this in the hostels.

The standard list of re-education activities was given for HQ, with less activities at the hostels:

Ausblick – sufficient

Newspapers – English newspapers, with only a few German papers received.

Library – only 150 light reading books. More were being sent – 1000 books by the end of the year..

Lectures – two so far. Regular after this.

Discussion groups – none

Films – YMCA films every 3 weeks.

Radio – installed at HQ and the hostels.

Camp magazine – “*Lagerzeitung,*” monthly.

Press review – none.

English instruction – 130 pow pupils at HQ.

Other camp activities -

Religion – Protestant padre at HQ, and the hostels were visited.

Education – youth mentioned above + French and book-keeping at HQ.

Theatre and Orchestra – both at HQ of “*entertainment value only*” [i.e. not of political re-education value].

**1 May 1946** – Camp magazine, No.4; [Lager Zeitung : Lagerzeitung des Gaulby Road Camp - The Wiener Holocaust Library](https://www.whlcollections.org/image/113106/)

**27 May 1946** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1750.

HQ had a shortage of accommodation for activities, there were reading rooms and one hut used for many different activities.

The Interpreter Officer, Captain Goldmann was described as; “*exceptionally good*,” but overworked. English teaching for 87 pows was taking place only in HQ.

**25 August 1946 –** English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1222. Three pow teachers in HQ, some teaching had started in 4 hostels.

**31 October to 4 November 1946** - Incidental information from a German theatre group journal held by the Deutsches Historisches Museum. The group toured pow camps around England during 1946 - visiting Gaulby Road Camp for 4 performances.

**2 November 1946** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1333.

Activities listed; English language, book-keeping, maths, physics, political lectures, orchestra, history, choir, theatre group, newspaper reading.

**9 December 1946** – General Survey. Strength; 0 officers, 1218 OR.

Changes to senior personnel – Interpreter; S/Sgt McDonald. Deputy Camp Leader; Sold. Horst Hoegermeyer (B).

The Interpreter was reported as; “*entirely lacks initiative and is not very helpful*.”

Morale was considered to be good. Mail was being received. Some messages from Germany stating that Nazis were being appointed to official positions had a bad effect on pows held in the UK. Political screening was required as many pows had been transferred in and out of the camp.

Changes to re-education activities:

Discussion groups – weekly meetings for one hour with good attendance.

Films – YMCA and Gaumont British on alternate fortnights.

Wireless – installed in canteen at HQ with 3 loudspeakers; sets at all hostels.

Changes to other camp activities –

Religion – Weekly services given by protestant padre, Ludwig Koch. A Catholic priest, O/Gefr Dumont, from Scraptoft Camp 4 visited weekly.

**Early 1947** - an inquest took place in Market Harborough on the death of Corporal Konrad Schubert. Schubert was born on 30 July 1906 in Paszowice, Poland, and died 19 April 1947 in the camp at Billesdon. According to a report in the Leicester Evening Mail of 23 April 1947, Schubert was depressed following the death of his mother and sister, and worried about his two children who were living in the Russian part of Germany. His own ill-health had meant that he had been unable to work on the farm, and this made him more unhappy, although his fellow PoWs had not heard him talk about taking his own life.

The coroner pronounced that Schubert had committed suicide whilst the balance of his mind had been temporarily disturbed, and passed on his sympathy to Corporal Schubert’s fellow prisoners. Schubert was buried in Loughborough (Leicester Road) Cemetery.

**10 April 1947 –** Re-education survey. Strength – 0 officers; 1129 O.R.

Commandant: Lt Col Bromley Camp Leader: Fw Műller, Karl (B-)

Interpreter: S/Sgt McDonald Deputy C/L: None

 German M.O. U/Arzt Dr Műller, Hans (B)

Political screening – A 9; B 831; C 289. This is a high number of C category in comparison to many other camps.

Morale was good and the majority of pows had no political convictions. There were about 200 youth (under-25) pows, but they were not seen as a problem. Facilities for sport and entertainment were good. Standard list of re-education activities:

Newspapers – adequate

Library – adequate

Lectures - regular.

Discussion group – weekly on political subjects and current events. Good attendance.

Films – YMCA fortnightly + Gaumont British which was regarded as expensive and not very good.

Camp magazine – lapsed due to repatriation of the editor. Re-issued later.

Other camp activities;

Religion – Protestant padre, Ludwig Koch (A) held weekly services. A catholic priest from Scraptoft Camp 4 visited weekly.

Education – English language and French.

Entertainment – A theatre group gave short sketches and a cabaret. Orchestra and dance band, also visited the hostels.

**1 July 1947** – Re-education survey. Strength – 0 officers; 1122 O.R.

There was a new interpreter – Captain Reichenbaum. He was described as “…*not very bright, but does his best. His German is not too good.”*

A new deputy camp leader Fw Hitzelberger (B) – 27 years old, previously employed in an iron foundry. “*Efficient and pleasant*” and not a Nazi party member.

Political screening – A 11; B 1111. Political screening had been simplified. 300 appeals against grades had been made and all had been upheld. These would mainly have been the pows graded previously as C – a better grading resulted in earlier repatriation, (in theory).

Morale was still good, especially with repatriation and new privileges for pows as fraternisation restrictions were eased. Fair treatment by the British staff and local civilians had a favourable effect.

The standard list of re-education activities was given, it was much the same as before. There was an Information Room, however it was not considered to be very good.

The theatre group had ended due to repatriations. Small education classes were held for mathematics and physics. There were football and handball teams.

**14/15 May 1947** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength 1310 in HQ, hostels and billets. 100 pupils in 7 classes at all sites.

**13/16 August 1947** – Re-educational Survey. Strength; 1 officer, 1626 OR in HQ, 1 satellite, hostels and billets. [Officer = MO in satellite].

Commandant: Lt Col Bromley Camp Leader: Fw Karl Műller (B-) [Listed as Kurt].

Interpreter: Capt Reichenbaum (Polish). Deputy C/L: Fw Karl Hitzelberger (B+)

 German M.O. U/Arzt Dr Műller, Hans (B)

Very good morale recorded.

Changes to re-education activities –

Library – 1840 books; 1460 in German, and satellite had a further 903 German books.

Discussion groups – not meeting due to harvest.

Films - Travelling Films replaced Gaumont British. Attendance was low as they charged 6d, while YMCA only charged 2d.

Camp magazine – two magazines at HQ and satellite were merged.

Press reviews – a weekly ‘wall newspaper’ of translations, copies to be sent to all hostels.

Information Room – none.

Education classes – ended due to harvest.

**11/13 September 1947** – English Inspector’s Report. Strength; 1337 at HQ, 1 satellite, 3 hostels and billets. 77 pupils in 8 classes at all sites.

Petrol rationing was making travel to the camp difficult. All lessons were affected by late working for the harvest.

**8-11 October 1947** – Re-educational survey. Strength; 1 officer, 1359 OR.

Only change to senior personnel – no interpreter.

Political screening – A 1, B 1359. There was no interest in politics in general amongst the pows. 40% of the pows were ‘youth’.

The protestant Pfarrer Koch (A) was described as “*a good type. He is giving a series of lectures on ‘Marriage and Sex Problems’ which appear to be much appreciated*.”

The theatre group had ended due to repatriations. The orchestra was down to 7 members, they played concerts at civilian venues as well as in the camp.

Outside contacts – of all activities, this was the one that had the most positive effect according to entries in diaries and memoires. Informal contacts with local civilians was very good. Formal links had been made with Market Harborough County Court, Leicester Mayor’s Court, and Wigston Chess Club. YMCA arranged a recital by opera singer, Vera Spring, in the HQ.

**14 November 1947** - Camp number included in an ‘Urgent Memorandum’ (FO 939/270) regarding inspection of food parcels.

No further records in the National Archive files.

**Early 1948** - the camp closed and the majority of the remaining pows were sent to Shady Lane Camp 167.

Known Camp Commandants:

c.1946-1947 Lieutenant Colonel L Bromley from the Royal Pioneer Corps. Previously commandant at Storwood Camp 73.

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| Gaulby Road |  |  |  | 799 (1) | 930 (1) | 819 (1) | 770 | 864 (2) | 762 (1) | 780 | 832 (1) | 635 | 594 | 536 |
| Ridlington |  |  | With Stamford C10 |  |  |  |  |
| Whissendine |  |  | With Stamford C10 |  |  |  |  |
| Aylestone |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kibworth |  |  |  | 149 | 149 | 135 | 131 | 150 | 100 | 150 | 148 | 139 | 150 | 150 |
| Rearsby |  |  |  | 131 | 131 | 127 | 129 | 123 | 110 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wigston |  |  |  | 61 | 61 | 54 | With C167 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enderby |  |  |  | 262 | 262 | With C28 | With C167 |  |  |  |
| Peckleton |  |  |  |  | 220 | With C28 |  |
| Farndon Road | Camp 49 | 588 | 425 | 414 |
| Drayton |  |  | With C49 | 37 | 34 | 48 | 31 | 40 | 38 |  |  |  |
| Somerby |  |  |  |  |  | 50 | 49 | 33 | 36 | 75 | 65 | 68 | 71 | 71 |
| Wartnaby |  |  |  |  |  |  | 88 | ? | 59 | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Asfordby |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 38 |
| Billetees |  |  |  | ? | ? | ? | 132 | ? | ? | 125 | ? | 157 | 157 | 151 |
| Total |  |  |  | 1402 | 1750 | 1222 | 1333 | 1218 | 1129 | 1310 | 1122 | 1627 | 1337 | 1360 |

(1) included billeted. (2) Calculated by deducting known hostel numbers from total - I think this would include billetees AND those at Wartnaby missed from the list.

**After the camp:** The site was used for a short while as a hostel for displaced persons. 2019 waste disposal / council depot and part nature reserve.

**Further Information:**

National Archives - FO 939/174 – 94 Working Camp, Gaulby Road Camp, Billesdon, Leicestershire. Dated 1945-1947. Used above.

National Archives - FO 1120/223 – ‘Re-educational survey visit reports for camps 93 to 99’. Used above, mostly duplicates of above file.

Catalogue entry – [19 - Church Register of the Evangelical congregation at camp 94, Billesdon, Leicester - 1945-1947](https://www.thcatalogue.org.uk/calmview/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=W%2fSGG%2fA%2f5%2f5%2f19)

**Satellite camp**

**Farndon Road Satellite, Market Harborough.** Was independent Camp 49.

**July 1947** – became satellite camp to Gaulby Road. Although previously known as Farndon Road Camp, the reports for Gaulby Road referred to it as ‘Market Harborough.’

**August 1947** –

Commandant; Capt Demetriades, R.E. “*of Greek origin*.” Camp leader; Uffz Theodor Spanmuth (B). [Scannuth?]

Interpreter: S/Sgt Kuppermann. (Stateless). [Kubermann in last report] Deputy C/L; Ofw Anton Tinnefeld (B)

Camp leader, aged 41, owner of a wholesale food business, “*talkative, overpowering but interested in camp life and works efficiently.”*

Deputy leader; aged 32, art and constructional metal worker, *“slow and not really politically minded*.” Had been deputy when it was Camp 49.

M.O., O/Arzt Georg Loebell, aged 31, ex-Luftwaffe, “*clever but broody, always alone*.” Had been M.O. when it was Camp 49.

Pows had good relationships with the local population.

**October 1947** – same leader. A theatre group of 6 members were organising a Christmas performance. A 6 member orchestra and a choir of 30 performed concerts.

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| Farndon Road | Camp 49 | 588 | 425 | 414 |

**Hostels**

**Asfordby.** Memories locate it at the AA site, Welby Lane.

Almost certainly attached to a different main camp before these entries.

**4/1947** – Hostel leader; Fw Otto Eckl (B). **8/1947** – same leader, aged 30, innkeeper, “*no political associations, works well.”*  **10/1947** - Same leader

**4/1948** – administered by Shady Lane Camp 167.

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| Asfordby |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 31 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 38 |

**Aylestone**

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| Aylestone |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Drayton.** 10 miles from HQ. Listed as a house. [Drayton House in the village? SP 829 921]. Previously a hostel attached to Farndon Road Camp 49.

**8/1946** – Some English language teaching had started.

**12/1946** – Comment that hostel had many C grade pows (Nazis) and needed to be re-screened. Also recommended that the hostel be replaced.

**4/1947** – Hostel leader; Fw. Koenig (B). **7/1947** – same leader.

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| Drayton |  |  | With C49 | 37 | 34 | 48 | 31 | 40 | 38 |  |  |  |

**Enderby.** Hutted camp. Local memories place it on the corner of Leicester Lane/Narborough Road.

Recorded as opening in February 1946, but may have been in use with another camp before this.

**4/1946** – Hostel leader; Alfred Koch (B)

**7/1946** – listed as a hostel for Knighthorpe Camp 28. Later with Shady Lane Camp 167.

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| Enderby |  |  |  | 262 | 262 | With C28 | With C 167 |  |  |  |

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**Kibworth**. 6/8 miles from HQ. Hutted camp. SP 682 942.

Most likely attached to a different HQ before these entries. Memories state it was a US army camp then pow camp after 1944, and that it held Italian pows for a while.

**February 1946** - Recorded as opening for German pows.

**4/1946** – Hostel leader; Heinrich Rosemann (B) to Summer 1947.

**8/1946** – Some English language teaching had started.

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; Ofw Wilhelm Klein (B+), aged 42, married, clerk in general stores, “*earnest, capable and willing.”*

**10/1947** – same leader.

Aerial photo, 1945 (South at top) - [raf\_106g\_uk\_636\_rp\_3057 - Aerial Photo | Historic England](https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/archive/collections/aerial-photos/record/raf_106g_uk_636_rp_3057)

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| Kibworth |  |  |  | 149 | 149 | 135 | 131 | 150 | 100 | 150 | 148 | 139 | 150 | 150 |

**Peckleton**. Hutted camp. SK 472 010

**May 1946** - Recorded as opening for German pows, but may have been in use with another camp before this.

**9/1946** – recorded with Knighthorpe Camp 28, (see for map).

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| Peckleton |  |  |  |  | 220 | With C28 |  |

**Rearsby.** 10 miles from HQ. House and Huts.

**February 1946** - Recorded as opening for German pows, but may have been in use with another camp before this.

**4/1946** – Hostel leader; Paul Wenz (B).

**8/1946** – Some English language teaching had started.

**12/1946** – *“This is a particularly good hostel with a marked interest in re-education.”*

**4/1947** – same leader, upgraded to (A).

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| Rearsby |  |  |  | 131 | 131 | 127 | 129 | 123 | 110 |  |  |  |  |  |

**Ridlington.** SK 843 024

**1946** – listed with Stamford Camp 10, (see for map).

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| Ridlington |  |  | With Stamford C10 |  |  |  |  |

**Somerby.** 10 miles from HQ. House.

**December 1946** – Comment that hostel had many C grade pows (Nazis) and needed to be re-screened. Also recommended that the hostel leader be replaced.

**7/1947** – Hostel leader Gefr Emil Heller (B-), aged 40, lorry driver, “*slow but plodding*.” **10/1947** – same leader.

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| Somerby |  |  |  |  |  | 50 | 49 | 33 | 36 | 75 | 65 | 68 | 71 | 71 |

**Wartnaby –** recorded as a ‘building.’ The local neighbourhood plan stated that Wartnaby Hall had been used to hold Italian pows.

**4/1947** – Hostel leader; S.St.M Goetsche (C) – very unusual for a C grade pow to be leader at this time.

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| Wartnaby |  |  |  |  |  |  | 88 | ? | 59 | 100 |  |  |  |  |

**Whissendine.** SK 825 146

**January 1942** – Started as an experimental hostel with 36 Italian pows attached to Garendon Park Camp 28.

**1946** – listed with Stamford Camp 10.

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| Whissendine |  |  | With Stamford C10 |  |  |  |  |

**Wigston.** 8/12 miles from HQ. Listed as a House in August 1946. Memories place it at Wigston Grange, SP 607 997.

There are memories of Italian pows in the area before these entries.

**February 1946 -** Recorded as opening with German pows, but may have been in use with another camp before this.

**4/1946** – Hostel leader; Gustav Goetsche (C).

**8/1946** – Some English language teaching had started.

**Late 1946** – administered by Shady Lane Camp 167.

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