**Camp 236 N****inewells Camp, Chirnside, Berwickshire**

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| **1947 Camp List** | | | | | | | |
| 236(G.W.C.) | “Nine Wells”, Chirnside, Duns, Berwickshire, Scotland | Sc | Priswar, Chirnside | Chirnside 259 | Duns | Lt.Col.D.Smith | 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 |
|  |  | 236 | Nine Wells (Ninewells) Camp, Chirnside, Duns | Berwickshire |  | German Working Camp | Scotland |

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| **Location:** NGR NT 8629 5575, at position X or just above in trees. Just SW of Chirnside village which is 14 km W of Berwick-upon-Tweed.  < early picture of the house.  **Before the camp:** Large house built 1839-41. Part of the 1st Polish Armoured Division were located here.  **Pow Camp:** Air photographs show at least 8 huts, mainly Nissen type. The ‘camp’ was a collection of HQ + many small hostels and pows placed in billets, all scattered around a wide area mainly in Berwickshire.     |  | | --- | | 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. |   **15 June 1946** – Camp formed from 12 hostels originally administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.  **12 July 1946 –** 155 pows arrived from camps in Canada (via camp 19). Many of these were C grade (Nazis).  **22/25 July 1946** – Re-educational survey / Review screening / Interview candidates for special training course. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1957 |

Strength; 0 officers, 944 Other Ranks at HQ, 14 hostels and billets. All accommodation was in huts. 4 unnamed hostels were without electricity.

Commandant: Lt Col D Smith Camp leader: Uffz Willi Laessig (Prov B)

Interpreter: S/Sgt D Spoerry Deputy C/L: -

German MO: U/Arzt Heinz Radatz (B) German dentist: Otto Goedecke (B)

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| Political screening: | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C | C+ | Unscreened |
| Official | 10 | 1 | 23 | 159 | 101 | 15 | - | 37 |
| Unofficial | 60 | | 402 | | | 136 | |

Morale was recorded as “*good*.” 7 pows had recently been repatriated. Mail was getting through.

Estimated that 50% of pows were ‘youth’ (under-25). They were not regarded as a problem.

Few re-education activities had been developed as the pows were still ‘settling down.’ The standard list was given:

Wochenpost and Ausblick – 75 / 0 copies respectively.

Newspapers – Some British papers were passed on by the British staff. There was insufficient Welfare Funds, (monies raised mainly through sales in the canteen) to buy newspapers. German papers had been received once, (usually sent by COGA or relatives).

Library - just 160 books from Camp 120.

Lectures – regular and popular in most hostels.

Films – Shared projector with Camp 120, received from YMCA. It was hoped that pows in hostels without electricity would be able to visit other hostels.

Discussion groups – None.

Wireless – At main and all but 2 of the hostels.

Camp magazine – None.

Press review – verbal translation of news items.

English instruction – separate appendix.

Other camp activities –

Religion – Protestant and RC padres from Camp 120 visited. Pows were also able to visit local churches.

Education – Occasional lectures on literature and music at HQ.

Entertainment – The main recreation was football.

**27 January – 1 February 1947** – Report on visit by a member of the Segregation Section of PID, mainly regarding political screening. Strength; 781 OR.

A new camp leader; S Gutzmirtl, a, *“Jugoslav, not a particularly outstanding personality and although this is a somewhat unusual position in a German camp it appears to work well, as far as administrative and disciplinary matters are concerned. It is obvious, however, that a Jugoslav will be less interested in Political activity generally than would a German of the right type.*”

The German MO was based at Charter Hall hostel.

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| Political screening: | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C | C+ | Unscreened |
|  | 51 | | 157 | 447 | 103 | 23 | - | - |

Noted that there were a number of “*Jugoslavs*” in various hostels, and a new hostel, Purves Hall, was entirely Jugoslavs.

**9-12 May 1947** - As part of the re-education programme administered by COGA, Paul Bondy, a German-speaking refugee gave lectures at the main camp and 9 hostels. He recorded a camp complement of 781.

**4-7 June 1947** – Re-educational report. Strength; 0 officers, 913 OR.

1 change to senior personnel – a Deputy Camp Leader had been appointed; Fw Stark (B+); “*fairly intelligent and fairly interested.”*

The Commandant had no interest in re-education, (like most others) but he did not obstruct activities.

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| Political screening: | A | A- | B+ | B | B- |
|  | 2 | 1 | 180 | 522 | 208 |

57 pows were appealing against their grades – the better the grade, the sooner repatriated, in theory. 425 pows repatriated to date.

Morale was recorded as “*quite satisfactory*” but news from Germany was having a depressing effect. Some pows stated they believed repatriation was being delayed as a matter of policy to hamper German reconstruction.

Many pows remained hostile to re-education, few pows were willing to take a lead. There were some improvements to the standard list:

Wochenpost and Ausblick – separate appendix.

Newspapers – “*Adequate*” with all hostels receiving at least 2 daily papers.

Library - 760 books, distributed around the hostels.

Lectures – Varied interest, often small audiences of 20 / 30.

Films – “*Satisfactory*.”

Discussion groups – Only at Nisbet House and Charter Hall.

Wireless – “*Satisfactory*.”

Camp magazine – 120 copies printed monthly.

Press review – verbal translation of news items.

English instruction – separate appendix.

Outside contacts – “*much of Berwickshire is as fiercely anti-P.W. as it is pro Polish*.” Dr Golzen of the YMCA/Edinburgh University visited regularly.

Other camp activities -

Religion – “*Adequate*” facilities. a Protestant padre, Kaber (A-) [or Kaiser] was newly appointed. The Commandant had twice dealt with, “*unwillingness on his part to carry out his duties*.”

Education – only classes at 2 hostels.

Overall, this was described as a “*dull camp*.” The distances between sites, especially with transport and fuel difficulties, made it difficult to organise shared activities.

**25/29 August 1947** – Re-educational Survey. Strength; 0 officers, 1214 OR.

No change to senior personnel.

An unknown number of pows had been sent from camps in the south. They complained of militarism and anti-POW feeling in Berwickshire. The British officers found them to be “*mainly undisciplined, unruly and sullen*.”

30% of pows were ‘youth.’ About 50 had been transferred from Watten camp 165 – some of these were seen as a problem.

Changes to activities –

Library – 829 books.

Films – supplied by YMCA and Travelling Films Ltd. TF films were often old and caused complaint.

Religion – the Protestant padre (Kaber / Kaiser) came in for heavy criticism – “*entirely unsuitable and is having a bad effect… there are hostels which he has not even visited. He is shifty and evasive and in opinion of the Church of Scotland minister in Chirnside, fiercely anti-British.”* Not surprisingly it was recommended that he be relieved of his duties.

Education and Entertainment – very poor in comparison to most camps with nothing listed except the choir at Charterhall.

**3-14 November 1947** – Re-educational Survey. Strength; 1 officer (the MO), 1320 OR.

A new German M.O.; Ass Arzt Dr Mandel; “*young and although excellent at his job, is apt to be retiring.”*

Petrol restrictions made it all the more difficult to administer the camp with so many widespread sites.

Screening figures not given. 813 pows repatriated to date.

Morale was low, though better in the small hostels. 50% of the pows had been transferred from one camp to another with little work to do which caused resentment. External politics was having an effect; the Marshal Plan was largely seen as positive, whereas those from the Russian Zone were extremely anxious.

Religion – a new protestant padre, Uffz Schlobiess, “*philosopher and missionary has youthful zeal and energy besides considerable talent in approaching the individual members of his flock…. Well liked.”*

Entertainment – An orchestra was forming at HQ.

**19-30 January 1948** – Re-educational survey. Strength 2 officers, 1171 OR.

Commandant: Major Devenish Camp leader: Fhr Gutzmirtl

Interpreter: None Deputy C/L: Fw Stark

German MO: A/Arzt Mandel.

The War Establishment had been downgraded with a reduction in numbers – the new Commandant having rank of Major, rather than Lt Col.

The Commandant had just transferred from Camp 293. He had “*an excellent reputation in P/W work.”* However, the visitor found him to be inhospitable and resentful of F.O. interest, though willing to listen to ideas. The British officers seemed to be generally inhospitable – an example given was that visiting lectures never met a British officer.

Morale was improving as repatriations speeded up. There had been only very limited political progress.

250 men – many “*former Rumanians and Jugoslavs*” were due to be released to civilian status to settle within the UK. Of these many were ‘stateless,’ not recognised by their original homeland as they had fought for Germany.

272 pows were ‘youth.’ 38 had attended the special training course at the Youth camp. Pastor Schlobies ran successful youth groups at Ninewells and Whitfield.

Outside contacts – It was difficult to develop contacts as many sites were remote. Some local dignitaries had been contacted, but no details were given as to what that meant.

Entertainment – The camp band gave occasional concerts, but petrol shortages meant that it rarely visited the hostels.

**2-5 March 1948** – “*Normal Survey*.” Strength; 1 officer, 565 OR.

No change to senior personnel.

As was the case in most camps, the commandant had no interest in re-education. Commandants were not required to promote re-education, which was developed by the Foreign Office – the camps were under the control of the War Office. The purpose of the camps was to hold pows and to set them to work when possible. Many Commandants preferred to concern themselves with welfare and other activities rather than re-education – though some did not do that either. If the camp was working and kept under control that was sufficient as far as many Commandants (and the War Office) were concerned.

“*The camp remains inhospitable and unco-operative; as regards transport almost obstructive. The C.O. himself is moody: he is anxious to do his job properly but resents civilian interference.”*

A survey was conducted in camps still open at this time concerning pow attitudes to the British, (following a PID circular dated 25.2.1948). It was pointless, carried out far too late and in totally random ways. Some visitors simply gathered whoever was around and asked them to give a show of hands to the questions, some only asked a ‘selected’ group. At Ninewells the ‘survey’ arose from conversations with pows; for what it is worth (probably nothing) the results were:

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| Attitudes to the British: | Hate | Dislike | Distrust | Indifference | Appreciation | Liking |
|  | 1% | 15% | 19% | 36% | 26% | 3% |

‘Resettlement teams’ were visiting camps to resolve problems. None had visited Ninewells despite the problems many ex-“Jugoslavs and Rumanians” were experiencing.

Nearly all re-education activities had ceased.

Outside contacts – Very difficult to establish any links. Two British Legion groups and a Young Farmers Club had been contacted and rejected links with the camp. The Rev Allan of Chirnside and Rev Walker of Eyemouth were the only two locals mentioned that were active in organising some social events.

The Camp closed soon after this report.

Known Camp Commandants:

c1947 Lt Col D Smith

1948 Major Devenish

**After the camp:** Hostel for displaced persons. The house was demolished - some sites say 1954, others 1964.

**Further Information:**

National Archives - FO 1120/234 – ‘Re-educational survey visit reports for camps 236 to 239’. Used above.

[canmore.org.uk/site/272615](https://canmore.org.uk/site/272615) + [canmore.org.uk/site/59681](https://canmore.org.uk/site/59681) – with some pictures and plans of Ninewells House.

Vertical air photographs (106G/Scot/UK 15, 7121-7122, flown 15 April 1946

Camp magazine with no location, date or identifying articles; could be this camp or Whitehouse Camp 236 - [236 Erzahlt - The Wiener Holocaust Library](https://www.whlcollections.org/image/99726/)

**POW NUMBERS**

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Ninewells HQ |  | 95 | Not listed | 72 | | 78 | 81 | 101 | 153 |
| Chirnside | With C120 | 30 | 30 | | 37 | 30 | 15 | 12 |
| Coldstream |  | 74 | 52 | | 76 | 62 | 38 | 47 |
| Corsbie |  | 87 |  | |  | 61 |  |  |
| Duns | With C210 | 36 |  | |  |  |  |  |
| Earlston | With C210 | 43 | 26 | | 48 | 31 |  |  |
| Greenlaw | With C210 | 27 |  | | 35 |  |  |  |
| Greenriggs | With C210 | 86 |  | |  |  |  |  |
| Hardens |  | 87 | 55 | | 85 | 70 | 81 | 32 |
| Hutton |  | 69 |  | |  | 51 | 76 |  |
| Lauder | With C210 | 34 | 31 | | 28 |  |  |  |
| Reston | With C210 | 27 | 34 | | 53 | 45 |  |  |
| Sligh Houses | With C210 | 70 |  | | 81 | 59 | 53 |  |
| Sweethope | With C210 | 90 | 67 | | 91 | 72 | 64 | 32 |
| Whitfield |  | 87 | 61 | | 83 | 74 | 79 | 66 |
| Purves Hall |  |  |  | | 92 | 82 | 82 | 27 |
| Charter Hall |  |  | 281 | | 209 | 314 |  |  |
| Nisbet House |  |  | 142 | | 187 | 173 | 128 |  |
| Dunglass |  |  | 62 | | 11 | 58 | 49 | 17 |
| Roxburgh Mains |  | With C210 |  |  | |  |  | 53 |  |
| Windy Walls |  | With C210 |  |  | |  |  | 51 |  |
| St Boswells I.C.I. |  | With C210 |  |  |  | |  | 207 | 141 |
| Stobs |  |  |  |  | |  |  | 47 | 29 |
| Sunlaws | Camp 120 | | | | | | | 14 |  |
| Billets |  | 52 | ? | c.50 (1) | | (1) | 58 | 35 | ? |
| TOTALS |  | 944 | 781 | 913 | | 1214 | 1321 | 1173 | 566 (2) |

1. Included in figures for hostel. 2. Including 10 described as “Sundries.”

**Hostels**

**Charter Hall. (Charterhall).** About 15 miles from HQ.

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Ogefr Ging (A), “*an ex Jugoslav claiming Austrian nationality is the best of the Hostel Leaders and is well able to cope with an influx of former C+’s from* [Watten] *165 camp.”* Many pows were strongly anti-British. The only education class was for 2 pupils studying stenography. There was a choir. Church of Scotland minister at Greenlaw, Mr Porter, visited and assisted with the choir.

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; OFw Kurt Ehrhoff (B-), “*sound, steady.”* Amongst pows were 90 Jugoslavs and 30 ex C+ (Nazis). The behaviour of a group of pows from Watten (ex-C+) is said to have turned the town of Greenlaw against them. **11/1947** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Charter Hall |  |  | ? | 281 | 209 | 314 |  |  |

**Chirnside Hostel.** About 1 mile from HQ. Hostel separate from the main Ninewells Camp at Chirnside.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

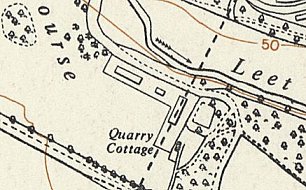
**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Fw Bruno Andre (B-).

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Gefr Brahm (B+), “*young and quite keen.”* **8/1947** – same leader.

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; Heinrich Eichhorn

**1/1948** – Chirnside C.R.S.; (Casualty Reception Station - the medical centre). Hostel leader; A/Arzt Mandel. Occasional social evenings were organised by the local minister, Rev Mr Evans. **3/1948** – again described as being the CRS. Same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Chirnside | With C120 | 30 | ? | 30 | 37 | 30 | 15 | 12 |

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**Coldstream.** About 15 miles from HQ. NT 8360 3970. Ordnance Survey 1957 >

*A small hutted camp has been identified from vertical air photographs (106G/Scot/UK 16, 7042-7043, flown 15 April 1946), on the W bank of the Leet Water about 300m NW of Lees Farm (NT83NW 118.00).*

*The camp consists of at least nine Nissen huts set in an L-shape round the corner of a field. The camp now lies within Coldstream Golf Course with the club house now standing on part of the site. Information from RCAHMS (DE), May 2006*

*Information supplied locally has ascertained that this small camp was used to house Italian prisoners-of-war. The prisoners were of low risk category and were used to assist with agricultural tasks. The local naming of the hill as 'Tally Hill' reflects the former use of the camp. Information via Coldstream History Society, May 2006*

<https://www.trove.scot/place/280974#activities>

If Italian pows were held here, it would have been open before the following entries:

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; O/Masch Karl Weidling (B-)

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Sold Hoffmann (B), “*the most intelligent P.W in the camp, very likeable but only 21 years old.”* **8/1947** – same leader.

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; O/Gefr Horst Bendikowski. **1/1948** – same leader.

**3/1948** – Hostel leader; Gefr Spaeth.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Coldstream | Italian? | 74 | ? | 52 | 76 | 62 | 38 | 47 |

**Corsbie.** Farm located at NT 607 442.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; O/Gefr Werner Weidinger (B-)

Temporary closure

**11/1947** – Hostel Leader; Heinrich Lingen. Still no electric light or AC supply, and so no films were being shown.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Corsbie |  | 87 | ? |  |  | 61 |  |  |

**Dunglass (Bridge).** About 16 miles from HQ.

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Pol/M Wolter (B-), “*steady, elderly P.W.”*

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; Karl Sandmann, “*sensible and level headed with good political ideas.”*

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Fw Schulz. **3/1948** – same leader.

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| Dunglass |  |  | ? | 62 | 11 | 58 | 49 | 17 |

**Duns.**

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Gefr Otto Schultz (prov B)

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Duns | With C210 | 36 | ? |  |  |  |  |  |

**Earlston.** About 22 miles from HQ. Possibly at; 'The Park' in the East End of Earlston - a group of six wooden 'huts', used to house Polish soldiers – possibly pows after that.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Gren. Helmut Barkowsky (prov B). **11/1947** – same leader, graded (B+)

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| Earlston | With C210 | 43 | ? | 26 | 48 | 31 |  |  |

**Greenlaw.** Local memories place it at NT 718 462.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Uffz Georg Reibold (prov A)

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; Huy (B+), “*young and seems a most able leader; he is energetic, frank and gets things done.”*

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Greenlaw | With C210 | 27 |  |  | 35 |  |  |  |

**Greenriggs** – Greenriggs farm is just to the S of Wester Howlaws at NT 723 422.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; O/Fw Emil Pfeifer (B)

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Greenriggs | With C210 | 86 | ? |  |  |  |  |  |

**Hardens.** About 10 miles from HQ. NT 755 539. Ordnance Survey 1957 >

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Gefr Alfred Bosse (prov A). Most pows had been held in camps in Canada.

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Sold Bloedel (B)

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; Ol/W Wolter (B-), had been leader at Dunglass – he was sent here to break up a clique of C+ pows that had formed around the previous leader.

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; O/Stm Wilhelm Kampfhenkel, “*an alert youngster, tending to be on the defensive to a visitor, but vigorous. He has a difficult hostel.”* **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Hardens |  | 87 | ? | 55 | 85 | 70 | 81 | 32 |

**Hutton.**

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Uffz Helmut Klemm (B-)

Temporary closure.

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; Helmut Huy, had been leader at Greenlaw. Still no electric light or AC supply, and so no films were being shown.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Stm Beyer

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Hutton |  | 69 |  |  |  | 51 | 76 |  |

**Lauder.** About 27 miles from HQ.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Uffz Heinrich Lingen (B). **6/1947** – Same leader, *“sound elderly individual… rather disgruntled because two harmless individuals of his acquaintance were repatriated as A’s.*” **8/1947** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Lauder | With C210 | 34 |  | 31 | 28 |  |  |  |

**Nisbet House.** About 10 miles from HQ. NT 793 512.

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Uffz Schmidt (B+), “*efficient, has common sense*.” No AC electric supply – pows were allowed to use the cinema hall at Duns. A small French class was held. **8/1947** – same leader.

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; Walter Wolter, had been leader at Dunglass, then Hardens.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; O/Fw Ehrhoff.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Nisbet House |  |  | ? | 142 | 187 | 173 | 128 |  |

**Purves Hall.** NT 760 448. Ordnance Survey 1957 >

**2/1947** - was “*entirely Jugoslavs, all of the peasant – farm worker type*.”

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; Uffz Lohmeier (B), “*making a success of a new and rather inadequate hostel*.” Poor conditions having been in dis-use, no tap water supply, inadequate washing and sanitary facilities and a bad state of repair. **11/1947** – same leader.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Uffz Mester. **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Purves Hall |  |  |  |  | 92 | 82 | 82 | 27 |

**Reston.** About 6 miles from HQ.Possible site at NT 885 621, but no confirmation.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Wm Wilhelm Schroeder (A)

**6/1946** – Hostel leader; Gefr Rolf Schueren (B+), “*very good youngster with a fine little hostel.”* **11/1947** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Reston | With C210 | 27 | ? | 34 | 53 | 45 |  |  |

**Roxburgh Mains.** NGR NT 689 294.

**1946** – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Fw Grube

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Roxburgh Mains |  | With C210 |  |  |  |  | 53 |  |

**St Boswells I.C.I.** ICI factory at Charlesfield Farm, St Boswells.

**1946** – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Fw Gunther. **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| St Boswells I.C.I. |  | With C210 |  |  |  | |  | 207 | 141 |

**Sligh Houses** – NT 822 594.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; S/Fw Otto Sellin (Prov C)

**8/1947** – Hostel leader; Werner Hauschildt (B) [or Hauschild]. Recently re-opened, poor conditions, no tap water supply, inadequate washing and sanitary facilities and a bad state of repair. **11/1947** – same leader. Still no electric light or AC supply, and so no films were being shown.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Sold Tschirschwitz.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Sligh Houses | With C210 | 70 | ? |  | 81 | 59 | 53 |  |

**Stobs**. Large military camp site - NT 4992 0943.

There is a great deal of information about the WW1 Stobs Military Camp and POW Camp – almost nothing about its WW2 pow use.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Uffz Mueller. **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Stobs |  |  |  |  |  |  | 47 | 29 |

**Sunlaws**. Previously independent camp 120.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Uffz Kuessel

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Sunlaws | Camp 120 | | | | | | 14 |  |

**Sweethope** – About 20 miles from HQ. Probably Sweethope farm / lodge NT 688 391.

**1943** - Known to have held Italian pows - – administered by Sunlaws Camp 120.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Sold Georg Rottler (prov B)

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Uffz Eisinger (B+). No AC electricity – films were shown in a local former’s barn. **11/1947** – same leader.

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Gefr Gross. **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Sweethope | With C210 | 90 | ? | 67 | 91 | 72 | 64 | 32 |

**Whitfield.** About 8 miles from HQ.

**7/1946 –** Hostel leader; Fw Hubert Stangassinger

**6/1947** – Hostel leader; Uscha Masuch (B-). No AC electricity – films were shown in a local hall. **8/1947** – same leader, “*young and dull.”*

**11/1947** – Hostel leader; Uffz Dieter Hensel, “*young and keen but talks too much. Does not fear authority.”* **3/1948** – same leader.

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Whitfield |  | 87 | ? | 61 | 83 | 74 | 79 | 66 |

**Windy Walls**. NT 354 335.

**1946 –** Listed with Sunlaws camp 120

**1/1948** – Hostel leader; Fw Ruf

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|  | Before | 7/1946 | 2/1947 | 6/1947 | 8/1947 | 11/1947 | 1/1948 | 3/1948 |
| Windy Walls |  | With C210 |  |  |  |  | 51 |  |