**Camp 58****7 Whitehill Camp, Wootton Bassett, Wiltshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC Camp list – Labour Camp. 587. White Hill Camp, Wootten Bassett, Swindon, Wilts.

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| **Location:** To the E of Swindon. Approximate location of camp according to description below is shown, (Beaumaris Road NGR SU 1192 8405).**Before the camp:** Farmland**Pow Camp:** Memories of Mary Morse – *“Mary had vivid memories of living at Whitehill Farm during the Second World War when a camp with a hundred soldiers was billeted on one of the fields. 377 Battalion, followed by 419 Battalion and later both German and Italian prisoners of war camped there. Three antiaircraft guns and a machine gun were erected in this field (which is now the site of Beaumaris Road) and Mary recalled seeing a Messerschmidt plane fly so low she could see the pilot.**There was no NAAFI for the soldiers billeted at Whitehill so Mary’s mother provided them with provisions while the officers used the farm parlour as a living room. Mary recalled the camp dances and celebrating her 21st birthday in one of the Nissen huts.”**(*<https://friendsoflydiardparkblog.wordpress.com/tag/whitehill-farm/>)**After the camp:** 2020 Residential area.**Further Information:** |  |
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