**Camp** **147 - Boar's Head Camp, Walgherton, nr Nantwich, Cheshire (aka Walgherton)**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 147. Boars Head Camp, Walgherton, Nantwich, Cheshire.

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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 |
| SJ 701 485 | 118 | 147 | Boar's Head Camp, Walgherton, Nantwich | Cheshire | 4 | German Working Camp | Former Heavy Anti-aircraft battery (HAA Bty) |

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| **Location:** In the centre of the map off the A51 London Road. The Boar’s Head Public House is seen to the N. NGR SJ 7010 4852.  **Before the camp:** Fields. HAA Battery (Crewe H4) was there 1941-1942.  **Pow Camp:** Italian and then German pows.  **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.  **15 September 1945** hostels listed, (WO 32/10737):  Marbury, Whitchurch, Salop (Was this what became the main Marbury Camp 180 – or a smaller site, or, possibly Comberbach?).  Sandbach, Cheshire  Warmingham, Sandbach, Cheshire  **Mid-1946** Boar’s Head Camp became a hostel for Tarporley Camp 74. After this it was usually called Walgherton hostel.  **May 1947** Tarporley and its hostels, including Walgherton, were transferred to Camp 189 Marbury Hall.  **May 1947** Hostel leader – Uffz. Erich Hildebrandt (A)  **August 1947** Hostel leader – Ogfr. Zeh (B+). He was still there in February 1948. It was noted that about 60% of the pows were under-25.  The camp closed in 1948  **Postal items:** Pow mail to Italy dated December 1945 |  |
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| **No. of pows** | **As Camp 147** | **With Tarporley Racecourse Camp 74** | | | | **With Marbury Camp 189** | | | |
|  |  | 7/46 | 10/46 | 1/47 | 3/47 | 5/47 | 8/47 | 10/47 | 2/48 |
| Walgherton (Boar’s Head) | **?** | 280 | 186 | 156 | 123 | 103 | 92 | 152 | 55 |

**After the camp:** A later OS map marks the site as a hostel. 2019 fields.