**Camp 63****3 (& 656) Boughton Camp, New Ollerton, Nottinghamshire (aka Proteus Camp)**

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| **1947 Camp List** |
| 633(G.W.Coy)  | N | Proteus Camp, Ollerton, Notts | Edwinstowe 79 | 27(W.O.) | V/1456/2 |

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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 6835 6790 | 120 | 633 | Boughton Camp, New Ollerton | Nottinghamshire | 4 | German Working Company | Former Central Ordnance Depot. Industrial estate. See Camp no.633/656 |

**Going for a Boughton – 3 of them:**

Camp 35 - SP 749 664 – In Boughton Park by village of Boughton, Northamptonshire.

Camp 259 - SP 893 818 – Weekley camp in Boughton Park by Boughton House, Northamptonshire.

Camp 633 - SK 6835 679 – New Ollerton, **Nottinghamshire** (aka Proteus camp).

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| **Location:** The site and depot are shown on the 1967 OS map, but not on earlier maps such as the one produced in 1955.**Before the camp:** **Pow Camp:** Mainly tented camp – 12 men to each tent. However, there were also huts at the site.Most of the pows worked at the Royal Army Ordnance Depot a short distance from the camp.**28 October 1945** - Pow Gfr Werner Spiess was accidentally shot dead. The inquest found that Private George William Christie had gone to the latrines carrying his rifle with one round. As Spiess was leaving the latrine he pushed the guard’s rifle aside, it slipped and when Christie caught hold of it, his finger touched the trigger, and the shot that killed Spiess was fired. The just returned a verdict of accidental death. Spiess was buried at East Retford Cemetery, and later reinterred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery.**22 June 1945** – Pow Erich Raetsch, aged 38, was killed by being crushed at a depot railway siding. He was later reinterred at Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery.Painting below by Theo Fries titled ‘Spring in Camp 633’ – signed by the artist in Easter 1946. It shows the administration hut, tents and fountain. © IWM EPH 10011Known Commandants – 1945: Major Wren.**After the camp:** 2020 industrial estate. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1967 |

**Further Information:**

IWM have a copy of the magazine dated January 1947, Ref LBY E.J. 406.