**Camp 112** **- Kingencleugh Camp, Mauchline, Ayrshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 112. Kingencleugh Camp, Mauchline, Ayrshire.

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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 |
|  |  | 112 | Kingencleugh (Kingendengh) Camp, Mauchline | Ayrshire |  | German Working Camp | Scotland |

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| **Location:** NGR NS 503 259. Just S of Mauchline.  **Before the camp:** Farmland  **Pow Camp:** Italian pows to at least 1945, then German pows.  **1943** – Camp opened. Hostels for Italians listed – Dalry; Kilmaurs; Maybole.  **20 September 1944** - an Italian POW from Camp 112 - G Carrozza - was sentenced to 42 days detention for the offence of; *“Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline among P.O.W. in that he in the field between 15 June 43 and 30 April 44 consorted and associated with and engaged in sexual intercourse with Elena Bove a civilian woman.”* Carrozza had been tried at Camp 123, Dalmahoy. The original detention order is at:  <http://www.sfizidiposta.it/2018/07/06/si-intratteneva-sessualmente-con/>  **November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Working camp, (WO 32/10737). The Italians were recorded as non-co-operators.  **19 April 1945** – Progress Report 68 by the Segregation Section of PID. The first German pows were transferred from Happendon camp 19. They were recorded as politically “white/grey” – A/B grades, (Black / C was Nazi).  **30 May 1945** – International Red Cross Inspection – see below.  **Before September 1945** – New hostels for German pows (Progress Report 154 – FO 939/383); Crosshill; Dailly.  **1946** – The camp number was allocated to Doonfoot Camp – so this site either closed or became a hostel. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |

**After the camp:** Third Statistical Account, page 699: *'It was hoped at one time that the Prisoners of War Camp at Kingencleugh, from which some 500 prisoners, first Italians and later Germans, went out to labour on farms in the districts around, might be made available for local housing once the Germans had gone home, but it is now* [1951] *occupied by "displaced persons" from Central Europe*.' 2019 farmland

**Further Information:**

<http://canmore.org.uk/site/180976>

Royal Air Force aerial photograph taken in 1946 (CPE/Scot/UK 176: 2130).

Aerial picture - <https://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/en/image/SAW007909>

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| D/PFV/NG GREAT BRITAIN  POW CAMP 112  Visited on May 30th 1945 by  ADDRESS: German POW Working Camp 112, G.B.  CAPACITY: 600  COMMANDANT: Major H F Leschallas  STRENGTH ON DATE OF VISIT: Off. N.C.O. Men  Army 1 77 450  Navy - 4 26  Air Force - 3 25  1 84 501 = 586  NATIONALITY: German.  Note: 518 Italian POW are in hostels up to 25 miles away  From the camp, under the same Commandant.  CAMP LEADER: 984748 Hauptfw. REINTJES Friedrich.  Assistant: 984771 Oberfw. ZARLBACH Walter.  GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Formerly an Italian POW Camp, under the same number, (see report). German Working Camp since 10.4.1945. The camp is hutted, with concrete roads and paths. Flowerbeds etc.  Everything very clean and in good order.  Huts – total number = 26  Living huts 16 (average 35 men per hut)  Kitchen 1  Dining huts 2  Theatre 1  Reading room 1  Ablution 1  Chapel 1  Infirmary 1  Latrines 2  26  Electric light, stove heating. |  | - 2 –  Nearly all pow have been captured since D-Day. The camp being new, a few things are still being organised by the camp leader. [New for Germans – was previously an Italian Camp].  BEDDING: 1 sleeping bag and 2 blankets have been issued.  CONVENTION: Not yet in possession of Camp Leader. [i.e. copy of Geneva Convention]  SANITARY INSTALLATIONS: Sufficient. Water-borne latrines, hot and cold shower  baths.  FOOD: No complaints, in spite of reduction of rationed food-stuffs, as these are being substituted by potatoes, which are favoured by the POW. New rations scale, see Annexe 1.  CAMP INFIRMARY: Hutted with all amenities, including electric light and central heating.   1. Medical officer: 459883 Ass.Arzt VON VARENDORFF, Gerhard. 2. P.P.: In Infirmary 1 officer, 5 other ranks.   In compound, 1 other ranks. Total 7.   1. Medical supplies: sufficient. 2. General medical inspection: once a month. 3. Dental work: A British dentist works in the camp one day a week. 4. Average number of daily attendance at sick parade: 10 5. Infirmary: Total number of beds – 5 in one ward.   Occupied on date of visit = 2. Note: the issue of beds is not yet complete.   1. Cases in camp infirmary: 1 bruised [“prellung”], 1 infection. 2. Serious cases: None 3. Contagious diseases: None 4. Epidemics: None 5. Deaths: None 6. P.P. Walks: are permitted. 7. Complaints: None   GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH OF POW in words of German M.O. “Sehr Gut” very good.  [P.P. = Protected personnel = Medical staff] |

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| - 3 –  GENERAL STATE OF NUTRITION OF POW in words of German M.O.: “Sehr Gut” very good.  CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS: Issues complete. About 95% of the POW are in possession of their uniforms.  LABOUR: All POW are put to work at the full scale rate of pay (6/- a week). They are nearly all on agriculture jobs. [6/- = 6 shillings]  CANTEEN: Good, clean, well-stocked canteen. Welfare Fund = 12.0.0. [£12]  RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY:   1. Protestant   Chaplain – 959609 Gefr CERECKI Adolf.  Services are held regularly every Sunday. Bible classes one a week.   1. Roman Catholic   Chaplain – 580961 Obergefr. GOMOLLA Richard.  Services regularly every Sunday.  SPORT: There is a football pitch inside the compound. At the moment, sufficient supply of  footballs.  CAMP LIBRARY: Religious books 1  Novels (English, French and German) 23  Textbooks 18  42  In addition to these, there are 60 books from the ICRC (8.5.45) in the Interpreter’s office, awaiting release by the War Office Censors. (The Camp Commandants are still instructed to send in lists of books sent by the ICRC, in spite of Censorship in London).  EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY:  Classes Pupils  English 164  French 17  Spanish 13  Mathematics 12  Rhetoric and literature 8  Agriculture 10  In addition, lectures on Political and Constitutional Science and other subjects of general interest.  PROTESTANT CHURCH CHOIR: 20 members. |  | - 4 –  R.C. CHURCH CHOIR: 18 members.  MALE VOICE CHOIR: (Folk songs) Just being organised.  MUSICAL ACTIVITY: 1 piano and 1 accordion in use.  THEATRE GROUP: 12 members. An excellent theatre hut is available.  CORRESPONDENCE: 80 letters and 15 individual parcels (all re-addressed from other camps) have been received since 10.4.45.  ESCAPES: None  DISCIPLINE: Excellent  COMPLAINTS: None  REQUESTS a) The Camp Leader desires –  German fiction for theatre group, coloured cloth of any description for  making costumes, plays, classics, etc.  for choirs, music MS paper, folksong books, hymnbooks for Protestants  and RC’s.  b) The Protestant Chaplain desires  One or two Bibles (no copy in Camp).  A few New Testaments.  A textbook (in German) for learning Russian.  GENERAL IMPRESSIONS: All party tokens, medals, etc and all badges of rank have disappeared voluntarily in this camp. The POW work well and everybody seems to be satisfied and content, except for the question of mail from home. As in other camps recently visited, there was not a single question to be discussed with the Camp Commandant. An excellent camp.  Fredk. Bieri  (typed in his absence)  1 Annexe |

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| PFV/NG  ANNEXE 1.  Table of rations for German POW and civil internees in Great Britain.  1 For non-working POW and Civilian Internees.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Article | Daily ration in ozs. | | Meat with bones | 2 – 4/7 | | Margarine | 6/7 | | Cooking fat | 2/7 | | Bacon | 4/7 | | Bread | 13 | | Flour | 2 ½ | | Semolina, Macaroni or Barley | 2/7 | | Oatflakes | 1 – 6/7 | | Left-over meat or sausage | 1 – 5/7 | | Cheese | 2/7 | | Cakes | 4/7 | | Preserves | 4/7 | | Dried fruit | 5/7 | | Tea | 1 – 1/7 | | Sugar | 1 | | Evaporated milk | 1 | | Potatoes | 20 | | Fresh vegetables | 8 | | Dried vegetables | 1 – 1/7 | | Salt | 3/8 | | Cash 2d. |  |   2) The POW employed on work practice receive the following additional rations:  Bread 4 ozs  Dried vegetables 6/7  3) POW under arrest receive the rations notes under 1) but with the following alterations:  a) To be deducted:  Bacon 4/7  Left over meat or sausage 1 – 5/7  Cakes 4/7  Preserves 4/7  Dried fruit 5/7  b) to be added: Non-workers Workers  Bread 4 ozs 8 ozs  Dried vegetables - 1 oz. |  |  |

**POW NUMBERS**

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| Maybole |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Hostels**

**Crosshill**

**Dailly**

**Dalry.** Believed to have been located at Tofts, Dalry – NGR NS 297 495.

Still open in 1946 when Germans had replaced Italian pows.

**Kilmaurs.** Local memories place the site 2.5 km south of Kilmaurs at what is now Hannah Drive – NGR NS 399 394.

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| **Maybole.** Location Dailly Road, Maybole, NGR NS 300 094.  Same place ? - National Archive – WO 166/16299 - 225 Prisoner of War Camp. Moved from Haltwhistle, Northumberland, **to Maybole, Ayrshire**; from there to Girvan; from there to Thorpe Bay, Essex. Dated 1944 Feb-June |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |