**Camp 113** **- Holm Park Camp, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 113. Holm Park Camp, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire.

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| **1947 Camp list** | | | | | | | |
| 113(G.W.C.) | Holm Park Camp, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire | Sc. | Priswar, Newton Stewart | Newton Stewart 215/6 | Newton Stewart | Lt.Col.J.D.Vans-Agnew | 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 |
|  |  | 113 | Holm Park Camp, Newton Stewart | Wigtownshire |  | German Working Camp | Scotland |

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| **Location:** NGR NX 415 655. On the E edge of Newton Stewart.  **Before the camp:** Farmland alongside a football ground.  **Pow Camp:** Listed as an Italian working camp / labour battalion to at least 1945, then a German Working Camp.  Map shows a standard type layout with a main pow compound, and guards’ huts and offices at the front alongside the road.  Canmore – *“A prisoner-of-war camp is visible at this location on RAF aerial photographs taken in 1945 (106G/UK 986: 4022-4023). Within the compound are 28 tightly grouped huts, with one larger hut to the S, possibly the latrine block. Some cultivated plots are visible at the S end of the camp, while at the N end the entrance is flanked by two formal gardens. To the N of the camp is the guard accomodation and to the S is an enclosed recreation ground and a sewage works….*  *The camp site has now been built on*.”  **1943** – Camp opened for Italian pows.  **1943** – hostels listed for Italian pows; Haugh of Urr; Kildrochet; Tynholm |  |  |
| Aerial photo 1950 | Ordnance Survey 1957 |

**17 September 1943** – Fatal Accident Report. Kirkcudbright Sheriff Court - Sirio Rossi, prisoner of war, Italian Army (No 194776), Holmpark Camp, Creebridge, Kirkcudbrightshire, died 14 Aug 1943 as a result of injuries sustained on 13 Aug 1943 (National Records of Scotland Ref SC16/25/1943/1)

Sirio Rossi, aged 23, Service number T194776, died from a fractured skull resulting from a road accident. He was buried at Troqueer Cemetery.

**5 May 1944** - Hostels listed for Italian pows from this camp, (WO 32/10737): Haugh of Urr, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire; Twynholm, Kirkcudbright

**May and November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion under the Scottish Command area and then as an Italian Working camp, (WO 32/10737). The Italians were recorded as non-co-operators.

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|  | **28 June 1945** - Kirkcudbright Sheriff Court – Alberto Innocenti, prisoner of war, Italian Army (No 117216), Holmpark Prisoner of War Camp, Creebridge, Minnigaff Parish, Kirkcudbrightshire, residing at Ard-na-Ghyll, Kirkcudbrightshire, died 14 Jun 1945, (National Records of Scotland Ref SC16/25/1945/1).  Alberto Innocenti, aged 24, Service number 117216, died resulting from a crane accident at Minnigaff sawmill. He was later reinterred at Brookwood Military Cemetery.  **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 for pows from this camp, (WO 32/10737): Glenluce, Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire  **In Monigaff Church** vestibule there is a life=size sculpture of praying hands. They were carved by an Italian pow as a thank you to the Parish.  **31 July 1946** – Death recorded of Gfr. Gűnther Buxbaum, aged 43. Death certificate records that he was married and a judge. No cause of |
| <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=825998177506220&set=a.289584767814233> |

death was given on the certificate, but other details state that it was due to an accident on a railway line. The recording district was Glenluce, so he may have been at the Glenluce hostel. The Informant was the Assistant Commandant at Holm Park. He was later reinterred at the Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery.

**14 November 1947** - Camp number included in an ‘Urgent Memorandum’ (FO 939/270) regarding inspection of food parcels.

Known Camp Commandants:

c.1947 Lieutenant Colonel J D Vans-Agnew (Not sure if this is J B Vans-Agnew of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers).

**POW NUMBERS**

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|  | Open |  |  | With other camps |  |  | Unknown |  |  | Not open |

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| Main |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haugh of Urr |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kildrochet |  |  |  |  |  |
| Twynholm |  |  | With C640 |  |  |
| Glenluce |  |  |  |  |  |
| Billets |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS |  |  |  |  |  |

**After the camp:** Agricultural Hostel. 2019 camping and caravan park.

**Further Information:**

Camp magazine, September 1947 - [Holm-Park Bote : Zeitung des Lagers 113 - The Wiener Holocaust Library](https://www.whlcollections.org/image/99742/)

**Hostels**

**Glenluce**, Wigtownshire.

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| **Haugh of Urr**, Kirkcudbrightshire. Shown as Agricultural Hostel on map – NGR NX 812 665. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1957 |

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| **Kildrochet**  ?  Possibly site next to Kildrochat House / Farm, NGR NX 087 562 – NOT confirmed. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1957 |

**Twynholm**, Kirkcudbright. NGR NX 668 542.

Later with St Andrews Camp 640 – see for map and details.

< The edge of the camp.