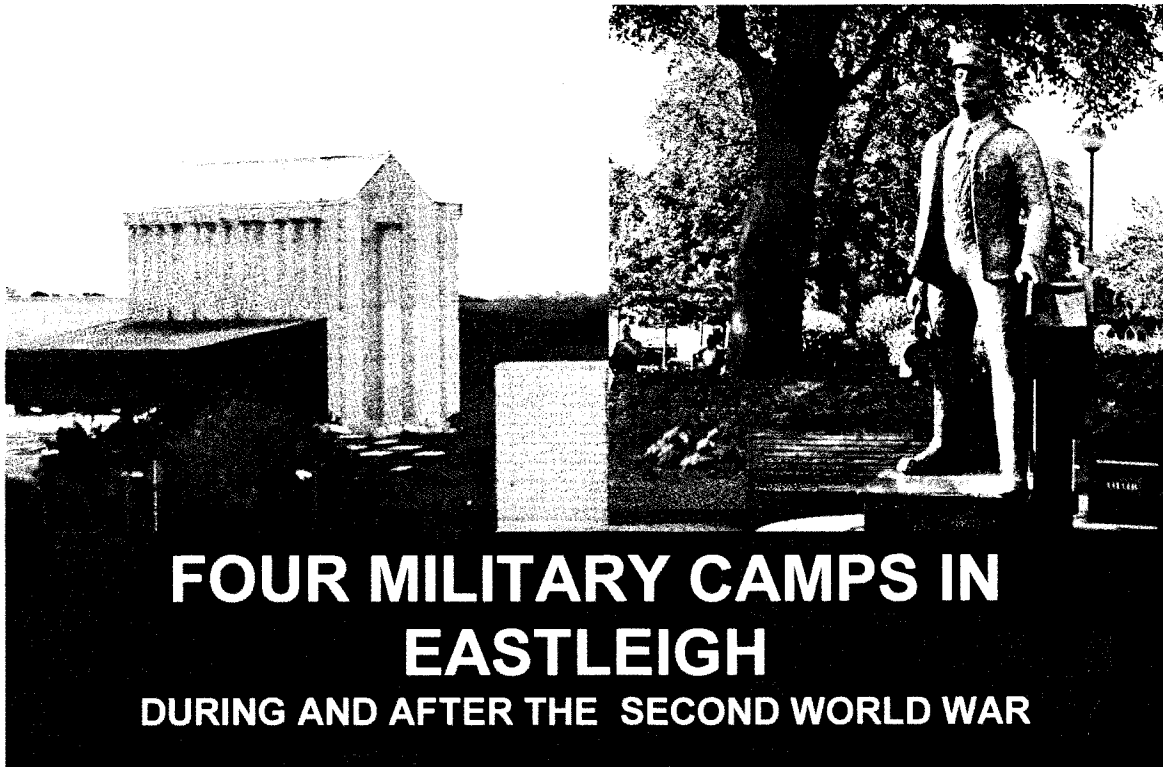


# EASTLEIGH & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



**Paper 59**

**FOUR MILITARY CAMPS IN EASTLEIGH  
BUILT DURING  
THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

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## 1. The Camp in Dutton Lane.

It is assumed that the huts beyond the north end of Dutton Lane were to house military personnel who manned searchlights or gun batteries in the area. Immediately after the war, when the soldiers had departed, squatters moved in. The Borough Council found it more convenient to let them remain, and pay rates, than to evict them.

There were seven huts in this Camp, and the rate-paying squatters were

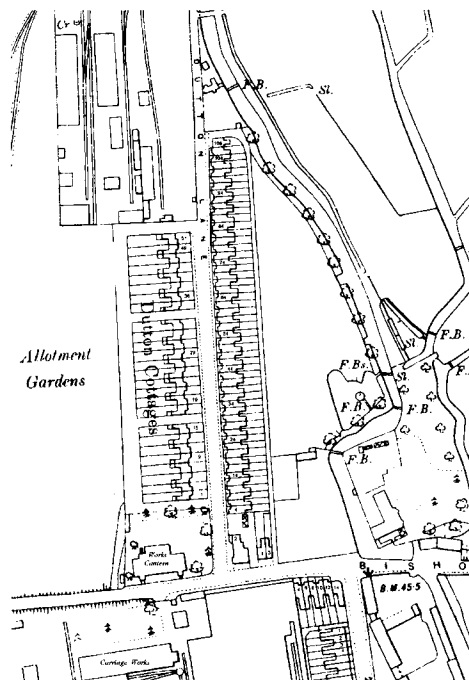
1. William Frank Everett
2. John Humble
3. Mr Chalk
4. Arthur Henry Major
5. Charles Boxall
6. Mr. Bailey
7. Mr Vaughan

### Council Minute 708: 10<sup>th</sup> July 1947.

Dutton Lane Camp ..... These hutments cannot be provided with a main water supply at a reasonable cost. The huts generally are in a poor condition and the occupants are to be rehoused at C.27 Camp, the huts will then be demolished and the material used for the adaptation of huts on other sites.

As mentioned, the huts had no water-supply. Although they had electricity, there was only one meter and a dispute arose as to what share each household was to pay.

Map showing Dutton Lane, but the position of the huts has not been found.



## **THESE 'SQUATTERS' ARE 'GOING UP ONE'**

### **Their New Huts have Barest Sanitary Needs**

By a Weekly News Reporter

"We're going up one in the social scale. We're going to a new hut where there will be an inside lavatory and water laid on."

This remark was made to me by Mr. Major, one of the squatters in the old army huts off Dutton Lane, when describing conditions in the camp.

Like other huts in the camp, his had been condemned. So he was "moving up one" in the squatters' social scale—to Stoneham Lane where the huts, he informed me, have, at least, these elementary sanitary needs.

There is divided opinion on Eastleigh's squatters. There are people who are unsympathetic to them, saying that they had no right to march into these camps. Others, however, are sympathetic.

But whatever the merits or demerits of these arguments, issues with which at the moment I am not concerned, conditions in the Dutton Lane camp are really bad.

Seven families, with seven kiddies, occupy these huts. One woman is expecting a baby.

#### **WATER—HALF-MILE**

The first thing which knocks one in the eye is their water problem. They get their water from a pump in the middle of Dutton Lane, a half-mile or so away from the camp.

Sanitary conditions are really foul. The council has provided them with buckets and the occupants, I was told, empty them themselves and bury the contents once a week.

The latrines for the use of the families are just off the back of the camp.

The one used by the male members had two buckets only. The smell I leave to the imagination of the reader.

The one used by the womenfolk is in worse condition, having no door. Lacking privacy, the womenfolk are chary of using it.

I went into the hut "privileged" to be nearest to the latrines. Mr. Everett, the occupier, told me he was one of those "going up"—to Stoneham Lane.

## BUCKETS—FULL

His hut, where the rain coming in, in buckets-full had many marks on the walls and floor, was divided into two parts. The first was the junk room; the second, the larger half, was both the living room and the bedroom.

On one side there were the table and chairs; on the other were two double beds and a single.

They were slept in by Mr. Everitt, his wife, his sixteen year old daughter and eighteen year old son.

Mr. Chalk's hut, also condemned, was no better. Going through it I saw those parts of the corrugated iron wall where there were openings with the marks down the sides where the water had literally streamed through during the thunderstorms.

Bedclothes, oil-cloth, furniture—all damaged by the rain was the complaint I heard in every hut.

Among other grouses the squatters have against the Council are the bills they received for electric lighting consumed during the cold month of February last.

All admitted that they had used the electricity to get heat, and that it should be paid for. Their grouse was the way the cost of consumption had been allocated per family.

When the Council took over the huts from the War Office they agreed, they told me, to pay the 7/6d. rent per week asked for, plus 2/6d. for lighting and 1/3d. for rates and that all current consumed over and above the 2/6d. per week be paid for.

## SIZE OF HUTS

But why, they ask, should the assessment be on the size of the huts so that the occupants of the smaller hut pays less, even if the family may have used more current than the one in the larger hut? How can the cost of current consumption be fairly distributed on such a basis with no meters to show what had been consumed, they asked?

I put it to them that the Council may have not installed meters because they had no intention of allowing the squatters to remain there for any length of time. They had hoped to fix them up eventually with some kind of decent accommodation.

To this they replied, sceptically, that the Council did very little to help them or even install the most elementary facilities.

Incidentally they said, they had no intention of paying the electricity accounts!

## 2. The Camp at Chickenhall.

The following letter provides evidence that the Camp at Chickenhall was a gun-site.

[96/115]

Your ref:-  
B/33/15.

5th March, 1941.

Officer i/c Barracks,  
R.A.S.C. Barrack Office,  
Southampton Area,  
"Gerrans",  
Bassett Avenue,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

Dear Sir,

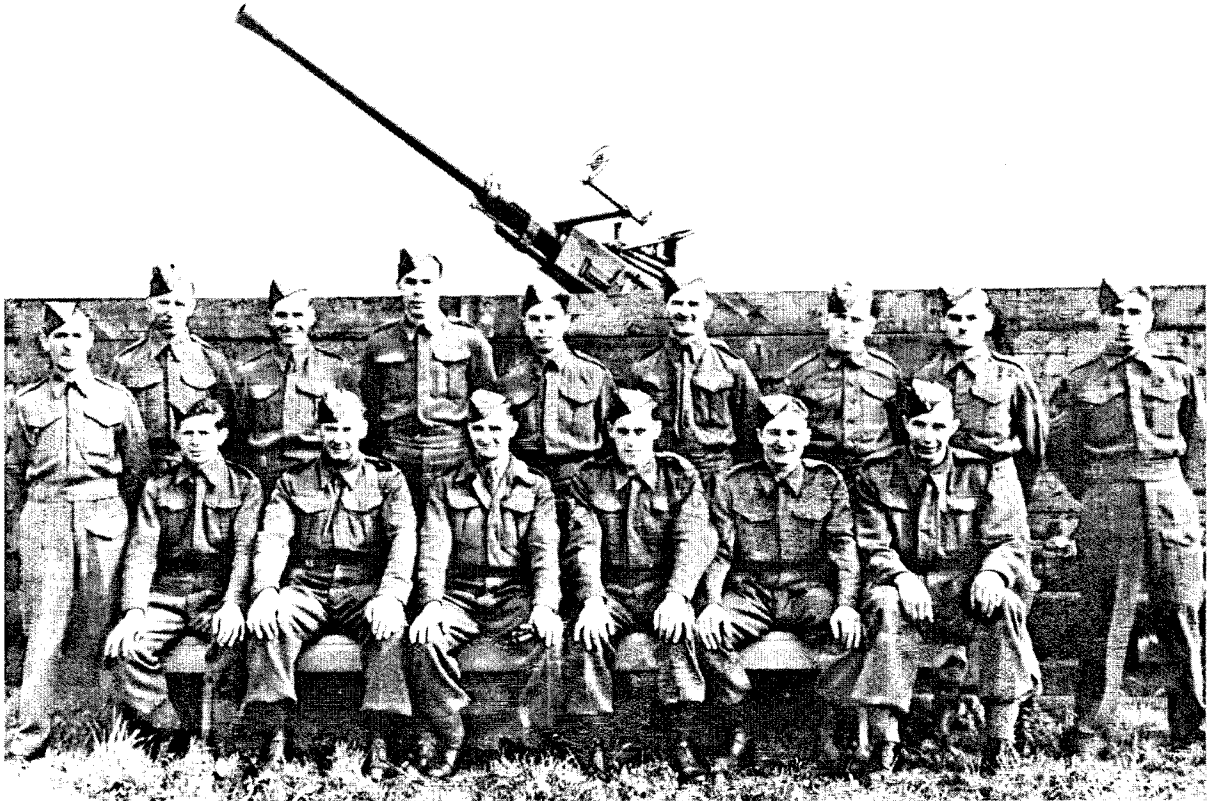
re:- Removal of night soil.

I regret the delay in replying to your letter of the 19th ultimo in connection with the above.

My council have agreed to empty the cesspool and buckets at both the Stoneham gun site and the one at Chickenhall Lane (east of the Southern Railway Carriage Works). These are being regularly emptied by my staff, and, I trust, to your satisfaction. These are the only two sites in the borough that I am able to undertake to clear.

Yours faithfully,

  
Borough Engineer & Surveyor, W



**Eastleigh Railway Home Guard minding a gun at Chickenhall.**

The army huts were in Chickenhall lane, and the Stovold family was one of the first to squat there when the huts were vacated at the end of the war.

Hut No. 1 became the home of Richard and Violet Stovold. Before that they were living at 162, Market Street. Violet was a daughter of the late Lionel and Mary Brown of 174, Market Street.

In October 1945 their three year old daughter, Gillian Sandra Stovold was run over and killed outside of the house in Market Street by a van belonging to HMS Raven – the Naval Shore Establishment north-east of the airport.



The Stovold family.

**Part of Council Minute 708: 10<sup>th</sup> July 1947.**

Chickenhall Camp ..... Approval has now been received from the Ministry of Health for the adaptation of the huts, and work will be put in hand as soon as possible. We have agreed that a field adjoining the Camp be released for use as a Sports Field by the Southern Railway.

The *Eastleigh Weekly* Article about Dutton Lane continues:

**IN BETWEEN!**

I then proceeded to Chickenhall Camp. This one is reputed to be better than the where one in Dutton Lane, but not yet up to the standard of the one in Stoneham Lane, the majority of the "Dutton Lane-ers" were going.

Here there was certainly an improvement. Every one had its bucket in a small ramshackle hut built outside to serve as a latrine. Here, too, were proper flushing facilities and water was laid on. Five families, including eight children, the oldest 10, occupied five huts.

II walked through Mr. Jock Bryce's hut. His broad Glasgow accent reminded me of the "Jocks" I met in the Service with their different gradations of Scottish dialects.

There the walls were bricked in—but not with proper building bricks. They were "breeze blocks," actually not a building brick.

He complained that during the whole five months since the Council had taken over all they had done was to clean out the dirty tank.

**PROBLEM REMAINS**

I repeat that here is not the place to go into the rights or wrongs of the action taken nearly a year ago when the squatters began to "squat."

But one fact is undeniable. The problem remains—of finding civilised accommodation for these people.

It is not a good thing for a girl of sixteen to sleep in the same room with her parents and 18-year old brother; nor for people to "go up one," when moving to a new "dwelling" which has the barest sanitary needs.

*There appears to have been confusion between Stoneham Lane and Chestnut Avenue because an old name for Chestnut Avenue was Stoneham Lane.*

The problem of shared electricity was tackled.

[48/724] – 8 July 1948

- (5) **Chickenhall Camp, Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that it was anticipated that the prepayment electric slot meters would be delivered in the near future for installation in the huts at this camp.

[48/825] – 9 September 1948

**Chickenhall Camp, Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that Five D.C. Pre-payment slot meters had been received and fitted to the huts at this camp.



The occupiers of the huts from 1947 until 1<sup>st</sup> April 1951 were:

**Hut 1:** Richard G. Stovold.

**Hut 2:** 1949-1950 Mr. Fosberry. 1950-1951 V. J. Fursey. Then G. H. Shepherd.

**Hut 4:** John S. Bryce

**Hut 5:** Harold H. Couper

**Hut 6a:** Mrs Doris E Hartley

**Hut 6b:** The Boy Scouts' Association.

There is a slight chance that a 1950s Ordnance Survey Map could show the position of the huts, but I did not look when I was last in the British Library.

In June 1947 this was the waiting-list for huts.

Minute 678 – 12<sup>th</sup> June 1947.

(4) **HUTTED CAMPS.**

We have approved the following as tenants of hutments as and when available, in accordance with Minute 599(2)(b) on the grounds of their present unsatisfactory conditions:—

Mrs. R. Webb	.....	108, Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke.
L. M. Booth	.....	3, Dutton Lane.
S. Wrangmore	.....	44, Chestnut Avenue.
E. H. Smith,	.....	79, Nutbeem Road.
A. J. Fudge	.....	242, Chestnut Avenue.
T. J. Reddington	.....	178, Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford.
W. C. Attwood	.....	64, Spring Lane, Bishopstoke.
S. A. Elford	.....	13, St. Johns Road.
R. J. Corne	.....	19, St. Johns Road.
R. E. Chandler	.....	147, Cranbury Road.

### 3. Chestnut Avenue Camp known as Camp C17.

This was South of Common Barn Farm in Chestnut Avenue and was sometimes referred to as Stoneham Camp.

It comprised about 50 Nissen Huts along or on land beside the road. They were probably erected when the Military commandeered Chestnut Avenue. As was recorded earlier the Camp was to house soldiers manning the gun batteries in the area, probably on the high ground beside Falkland Road. The Road was officially closed to the public as shown by Minute 435 of the Eastleigh Borough Council dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 1942.

**435. CLOSING OF CHESTNUT AVENUE.**—The Borough Engineer reported that the Military Authorities had enquired if the Council had any objection to the closing of a section of Chestnut Avenue between Stoneham Lane to the Main Road A.33. It was intended to issue passes to residents living between these two points and to allow tradesmen's vehicles to visit such premises.

**We recommend :**

**That no objection be taken to the proposed action of the Military Authorities in the closing of the section of Chestnut Avenue above referred to.**

After the War in 1945 the huts became a Prisoner of War Camp, even though it appears rather unsuitable being on both sides of the road.

The Camp which housed 428 Prisoners with a hundred of the younger ones in tents, was twice inspected by the International Committee of the Red Cross from Geneva. The Camp was for "Working Company 614". The prisoners were taken to work on the Transit Camp being erected in Hiltingbury Road by two other Working Companies actually based in another Prisoner of War Camp in Hiltingbury Road, Chandler's Ford.

The first Inspection took place on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1945 and the second on 3rd May 1946.

The Reports of these visits follow:

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Grande Bretagne"WORKING COMPANY 614"

Visité le 16 août 1945 par M. Chavan

<u>Adresse:</u>	German Working Coy. 614, Great Britain
<u>Capacité:</u>	450
<u>Commandant:</u>	Major R. LESLIE
<u>Homme de confiance:</u>	HINSEN, Peter "Zugwachtmeister" B232029
<u>Effectif:</u>	428, dont 49 d'état-major.

Description générale

Ce camp est situé au bord d'une route, en pleine campagne, dans une région parfaitement salubre. Il était utilisé par les troupes de la Puissance Détentric; depuis 6 mois, des prisonniers y sont cantonnés.

Aménagement intérieur

328 hommes logent dans des baraques et 100, sous tentes (les plus jeunes). Chaque prisonnier touche une paille, un sac de couchage et une couverture.

Installations sanitaires

Les latrines sont suffisantes (système à chasse d'eau). Les prisonniers disposent de douches chaudes et froides. Les installations de ce camp sont particulièrement bien tenues.

Nourriture

Elle est conforme au plan de rationnement du "War Office" du 28 mai 1945. Aucune plainte n'est notée sur ce point.

Soins médicaux

Médecin du camp: Dr. Walter KURZ, A875147. L'infirmerie est très bien installée avec un bon matériel. Le pourcentage général des malades atteint le 1%. Aucune maladie de carence, ou contagieuse ou épidémique ne s'est déclarée. Aucun décès n'est survenu.

Dentiste

Il n'y en a pas au camp. Les prisonniers se rendent régulièrement dans un camp de prisonniers voisin, où ils reçoivent les soins d'un dentiste prisonnier.

Habillement.

Quelques chemises manquent; il doit en arriver très prochainement. Le reste est en ordre.

Travail et paie

Genre du travail: démolition et construction de baraquements. Salaire 3/4d. et 1 1/2d. à l'heure, 48 heures par semaine.

Cantine

Elle est bien installée.

Services religieux

Un aumônier catholique britannique vient du dehors; un aumônier protestant se trouve parmi les prisonniers.

Loisirs

Le camp comprend un terrain de sport.  
La bibliothèque compte 100 livres.  
Cours d'anglais  
Musique, films et radio.

Correspondance

Les prisonniers ont été mis au courant des efforts du Comité International de la Croix-Rouge pour remédier à cette situation.

Plaintes

Aucune plainte n'a été formulée.

Requêtes

50 chemises, (urgent)  
Cigarettes et douceurs pour l'infirmerie  
Livres  
Littérature médicale pour le médecin (se chargerait éventuellement des frais)  
1 concertina ) à payer par le "Welfare Fund"  
6 musiques à bouche) éventuellement

Considérations générales

Ce camp est très bien organisé et très proprement tenu. Une excellente collaboration s'est établie entre les officiers commandants et les prisonniers. Il fait une très bonne impression.

Chaque prisonnier dans ce camp a envoyé une carte de capture.

Second Visit 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1946



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C O P I E

Personne responsable : M. de Bondeli

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M. de Bondeli  
D.A. (S.All.)  
S.Secours  
Div. Médic.  
Revue

REPORT ON GERMAN WORKING CAMP 614

ADDRESS : German Working Company 614, Stoneham Camp, Eastleigh,  
Hants.

CAPACITY : 500

COMMANDANT : Major R. Leslie

STRENGTH : 450 men  
          1 off.  
          451

CAMPLEADER : Zugwachmeister Peyer HINSEN, B.232029

DATE OF VISIT 3.5.46

VISITED BY DR. E.H. STREHLER

DESCRIPTION OF CAMP : 2 new living barracks have been erected,  
no other change since the last visit. 4 blankets per  
man.

SANITARY INSTALLATIONS : Satisfactory

FOOD : "Zufriedenstellend". No shortage of bread ration

INFIRMARY : 5 stomach patients have been repatriated on the  
day of the visit. They were kept in this camp until  
their day of repatriation instead of being sent to  
a transit Camp.

M.O. : Dr. Kurts  
State of health of POW : "Sehr gut"

CLOTHING : Supplies often slow.

LAUNDRY : Satisfactory

PAY : Unskilled workers 3/ - Skilled workers and supervisors 8/

WORK : Construction of barracks for military purposes 8 jours  
a day. Transport in open and covered lorries.  
(usual British transport cars ).

CANTEEN : Very well stocked 15-20 cig. a week.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY : A protestant Chaplain in the Camp.  
The Catholic Padre comes from Camp C27 from time  
to time. C27 is about 400 yards away.

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**FREE TIME** : Orchestra with self-made instruments. Educational activity, lessons of languages, lectures etc.. The camp has its own newspaper, Choir, sports etc.. All activities are well organised.

**MAIL** : 110 men in the camp without news. Correspondance with American zone and Poland is very bad.

**COMPLAINTS** :None

**DISCIPLINE** :Good

**GENERAL IMPRESSION** : Very good camp owing to the cooperation with the Camp Commandant. The morale of P.G. in the camp in words of Campleader is as follows :

" Die Stimmung lässt nach. Alle POW traie men von zu Hause. Das Interesse hat in allen Punkten nachgelassen sowohl in der Arbeit, als in der Gestaltung des Camplebens. Die Post sollte endlich funktionieren. #

Dr. E.H. Strehler

(Typed in his absence).

#Die Unsicherheit der Repatriierung und die Sorge um die Familie zu Hause drückt am meisten.

24<sup>th</sup> March 1947

451. **STONEHAM CAMP—CHESTNUT AVENUE, EASTLEIGH.**—We received a letter from the Quarters Commandant, Aldershot and Hants, dated 25/3/47, informing us that Stoneham Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, would become vacant on 31/3/47, and asking the Council whether they are interested in taking over the Camp for temporary housing purposes.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector reported that approximately 40 Huts could be made reasonably fit for habitation.

We have agreed that the Camp be taken over for housing use.

The Meeting terminated at 8.43 p.m.

## **THEFTS FROM A CAMP**

Five Eastleigh men were fined £1 for thefts from a prisoner of war camp at Stoneham which has been taken over by the Council for temporary housing purposes.

Defendants and charges were:—

Arthur Phillips, cowman, aged 84, 248, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, stealing a bottle of vinegar, a bottle of sauce, a bottle of orange flavour, a tin of baking powder, two wireless valves, a brush, a wooden ring, nails, and a piece of webbing, together valued 17s. 7d.

Frederick George Glasspool, cowman aged 57, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, stealing a metal tray and nails, valued 5s.

Lewis Charles Barnes, cowman, 17, Magpie Lane, stealing a haversack, a mug, two knives, a lamp glass and nails, together valued 5s. 3d.

Reginald Thomas Andrews, van driver, aged 25, 254, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, stealing two cupboards and a drawer, together valued £1 5s.

Ernest Fulford, labourer, aged 58, 252, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, stealing a wheelbarrow, a cupboard and a drawer, together valued £2 10s.

Inspector Cansfield said the property was taken from what was known as the prisoner of war camp in Chestnut Avenue, Stoneham, which was vacated on April 1st last and left secure. Next day, Mr. Wells, a housing inspector of the Borough Council, visited the camp as it was contemplated that the huts would be handed over to the local authorities for housing purposes. He found that a number of the huts had been forced, also the barbed wire round the site. Windows had been broken and a considerable amount of damage had been done.

On April 2nd, at 7 p.m., Police Sergeant Harris and P.C. Hurcombe went to the camp and when P.C. Hurcombe entered the camp he saw Phillips near one of the huts with a bottle protruding from a pocket.

Asked what he was doing there, Phillips said he was having a look round. Asked what he had in his possession he said he had a few odd things which he did not think would be wanted and which were not worth much.

At the police station he said: "You caught me fair enough."

A few minutes later he saw Barnes who had a haversack and a lamp glass protruding from his pocket.

P.S. Harris saw Glasspool carrying a metal tray. When asked what he was doing there defendant said he had been told that anyone could go into the camp.

Detective Constable Long called at the residence of Andrews with a search warrant and Andrews told the officer that he would not find anything there. A chair and two cupboards were found there.

Defendant claimed that an officer had told several people they could go to the camp and have anything useful.

After stolen property had been found at Fulford's house the defendant said: "I am sorry about this. Other people were taking it and I thought it was alright."

None of the defendants had been in trouble before.

Mr. Wells, the housing inspector referred to, stated that quite a large amount of damage had been done at the camp, and which would have to be made good before the property could be used for housing people.

Alderman C. A. Soar, B.E.M., who presided at Eastleigh Petty Sessions on Monday, warned defendants that they had rendered themselves liable to very heavy penalties, but said defendants had been dealt with leniently in view of their previous good characters. Defendants had homes of their own and the damage at the camp might be the means of depriving others of housing.

The *Eastleigh Weekly* article reveals that the former Prisoner of War camp was handed over to the Council for housing purposes on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1947.

**495. STONEHAM CAMP, CHESTNUT AVENUE, EASTLEIGH.—451/3/47.** It was reported that the above Camp had been taken over on 9/4/47 subject to the approval of the Minister of Town and Country Planning, and that a considerable amount of damage had been done since the Camp had been vacated by the Military, but before it had been handed over to the Council for housing purposes. The Police had been informed of this destruction and were taking the necessary action.

After consideration, we recommend, subject to the concurrence of the Finance and Establishment Committee, that :

Two "Caretaker" families be housed in the Camp immediately, at an inclusive rental of 10/- per week, plus the cost of electricity, and that payment of 10/- per week be made for "Caretaker" services to each of the tenants.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1947

**524. STONEHAM CAMP, CHESTNUT AVENUE, EASTLEIGH.—495/4/47.** We received the recommendation of the Housing and Town Planning Committee contained in the above Minute and referring to the appointment of "Caretaker" families at the Stoneham Camp.

We were informed that in view of the continued damage taking place at the camp a resident caretaker had been appointed.

The appointment of Mr. Shovelar, 271, High Street, Eastleigh, at a wage of £4 13s. od. per week as from 12/4/47 had been made after consultation with the Chairman of the Housing and Town Planning Committee.

We have endorsed the action taken in making the above appointment.

Council Minute 708 – 10<sup>th</sup> July 1947.

(6) **Camps.**—It was reported that the position with regard to Camps was as follows :—

C.17, Stoneham Camp, Chestnut Avenue.....	The adaptation of huts is progressing favourably, and eight huts have been completed. Difficulties had been experienced with the provision of cooking facilities and the Town Clerk had taken the matter up with the Ministry of Health.
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Council Minute 261 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 1948

5. **HUTTED CAMPS : Fire Precautions.**

The Borough Treasurer reported that a set of rules had been prepared by the Chief Officers of the National Fire Service for the guidance of tenants in hutments in case of fire, and a copy had been distributed to each tenant.

It was also reported that two fire hydrants were to be installed in the Stoneham Lane camps for use in emergency.

6. **TELEPHONE KIOSK.**

The Committee were informed that the nearest telephone was in Stoneham Village, and that steps were being taken to instal a telephone kiosk at Stoneham Camp.

7. **STONEHAM CAMP : Social Activities.**

The Committee agreed to have a meeting of Camp tenants to ascertain whether they would care to take over the large hut at Stoneham Camp for social activities, any activities to be run entirely by a Committee of Camp tenants. Should this not be desired, the hut to be divided into living accommodation for two families.



Council Minute 550 – 13<sup>th</sup> May 1948

- (4) **Hutted Camps.**—379(4)/3/48. We received a report of the progress made and the latest position regarding the adaptation of hutted camps in the district, a summary of the position was given as follows:—

**STONEHAM CAMP, CHESTNUT AVENUE, EASTLEIGH.**

Site.	No. of Huts.	No. of Huts Completed.	Completed with exception of Electrical Installation.	No. of Huts Occupied.
BLOCK " A "	15	15	—	15
BLOCK " B "	13	13	—	13
BLOCK " C "	22	20	2	20
Total	50	48	2	48

Council Minute 1153 – 16<sup>th</sup> December 1948

- (3) **C.17 CAMP, CHESTNUT AVENUE, NORTH STONEHAM.**—1150/12/48. In view of the poor condition of the above Camp we have agreed that the tenants be rehoused at Velmore Camp, as and when the Huts become available and that Minute No. 1058/12/48 be amended accordingly.

We have further agreed that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Clarke and Stubbs be appointed to meet the tenants of C.17 Camp, Chestnut Avenue, to explain the Council's policy.

Council Minute 42(4) – 9<sup>th</sup> June 1949

**Stoneham Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that the whole of this Camp had been vacated by the British Families and that the first batch of Polish families moved in on Thursday, the 2nd June.

Then the huts had been offered to the overflow of Polish Refugees for whom there was no room at the National Assistance Hostel at Hiltingbury which had also previously been a German Prisoner of War Camp.

Council Minute 136(4) – 14<sup>th</sup> July 1949

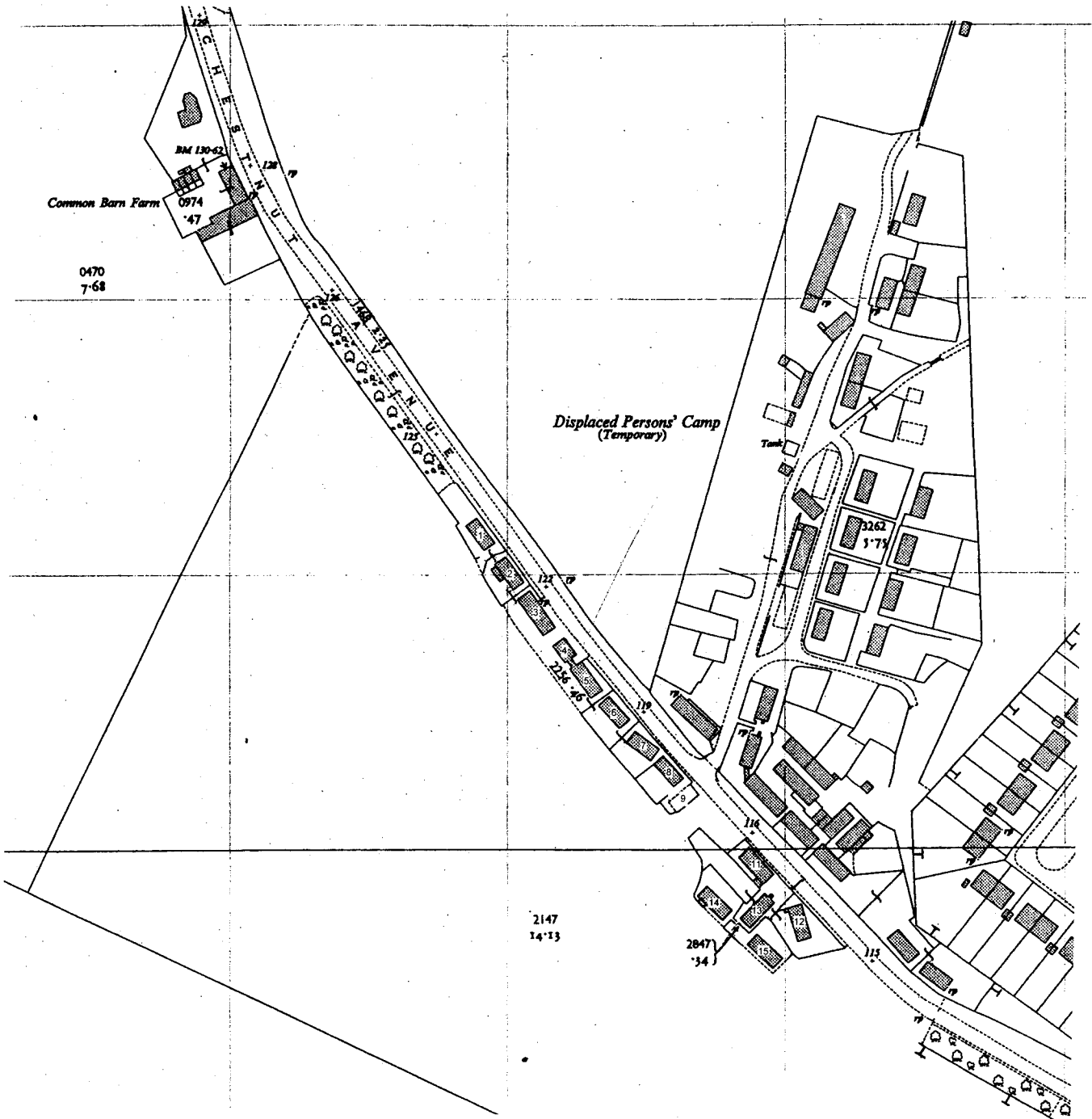
**Stoneham Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that Blocks " A " and " B " comprising 26 huts, had now been occupied by Polish Families.

It was reported that approval of the Ministry of Health had been received in respect of waterproofing of the Nissen Huts at this Camp by the Southern Surfaces, Ltd., at a cost of £1,778 6s. 4d. This work had commenced and Block " C " comprising 16 huts, had been completed.

Council Minute 267(4) – 8<sup>th</sup> September 1949

**Stoneham Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that the weather-proofing of the Nissen huts at this Camp by the Southern Surfaces, Limited, had been sanctioned by the Ministry of Health and was now completed.

**Map of the Camp in 1953** after Robin Square (lower right hand corner) had been completed.



Camp	No	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949 - May 1949
<b>BLOCK A</b>				
C17	1	C. F. Clarke	C. F. Clarke	C. F. Clarke
C17	2	Lawrence K. Granville	Lawrence K. G. Granville	Lawrence K. G. Granville
C17	3	Herbert Phillips	Herbert Phillips	Herbert Phillips
C17	4	R. J. Corn	R. J. Corn	R. J. Corn
C17	5	William George Anderson	William G. Anderson	William G. Anderson
C17	6	William C. Attwood	William C. Attwood	William C. Attwood
C17	7	P. D. Thorne	P. D. Thorne	P. D. Thorne
C17	8	William Shaw	William G. Shaw	William G. Shaw
C17	9	Mrs. Rosina Webb	Mrs. Rosina Webb	Mrs. Rosina Webb
C17	10	H. Davies	H. Davies	H. Davies
C17	11	G. T. Norman	G. T. Norman	G. T. Norman
C17	12	S. C. Evans	S. C. Evans	S. C. Evans
C17	13		T. J. Reddington	T. J. Reddington
C17	14	S. Wrankmore	S. Wrankmore	S. Wrankmore
C17	15	E. H. Smith	E. H. Smith	E. H. Smith
<b>BLOCK B</b>				
C17	16	William T. Byne	William T. Bryne, T. E. Sharp	William T. Bryne, T. E. Sharp
C17	17	Jonathan R. Groves	Jonathan R. Groves	Jonathan R. Groves
C17	18	H. D. R. Watson	Harold D. R. Watson	Harold D. R. Watson
C17	19	R. E. Chandler	R. E. Chandler	R. E. Chandler
C17	20	William W. Brown	William W. Brown	William W. Brown
C17	21	A. F. Constable	A. F. Constable	A. F. Constable
C17	22		A. S. G. Clarke	A. S. G. Clarke
C17	23	William G. Smith	William G. Smith	William G. Smith
C17	24	C. Butt	C. Butt	C. Butt
C17	25	Charles T. Lee	Charles T. Lee	Charles T. Lee
C17	26		Charles Lawrence	Charles Lawrence
C17	27	William Shattock	William Shattock	William Shattock
C17	28	A. Davies	A. Davies	A. Davies
<b>BLOCK C</b>				
C17	29	Matthew Carter	Matthew Carter	Matthew Carter
C17	30	S. G. Glaspool	S. G. Glasspool	S. G. Glasspool
C17	31	Arthur F Bailey	Arthur F. Bailey	Arthur F. Bailey
C17	32	Mrs. Mary E. Morgan	Mrs. Mary E. Morgan	Mrs. Mary E. Morgan
C17	33	T. E. Sharp	T. E. Sharp	T. E. Sharp
C17	34	Ernest A. Sayer	Ernest A. Sayer	Ernest A. Sayer
C17	35	E. W. Scammell	E. W. Scammell	E. W. Scammell
C17	36	Jas. H. Gorman	Jas. H. Gorman	Jas. H. Gorman
C17	37	Arthur J. Hocking	Arthur J. Hocking	Arthur J. Hocking
C17	38	William J. Wakins	William J. Watkins	William J. Watkins
C17	39	Alfred English	Alfred G. English	Alfred G. English
C17	40	John A. W. Jones	John A. W. Jones	John A. W. Jones
C17	41	Stanley G. Botto	Stanley G. Botto	Stanley G. Botto
C17	42	R. A. West	R. A. West	R. A. West
C17	43	A. J. Prewett	A. J. Prewett	A. J. Prewett
C17	44	O. Night	O. Knight	O. Knight
C17	45	Mr. Doarks	Mr. Doarks	Mr. Doarks
C17	46	F. J. Rowell	F. J. Rowell,	F. J. Rowell,
C17	47		Percy H. Hill	Percy H. Hill
C17	48		Leonard Harvell	Leonard Harvell
C17	49		Lesie R. Mould	Lesie R. Mould
C17	50		James D. Parker	James D. Parker

Camp	No	June 1949-1950	1950-1951	1951-1952
<b>BLOCK A</b>				
C17	1	B. Wojcicki	B. Wojcicki	B. Wojcicki
C17	2	J. Orłowski	J. Orłowski	J. Orłowski
C17	3	W. Charmy	W. Charmy	S. Debowski
C17	4	Z. Juszożynaski	Z. Juszożynaski	Z. Juszożynaski
C17	5	W. Nowik	W. Nowik	W. Nowik
C17	6	A. Lgsniak	A. Lgsniak	A. Lgsniak
C17	7	I. Muzasko	I. Muzasko	I. Muzasko
C17	8	J. Kulka	J. Kulka	J. Kulka
C17	9	Mrs Rosina Webb	Mrs Rosina Webb	Mrs Rosina Webb
C17	10	H. Davies	H. Davies	H. Davies
C17	11	W. Miller	W. Miller	W. Miller
C17	12	T. Pawlik	T. Pawlik	T. Pawlik
C17	13	W. Niziolek	W. Niziolek	W. Niziolek
C17	14	M. Pytel	M. Pytel	M. Pytel
C17	15	W. Legendziewicz	W. Legendziewicz	W. Legendziewicz
<b>BLOCK B</b>				
C17	16	M. Krupa	M. Krupa	M. Krupa
C17	17	W. Szczurek	W. Szczurek	W. Szczurek
C17	18	M. Karneckr	M. Karneckr	M. Karneckr
C17	19	P. Kosniowski	P. Kosniowski	P. Kosniowski
C17	20	J. Kotara	J. Kotara	J. Kotara
C17	21	A. Omastra	A. Omastra	A. Omastra
C17	22	W. Rusiecki	W. Rusiecki	W. Rusiecki
C17	23	J. Lata	J. Lata	J. Lata
C17	24	J. Galec	J. Galec	J. Galec
C17	25	M. Kot	M. Kot	M. Kot
C17	26	J. Saricki	J. Saricki	J. Saricki
C17	27	L. Stosick	L. Stosick	L. Stosick
C17	28	F. Gornik	F. Gornik	F. Gornik
<b>BLOCK C</b>				
C17	29	Matthew Carter	J. Senyk	J. Senyk
C17	30	S. G. Glasspool	J. Strzesak	J. Strzesak
C17	31	Arthur F. Bailey	E. Stefanczuk	E. Stefanczuk
C17	32	Mrs. Mary E. Morgan	C. Strzepka	C. Strzepka
C17	33	T. E. Sharp	B. Jgirzejewski	B. Jgirzejewski
C17	34	Ernest A. Sayer	M. Turski	M. Turski
C17	35	E. W. Scammell	J. Kowalewicz	J. Kowalewicz
C17	36	Jas. H. Gorman	F. Kaltea	F. Kaltea
C17	37	Arthur J. Hocking	Arthur J. Hocking	Arthur J. Hocking
C17	38	William J. Watkins	M. Krywicznanin	M. Krywicznanin
C17	39	Alfred G. English	E. Dubiel	E. Dubiel
C17	40	John A. W. Jones	D. Pankiw	D. Pankiw
C17	41	Stanley G. Botto	E. Konczak	E. Konczak
C17	42	R. A. West	J. Gaca	J. Gaca
C17	43	A. J. Prewett	J. Bukalo, M. Hyria	J. Bukalo, M. Hyria
C17	44	O. Knight	W. Jakubowski	W. Jakubowski
C17	45	Mr. Doarks	H. Wioska	H. Wioska
C17	46	F. J. Rowell,	M. Horostynski	M. Horostynski
C17	47	Percy H. Hill	Percy H. Hill	Percy H. Hill
C17	48	Leonard Harvell	Leonard Harvell	Leonard Harvell
C17	49	Leslie R. Mould	Leslie R. Mould	Leslie R. Mould
C17	50	James D. Parker	James D. Parker	James D. Parker

Camp	No	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955
<b>BLOCK A</b>				
C17	1	B. Wojcicki	B. Wojcicki	B. Wojcicki
C17	2	J. Orłowski	J. Orłowski, W. Miller	W. Miller
C17	3	S. Debowski	S. Debowski	S. Debowski
C17	4	Z. Juszożynski	E. Juszczyński, J. Sadowski	J. Sadowski
C17	5	W. Nowik	W. Nowik	W. Nowik, A. Omasta
C17	6	A. Lgsniak	A. Lgsniak	A. Lgsniak
C17	7	I. Muzasko	I. Muzasko	I. Muzasko
C17	8	J. Kulka	J. Kulka	J. Kulka
C17	9	Mrs Rosina Webb	Mrs. Rosina Webb	-
C17	10	-	-	-
C17	11	W. Miller	W. Miller, J. Orłowski	J. Orłowski
C17	12	T. Pawlik	T. Pawlik	T. Pawlik
C17	13	W. Niziolek	W. Niziolek	W. Niziolek
C17	14	M. Pytel	M. Pytel	M. Pytel
C17	15	W. Legendziewicz	W. Legendziewicz	W. Legendziewicz
<b>BLOCK B</b>				
C17	16	M. Krupa	M. Krupa, P. Kosniowski	P. Kosniowski
C17	17	W. Szczurek	W. Szczurek	W. Szczurek
C17	18	M. Karneckr	M. Karneckr	J. Krywiczani
C17	19	P. Kosniowski	P. Kosniowski	J. Sweinton
C17	20	J. Kotara	J. Kotara	J. Kotara
C17	21	A. Omastra	A. Omastra	A. Omastra, J. Kupczak
C17	22	W. Rusiecki	W. Rusiecki	W. Rusiecki
C17	23	J. Lata	J. Lata	J. Lata
C17	24	J. Galec	J. Galeo	J. Galeo, W. Legendziewicz
C17	25	M. Kot	M. Kot	M. Kot
C17	26	J. Saricki, S Krywiczani	S. Krywiczani	S. Krywiczani
C17	27	L. Stosick	L. Stosick	L. Stosick
C17	28	F. Gornik	F. Gornik, P. Pilip	P. Pilip
<b>BLOCK C</b>				
C17	29	J. Senyk	J. Senyk	J. Senyk
C17	30	J. Strzesak	J. Strzesak	J. Strzesak
C17	31	E. Stefanczuk	E. Stefanczuk, W. Jasinski	W. Jasinski
C17	32	C. Strzepka	C. Strzepka	C. Strzepka
C17	33	B. Jgirzejewski	B. Jgirzejewski	B. Jgirzejewski
C17	34	M. Turski	M. Turski	M. Turski
C17	35	J. Kowalewicz	J. Kowalewicz, Z. Juszczyński	Z. Juszczyński
C17	36	F. Kaltea	F. Kaltea	F. Kaites
C17	37	-	-	-
C17	38	M. Krywiczani	M. Krywiczani	M. Krywiczani
C17	39	E. Dubiel	E. Dubiel	E. Dubiel
C17	40	D. Pankiw	D. Pankiw	D. Pankiw
C17	41	E. Konczak	E. Konczak	E. Konczak
C17	42	J. Gaca	J. Gaca, V. Zalenski	V. Zalenski
C17	43	M. Hyria	M. Hyria	M. Hyria
C17	44	W. Jakubowski	F. Hoffman	F. Hoffman
C17	45	H. Wioska	H. Wioska	H. Wioska
C17	46	M. Horostynski	M. Horostynski, W. Kubicki	W. Kubicki
C17	47	-	Polish }	Polish }
C17	48	-	R. C. }	R. C. }
C17	49	-	Church }	Church }
C17	50	-	Committee }	Committee }

#### 4. Camp C27 in Bournemouth Road .

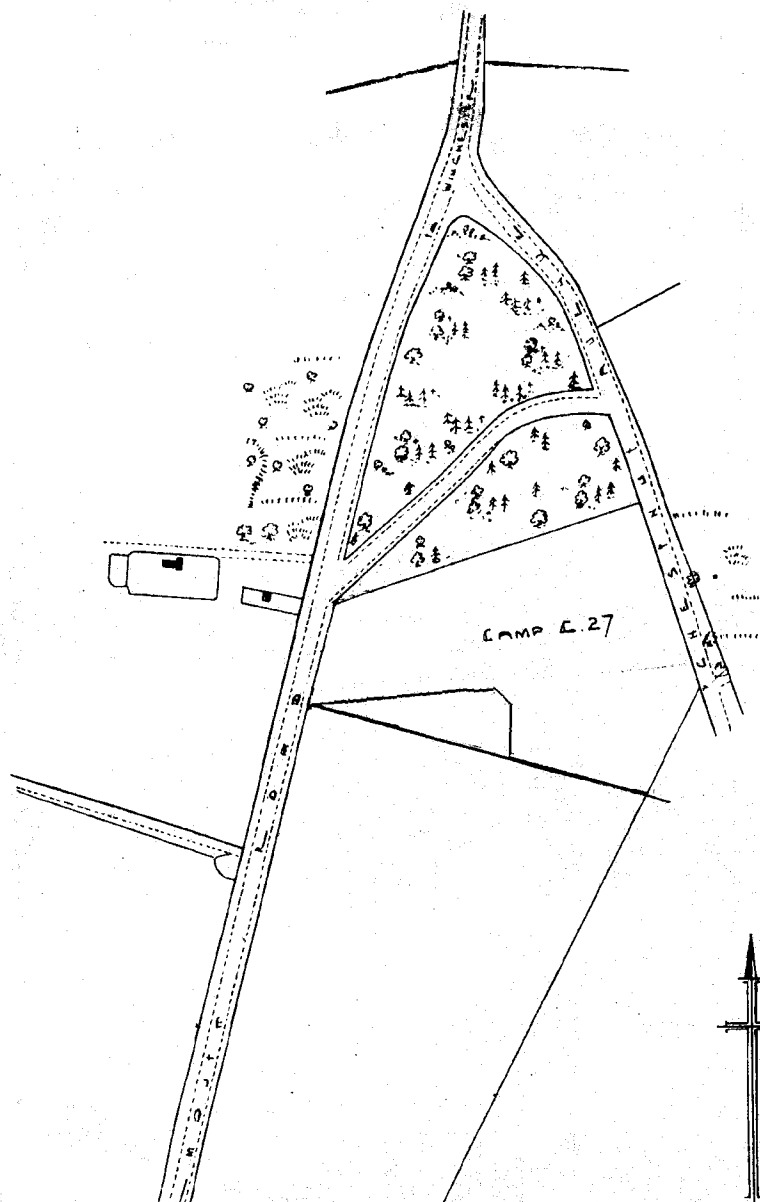
In February 1944 land was required as a site for a United States Tented Hospital Camp to be built near the then traffic island at the junction of Bournemouth Road and Chestnut Avenue. It was actually to be used by the United States Military Authorities for the lead up to D-Day.

The land, Field 109, was compulsorily purchased by the War Department, from G. H. Brown of Doncaster Farm and Swaythling Farm, Southampton on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1944.

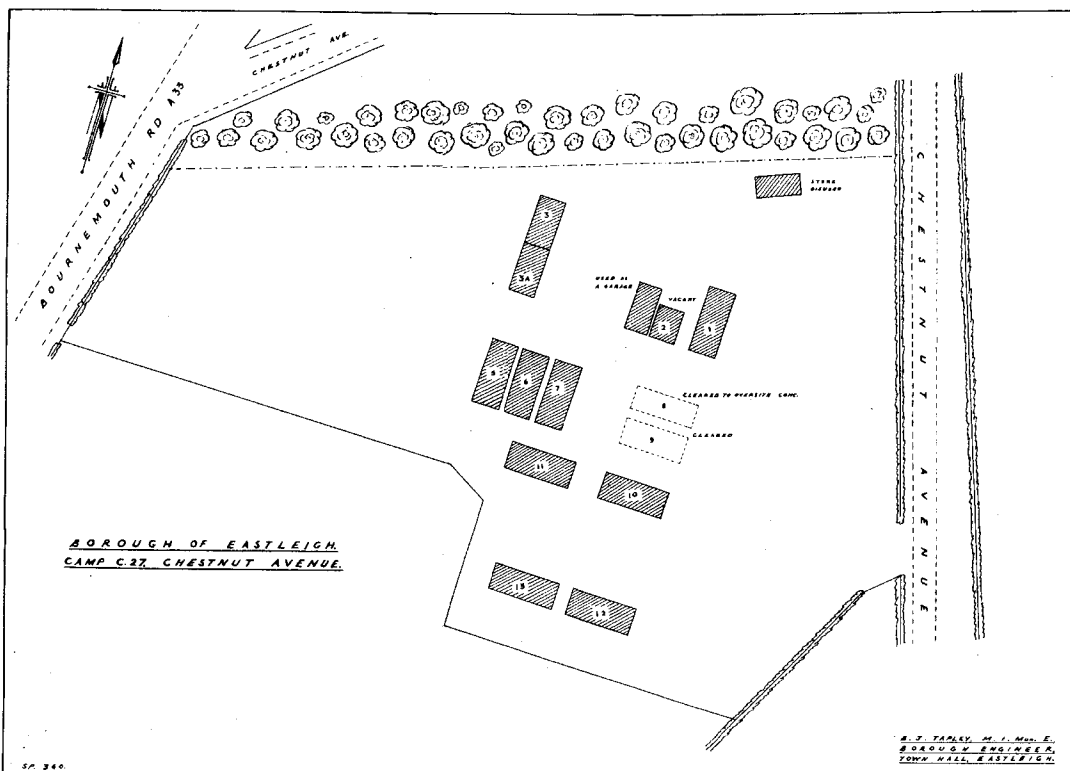
The Camp, known as Camp C27 was a quarter of a mile from Camp C17 (later the Prisoner of War Camp) and had about thirteen huts.

When abandoned by the Military it was used to hold homeless English families but in 1949 they were moved out and replaced by Polish refugees. I was told that the huts were painted white as opposed to the black of Camp C17.

#### BOROUGH OF EASTLEIGH CAMP C 27 CHESTNUT AVENUE



## Plan of Camp C 27



Council Minute 42(4) – 9<sup>th</sup> June 1949

**C.27 Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.**—We were informed that the evacuation of the British families from this camp had already commenced.

Council Minute 267(4) – 8<sup>th</sup> September 1949

**C.27 Camp, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.**—It was reported that the evacuation of the British Families from this Camp had now been completed and that the huts were now occupied by Polish Families.

Council Minute 490(4) – 10<sup>th</sup> November 1949

**C.27 Camp, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh.**

- (ii) It was reported that in order to bring the huts at this Camp up to a reasonable standard of habitation a tender had been obtained from the Southern Surfaces Co., Ltd., for the works of waterproofing the huts for £736 15s. 4d. This had been approved by the Ministry of Health. We have agreed that the tender be accepted and the work put in hand.

**Gardens.**

In March 1948 each hut had land allocated to it for 'Garden Purposes'.

BOROUGH OF EASTLEIGH.

C.27 SHOWING ALLOCATION  
OF LAND FOR GARDEN PURPOSES.





A family with a Polish name was living in the Camp and treated as English, but when the changeover from English to Polish occupancy was due to take place, the English wife was not pleased to find that she was treated as if she was Polish. The following letter expresses her concerns.

COPY.

Mrs. M. Zuczkowski,  
Hut 3A, C27 Camp,  
Chestnut Avenue,  
Eastleigh, Hants.

29th April, 1949.

Dear Sir,

I am English, and married to a Polish ex-service man. I have one child.

I am living in a camp with English families; I have been here for over a year.

Now Eastleigh Borough Council are moving the English families to another camp, leaving me here. Soon Polish families are going to move in.

Surely as I am English I am entitled to live with English people. Am I to be separated from English people because I married a Polish man.

A lot of Polish people do not care what they do or what kind of name they have. As I have a Polish name and live on the same camp, I shall no doubt be classed as one.

My child will be the one to suffer, she is just a year old and will soon start to talk, she will be taught English as I want her to be the same as other English children. Naturally she will want to play with other children as she gets older. Imagine what will happen when she picks up Polish at such an early age, as there will only be Polish children living here, the result will be she'll speak neither English or Polish.

My husband is going to apply for British nationality as soon as he's been in England long enough, for the child's sake. So please try to help me.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) L. Zuczkowski.

Her request was considered by the Borough Treasurer and turned down. The family was moved to a different hut in the same camp.

The Camp probably closed in 1956.

The following lists show who lived there up to 1954, after which we have not found records.

Camp	Hut	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-June 1949
C27	1	Mr W. Everett	Mr W. Everett	Mr W. Everett
C27	2	Mr Gurd, M. Zuckawski	Mr Zuckowski	Mr Zuckowski
C27	3		John H. Roberts, Donald J. Hibberd	John H. Roberts
C27	3A			Donald J. Hibberd
C27	4	J. Humble	J. Humble	J. Humble
C27	5	A. S. Chalk	A. S. Chalk	A. S. Chalk
C27	6	A. H. Major	A. H. Major	A. H. Major
C27	7	C. Boxall	C. Boxall	C. Boxall
C27	8	A. E. Holder	Mr. Gurd, S. Kolaj	Mr. Gurd, S. Kolaj
C27	9	Mrs. S. M. Vaughan	Mr. S. M. Vaughan	Mr. S. M. Vaughan
C27	10	Mrs G. Haynes	Mrs. G. Haynes	Mrs. G. Haynes
C27	11	R. G. Bailey	Ronald G. Bailey	Ronald G. Bailey
C27	12	A. E. Holder	A. E. Holder	A. E. Holder
C27	13	T. J. Reddington, S. A. Smirke,	S. A. Smirke	S. A. Smirke

Camp	Hut	Sept. 1949-1950	1950-1951	1951-1952
C27	1	J. Maziarz	J. Maziarz	J. Maziarz
C27	2	S. Debowski	S. Debowski	S. Debowski
C27	3	M. Jakubowski	M. Jakubowski	M. Jakubowski
C27	3A	M. Zickowski		
C27	4	J. Zaojski, W. Chmarny	J. Zaojski, W. Chmarny	W. Chmarny
C27	5	H. Lacnowicz	H. Lacnowicz	H. Lacnowicz
C27	6	J. Pavlik	J. Pavlik	J. Pavlik
C27	7	B. Kajko	B. Kajko	B. Kajko
C27	8	S. Kolaj	S. Kolaj	S. Kolaj
C27	9	M. Zuckowski	M. Zuckowski	M. Zuckowski
C27	10	S. Frankowski	S. Frankowski	S. Frankowski
C27	11	J. Frydrych	J. Frydrych	J. Frydrych
C27	12	J. Magdziarz	J. Magdziarz	J. Magdziarz
C27	13	P. Pimp	P. Pimp	P. Pimp

Camp	Hut	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955
C27	1	J. Maziarz	J. Maziarz, J. Gaca	J. Gaca
C27	2	-	-	-
C27	3	M. Jakubowski	M. Jakubowski	M. Jakubowski
C27	3A			
C27	4	W. Chmarny	W. Chmarzay	W. Chmarny
C27	5	H. Lacnowicz	H. Lachowicz	H. Lachowicz
C27	6	J. Pavlik	J. Pavlik, M. Karnecki	M. Karnecki
C27	7	B. Kajko	S. Kajko, L. Makowski	L. Makowski
C27	8	S. Kolaj	-	-
C27	9	M. Zuckowski, Jakubowski	J. Jakubowski	J. Jakubowski
C27	10	S. Frankowski	S. Frankowski	S. Frankowski
C27	11	J. Frydrych	J. Frydrych	J. Frydrych
C27	12	J. Magdziarz	J. Magdziarz	J. Magdziarz
C27	13	P. Pimp	P. Pimp	P. Kolodsies