

Notes taken while talking to older residents of Burton parish during the past 30 years re.

HEARSON CAMP

During the 1914-1918 war a training camp for soldiers was built at Hearson Farm, Burton.

In August 1914 a large number of Territorials arrived in Houghton to use the Institute as their base. Local houses and farm buildings were used for billeting the men and their officers.

The Mission Hall at Hill Mountain and the school were also used for activities.

The 4th Welsh were known to have used the camp.

There could have been as many as 2000 men trained at the camp.

Some children of soldiers stationed at Hearson camp attended Houghton school.

Mr George of Milton would go to Hearson camp with produce from his market garden.

The regimental mascot was a goat.

The soldiers would march to Johnston railway station en route to France

Portugese soldiers were sent to clear up the camp after the war.

Riding practice took place amongst the gorse on Newton Mountain!

This sketch map of HEARSON CAMP was drawn by the late Bert Lewis formerly of Hill Farm Burton.

It was drawn many years after the camp was cleared but uses information given to him by his father who was farming at Hill during the 1914 -1918 war.

Rough Sketch Map
of Hearson Camp

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Hager Hill Mountain Road

Hearson
Mountain

Gate

Under
ground
Trenches

Boundary

Exercise Area
P.T. &c

HEARSON

Knights Sands

Sports Field

Maiden Box

Ploughed

Arms

Road

Recreation Hall

Officers Quarters

Road

Huts

Wall Room with

Hearson
Farm

Stables

Path
Huts constructed on cement

Pond