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| **County** | **Location 1** | **Location 2** | **Type** | **Details** | **Aircraft Loss Details** |
| Bedfordshire  | Husborne Crawley  | Rural Location | Additional info sign attached to “Public Footpath” sign | Crew of Hampden AD854 VN-? 08-09/09/41 (Ops Kassel)  | Hampden AD854 VN-? had departed Swinderby at 1950 for Ops Kassel On return, it ran out of fuel and crashed in flames near this site. Two members of the crew were killed, two others bailed out safely.  |
| Derbyshire | Kinder Scout  | Remote Location | Memorial Plaque | Hampden AE381 VN-? 21/02/42 (Training) | Hampden AE381 VN-? had departed Skellingthorpe for a routine night NAVEX. During the flight the crew became disorientated and the aircraft flew into high ground during a blizzardAll the crew were killed |
| Devon | West Buckland | Church of St. Mary  | Wooden Board  | Sgt A.E. Davey (Navigator) 15/06/43Lancaster ED810 VN-Z (Ops Oberhausen) | Lancaster ED810 VN-Z had departed Skellingthorpe for Ops Oberhausen. The aircraft was intercepted and shot down 6000M over Ekeren, 8km N of Antwerp, Belgium by a Night-Fighter captained by Uffz Rudolph Frank, II/NJG3 (detached to II/NJG1) The aircraft crashed at Ekeren at 0124. All the crew were killed  |
| East Yorkshire | Canal Head | in Picnic Site | Memorial Stone & Plaque  | Crew of Lancaster ED393 VN-K 26-27/11/43 (Ops Berlin) | Lancaster ED393 VN-K had departed Skellingthorpe at 1708 for Ops Berlin. On its return, it diverted to land at Pocklington due to fog over Lincolnshire.Less than a mile from the safety of Pocklington's runways it crashed into a farmhouse. Five of the seven-man crew were killed as were two local residents. An utterly tragic example of "So close and yet so far". |
| Hertfordshire  | Datchworth  | All Saints Church  | Plaque  | P/O R.F.B. Temperley (Pilot) 25/08/41Hampden AE320 VN-? (Ops Mannheim)  | Hampden AE320 VN-? had departed Swinderby for Ops MannheimThe aircraft was engaged by 8/II/Flak Rgt 42 and Flak Gruppe Mannheim, hit and shot down The aircraft crashed at Pellingen at 0045All four crew were killed |
| Hertfordshire  | Radlett |  | Plaque | F/O L.E. Manser VC 31 /05/42(Ops Cologne) | Manchester L7301 ZN-D (borrowed from 106 Sqn) had departed Skellingthorpe at 2301 for Ops CologneIn the target area, the aircraft was hit and severely damaged by Flak. The aircraft became uncontrollable and the Pilot remained at the controls having ordered his crew to bail out. All six made a successful exit, one became POW, the remaining five evadedThe aircraft crashed into a Dyke at Bree, Belgium. Based on the evidence given by his crew, F/O Manser was subsequently decorated with a Posthumous VC, the only one awarded to an Avro Manchester crewman during WWII.  |
| Lincolnshire  | Birchwood  | Birchwood Way | Memorial  | Generic Memorial to 50 Sqn |  |
| Lincolnshire  | Birchwood | Birchwood Way | Skellingthorpe Timeline | Generic Memorial to all who served at Skellingthorpe  |  |
| Lincolnshire  | Birchwood | Rear of Birchwood Way | Leslie Manser VC Display | Information display to F/O L.E. Manser VC 30/05/42 | Manchester L7301 ZN-D (borrowed from 106 Sqn) had departed Skellingthorpe at 2301 for Ops CologneIn the target area, the aircraft was hit and severely damaged by Flak. The aircraft became uncontrollable and the Pilot remained at the controls having ordered his crew to bail out. All six made a successful exit, one became POW, the remaining five evadedThe aircraft crashed into a Dyke at Bree, Belgium. Based on the evidence given by his crew, F/O Manser was subsequently decorated with a Posthumous VC, the only one awarded to an Avro Manchester crewman during WWII.  |
| Lincolnshire | Birchwood  | Birchwood Estate | Leslie Manser School | Named after F/O L.E. Manser VC 30/05/42 | Manchester L7301 ZN-D (borrowed from 106 Sqn) had departed Skellingthorpe at 2301 for Ops CologneIn the target area, the aircraft was hit and severely damaged by Flak. The aircraft became uncontrollable and the Pilot remained at the controls having ordered his crew to bail out. All six made a successful exit, one became POW, the remaining five evadedThe aircraft crashed into a Dyke at Bree, Belgium. Based on the evidence given by his crew, F/O Manser was subsequently decorated with a Posthumous VC, the only one awarded to an Avro Manchester crewman during WWII.  |
| Lincolnshire | Castle Bytham  | St. James’s Church | Plaque on (Prayer) Book case  | F/O A.V. Crawford (Pilot) 15/06/43Lancaster ED810 VN-Z (Ops Oberhausen) | Lancaster ED810 VN-Z had departed Skellingthorpe for Ops OberhausenThe aircraft was intercepted at 6000M above Ekeren by a Night-Fighter captained by Uffz Rudolph Frank (II/NJG3 – detached to II/NJG/1) and shot down for his 9th AbschusseThe aircraft crashed at Ekeren, 8km N of Antwerp, Belgium at 0124All seven crew were killed |
| Lincolnshire | RAF Coningsby  | SHQ | RoH  | To all who lost their lives on 50 Sqn Ops whilst serving at Coningsby  |  |
| Lincolnshire | Skellingthorpe | Village Centre | Lancaster featured on Village Sign | Generic Memorial to 50 Sqn |  |
| Lincolnshire | Skellingthorpe  | Village Centre  | Memorial Stone & Garden | Generic Memorial to 50 Sqn  |  |
| Lincolnshire | Skellingthorpe | Village Centre | Plaque at Memorial Garden | Sgt W.G. Owen (Navigator) 29-30/08/44 Lancaster PA994 VN-H (Ops Konigsberg) | Lancaster PA994 VN-H had departed Skellingthorpe at 1958 for Ops Konigsberg.The cause of the loss is unknownSix of the crew have no known grave and are therefore commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, SurreyOne crewman survived to become a POW  |
| Lincolnshire | Witham St. Hughes | Adjacent to Village Hall | Memorial Stone & Info Board | Generic Memorial to all who served |  |
| Northumbria | Cuddystone Hall  | Rural Location | Memorial plaque to all aircrew killed in the Cheviot Hills | Hampden L4063 VN-? 18/03/40 (Ops Patrol)  | Hampden L4063 VN-? had departed Waddington at 1915 for Ops Patrol The aircraft crashed into high ground at Cocklaw Foot in the Cheviot Hills Faulty DF equipment at Waddington may have been a contributory factor in this lossAll four crew were killed – two of which remain missing and are therefore commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial |
| Nottinghamshire | Tollerton | Tollerton Airport  | Plaque on Pillbox  | Generic Memorial to 50 Sqn  |  |

**KEY**

Entry in Blue – visited location myself and have own images

Entry in Purple – third party visited on my behalf as part of IBCC Bomber Command Memorial project & have donated images to me for the project (credited accordingly)

Entry in Black – location still to be visited (by anyone)

Entry in Red – cautionary and/or advisory remarks

Entry in Green – memorial planned for the future

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