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| **County** | **Location 1** | **Type & Location 2** | **Type** | **Details** | **Aircraft Loss Details** |
| Cornwall | Mullion | St. Mellany’s Church | SGW | Sgt D.J. Meikle (Bomb Aimer) 16/04/42  Manchester R5785 QR-M (Ops Le Havre 10-11/04/42) | Manchester R5785 QR-M had departed Woolfox Lodge at 2105 for Ops Le Havre  It was later engaged by Flak, hit and damaged.  The aircraft subsequently ditched 20 miles off the South Coast  The crew suffering from exposure in their dinghy were washed ashore in France five days later  Sgt Meikle drowned in an attempt to swim to shore |
| Essex | Eastwood | St. Laurence Church | Plaque | Sgt E.J. Coe (Navigator) 24/09/44  Lancaster NF914 QR-T (Ops Calais) | Lancaster NF914 QR-T had departed Skellingthorpe at 1722 for Ops Calais  It was later engaged by Flak, hit and shot down.  The aircraft crashed in the English Channel off Calais  Five of the crew were killed and two evaded |
| Essex | Southchurch (Southend) | Holy Trinity Church | Plaque | Sgt K. Merrifield (Wireless Operator) 19/07/44  Lancaster DV304 QR-V (Ops Revigny) | Lancaster DV304 QR-V had departed Skellingthorpe at 2304 for Ops Revigny  There are possibly three Nacht-Jager who claimed this loss;  This is the aircraft that was possibly intercepted at 2600M above Ermenonville by a Night Fighter captained by Ofw Herbert Altner (VIII/NJG5) and shot down for his 14th Abschusse at 0101  Or  This is the aircraft that was possibly intercepted at 2600M above Ermenonville by a Night- Fighter captained by Hptm Kurt Fladrich (IX/NJG5) and shot down for his 13th Abschusse at 0104  Or  This is the aircraft that was possibly intercepted at 3000M above the Senlis – Chateau Thierry area by a Night- Fighter captained by Ofw Wilhelm Glitz (Stab/NJG2) and shot down for his 8th Abschusse at 0113  The aircraft crashed at Basseveile, France. Four crew were killed, one became a POW and two Evaded |
| Greater London | West Wickham | St. John the Baptist Church | Stone Tablet | F/L H.C.S. Page (Pilot) 31/01/42  Manchester L7396 QR-? (Ops Brest) | Manchester L7396 QR-? had departed Woolfox Lodge for Ops Brest at 1850  It was later heard transmitting distress calls and its position was plotted to a location off the South Devon coast, but no further trace of the aircraft was found  All eight crew were killed  The body of the Pilot was subsequently washed ashore on the Scillies where he is buried  The remaining seven airmen have no known grave and are therefore commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey |
| Kent | Dartford | Watling St | Plaque | Hampden P4399 QR-? 30-31/04/41  (Ops Cologne) | Hampden P4399 QR-? had departed North Luffenham at 2306 for Ops Cologne.  On its return, it crashed at 0400 after the Pilot lost control of the aircraft in a violent electrical storm.  Three of the crew were killed along with three civilians on the ground, however the Pilot survived |
| Lincolnshire | Birchwood | Birchwood Way | Memorial | Generic Memorial to 61 Sqn |  |
| Lincolnshire | Birchwood | Rear of Birchwood Way | Skellingthorpe Timeline | Generic Memorial to all who served at Skellingthorpe |  |
| Lincolnshire | RAF Coningsby | SHQ | RoH | To all who lost their lives on 61 Sqn Ops whilst serving at Coningsby |  |
| Lincolnshire | Lincoln | Lincoln Cathedral | Plaque | Sgt H. Dracass (Bomb Aimer) 29/04/42  Manchester L7454 QR-? (Ops Gardening) | Manchester L7454 QR-? had departed Woolfox Lodge at 2020 for Ops Gardening  The aircraft was intercepted over the North Sea NW of Vlieland by a Night- Fighter captained by Nacht-Jagd “Experten” Oblt Reinhold Knacke (II/NJG1 detached to VI/NJG2) and shot down for his 16th Abschusse.  The aircraft crashed into the North Sea  All seven crew have no known grave and are therefore commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial, Surrey |
| Lincolnshire | Skellingthorpe | Village Centre | Lancaster featured on Village Sign | Generic Memorial to 61 Sqn |  |
| Lincolnshire | Skellingthorpe | Village Centre | Memorial Stone & Garden | Generic Memorial to 61 Sqn |  |
| Norfolk | Cawston | Village Centre | Plaque in Mem Garden | Hampden P4405 QR-? 10/02/41 (Ops Wilhelmshaven) | Hampden P4405 QR-? had departed Hemswell at 0220 for Ops Wilhelmshaven  On its return, it was heard calling for assistance on W/T before the aircraft crashed into Bluestone Plantation near Cawston at 0650  All four crew were killed |
| Norfolk | Salthouse | former Church of St. Mary | Information display | Crew of Lancaster LM720 QR-D 14-15/01/45 (Ops Leuna) | Lancaster LM720 QR-D had departed Skellingthorpe at 1630 for Ops Leuna.  On return the aircraft flew into a 200ft high CHEL (Chain Home Extra Low) Radar Mast on nearby Bord Hill at 0121.  Six of the crew were killed, the seventh – who was badly injured subsequently died in Hospital.  Poor weather and garbled W/T messages are thought to have been contributory factors in this loss. |
| Nottinghamshire | Bleasby | Village Centre | Memorial | Crew of Lancaster R5703 QR-D 01/10/42 (Ops Wismar)  Crew of Lancaster JB132 QR-M 01/09/43 (Ops Berlin) | Lancaster R5703 QR-D had departed Syerston at 1745 for Ops Wismar.  As the aircraft climbed away, the on-board dinghy activated and fouled the tail-plane. The aircraft dived into the ground with the loss of all seven crew  Lancaster JB132 QR-M had departed Syerston at 2008 for Ops Berlin.  On return, the aircraft suffered a mid-air collision with 1654 HCU Lancaster RS698 at approx 0330.  The aircraft crashed in the local area.  All eight crew were killed |
| Nottinghamshire | Staunton in the Vale | St. Mary’s Churchyard | Memorial | Crew of Lancaster W4270 QR-T 18/02/43 (Training) | Lancaster W4270 QR-T had departed Syerston for a night training flight.  Whilst conducting Circuits at Bottesford, the aircraft suffered an engine failure which led to a fire.  The aircraft lost control and crashed at 2256.  All six crew were killed. |
| Surrey | Leatherhead | St. Mary & St. Nicholas Church | Stone Tablet | F/L D.S. Gillett (Pilot) 12/01/43  Lancaster W4942 QR-E (Ops Essen) | Lancaster W4942 QR-E had departed Syerston at 0335 for Ops Essen.  The aircraft crashed at Mettman, 14km ENE of Dusseldorf with the loss of all crew.  This loss is possibly due to Flak as all Nachtjagd claims are accounted for |
| Worcestershire | Broughton Hackett | St. Leonard’s Church | Plaque | F/Sgt J.L. Tarran (Wireless Operator) 02/06/42  Lancaster R5562 QR-B (Ops Essen) | Lancaster R5562 QR-B had departed Syerston at 0005 for Ops Essen  The aircraft was intercepted above Bienen near Emmerich in “Raum 4C” (Box 4C) by a Night-Fighter captained by Oblt Manfred Meurer (IX/NJG1) and shot down for his 3rd Abschusse (He mis-identified the aircraft as a Halifax)  The aircraft crashed at Rees, 19km NW of Wesel, Germany at 0154  Six of the crew were killed, one became POW |

**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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