

USAAF AIRFIELDS Guide and Map



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Introduction

During the Second World War, the East of England became home to hundreds of US airmen. They began arriving in 1942, with many existing RAF (Royal Air Force) airfields made available to the USAAF (United States Army Air Force). By 1943 there were over 100,000 US airmen based in Britain. The largest concentration was in the East of England, where most of the 8th Air Force and some of the 9th were located on near a hundred bases. The 8th Air Force was the largest air striking force ever committed to battle, with the first units arriving in May 1942. The 9th Air Force was re-formed in England in October 1943 - it was the operator of the most formidable troop-carrying force ever assembled.



Their arrival had an immediate impact on the East Anglian scene. This was the 'friendly invasion' - a time of jitterbugging dances and big band sounds, while the British got their first taste of peanut butter, chewing gum and Coke. Famous US bandleader Glenn Miller was based in the Bedford area (Bedfordshire), along with his orchestra during the Second World War. Close associations with residents of the region produced long lasting friendships, sometimes even marriage. At **The Eagle** pub in Cambridge (Cambridgeshire), and **The Swan Hotel** at Lavenham (Suffolk), airmen left their signatures on the ceiling/walls.

The aircraft of the USAAF were the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-24 Liberator - used by the Bombardment Groups (BG); and the P-51 Mustang, P-38 Lightning and P-47 Thunderbolt - used by the Fighter Groups (FG). **Bassingbourn** (Cambridgeshire) was the wartime home of the famous 'Memphis Belle' - the first B-17 to complete her tour of duty during World War II. At the **Imperial War Museum** at Duxford (Cambridgeshire), look out for 'Sally B' the only airworthy Flying Fortress in the UK. It forms part of the superb 'American Air Museum', which stands as a memorial to the 30,000 Americans who died flying from the UK in the Second World War. This building houses a unique collection of US aircraft (past and present),



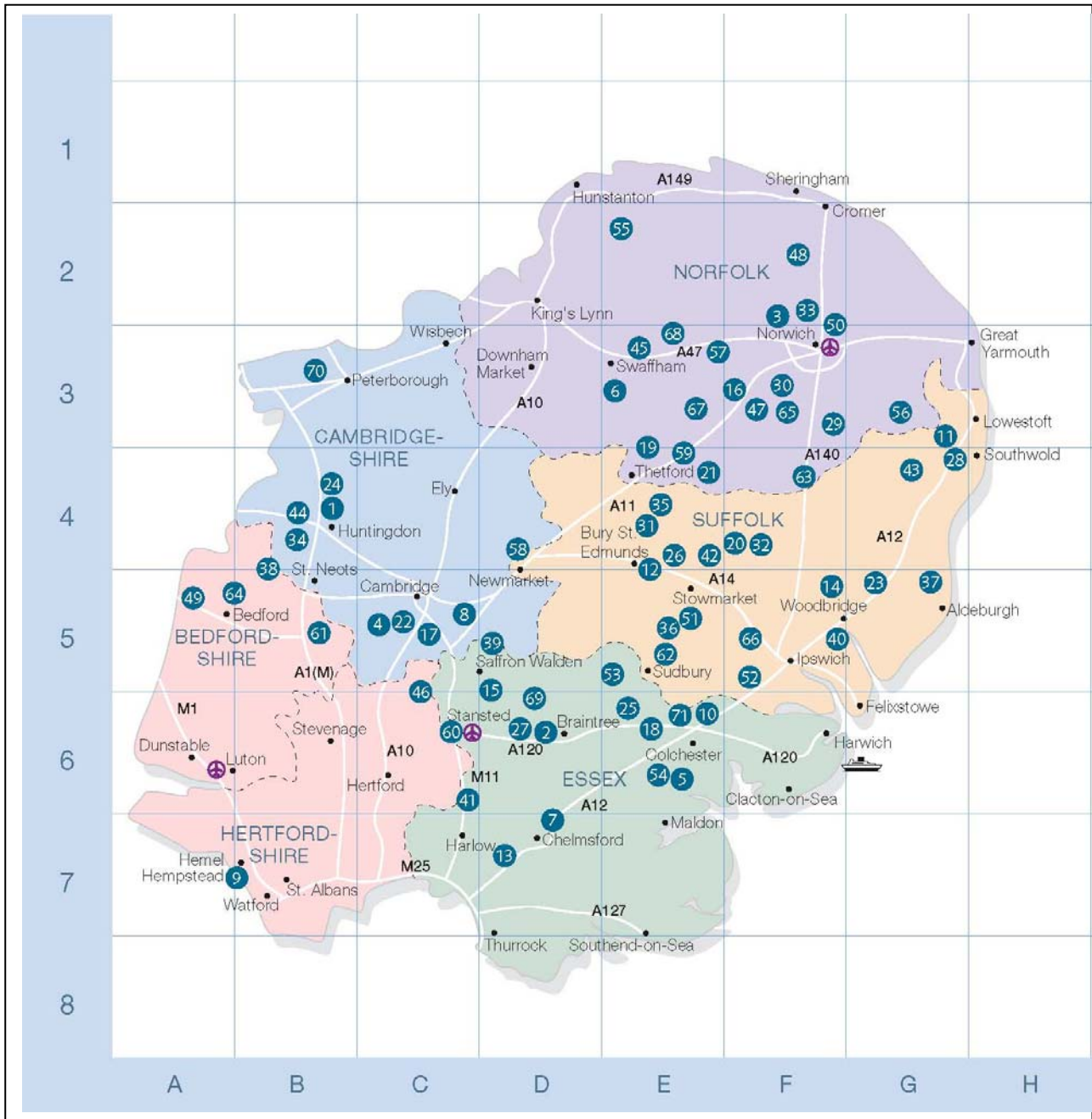
With the end of the Second World War, the RAF and USAAF were once again reduced to a peace-time level, and many of the wartime sites were closed down, leaving the more permanent pre-war airfields to be developed for the post-war air force. Today visitors can discover many of the old airfields - which have found new uses or have been returned to agricultural land. Many have been identified by special signs set alongside the road, some have memorials to past squadrons,

others have original control towers which have been lovingly restored with displays and exhibitions. At **Cambridge** (Cambridgeshire) you can visit the only Second World War American military cemetery and memorial in Britain. Whilst at **Norwich** (Norfolk), there is the **Second Air Division Memorial Library** of the 8th Air Force - housed in The Forum.



For further information on the region's **Aviation Heritage**, please visit our web site at www.visiteastofengland.com

Airfields Map



Key *(to gazetteer entries on the following pages)*

AF	Air Force
AsubG	Anti Submarine Group
ATG	Air Transport Group
BG	Bomb Group
BS	Bomb Squadron
FG	Fighter Group
FTG	Fighter Training Group
NFS	Night Fighter Squadron
PG	Photographic Unit
RG	Reconnaissance Group
TAD	Tactical Air Depot
TCG	Troup Carrier Group
TRS	Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron



Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire






Gazetteer of Airfields



Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk

1. **Alconbury, Cambridgeshire B4**
8AF - 92BG, 93BG, 95BG (lodger), 801BG, 482BG (main unit).
4 miles north of Huntingdon, 19 miles south of Peterborough.
NOW: Brownfield site for housing/distribution centre. Memorial to the Pathfinders and 482BG - located at entrance to airfield.
2. **Andrews Field (Great Saling), Essex D6**
8AF and 9AF - 96BG, 322BG.
3 miles west of Braintree.
NOW: Local flying club and agricultural land. This is the first USAAF base to be built in England.
3. **Attlebridge, Norfolk F2/3**
8AF - 466BG.
1 mile south west of Weston Longville, 8 miles north west of Norwich.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land, with Bernard Matthews turkey farm on main runway. Several buildings (including control tower) remain. Memorial at Frans Green (on southern edge of airfield).
4. **Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire C5**
8AF - 91BG, 94BG (only a detachment for a few weeks).
3 to 4 miles north/north west of Royston.
NOW: British Army site, with original buildings remaining. Museum in control tower www.towermuseumbassingbourn.co.uk Propeller memorial. The wartime home of the famous 'Memphis Belle' - the first B-17 to complete her tour of duty during World War II.
5. **Birch, Essex E6**
9AF - 410BG (very briefly).
5 miles south west of Colchester.
NOW: Agricultural land.
6. **Bodney, Norfolk E3**
8AF - 352FG.
6 miles south of Swaffham, 4 to 5 miles west of Watton.
NOW: British Army training area and agricultural land. Control tower and a few wartime buildings remain. Memorial stone at entrance of army camp (on B1108) - dedicated in 1983.
7. **Boreham, Essex D6/7**
9AF - 394BG.
4 miles north east of Chelmsford.
NOW: Essex Police Air Support Unit and Essex Air Ambulance. Memorial column erected by Anglo American Goodwill Association in 1948 - at old airfield entrance. Memorial stone on airfield site.
8. **Bottisham, Cambridgeshire C5**
8AF - 361FG.
6 miles east of Cambridge.
NOW: A14 motorway has been built across the eastern side of the airfield. Agricultural land. A few old buildings remain.
9. **Bovingdon, Hertfordshire A/B7**
8AF - 11 Combat crew-replacement centre (main unit), 92BG.
2 miles south west of Hemel Hempstead.
NOW: H.M. Prison and agricultural land.
10. **Boxted, Essex E6**
8AF and 9AF - 5th Emergency Rescue Squadron, 56FG, 354FG, 386BG.
4 miles north of Colchester.
NOW: Agricultural land. Some original buildings remain. Memorial to 56FG (dedicated 1992) stands on part of the main runway on the south side of Park Lane, Langham. Known as 'The Wolf Pack', the 56FG destroyed more enemy aircraft than any other US Fighter Group.



11. **Bungay (Flixton), Suffolk G3**
8AF - 446BG (main unit), 93BG (one squadron only in 1942-43).
2 miles south west of town.
NOW: Very little remains. Nearby is the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum www.aviationmuseum.net - with 446BG Museum and memorial (dedicated 1993). 
12. **Bury St. Edmunds (Rougham), Suffolk E4/5**
8AF - 94BG (main unit), 322BG.
3 miles east of town.
NOW: Industrial estate. Hangar and control tower (with museum www.rougham.org) remain.
13. **Chipping Ongar (Willingale), Essex D7**
8AF and 9AF - 387BG.
2 miles north east of town.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land, with some buildings remaining.  
14. **Debach, Suffolk F5**
8AF - 493BG.
3 miles north west of Woodbridge.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land. 493BG Museum in control tower www.493bgdebach.co.uk.
Memorial on the site of the airfield headquarters (under the old oak tree).
15. **Debden, Essex D5/6**
8AF - 4FG.
1 mile north of village, 2 miles south east of Saffron Walden.
NOW: British Army site (Carver Barracks). Agricultural land and memorial stone (dedicated 1981) near main gate. Debden became known as 'The Eagles Nest' - because the base was home to the 4FG, formed from the RAF's three Eagle squadrons, which were manned by American volunteer pilots before the USA officially entered the War. The 4FG was the oldest in the 8th Air Force.
16. **Deopham Green, Norfolk F3**
8AF - 452BG.
2 miles north of Attleborough.
NOW: Industrial estate and agricultural land. Extensive remains of all three runways - although reduced in size. Memorial set beside a surviving piece of taxi-way.
17. **Duxford, Cambridgeshire C5**
8AF - 78FG, 350FG.
8 miles south of Cambridge.
NOW: Imperial War Museum www.iwm.org.uk/duxford Many original buildings remain. Memorial stone located at main entrance to airfield. American Air Museum.
18. **Earls Colne, Essex E6**
8AF and 9AF - 94BG, 323BG.
4 miles south east of Halstead.
NOW: Business park. Obelisk memorial (to both 94BG and 323BG) on airfield site.
19. **East Wretham, Norfolk E3/4**
8AF - 359FG.
6 miles north east of Thetford.
NOW: Agricultural land and British Army training area.
20. **Eye, Suffolk F4**
8AF - 490BG.
1 mile north west of town.
NOW: Extensive industrial and agricultural land.  
21. **Fersfield, Norfolk E4**
8AF - 388BG.
16 miles south west of Norwich.
NOW: Agricultural land.



Duxford, Cambridgeshire

22. **Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire C5**
8AF - 339FG.
1 mile south west of village.
NOW: Self-hire aviation company. Memorial stone on airfield site at Manor Farm.

23. **Framlingham (Parham), Suffolk G5**
8AF - 95BG, 390BG.
3 miles south east of town.
NOW: Agricultural land. Parham Airfield Museum
www.parhamairfieldmuseum.co.uk in original control tower. Some buildings remain.



Framlingham (Parham), Suffolk

24. **Glatton, Cambridgeshire B4**
8AF - 457BG.
10 miles north of Huntingdon.
NOW: Flying club, Peterborough Business Airfield and agricultural land.

25. **Gosfield, Essex, E6**
9AF - 365FG, 397FG (briefly), 410BG.
2 miles north west of village.
NOW: Agricultural land.



26. **Great Ashfield, Suffolk E4**
8AF - 385BG.
1 to 2 miles south of village, 10 miles east of Bury St. Edmunds
NOW: Agricultural land, with a few buildings remain.



27. **Great Dunmow (Little Easton), Essex D6**
8AF and 9AF - 386BG.
2 miles west/north west of town.
NOW: Agricultural land with scattered buildings. Memorial column (erected 1948) on southern edge of airfield beside A120.

28. **Halesworth (Holton), Suffolk G4**
8AF - 489BG, 56FG, 5ERS (Air Sea Rescue), 496FTG.
2 miles north east of town, 7 miles west of Southwold.
NOW: Turkey farm buildings (Bernard Matthews) on runway. Agricultural land. Airfield Museum
www.halesworthairfieldmuseum.org.uk. Memorials on site to 489BG, 56FG and 5ERS.

29. **Hardwick, Norfolk F3**
8AF - 93BG, 310BG.
3 miles south of Hempnall, 12 miles south of Norwich.
NOW: Agricultural land. 93rd Bomb Group Museum www.93rd-bg-museum.org.uk Stone memorial plaque (dedicated 1987) stands on one of the old barrack sites - just off the lane from Hempnall, which runs to the east of the airfield. The 93BG (known as the "Travelling Circus") were the most travelled group in the 8th Air Force, and also flew the greatest number of missions (nearly 400).

30. **Hethel, Norfolk F3**
8AF - 320BG, 389BG
3 miles east of Wymondham, 7 miles south west of Norwich.
NOW: Home of Lotus Cars manufacturing (including test track). 389th Bomb Group Memorial Chapel
www.wymondham-norfolk.co.uk/history/usaafhethel.htm

31. **Honington, Suffolk E4**
8AF - 1SAD, 364FG
2 miles north west of village, 7 miles north/north east of Bury St. Edmunds.
NOW: RAF Regiment Depot. Old hangars remain. Memorial to 364FG and 1SAD - just inside entrance to airfield.



Great Ashfield, Suffolk

32. **Horham, Suffolk F4**
 8AF - 95BG, 323BG, 47BG.
 4 miles east/south east of Eye.
NOW: Agricultural land. Few original buildings remain - with 'artwork' within some (Red Feather Club Museum). Also 95th Bomb Group Hospital Museum.
www.95thbg-horham.com



Horham, Suffolk

33. **Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk F2/3**
 8AF - 56FG, 319BG, 458BG.
 2 miles south of village, 4 miles north of Norwich.
NOW: Norwich International Airport - with memorial display/plaque to 458BG in terminal building. Many original buildings remain. Close by is the City of Norwich Aviation Museum www.cnam.co.uk, which has a display on the 458BG - a small memorial is situated near the entrance of the complex.

34. **Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire B4**
 8AF - 17BG, 91BG (very briefly), 379BG (main unit).
 1 to 2 miles north of town, 8 miles west/south west of Huntingdon.
NOW: Agricultural land, karting track and industrial estate. The lines of the old main runway are still visible from the Kimbolton to Stow Longa road. Memorial stone to 379BG on airfield site. The 379BG were the only unit to be given the 8th Air Force Slam Award - which included best bombing results, lowest losses of aircraft and lowest 'abort' rate.

35. **Knettishall, Suffolk E4**
 8AF - 388BG.
 6 miles south east of Thetford.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land. Impressive black granite memorial at old entrance to airfield. It stands at the Coney Weston crossroads.



36. **Lavenham, Suffolk E5**
 8AF - 487BG.
 3 miles north west of town, 10 miles south east of Bury St. Edmunds.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land. Control tower still intact. It's first Commanding Officer was Colonel Beirne Lay who had been a Hollywood script-writer ("Twelve O'Clock High").

37. **Leiston, Suffolk G5**
 8AF - 357FG, 358FG.
 2 miles north west of town, 4 miles north of Aldeburgh.
NOW: Mainly agricultural land - with a few original buildings remaining. Caravan park situated on old site. Memorial to 357FG (erected 1997) on a section of the airfield perimeter track.

38. **Little Staughton, Cambridgeshire B4**
 8AF - 2SAD.
 2 miles south east of village, 9 miles north east of Bedford.
NOW: Agricultural land, private airfield and industrial use. Original control tower remains.

39. **Little Walden, Essex D5**
 8AF and 9AF - 56FG, 361FG, 493BG (temporary).
 2 miles south of Hadstock, 3 miles north of Saffron Walden.
NOW: Agricultural land. A few buildings remain, including control tower with memorial plaque (dedicated 1997).

40. **Martlesham Heath, Suffolk F5**
 8AF - 356FG.
 Immediately south/south west of village, 6 miles north east of Ipswich.
NOW: Housing and industrial estate - with much of the original airfield now bisected by the A12. Many original buildings remain. Memorial on old RAF parade ground in Barrack Square. Martlesham Heath Control Tower Museum www.mhas.org.uk



41. **Matching Green, Essex C6**
 9AF - 391BG.
 1 to 2 miles north east of village, 4 miles south east of Sawbridgeworth.
NOW: Agricultural land - with some old buildings remaining. Memorial on airfield site.
42. **Mendlesham, Suffolk E4**
 8AF - 34BG.
 2 to 3 miles south east of village, 6 miles north east of Stowmarket.
NOW: Television transmitter, industrial estate and agricultural land. Memorial stone on airfield site (adjacent to A140 road).
43. **Metfield, Suffolk G4**
 8AF - 353BG, 491BG.
 1 to 2 miles south east of village, 6 to 7 miles north west of Halesworth.
NOW: Agricultural land - with a few buildings remaining. Memorial to 491BG at south-west corner of airfield (adjacent to B1123).
44. **Molesworth, Cambridgeshire B4**
 8AF - 41 Combat Bombardment Wing, 303BG, 15BG.
 2 miles north of village, 12 miles east of Kettering.
NOW: Most of airfield has been demolished. Memorial to 303BG by main gate. The 303BG completed 364 combat missions - a record for any bomb group in the 8th Air Force.
45. **North Pickenham, Norfolk E3**
 8AF - 491BG, 492BG.
 1 mile west of village, 2 miles south east of Swaffham.
NOW: Agricultural land and turkey farm (Bernard Matthews). Memorial stone (dedicated 1987) to both 491BG and 492BG at entrance to old mess site. This is one of the last of the 66 airfields to be built in Britain for the 8th Air Force.
46. **Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire C5/6**
 8AF - 55FG, 398BG.
 Immediately east of village, 5 to 6 miles south east of Royston.
NOW: Light industry and agricultural land. Memorials to both 55FG and 398BG beside airfield site.
47. **Old Buckenham, Norfolk F3**
 8AF - 453BG.
 2 miles north east of village, 2 miles south east of Attleborough.
NOW: Light aviation and agricultural land. Memorial stone (dedicated 1990) on airfield - in front of present day clubhouse. It is of black granite in the shape of a B-24 Liberator fin. Hollywood actors James Stewart and Walter Matthau served here.
48. **Oulton, Norfolk (RAF) F2**
 803rd Radio Measures Counter Squadron (lodger unit).
 3 miles west of Aylsham.
NOW: Agricultural land. Memorial to those who served at Oulton by side of old airfield. Exhibition at nearby Blickling Hall www.nationaltrust.org.uk
49. **Podington, Bedfordshire A5**
 8AF - 15BG, 92BG, 100BG (briefly), 301BG (briefly).
 2 miles south east of village, 6 miles south east of Wellingborough.
NOW: Primary use is now for the Santa Pod Raceway (drag racing). Many original buildings (including control tower) remain. Memorial stone to 92BG on airfield site.
50. **Rackheath, Norfolk F2/3**
 8AF - 467BG.
 1 mile south of village, 5 miles north east of Norwich.
NOW: Agricultural land and industrial estate (on technical site). Control tower remains.



Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire

51. **Rattlesden, Suffolk E5**
 8AF - 447BG (part 322BG).
 9 miles south east of Bury St. Edmunds.
NOW: Agricultural land and flying/gliding club. Hanger and control tower still stand. Memorial stone (dedicated 1984) - located along the old east-west runway at Hightown Green. It features the 447BG's tail-marking 'K in a square'.



52. **Raydon, Suffolk F5**
 8AF and 9AF - 353FG (main unit), 357FG, 358FG.
 3 miles south east of Hadleigh, 8 miles south west of Ipswich.
NOW: Agricultural land. Memorial on airfield site.

53. **Ridgewell, Essex E5**
 8AF - 381BG.
 8 miles north west of Halstead, 6 miles south east of Haverhill.
NOW: Agricultural land and flying/gliding club. Some buildings still remain. Memorial (dedicated 1982) located on the old base hospital site. Ridgewell Airfield Commemorative Museum www.381st.com The 381BG were the only long term heavy bomber base of the 8th Air Force in the county of Essex.

54. **Rivenhall, Essex E6**
 9AF - 363FG, 397BG.
 2 miles north of Witham.
NOW: Agricultural land. Several original wartime buildings remain. Memorial on airfield, close to Silver End village.



Ridgewell, Essex

55. **Sculthorpe, Norfolk (RAF) E2**
 803BS (lodger unit).
 3 miles west of Fakenham.
NOW: Extensive remains of runways. The former accommodation and technical sites have been sold off for other uses - whilst the airfield is still used for military exercises.



56. **Seething, Norfolk G3**
 8AF - 448BG.
 1 to 2 miles south of village, 10 miles south east of Norwich.
NOW: Agricultural land and local flying club. Memorials on airfield (near clubhouse - dedicated 1994), and also in front of the control tower (dedicated 1990). Seething Airfield Control Tower Museum www.seething-airfield.com



57. **Shipdham, Norfolk E/F3**
 8AF - 44BG, 319BG (briefly).
 2 miles east of village, 5 to 6 miles south of Dereham.
NOW: Industry, agricultural land and flying club. Many original buildings remain. Marker to 44BG on side of control tower. Memorial located outside the Shipdham Aero Club building's main entrance. This was the first base in Norfolk to be occupied by bombers.

58. **Snailwell, Cambridgeshire D4**
 8AF and 9AF - 350FG.
 2 miles north of Newmarket.
NOW: Agricultural land. The A14 bypass bisects the site.



59. **Snetterton Heath, Norfolk E3/4**
 8AF - 386BG (briefly), 96BG.
 10 miles north east of Thetford.
NOW: Snetterton motor racing track. Memorial to 96BG (dedicated 2001) on airfield.

60. **Stansted, Essex C6**
 9AF - 344BG, 2TAD.
 2 to 3 miles south east of Stansted Mountfitchet, 4 miles north of Bishop's Stortford.
NOW: Stansted Airport (fourth busiest airport in UK). Plaques to 30th Depot Repair Squadron and 344BG in main terminal.



Stansted, Essex

61. **Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire B5**
 8AF - 355FG, 3PG, 4FG (briefly).
 3 to 4 miles west of Royston, 7 miles east of Biggleswade.
NOW: Agricultural land. A few buildings remain. Propeller memorial (P-51 Mustang) to 355FG - adjacent to Steeple Morden and Litlington road.

62. **Sudbury, Suffolk E5**
 8AF - 486BG.
 2 miles north of town.
NOW: Agricultural land and industrial estate. Memorial located at entrance to the old airfield.



63. **Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk F4**
 8AF - 100BG.
 1 mile north west of village, 5 miles east of Diss.
NOW: Agricultural land. 100th Bomb Group Memorial Museum www.100bgmus.org.uk and plaque, housed in original control tower. The 100BG sustained heavy losses - hence its nickname "The Bloody Hundredth". It left in December 1945, making it one of the last to leave the UK.

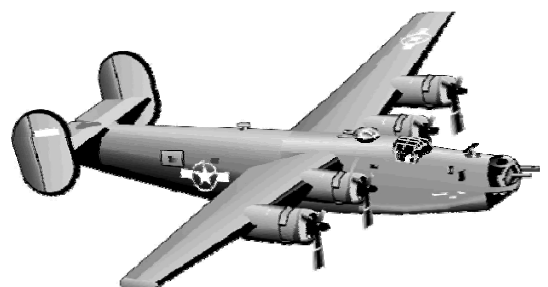
64. **Thurleigh, Bedfordshire A/B5**
 8AF - 306BG.
 2 miles north west of village, 6 miles north of Bedford.
NOW: Business park. 306th Bombardment Group Museum www.306bg.co.uk. Memorial - P-51 Mustang propeller, mounted on a stone monument. It is set on the road running alongside the old airfield. Thurleigh became the first base to be handed over to the Americans - and the tenure by the 306BG was the longest by any US combat unit in the UK during World War II.

65. **Tibenham, Norfolk F3**
 8AF - 445BG.
 13 miles south/south west of Norwich.
NOW: Agricultural land and gliding club. Memorial (dedicated 1997) - stands in a small plot near the clubhouse (site of old tower). The 445BG lost 30 aircraft in one day in September 1944 - the biggest single days loss for any 8th Air Force group. Hollywood actor James Stewart was stationed here for a time as the wartime Commander of the 703rd Bomb Squadron.

66. **Wattisham, Suffolk F5**
 8AF - 4SAD, 479FG, 68RG.
 2 miles north east of Bildeston, 9 miles north west of Ipswich.
NOW: British Army site. Wattisham Airfield Museum www.wattishamairfieldmuseum.fsnet.co.uk, housed in original station chapel (built by USAAF) - inside is a plaque to the 479FG.

67. **Watton, Norfolk E3**
 8AF - 801BG, 25BG
 2 miles east of town.
NOW: Still used by military for exercises. Memorial to 25BG - set right outside the former RAF officers' mess.

68. **Wendling, Norfolk E3**
 8AF - 392BG.
 2 miles north of village, 4 miles north west of Dereham.
NOW: Turkey farm (Bernard Matthews), industry and agricultural land. Obelisk monument (dedicated 1945) - in a small plot just off the airfield on the road to Beeston.



69. **Wethersfield, Essex D5/6**
9AF - 416BG.
2 miles north of village, 7 miles north/north west of Braintree.
NOW: Ministry of Defence Police Training Headquarters.



70. **Wittering, Cambridgeshire B3**
8AF - 20FG, 56FG.
Immediately north west of village, 2 to 3 miles south/south east of Stamford.
NOW: Active RAF airfield - home of Harrier squadrons.



71. **Wormingford, Essex E6**
8AF and 9AF - 55FG, 362FG.
1 mile south west of village, 8 miles south east of Sudbury.
NOW: Farmland, light industry and gliding club. Memorial steps and plinth with plaques.

Headquarters

Brampton Grange, nr. Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire
Headquarters of 1st Air Division, 8AF. Now a hotel.

Bushey Hall, nr. Watford, Hertfordshire
Headquarters of the VIII Fighter Command, 8AF. Now demolished.
Small fenced memorial tablet in Bushey Park commemorating site.



Elveden Hall, Suffolk

Elveden Hall, nr. Thetford, Suffolk
Headquarters of the 3rd Air Division, 8AF. Now private (*not open to the public*). Memorial at Elveden church (St. Andrew and St. Patrick) - kneeling airman in stained glass window. Also memorial stone in the grounds of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul at Griston.

Ketteringham Hall, nr. Norwich, Norfolk
Headquarters of the 2nd Air Division, 8AF. Now Lotus Cars head office (*not open to the public*).
There is a small memorial plaque (dedicated in 1987) in the hall's grounds.

Marks Hall, nr. Coggeshall, Essex
Headquarters of IX Bomber Command, 9AF. Now demolished.

Milton Ernest, nr. Bedford, Bedfordshire
Headquarters of 8th Air Force Service Command. Now a nursing home.

Memorials

Cambridge American Cemetery and Memorial
Coton, nr. Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB3 7PH
Tel: +44 (0)1223 210350. *Web:* www.abmc.gov
The only Second World War American military cemetery and memorial in Britain - established in December 1943. Visitor reception with information, graves area and Memorial. Operated and maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission.



Bodney, Norfolk

Features: Memorial has museum room featuring an impressive map. This recalls the aircraft which operated in the anti-submarine campaign, whilst the continuous air assaults by the US and Royal Air Force over Europe are also depicted.

Second Air Division Memorial Library
The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1AW
Tel: +44 (0)1603 774747. *Web:* www.2ndair.org.uk
An American library and war memorial to those who served in the Second Air Division of the 8th Air Force in World War II.

Features: Collection of nearly 4,000 books on American topics, with approximately a quarter related to the role of the 2nd Air Division in the US 8th Air Force during World War II. Roll of honour, models, aviation paintings and mural depicting 'Friendly Invasion'.

322nd BG Andrews Field (Great Saling), Essex

Memorial (brick pillar with metal plaque) set along lane from the A120 to Great Saling. In the village of Great Saling (set in front of the former sick quarters site) is a memorial commemorating the 819th Aviation Engineer Battalion who built the airfield.



466th BG Attlebridge, Norfolk

All Saints' Church at Weston Longville (Norfolk) contains a Roll of Honour. There is also an ornamental village sign dedicated in 1977.



91st BG Bassingbourn, Cambridgeshire

Granite obelisk (dedicated 1989) in the Memorial Gardens at Royston (Hertfordshire).



394th BG Boreham, Essex

48 Star (wartime flag) hanging in St. Andrew's Church.

361st FG Bottisham, Cambridgeshire

Plaque in Holy Trinity Church, alongside covered memorial in village (beside Thomas Christian Way). Plaque on Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) at Saffron Walden (Essex).

56th FG Boxted, Essex

Plaque on Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) at Saffron Walden (Essex).

466th BG Bungay (Flixton), Suffolk

Set of wooden gates at St. Mary's Church in Flixton (dedicated 1987) - also contains Roll of Honour and seat with plaque situated in the porch. Just uphill from the church is a memorial stone erected (2003) in a small garden of remembrance. It is in the shape of a B-24 Liberator tail. Also memorial featuring a B-24 Liberator propeller (dedicated 1993) at the nearby Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum. Bronze plaque (presented 1993) in Bungay Community Centre - a former forces rest room.

94th BG Bury St. Edmunds (Rougham), Suffolk

Memorial rose garden (with pillar dedicated 1977) in the Abbey Gardens - maintained using royalties from the book 'Suffolk Summer' by John Appleby. He was a serviceman stationed at Lavenham and Thorpe Abbots (both in Suffolk) during 1945. He spent his free time exploring the area by bicycle, recording his memories within the book. Within the garden there is also a wooden seat dedicated to the 94BG, alongside a metal seat made from the wing of a B-17 Flying Fortress.

493rd BG Debach, Suffolk

Plaque and US flag in St. Mary's Church at Clopton (Suffolk).

4th FG Debden, Essex

Plaque on Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) at Saffron Walden (Essex).

452nd BG Deopham Green, Norfolk

Memorial in the churchyard of St. Andrew's Church in Hingham (Norfolk).

359th FG East Wretham, Norfolk

Memorial plaque in the churchyard of St. Ethelbert's Church. Also memorial plaque in the town centre at Thetford (Norfolk) - opposite the Bell Hotel.

490th BG Eye, Suffolk

Memorial in nearby Brome village (Suffolk).

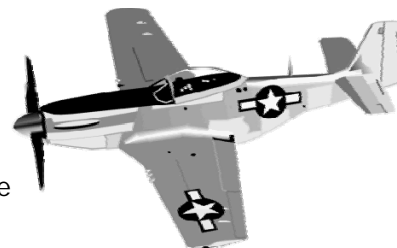
339th FG Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire

Plaque in village school - in appreciation of the donation of a 'Nature's Classroom'.



Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire

457th BG Glatton, Cambridgeshire
 There are memorials in the churchyard at All Saints' Church in Conington, and at the intersection of North Road and Conington Lane.



410th BG Gosfield, Essex
 Memorial (dedicated in 1991), situated in the centre of the village outside the Maurice Rowson Hall.

385th BG Great Ashfield, Suffolk
 Bronze plaque on a granite base (transported from in front of the airfield headquarters building) in the churchyard of All Saints' Church. Inside the building is a memorial side chapel and Book of Remembrance.

386th BG Great Dunmow (Little Easton), Essex
 Two stained glass memorial windows (dedicated 1990) in St. Mary's Church at Little Easton.

489th BG Halesworth (Holton), Suffolk
 Memorial plaque at St. Peter's Church.

93rd BG Hardwick, Norfolk
 Memorial plaque in St. Margaret's Church at Topcroft (Norfolk). Also memorial (dedicated 1994) at Henham Park (Suffolk) - to the crews of two B-24 Liberators of the 93BG which collided here in mid-air in March 1944.



Hardwick, Norfolk

389th BG Hethel, Norfolk
 Memorial plaque and stained glass window in All Saints' Church at Carleton Rode (Norfolk) - for seventeen members of the 389BG killed in a mid-air collision over the parish in November 1944. Memorial headstone and Roll of Honour inside All Saints' Church in Hethel.

364th FG 1st SAD Honington, Suffolk
 Seat in the Memorial rose garden in the Abbey Gardens at Bury St. Edmunds (Suffolk).

95th BG Horham, Suffolk
 USAAF souvenirs can be found in the nave of St. Mary's Church. The memorial is across the road from the church - in the shape of B-17 Flying Fortress fin. It stands on a pedestal marked with the runway layout. Also US flag in All Saints' Church at Stradbroke (Suffolk).

458th BG Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk
 Memorial plaque set into the wall of a block of flats in Heigham Street, Norwich (Norfolk). This is in memory of an aircraft crew who were all killed in a crash at nearby Barker Street in November 1944.

379th BG Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire
 Tablet (near North Chapel screen) and memorial book in St. Andrew's Church.



Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire

487th BG Lavenham, Suffolk
 Memorial plaques in the Market Place, within St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and at The Swan Hotel.

357th FG Leiston, Suffolk
 Plaque in village square.



356th FG Martlesham, Suffolk
 Stained glass window (dedicated 2000) in the north wall of the Church of Michael's and All Angels.

391st BG Matching, Essex
 Plaque on the east wall of St. Mary the Virgin at Matching Green.



491st BG Metfield, Norfolk

A commemorative plaque inside the Church of St. John the Baptist honours airmen who were killed.

303rd BG Molesworth, Cambridgeshire

Memorial in All Saints' Church at Brington (Cambridgeshire).

491st BG and 492nd BG North Pickenham, Norfolk

Commemorative quartz clock in the sanctuary at St. Andrew's Church, North Pickenham - presented 1990.

Also memorial bench dedicated to 491BG next to the village sign.

398th BG Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire

Memorial window in St. George's Church at Anstey (Hertfordshire). The Woodman Inn in Nuthampstead was a local haunt of World War II airmen - its interior filled with photographs and memorabilia.

453rd BG Old Buckenham, Norfolk

In May 1983, the 453BG dedicated an extension to the Village Hall as a memorial to the members of the group who lost their lives. The room contains various wartime artefacts and memorabilia, alongside a large bronze plaque listing those who are remembered.



Old Buckenham, Norfolk

92nd BG Podington, Bedfordshire

At St. Mary's Church - the 92BG generously paid for the restoration of the organ, which now bears a memorial inscription above a B-17 Flying Fortress propeller blade.

467th BG Rackheath, Norfolk

Memorial consisting of a plaque and bench (dedicated 1983) - situated near the village sign on the Salhouse Road, adjacent to Holy Trinity Church. Also plaque at St. Andrew's Church in Kirby Bedon (Norfolk) - this is in memory of four crew members killed in a crash near the building in August 1944. In July 1990, a new memorial was dedicated at the Rackheath Industrial Park on Wendover Road. Also memorial in the village of Barsham (Suffolk) in honour of the seven 467th crewmen who were killed in a crash there in April 1944.

448th BG Rattlesden, Suffolk

Plaque in the North Aisle Chapel of St. Nicholas Church.

353rd FG Raydon, Essex

Memorial on the church doors of St. Mary's Church.

381st BG Ridgewell, Essex

Plaque in the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury at Ashen (Essex).

397th BG Rivenhall, Essex

Memorial plaques on the Marconi office in Chelmsford (Essex).



Shipdham, Norfolk

65th FW Headquarters, Saffron Walden, Essex

Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) - on the playing fields off Castle Street.

448th BG Seething, Norfolk

Memorial stone (dedicated 1984) in the churchyard at the Church of St. Margaret and St. Remigius. The Stars and Stripes flag hangs in the church itself, whilst an oak sapling has been planted near the village hall to commemorate the Bomb Group's close association with the village.

44th BG Shipdham, Norfolk

Granite memorial (dedicated 1983) in the churchyard of All Saints' Church.

96th BG Snetterton Heath, Norfolk

Stained glass window, US flag and memorial chapel at St. Andrew's Church in Quidenham (Norfolk).



355th FG Steeple Morden, Cambridgeshire

Memorial window (dedicated 1994) in at St. Catherine's Church in Litlington (Cambridgeshire). Plaque on Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) at Saffron Walden (Essex).

486th BG Sudbury, Suffolk

Bronze tablet on the Town Hall. Also handsome memorial stone (1987) outside St. Gregory's Church.

100th BG Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk

All Saints' Church contains the US flag and Unit citation.

306th BG Thurleigh, Bedfordshire

A stone memorial stands on Keysoe Road in the village.

445th BG Tibenham, Norfolk

A small bronze plaque was fixed to the internal wall opposite the main entrance to All Saints' Church in 1990.

479th BG Wattisham, Suffolk

Plaque on Anglo-American War Memorial (dedicated 1955) at Saffron Walden (Essex).

Useful Links

East of England Tourism

2nd Air Division Memorial Library (Norwich)

Buddies of the Ninth Association

Eighth Air Force Historical Society

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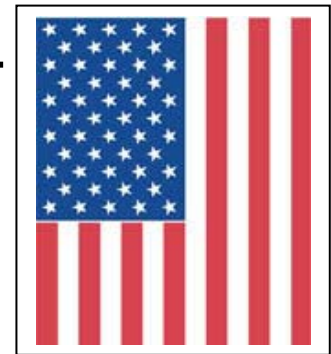
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