**Camp 261** **Ampthill, Bedford, Bedfordshire**

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| **Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003** |
| OS NGR | Sheet | No. | Name & Location | County | Cond’n | Type 1945 | Comments |
| TL 029 383 | 153 | 261 | W.D. Camp, Ampthill | Bedfordshire | 4 | German Working Camp |  |

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| **Location:** Ampthill Park is located to the north-west of Ampthill in Bedfordshire on the edge of the town. Possibly a few huts still shown on the OS map. The nearby Ampthill Camp Memorial Cross does not refer to the POW camp, it is a memorial from the First World War.**Before the camp:** Country Park.**Pow Camp:** Italian and then German POWs. Reference to German POWs in September 1947 (Bedfordshire archives).Wooden and Nissen type huts.<The camp in 1949. (County Records Office Bedfordshire).[There was also a hostel for Camp 72 Ducks Cross at Ampthill].**After the camp:** Parkland. Football pitches and sports are by the site of the camp. |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1960 |

**Further Information:**

National Archives FO 1120/239 – Re-educational survey visit reports for camps 260 to 263. Dated 1 January 1946 – 31 December 1948