**Camp** **130 - West Fen Militia Camp, Ely, Cambridgeshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. 130. West Fen Militia Camp, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

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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 533 809 | 154 | 130 | West Fen Militia Camp, Ely | Cambridgeshire | 4 |  | STANDARD type. |

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| **Location:** NW Ely  **Before the camp:** Farmland  **Pow Camp:** Italian collaborator Pows listed from 1944 until at least September 1945, then a German Working Camp.  The site had a standard layout with a main pow compound, with guards’ huts and offices at the front. Buildings included a water tower, offices, officer's mess, a canteen, guard rooms, barrack huts, ablution blocks, cell blocks, a camp reception station (medical facility/hospital), a cookhouse, dining rooms, recreation rooms and living huts or tents.    **November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion, (WO 32/10737) with a capacity of 600.  **1 August 1945** - an urgent memorandum was sent to this camp, and others, about maintaining records of Italians who were classed as ‘co-operators’. At this point many, sometimes all, of the Italian pows were in hostels / billets.  < Letter-sheet 1945 to Italy.  **July 1946 –** recorded as a satellite camp for Barton Field Camp 26.  **After the camp:** Residential area.  **Further Information:** |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |