**Camp 138** **- The Rectory Camp, Bassingham, Lincolnshire**

Included in the 1945 ICRC camp list – Labour Camp. The Rectory, Bassingham, Lincoln.

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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 |
| SK 912 598 | 121 | 138 | The Rectory Camp, Bassingham | Lincolnshire | 5 | German Working Camp | Hostel |

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| **Location:** The Rectory is shown to the W of the site marked.**Before the camp:** **Pow Camp:** Italian collaborator Pows listed from 1944 until at least September 1945, then a German Working Camp. **November 1944** - The camp was listed as an Italian Labour Battalion, (WO 32/10737).**1945** – possible – Commandant Major J E Burman, not confirmed.**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.**15 September 1945** - Hostels listed for pows from this camp, (WO 32/10737): Skellingthorpe / Thorney.The site may have become a hostel administered by a different camp.**After the camp:** A school and hall are shown on the site.**Further Information:** |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1960 |

**Hostels**

**North Kyme** A building rather than hutted.

**1945 –** with Camp 138.

**14 July 1946** – hostel taken over by Horbling Camp 80 with 68 German pows..

**Skellingthorpe.** Huts.

A ‘bakery unit’ that supplied bread for all the camps in the district.

**1945 –** with Camp 138.

**1948** - with Moorby Camp 79.

**Thorney**, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Reported to be at Thorney Manor – NGR SK 860 728.

**1945 –** with Camp 138.

**1946** – recorded with Nether Headon camp 52.

**Walcot**

**14 July 1946** – hostel taken over by Horbling Camp 80 and then Moorby camp 79.