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A6 1944

A6 today







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Ramstein Village

Today Roundabout

Landstuhler Strasse

Roundabout today

Kindsbacher Strasse

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4.63 km



Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.....

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Not exactly an on-line source, but you should check out the relevant back issue of 'After the Battle' magazine (sorry, can't remember the issue number) which deals with the Great Escape. There is a very good amount of information about Bushell in there, pre war, his capture in 1940 and his 1944 escape route. (He and his French AF escape buddy were picked up at Saarbrücken). Although ATB are usually 100% correct in everything, they got one bit wrong about the place where he was executed. Their photo of the A6 autobahn near Landstuhl shows the road as it is today - they didn't realise that the road had been 'moved' further south in 1950/51 when Ramstein US air base was constructed. The exact spot where he died is now within the air base boundary near the civil engineering facility. You can see on Google Earth where the old autobahn was, which today partly forms the main highway through the air base. There is no memorial to Bushell and I guess the authorities would not want one there, especially as the memorial to the Ramstein air display disaster is not far away. Hope this helps.

Dieter

this is not correct as it did not happen near CE - that would be more than 5 kilometers. Moreover CE is north of Kiesling whereas the execution took place on the stretch of the old autobahn that ran across today's Ramp 1 through 5. There was a bridge over the autobahn just south of where the present day 86 AW HQ is (see Messung2.Bruecke) additionally his claim on the location of the hwy is wrong see 3 routes

A Thousand Shall Fall

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