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by E. A. BRAYSON, Lt. Col., AG
by F. W. MOORE, **REPORTING OFFICER**
Date Mar 15 1946

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Force organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF 123; Command or Air Force 8th Group 488th; Squadron 755th; Detachment _____
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF 123; Course AS UNKNOWN
Intended Destination TUPON, GUINEA; Type of Mission COMM
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:
4-9/10 STRATOCIRCULARS WITH BASE AT 3-4000' AND TOPS AT 5-6000'
4. GIVE: (a) Date 9 Apr 44; Time UNKNOWN; and Location UNKNOWN
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
(b) Specify whether () Last sighted; () Last contacted by Radio;
() Forces Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) () Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-Aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows UNKNOWN
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model & Series B-24 H; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. 42-52832
7. ENGINES: Type, Model & Series R-1820 - 43; A.A.F. SERIAL NO. (a) 302999
(b) 303267; (c) 302990; (d) 301032
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type & Serial No)
1) TAIL Lt-9-1095; 2) WING Lt-9-1805; (b) UPPER-WT-95161; (c) BALL WT-9-148; (d) WAIST Lt-9-142
j) * Rt-9-1389; * Rt-9-1805; (f) * Rt-9-2052; (g) * Rt-9-142; (h) * Rt-9-146
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty Yes
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty Yes
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 10; Passengers 0; Total 10
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form).

	Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	SERIAL NUMBER
1.	Pilot	LOGIE, BIRCH KILSWORTH	2D LT	0-887009
2.	Co-Pilot	WARD, GEORGE DAVID	2d LT	0-811136
3.	Navigator	JACOBSON, WENLAND ANDRUS	F/O	F-123027
4.	Bombardier	KITA, WALTER JOHN	F/O	F-1541
5.	Radio Operator	MURPHY, THOMAS ROBERT	S/Sgt	3211165
6.	Top Turret	SCOTT, WALTER KILSWORTH	F/Sgt	3541477
7.	Ball Turret	SCHRAMM, JOHN HENRY	Sgt	3125118
8.	Right Waist	STILES, FRED BARNETT	Sgt	1533471
9.	Left Waist	CLARK, EDWARD WALTER	Sgt	1111616
10.	Tail Gunner	WILSON, SIDNEY (DNE)	S/Sgt	32618617

IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK A SEPARATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR CASE:

Check Only One Column

	Name in full (Last Name First)	Serial Number	B. Radio	Last Sighted	How Crashed	Survived
1.	<u>N</u>					
2.	<u>O</u>					
3.	<u>NE</u>					

12. IF PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, CHECK YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used _____; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash _____; or (c) any other reason (Specify) _____
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, OR PICTURE, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN. None
14. ATTACH BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OTHER FACTS RELATING TO OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT. None
15. ATTACH A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE HISTORY OF THIS CASE, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, GRADE, AND TITLE OF OFFICER BY WHOM MADE.

Date of Report 12 APR 1944

John A. Hendrick
Major, AG,
Technical Inspector.

CONFIDENTIAL

✓ Second Lieutenant Byron E. Logie ✓ KIA

Mrs. Ernest F. Logie, (Father)
Kampden, North Dakota.

✓ Second Lieutenant George B. Reed ✓ KIA

Mrs. Georgia Bythella Reed, (Mother)
306 Main Street,
Lewiston, Idaho.

✓ Flight Officer Bernard A. Jacobson POW

Mrs. Anna Jacobson, (Mother)
3006 Doris Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Flight Officer Walter J. Kita ✓ POW

FAVIG ST.
Closter, N.J.

Mrs. Pauline J. Kita, (Mother)
R. F. D. # 1, Box 86,
Olyphant, Pennsylvania.

✓ Staff Sergeant Thomas M. Murphy ✓ KIA

Mrs. Thomas M. Murphy, (Mother)
5707 Avenue L.,
Brooklyn, New York.

✓ Technical Sergeant Walter E. Scott POW
35451479

Mrs. Stella F. Scott, (Mother)
222 West 5th Street,
Covington, Kentucky.

✓ Sergeant John H. Schramm ✓ MIA

Mrs. Catherine B. Schramm, (Mother)
339 Safford Street,
Bennington, Vermont.

✓ Sergeant Fred E. Stiles ✓ MIA

Mrs. Wilfred M. V. Stiles, (Mother)
514 Jackson Street,
Port Clinton, Ohio.

✓ Sergeant Edward V. Cisek ✓ MIA

Mrs. Caroline Cisek, (Mother)
69 Hicks Street,
New Bedford, Massachusetts.

✓ Staff Sergeant Sidney Sheren ✓ KIA

Mrs. Rae Sheren, (Mother)
925 Dumont Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

C O P Y

December 12, 1945

SUBJECT: Information Concerning Crew Members of B-24 Aircraft, Missing in Action Over Korsor, Denmark, April 9, 1944.

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Force
Washington, 25, D. C.

1. Information concerning dedication of a memorial, to members of the Aircraft shot down at Korsor, Denmark cannot be supplied by me. As I have not had a notification of such ceremonies being conducted. Other than that contained in your letter of, November 30, 1945.

2. Information might be obtained from a Member of the Danish Underground Forces, who aided in our escape. The address given me, by him, is as follows:

S. A. Drenner,
Slagelse, Denmark.

3. Members of the Crew who are alive, to my knowledge, are: 1st. Lt. Byron E. Logie, Pilot, 1st. Lt. George Reed, Co-pilot, P/O ---- Jacobson, Navigator, P/O John Kita, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Walter E. Scott, Engineer. Addresses of these men are not available to me, at the present time. The Pilot, Co-pilot, and myself (Radio Operator) escaped from enemy territory. The other three men were interned in German prison camps, Location unknown.

4. I regret that more specific information cannot be supplied at the present. Any other information which may come to my knowledge, ~~me~~ will be forwarded.

/s/ Thomas R. Murphy
5707 Ave. L 3
Brooklyn, New York.

Office of Senior U.S. Naval Officer
DENMARK

20 SEP 1945

A7
Serial: 95

From: Senior U.S. Naval Officer, Denmark.
To : U.S. Military Attache, American Legation,
Copenhagen.

Subj: Memorial to American Fliers near Korsor.

Encl: (1) Clipping from Danish Press.

1. Enclosure (1) has been sent to this office by the British Naval officer at Korsor who was a participant in the dedication ceremonies of a memorial to American Army bomber personnel who were shot down near Korsor in 1944. The British Naval officer in question, although referred to in the article as a soldier, actually delivered the address.
2. The names of those killed are not available, but it is understood that there were three survivors who may be able to furnish this information.
3. It is suggested that you may desire to forward this information to the Adjutant General, U.S. Army, who may desire to retransmit it to the families of the victims.

David D. Watkins

David D. WATKINS,
By direction.

A-12

1st Ind.

Military Air Attache, Copenhagen, Denmark 8 October 1945

TO: Chief, Military Intelligence Division, War Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Basic communication with newspaper clipping attached was sent to this office from the Office of Senior U. S. Naval Officer in Denmark. Translations were made by this office and are forwarded to you for whatever action you may deem necessary.

FRANKLIN E. TOMLINSON
Major, AC
Military Air Attache

2 Incls.

- 1-Newspaper clipping
- 2-Translation of clipping

MID 311.19

2nd Ind.

MIS, SC
PB, KW

Military Intelligence Service, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.
26 October 1945

TO: Chief, Liaison Branch, AC/AS-2, Headquarters, AAF, War Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

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Incls:

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TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

-OBERURSEL-

NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LPOU
(296)

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 11 April 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 1405

BY:

FROM: LSFE

THROUGH: Haag

REMARKS:

-S- LPZA 43 9 April 2130
 Dulag Luft Oberursel. Distribution: Dulag Luft Oberursel.- General of Airforces I
 Denmark.- Air-Headquarters Seeland.
 4-engine American bomber (probably Liberator) shot down on 9 April 1944 at 1129.
 Plane totally destroyed. 2 unknown dead. Identification tag not found till now.
 3 prisoners: 1.) Flight Officer(?) WALTER J. MITA (?) Ser.NO. T 1541 T 43-43
 2.) Flight Officer(?) BERNHARD JAKOBSON, no identification tag.(According own
 statement Ser.NO. 12327) 3.) Sgt. WALTER SCOTT, no identification tag.
 Capture took place at Faardrup, about 10 km. east of Skorscoers at about 1300 hours.

TELEGRAM FORM

DISTANCE - MESSAGE

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NAME OF DISTANCE-MESSAGE WRITER: LPOU
(458)

ACCEPTED:

DELIVERED:

RECEIVED:

DATE:-

TIME:

TO:

DATE: 17 April 1944

THROUGH:

TIME: 0115

VOLL:

FROM: LSRL

THROUGH: Koehler

REMARKS:

A LFKA 56 12 April 1220
 To Dulag Luft Oberursel. Distribution: To General of Airforces in Danesari,
 to Headquarters of Airbase-district Seeland.

Subject: Supplementary report on downing at Vanslev(Seeland) on 9 April 1944
 1129 hours.

Reference: Our tel-type message on 9 April 1944.

The one of the dead, reported by above mentioned teletype message, could be
 identified as EDNEY SHERN, Ser.NO. 31818617 T 43-43.

Neither identification tag nor any identification papers of the other dead
 are found.

Airbase Headquarters A 106/II Local Headquarters Aunsee.

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCES

POST: Airbase Headquarters A 106/XI, Local Headquarters Aunoe
L 00117 LOPA Hamberg I.

PLACE:

DATE:

Distribution:

REGARDING: ##### DOWNED; 19, 4-engine American General of Airforce 1
bomber (probably in Denmark 1
at: Liberator) at Vanslev Dulag Luft 1
about 10 km. east of Skaelskoer Design 1
NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) (Seeland) on 9 April 1944 at 1129

FIRST NAME: SCOTT, Walter Rank: Sgt.

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) missing.

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Faardrup, about 10 km east of Korsøer at about 1300.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCE

POST: Airbase Headquarters A 106/XI, Local Headquarters Aunoe
L 00117 IGPA Esbjerg I.

PLACES: Distribution:
General of Airforce
in Denmark 1
Dulag Luft 1
design 1

DATE: 9 April 1944 2100 hours

REGARDING: ~~XXXXX~~ (DOWNED) OF: 4-Engine bomber
(probably Liberator)
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: at Venslev, about 10 Km east of
Skalskoer (Seeland)
on 9 April 1944 at 1129 hours.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) JACOBSON, Bernard Rank: Flight Officer(USA)

FIRST NAME:

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) No identification tag. According own statement;
NO: 12327

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured.

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Faardrup, about 10 km. east of Korsør at about
1300 hours.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW:

REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCE

POST: Airbase Headquarters A 106/XI, Local Headquarters Lunce
L 00117 IGPO Hamburg I.

PLACI:

DATE: 9 April 1944.

REGARDING: ~~XXXXX~~ (DOWNED) OF a 4-engine bomber (probably Liberator)
~~XXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AT: Venslev about 10 km. east of Skalskoer (Seeland)
on 9 April 1944 at 1329.

NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) KITA

FIRST NAME: Walter J. Rank: Flight Officer (USA)

SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) T 1541 T 43-43

RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) captured

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: Faardrup about 10 Km. east of Korsør at about
1300 hours.

NAME OF HOSPITAL:

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERNMENT:

Distribution:
General of Airforce in Denmark 1
Dalg Luft 1
design 1

REPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S OFFICE

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NUMBER: GEORGE D REED, 2d Lt, O-411138
THOMAS R MURPHY, 2/Sgt, 32111695

PAR #584
PAR #585

DATE: 26 April 1964
29 April 1964

UNIT: 755 Bomb Squadron, 430 Bomb Group

FILE

MEMBERS OF CREW

PARA NUMBER

PILOT	O-407003	2d Lt	Byron B LOOKE	NO
CO-PILOT	O-411138	2d Lt	George D REED	NO
NAVIGATOR	T-123027	P/O	Edward A JACOBSON	MIA
BOMBARDIER	T-001541	P/O	Walter J KITA	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	32111695	2/Sgt	Thomas R MURPHY	NO
TOP TURRET GUNNER	35451477	T/Sgt	Walter E SCOTT	MIA
MID TURRET GUNNER	31254148	Sgt	John H SCHRAMM	MIA
RIGHT GUNNER	15334471	Sgt	Fred E STILES	MIA
LEFT GUNNER	11115616	Sgt	Edward T GIBBY	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32818617	2/Sgt	Sidney SHOOK	MIA

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1A REED: Saw 3 chutes
Sgt MURPHY: Saw 6 chutes

DETAILED INFORMATION:

1A REED: Heard Navigator, Bombardier, Top Turret Gunner and Left waist Gunner were captured; Ball Turret Gunner, Tail Gunner, Right Waist Gunner were dead.
Sgt MURPHY: Heard Navigator, Bombardier, Top Turret Gunner were captured; Ball Turret Gunner, 2 waist Gunners, and Tail Gunner were dead.

U. S. B. CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

GEORGE E. REED, 2d Lt, O-811138

26 April 1944

(MOS) (Rank) (ASN)

(Brig)
RAE #564

755 Bomb Squadron, 456 Bomb Group

(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

9 April 1944; 1130 hours, at VENSLEY.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? **Nos. 3 and 4 engines shot out; #1 damaged, only partial power. Interphone out; hydraulic system out; hit in nose.**

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **3,000 feet.**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Navigator had minor cuts about neck.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Navigator, bombardier, engineer, radio operator, co-pilot, pilot. Shutes opened.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Yes**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **Yes - Radio operator alive.**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and what the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **Yes. 4 dead bodies and one arm close to plane.**

Descriptions of Navigator, Engineer, Bombardier, and wrist gunner as captured.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? **Not examined but photo in paper showed complet destruction.**

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what items were recovered and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have facilitated other personnel to land safely.

Crashed on land.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members who were not captured?

3 escaped - 1 captured - descriptions given by civilians. 3 dead, -2 bodies and 1 arm found.

B & B CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

THOMAS R MURPHY, S/Sgt, 32111635
(Name) (Rank) (ASN)

26 April 1944

(Date)

HR #585

755 Bomb Squadron, 458 Bomb Group
(Unit)

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

9 April 1944; 1130 hours, at VENGLER; crash.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.
Was it on fire, etc?

Three engines damaged; two of them out; hydraulic system shot out; electrical system damaged.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? **3500 feet.**

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Navigator, cut on neck by plexi-glass from astrodome when hit by 20 mm shell.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Navigator, engineer, bombardier, Radio operator, co-pilot, pilot and one member, from the rear of ship - identity uncertain.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? **Yes**

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? **Yes. Pilot, co-pilot alive**

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give detailed furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. **Yes. One gunner described as having curly hair which is believed to be the 3rd Engineer is alive. A knife belonging to the Ball Turret Gunner was found, and three bodies, one arm were found near ship, which leads to the belief, three men dead.**

Did a crew examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? **No. Saw picture of ship in newspaper, aircraft completely destroyed wreckage spread over 7 acres.**

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what course was a crew rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to land safely.

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Did the source's informant see the pilot or the other crew members who bailed out after his bail out?

Four men captured - told by parties and also same was printed in newspapers.

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REQUEST FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SOURCE: BYRON E LOGIE, 2d Lt, O-007003

RAF #583

DATE: April 1944
REAS: April 1944

UNIT: 755 Bomb Squadron, 423 Bomb Group

MEMBERS OF CREW

FINAL DISPOSITION

PILOT	O-007003	2d Lt	Byron E LOGIE	ED
CO-PILOT	O-011138	2d Lt	George D REED	ED
NAVIGATOR	Y-129027	F/O	Bernard A JACOBSON	MIA
BOMBARDIER	T-008511	F/O	Kalser J ALTA	MIA
RADIO OPERATOR	29111695	S/Sgt	Thomas R HENPHY	ED
TOP TURRET GUNNER	34128477	T/Sgt	Walter E SCOTT	MIA
MID TURRET GUNNER	31254148	Sgt	John H SCHRAMM	MIA
WING GUNNER	15334477	Sgt	Fred E STILES	MIA
WING GUNNER	11115617	Sgt	Edward W GIBBE	MIA
TAIL GUNNER	32210517	S/Sgt	Shirley SARGEN	MIA

KNOWN INFORMATION:

Saw no chutes.

HEARSAY INFORMATION:

Navigator, bombardier, top turret and right wing gunners captured.

E. W. CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date, time and approximate location of plane crash or landing.

9 April 1944; 1130 hours; YENSLEY, - crash.

Nature and extent of damage to plane when source bailed out.

Was it on fire, etc? 2 engines out; 3 and 4. No. 1 supercharger in; hydraulic system shot out; electrical system out.

At approximately what altitude did source bail out? 3800 feet

Were any of the crew injured or killed before the plane crashed?

Yes. Navigator. The man in tail believed to be injured or killed.

What members of the crew bailed out? Did their parachutes open?

Radioman, engineer, navigator, bombardier, co-pilot. One waist gunner and one other man (we don't know who it was) whose chute did not open.

Did the plane explode on striking the ground? The plane hit the ground and exploded.

Did source see any other members of the crew dead or alive after reaching the ground? No. We were told and read in newspapers of 4 captured and 3 dead.

Did he receive any information from others as to whether any other members of the crew were dead or alive? If so give details furnished by his informant and whether the other crew members were identified by name or otherwise. As above. We did not get names but were told that 4 were alive and captured and later 3 dead.

Did source examine the wreckage of the plane? If so, what was its condition? No. We saw newspaper pictures and clippings. It said plane was completely demolished and scattered over 7 acres of land.

If the plane crashed in water how far was the plane from land and what means was source rescued and what life rafts, wreckage, etc., remained on the surface that would have assisted other personnel to keep afloat.

On land.

What is source's opinion as to the fate of the other crew members and his reasons for his opinion? Two members that stayed in the plane may have been injured or dead. My belief that they were was that they had at least 5 minutes to get ready to bail out but never did. We could not contact them by interphone and the bell may not have rung in the tail. However, two got out so I see no reason why the others stayed in unless something was wrong.

December 12 1945

SUBJECT: Information Concerning Crew Members of B-24 Aircraft, Missing in Action over Korsor, Denmark. April 9 1944.

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington, 25, D. C.

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S. A. Brauns,
Slegese, Denmark.
3. Members of the Crew who are alive, to my knowledge, are:
1st. Lt. Byron E. Logie, Pilot, 1st. Lt. George Reed Co-Pilot, F/O ---- Jacobsen, Navigator, F/O John Kita Bombardier, T/Sgt. Walter E. Scott Engineer.
Addresses of these men are not available to me, at the present time. The Pilot, Co/Pilot, and myself (Radio Operator) escaped from enemy territory. The other three men were interned in German prison camps, Location unknown.
4. I regret that more specific information cannot be supplied at the present. Any other information which may come to my knowledge, will be forwarded.

Thomas B. Murphy
Thomas B. Murphy
5707 Ave. L 3
Brooklyn, New York.

W/ACE # 8808
10/1/44

9 April, 1944. 1129
Vessel 10 km. E.
of Skalkhor
Sealand
Type: Liberator
Target: Airfield
C command sundv

25 April.

NY 1401

F/O	JACOBSON	Bernard Arthur	T-12327	capt.
F/O	KITA	Walter John	T-1541	capt.
2nd Lt.	LOGIE			
2nd Lt.	KEND			
T/Sgt.	SCOTT	Walter Elsworth	35451477	capt.
Sgt.	CISER			
Sgt.	STILES			
Sgt.	SCHRAMM			
Sgt.	SHEKIN	Sidney	35418617	dead
2 dead				

PAGE 120374

THE SAME INFORMATION AS ON PAGE 120375

(CARBON COPY)

9 apr 44

2). Time: 11:39; Type of craft: Liberator; Markings: unknown;—
Place of crash: Venalev, 8 km east of Sheelaker (South Solano);—
EW 141 Wreckage: 100 %; Disposition of crew: 2 men dead, 3 prisoners;—
Recovering station: Air Field Vanuatu;—

Kan 1401 April 9, 1944 ✓ Liberator

Scott, Walter Elementary, Sgt, born Feb. 8, 1918
Ident. Tag: 35 451 477
Taken prisoner

Jacobson, Bernard Arthur, F/O born March 11, 1915
Ident. Tag: T 123 027 - Taken prisoner
Kite, Walter John, E/O, born Oct. 25, 1919
Ident. Tag: T 1541
Taken prisoner

✓ Two unknowns

Dead

DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT

WAS SIGHTED

9 April 1944 at 1700H 11, 20

CASUALTY NO.

KU 1401

PLACE OF CRASH

Unknown

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

Liberty

REPORTING OFFICER

Airfield Command A S E O B

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPT'D OR DEAD	PLACE OF INTEREST
SCOTT 8 Feb. 19	Walter Elworth U S A	T/Sgt. 88481477	captured	Dulag-Luft
JACOBSON 11 March 19	Bernard Arthur U S A	T/O 7-128087	"	"
KINA 28 Oct. 19	Walter John U S A	T/O 7- 1841	"	"

S UNKNOWN DEAD

Downing No. KU 1401 1. Supplement dated 13 June 1944

SHERAN Sidney Sgt. 31519617 dead -----

(Sheran is one of the men above mentioned dead aviators.)

REMARKS:

Dulag-Luft 27 April 1944

No.

KU 1401

see LY 1415

0 2724

Identification page.

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|----|-----------------|----------|---------|---|---|
| 1. | SIDNEY SHEPHERD | 32818617 | T 43-43 | D | 8 |
| 2. | WALTER J WITA | T-1541 | T 43-43 | A | 0 |

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Memorial to AAF Personnel

TO: AC/AS-1, Personal Services Division

DATE

30 OCT 1945

FROM: AC/AS-2

COMMENT No. 1
Major Sims/1/1/77989

The attached correspondence is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

G. G. Peterson

1 Incl
Ltr dtd 20 Sept 45
w/Increments

G. G. PETERSON
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, AAF Attache Branch
Office, Assistant Chief of Air Staff - 6

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A solemn ceremony in Venslev.

Unveiling a monumental stone in memory of
wrecked Allied airmen.

Easter Sunday the 9th of April 1944 became a memorable^{ly} in the history of Venslev. On that beautiful day in the spring the idyllic town was remembered of the earnestness of the war, as an allied Bomber fell down amidst the town. No Danish lives ^{were} lost in consequence of the disaster, but several of the crew of the plane were later on withdrawn, quite unrecognizable. They were brought away by the Germans, but later on various human remnants were found on the spot, and they were buried on the Venslev churchyard. In that place a tombstone has now been erected over the wrecked airmen.

Yesterday the tombstone was unveiled with a very beautiful ceremony. Venslev Church was embellished with flowers in beautiful colours and filled to the last seat. The British Army was represented by Lieutenant Griffith. Moreover there were representatives from the Danish Navy and Army, the police and the C.B.U. commando. Defence Brethren from Holstenborg and Tuglebjerg formed a guard of honour with their banners during the ceremony.

Gods peace with our dead -

After the hymns praise our Lord, the Rev. Jessen Andersen held a sermon over the text of the day, the ten leproous. The person said: all over Denmark we have seen, holy spots, graves in which those who were serving, they spent their life in the fight for freedom and light. They helped us to get rid of the ten leproous men of Hitler, so let us, like the Samaritan, remember to give our thanks for the

salvation and liberation, that came to us.

Let us first, as our King did, bring our thanks to God. But next we shall bring our thanks to our allies for their achievements. Nobody of us here in Venslev shall ever forget the disaster. In deep respect we shall remember those who died here. But also to our Danish patriots we shall bring our thanks for their achievements to the victory, and we will say with Grundtvig: God's peace with our dead!

In the Churchyard.

People assembled in the churchyard, where the Rev. Højland spoke: In the Holy Writ we have a word as follows: Do always bring your thanks to our Lord and Father. That note shall be heard in this spot. We thank for the men who put their life on stake in the battle, but the thank is mingled with sorrow. We are thinking of those who are now missing a husband, a brother or a father.

Thereafter the Rev. Jessen Andersen unveiled the tomb stone and read the inscription on the stone:

In a deep feeling of gratitude for the liberation of Denmark on May the 5th, 1945, this memorial was erected over the dust of unknown allied airmen, wrecked with their plane in Venslev town on Easter Sunday, April the 5th, 1944.

The thanks from Danish soldiers.

The crowd then sang the hymn: "Always fearless, when you go the ways that God may know", after which Lieut. Col. Voe said: "I do hereby bring the thank from Danish soldiers to the dead. They are

resting in friendly soil. They were ours. Lieut. Col. Fog laid down a bunch of red and white flowers from the Danish Army, and on behalf of the British Army Lieut. Griffith laid a wreath on the tombstone.

The President of the Defence Brethren, ferrier Wollesen, Rude, spoke: The Defence Brethren bow in deep feeling of respect to all the unknown soldiers who fought and strode in the battle against arrogant tyrant.

While the banners were lowered over the tombstone a signed wreath from the Defence Brethren was laid on the stone.

Deeply touched Lieut. Griffith rose and expressed his gratitude to the Danish friends who had in this beautiful way honoured the memory of allied soldiers.

Bruno de Neergaard ^{was cited.} is remembered.

After the ceremony at the churchyard, people assembled in the hall of the Cooperative Society, where the tables were laid in Danish and allied colours, and many speeches were held here. Among others, the leader of the C.B.U. commando in Høstved, Søndergaard, ^{cited} remembered Bruno de Neergaard from Slagelse, who on that day had acted undauntedly to bring the surviving airmen in safety.

Director Nielsen, the chairman of the Liberty Council in Skelakir ^{read} laid a fine speech in English, in which he said that these graves all over our country where allied soldiers are resting, are attended to by the Danish population.

After some more speeches, a salute was brought to Denmark and the Danish flag. - Finally the Rev. Jensen Andersen presented his

thanks to the authorities who had by witnessing the ceremony made
this day so beautiful and solemn.

Smuk Højtidsdag i Venslev By

Afsløring af Mindesten for de nedstyrtede allierede Flyvere.

Rude.

Paaskedag den 9. April 1944 blev en Mærkedag i Venslevs Historie. Paa denne smukke Foraarsdag blev den idylliske By mindet om Krigens Alvor, idet en allieret Bombemaskine styrtede ned midt i Byen. Ingen danske blev dræbt ved Ulykken, men adskillige af Maskinens Besætning blev siden fremdraget som ukendelige. Disse blev ført bort af Tyskerne, men senere fandt man paa Pladsen forskellige Menneskerester, som blev begravet paa Venslev Kirkegaard. Paa denne Plæt har man nu sat en Mindesten over de forulykkede Flyvere.

I Gaar blev Stenen afsløret ved en meget smuk Højtidelighed. Venslev Kirke, der var pyntet med Blomster i skønne Farver, var fyldt til sidste Plads. Den engelske Hær var repræsenteret ved Løjtnant Griffith. Endvidere var der Repræsentanter fra den danske Hær og Flaade, Politiet og C. B. U.-Kolonnen. Forsvarsbrødre fra Holsteinborg og Fuglebjerg stod Æresvagt med deres Faner under Højtideligheden.

Guds Fred med vore døde —

Efter Salmen: *Lover den Herre, talte Pastor Jessen Andersen ud fra Dagens Løst om de ti Spedalske.* Præsten udtalte bl. a.: Der er rundt om i Danmark dyre, hellige Plætter, Grave, i hvis Skød de Mænd hviler, som satte Livet ind i Kampen for Frihed og Ret. De var med til at befri os fra Nazismens Spedalskhed, lad os da som Samaritanen huske at takke for Frelsen og Befrielsen, der kom.

Lad os først, som vor Konge gjorde det, rette Takken til Gud. Men dernæst vil vi sige vore allierede Tak for deres Indsats. Ingen af os glemmer Ulykken i Venslev. I dyb Ærbødighed mindes vi dem, der her maatte dø. Men ogsaa vore danske Patrioter: Vi takke for deres Indsats for Sejren, og vi vil sige med Grundtvig: Guds Fred med vore døde.

Paa Kirkegården.

Man samledes nu paa Kirkegården, hvor Pastor *Højland* udtalte: Vi har i den hellige Skrift et Ord, som lyder: Sig altid Gud og Faderen Tak. Den Tone skal lyde paa dette Sted. Vi siger Tak for de Mænd, der bragte Livet som Indsats i Kampen, men i Takken blandes Vemod. Vi tænker paa dem, der nu savner en Mand, en Broder eller en Far.

Derefter foretog Pastor *Jessen Andersen* Mindestensafsløringen, og læste Stenens Indskrift, der lyder:

I dyb Taknemmelighed over Danmarks Befrielse 5. Maj 1945 rejstes dette Minde over Støv af ukendte allierede Flyvere, nedstyrtet med Flyvemaskine i Venslev By Paaskedag den 9. April 1944.

Danske Soldaters Tak.

Man sang nu „Altid frejdig, naar du gaar“, hvorefter Oberstløjtnant *Fog* udtalte: jeg bringer herved danske Soldaters Tak til de døde. De hviler i Vennejord. De var vore Oberstløjtnant *Fog* nedlagde derefter en Buket med røde og hvide Blomster fra den danske Hær, og Løjtnant *Griffith* nedlagde paa den

engelske Hærs Vegne en Krans ved Mindestenen.

Forsvarsbrødrenes Formand, *Dyrlæge Wollesen, Rude*, udtalte: Forsvarsbrødrene bøjer sig i dyb Ærbødighed for alle de ukendte, der kæmpede og stred i Kampen mod overmodige Tyranner.

Mens Fanerne sænkedes over Mindestenen, nedlagdes en signeret Krans fra Forsvarsbrødrene.

Dybt grebet tog Løjtnant *Griffith* nu Ordet og udtrykte sin Taknemmelighed over, at danske Venner paa denne smukke Maade havde hædret allierede Soldaters Minde.

Bruno de Neergaard mindes.

Efter at Højtideligheden paa Kirkegården var sluttet, samledes man i Brugsforeningens Sæl, hvor Bordene var dækket i danske og allierede Farver, og adskillige tog her Ordet. Blandt andet mindede Lederen af C. B. U.-Kolonnen i Næstved, *Søndergaard*, om Bruno de Neergaard fra Slagelse, der den Dag havde øvet en uforlidelig Indsats ved at bringe de overlevende Flyvere i Sikkerhed.

Direktor *Heilmann*, som er Formand for Frihedsraadet i Skalskø, holdt en smuk Tale paa Engelsk, hvori han udtalte, at disse Grave, der rundt om i vort Land rummer allierede Soldater, vil blive værnet af den danske Befolkning.

Efter at endnu flere havde haft Ordet, blev der udbragt et Leve for Danmark og det danske Flag.

Pastor *Jessen Andersen* rettede slutteleg en Tak til de Autoriteter, der ved at være til Stede, havde gjort denne Dag til saa smuk en Højtidsdag.

Den sydslesvigske Frihedsbevægelse

Forbud mod Møder og Foreningsdannelse hindrer Sydslesvigernes Menings-tilkendegivelse.

Af spredte Meddelelser fremgaar det, at der i Sydslesvig inden for den tysksprogede Folkegruppe er dannet en Frihedsbevægelse, der stræber efter at faa Hjemstavnens frigjort fra Tyskland.

Oplysningerne om denne Frihedsbevægelse er selvsagt meget mangelfulde, men det synes, som om man, gennem Dannelse af Lokalkomiteer, der, naar Tilladelse fra de britiske Myndigheder er opnaaet, skal danne en „Sydslesvigsk Forening“, stræber efter at samle Befolkningen om et Opraab til den danske Regering og det danske Folk om Bistand i Frigørelseskampen. Da Mødevirksomhed er forbudt, er man kunnet foretage Proveindsamlinger af Underskrifter paa Opraabet, men disse har overalt vist en Tilslutning paa 70—90 pCt. af de underskriftsberettigede, nemlig Personer over 18 Aar, som ikke har været aktive Nazister, og som var hjemmehørende i Sydslesvig før 1933.

I Lokalkomiteen i Flensborg sidder bl. a. Kunsthandler *Hattesen* (Formand), Borgmester *Drews* og Dr. *Hans Jacobsen*.

Studentforeningen skifter ledende Senior, idet Professor *Niels Nielsen* har ønsket at trække sig tilbage og efterfølges af Professor, Dr. med. I. *Engelbret-Holm*.



Mindestenen afsløres.

C O P Y

HFD #1, Box 85
Olyphant, Pa.
12 December 1945

SUBJECT: Missing aircraft, B-24, Lost over Denmark 9 April 1944

TO: Lt. Col. John J. Smith
Chief, Notification Section
Personnel Affairs Branch
Personnel Services Division

1. The aircraft in which I was a crew member crashed to earth on the island of Seeland (Sjælland) Denmark. I believe it was North East of Korsør. However I don't know how far away it crashed from the city of Korsør. I do remember it crashed at a point approximately 75 kilometers S.W. from Copenhagen.

2. Four crew members were killed, however I don't know how they met death. I saw five other parachutes besides my own open. These chutes carried the following men safely to earth.

Lt. Byron E. Logie	Rampton, N. D.
Lt. George D. Reed	305 Main St. Lewiston, Idaho
F/O Bernard A. Jacobson	3006 Doris St. Detroit, Michigan
S/Sgt. Thomas E. Murphy	5707 Ave. L. Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/Sgt. Walter E. Scott	222 W. 5th St. Covington, Kentucky
F/O Walter J. Kita	HFD #1, Box 85 Olyphant, Pa.

3. Lt. Logie, Lt. Reed, and S/Sgt Murphy evaded and returned to the U.S.A. in May 1944.

4. F/O Jacobson, F/O Kita, and T/Sgt. Scott were prisoners of war.

5. The following named men also crew members were reported killed in action.

Sgt. John H. Schraun	339 Stafford St. Bennington, Vermont
Sgt. Fred E. Stiles	514 Jackson St. xxxx Fort Clinton, Ohio

Sgt. Edward H. Cisek

85 Hicks St.
New Bedford, Mass

S/Cgt. Sidney Sneran

925 Dumont Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

6. I have no information concerning the men listed above in Par. #5.

7. I recall seeing the bomber crash near a cluster of houses and farm buildings.

8. I am in hopes that my bit of information will be of assistance to your Headquarters. Please feel free to request further information.

/s/ Walter J. Kita
F/O A.G.

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