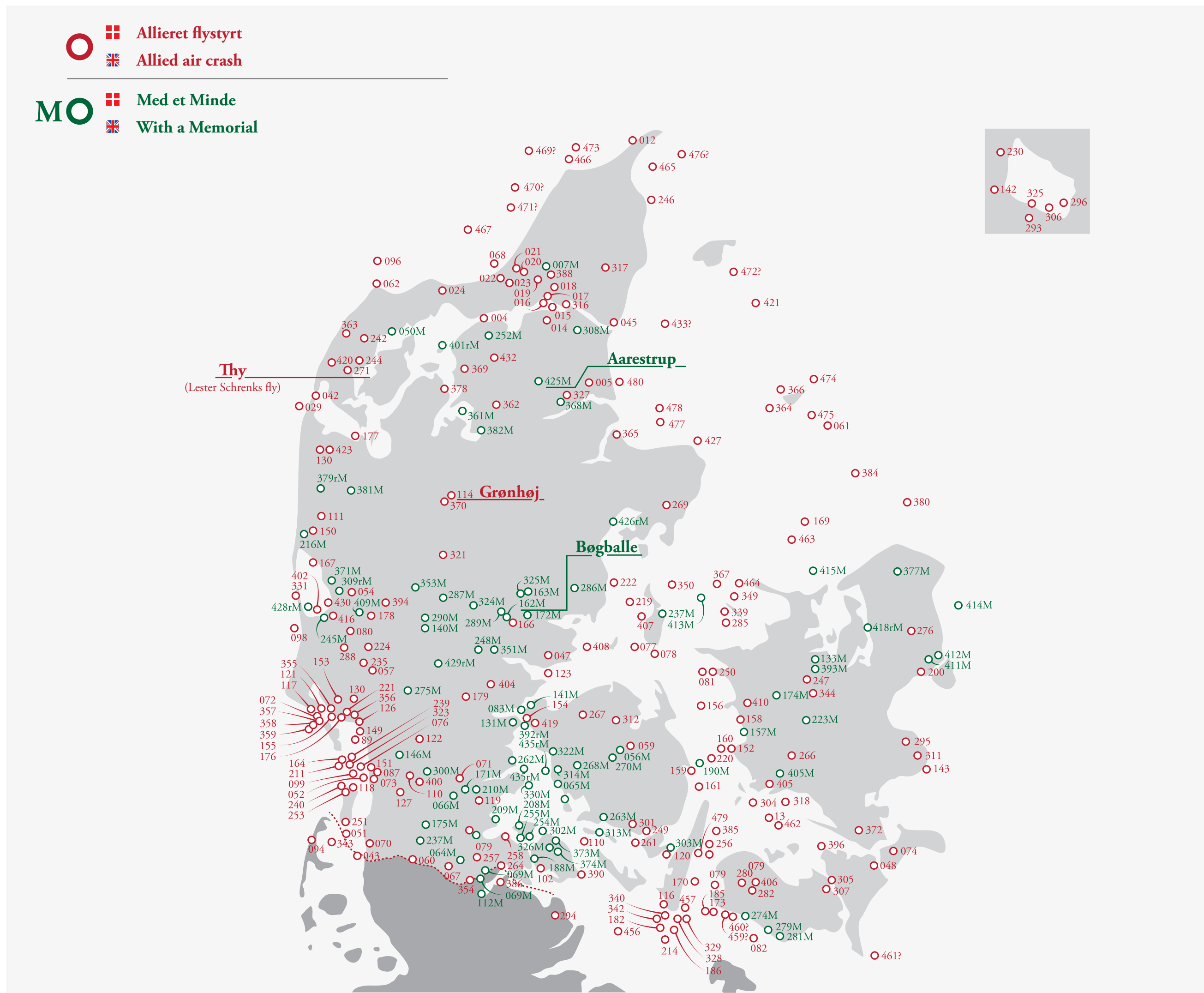


Allied Airmen - www.airmen.dk

Anders Straarup



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🇩🇰 Foto fra Lester Schrenk - krigsfange som 620 andre i www.airmen.dk

🇩🇰 Photo from Lester Schrenk - POW like 620 others on www.airmen.dk

Photo from Lester Schrenk



🇩🇰 I 1944 blev Lester Schrenk's B-17 42-31377 ramt af Hans Hermann Müller, som lod besætningen springe ud over Thy. I april 2012 takkede Les HHM i Heidelberg i Tyskland. Til jul sendte HHM et foto af sin JU 88.

🇩🇰 In 1944 Lester Schrenk's B-17 42-31377 was hit by Hans Hermann Müller who let the crew bail out over Thy. In April 2012 Les thanked HHM in Heidelberg, Germany. At Christmas HHM sent a photo of his JU 88.

Photo: Anders Straarup



🇩🇰 Den 21. april 2013 overværede Adrienne Mary, hendes familie og andre fra England og New Zealand en højtidelighed ved Bøgballe, hvor deres kære onkne kom for 70 år siden. Hun 3 år gammel, da hun mistede sin far. De 7 flyvere blev begravet i Esbjerg.

🇩🇰 On 21 April 2013 Adrienne Mary, her family and others from Great Britain and New Zealand attended a ceremony near Bøgballe where their loved ones perished 70 years ago. She was 3 years old when she lost her father. The 7 airmen were buried in Esbjerg.

🇩🇰 Om AirmenDK

www.airmen.dk mindes allierede flyvere skudt ned over Danmark 1939-45. Næsten alle styrede ned i Danmark eller i havet omkring Danmark. Hvis en enkelt flyver kendes, nævnes hele besætningen.

Databasen indeholder 463 fly og 3.081 allierede flyvere. Under krigen blev Danmark overflyet omkring 40.000 gange af fly, der var på vej til eller fra bombenedkastninger

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Royal New Zealand Air Force	1.674	32	29	19	80	RNZAF
Polish Air Force	924	21	4	11	36	PAF
Royal Norwegian Air Force	?	1	1	0	2	RNAF
Royal Netherlands Navy	?	1	0	0	1	RNN
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🇩🇰 About AirmenDK

www.airmen.dk commemorates Allied airmen shot down over Denmark 1939 - 1945. Nearly all of them crashed in Denmark or in Danish waters. If one airman is known, all of the crew members are mentioned.

The database contains 463 planes and 3,081 Allied airmen. Allied planes flew over Denmark about 40,000 times on their way to and from bombing raids on Germany

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over Tyskland eller mineudlægninger i danske farvande. De fleste af flyene over Danmark blev styret af Bomber Command, som havde et samlet tab på mere end 55.000 flyvere. Omkring 37.000 amerikanske flyvere fra baser i UK blev dræbt eller formodet dræbt.

Nogle hovedtal her - se mere i www.airmen.dk :

or minelaying operations in Danish waters. Most of the planes over Denmark were controlled by Bomber Command which had a total loss of more than 55,000 airmen. About 37,000 American airmen from bases in the UK were killed or presumed killed.

Some main figures - see more on www.airmen.dk :

Allierede flyvere begravet 124 steder Allied airmen buried in 124 places

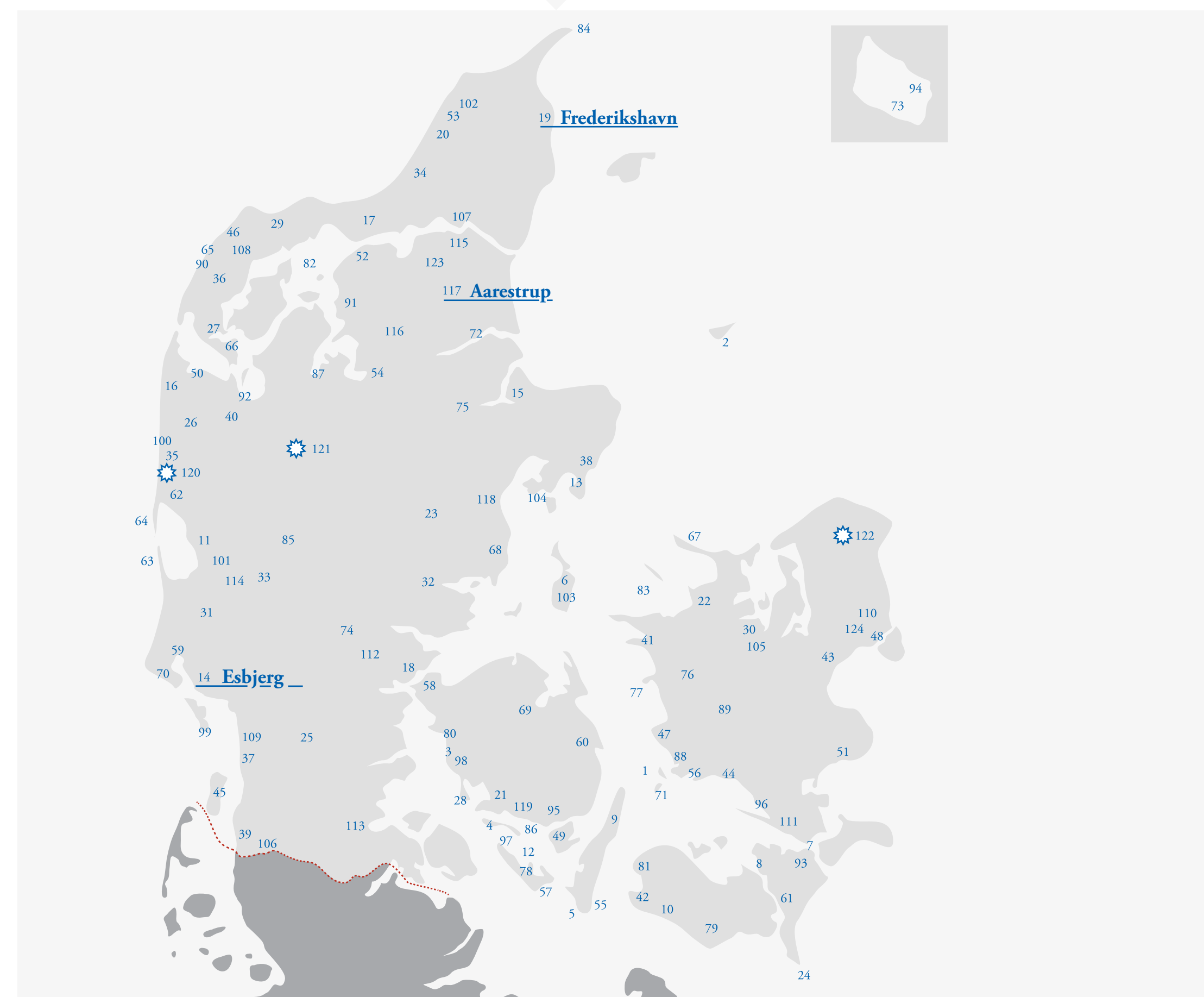


Photo and names: Ann Jordan, the daughter of Kenneth Emery



Peter Laycock RAF - ? - George Long RAF - Nicodème Guilonard RNN - Alan Harding RAF - Anthony Smith RNZAF - Walter Spencer RCAF - Thomas Theaker RCAF - Frederick Orritt RAF - Kenneth Emery RAF - Windsor Gale RAF

Besætning fra 5 nationer mindes hvert år i Aarestrup den 4. maj

🇩🇰 Jeg har i dag talt med et medlem af menighedsrådet ved Aarestrup Kirke. Han fortæller at hvert eneste år den 4. maj om aftenen bliver der holdt en gudstjeneste i kirken i anledning af årsdagen for Anden Verdenskrigs slutning i Danmark, aftenen hvor tyskerne overgav sig. Efter denne gudstjeneste bliver der først sat røde, hvide og blå blomster i våbenhuset ved en mindeplade for Svend Otto Nielsen, der blev henrettet af i 1944 af tyskerne, fordi han var meget aktiv i modstandsbevægelsen. Han var søn af skovfoged Nielsen. Det var ved skovfoged Nielsen kisterne med besætningen fra N/206 blev anbragt i dagene mellem de blev fundet i skoven og begravelsen 22. juni 1947.

Efterfølgende bliver der holdt en mindehøjtidelighed ved gravene. En person fra Aarestrup, udpeget af præsten, lægger først en krans på gravstedet. Derefter bliver der holdt en kort mindetale og sunget en salme. En helt speciel salme, der ofte bliver benyttet ved begravelser (Altid frejdig når du går). Samtidig har den salme en helt speciel tilknytning til nogen begivenheder under Anden Verdenskrig i Danmark. Efter denne cere-

moni bliver der holdt et møde i Aarestrup forsamlingshus. Her bliver sunget et par salmer, drukket kaffe eller the og serveret kage og der bliver snakket i al almindelighed. Kranen bliver stående på gravstedet til den er visen.

Gudstjenesten i Aarestrup Kirke er blevet afholdt hvert eneste år siden 1945 om aftenen 4. maj. Vi ved ikke præcis hvornår traditionen med at holde en efterfølgende ceremoni ved gravene er begyndt, men vi ved med sikkerhed at den er blevet holdt hvert år de sidste 48 år. Sandsynligvis har ceremonien med at lægge en krans og synge salmen fundet sted hvert eneste år siden 1948.

Gravstedet bliver vedligeholdt og betalt af Aarestrup Kirke. Gravstenene bliver vedligeholdt af den britiske gravkommission, CWGC. Kranen der sættes på gravden 4. maj betales af Aarestrup Kirke.

Gravstedet er fredet og skal bevares i al evighed.

22. maj 2012 Niels Nørgaard Nielsen

Crew from 5 nations commemorated every year in Aarestrup on 4 May

🇩🇰 Today I talked to a member of the parochial church council of Aarestrup Church. He related that every year on 4 May a ceremony is held in the church on the occasion of the end of WW2 in Denmark, the evening when the Germans surrendered. After this ceremony red, white and blue flowers are placed in the porch at a memorial plaque to Otto Nielsen who was executed by the Germans in 1944, because he was very active in the resistance movement. He was the son of forest ranger Nielsen. The coffins with the crew of N/206 were placed at forest ranger Nielsen's in the days between the time when they were found in the forest and the funeral on 22 June 1947.

Subsequently a memorial ceremony is held at the graves. First a person from Aarestrup selected by the vicar places a wreath at the plot. Then a short memorial speech is held and a hymn is sung. A very special hymn which is often used at funerals. (Altid frejdig når du går - Always dauntless when you tread -). That hymn is also connected to some events during WW2 in Denmark. After this ceremony a meeting is held in Aarestrup Village Hall. Here we sing a couple of hymns and have a cup of coffee or tea with some cake and a chat.

The wreath remains at the plot till it has withered away.

The ceremony in Aarestrup Church has been held every year since 1945 in the evening of 4 May. We do not know exactly when the tradition with a subsequent ceremony at the graves started, but we know with certainty that it has been held every year in the latest 48 years. Most likely the ceremony with wreathlaying and singing of the hymn has taken place every year since 1948.

The plot is kept and paid by Aarestrup Church. The headstones are kept by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The wreath placed at the plot on 4 May is paid by Aarestrup Church.

The plot is protected and is to be maintained in perpetuity.

22 May 2012 Niels Nørgaard Nielsen

Photo: Niels Nørgaard Nielsen



🇩🇰 I 2013 lagde Ann Jordan kransen på sin fars grav.

🇩🇰 In 2013 Ann Jordan laid the wreath on her father's grave.