

**RAF-grave at Vang Churchyard.** Weapon plane. (Thisted kommune, parish).

During a flight with weapons to the Danish Resistance on the night before 19 April 1945 a 'Halifax' plane of RAF No. 298 crashed into the North Sea. The whole crew was killed.

The weapon plane, 'Halifax' NA343, was on course to receiving place 'Leif 234' at FASTERHOLT close to Herning.

On 2 June 1945 the body of the pilot, Wt/O. Roland Franklin Mackrill, was found drifted ashore at Vangsaa northern beach. The then unknown airman was taken to a grave at Vang churchyard. In a great procession was a team of gymnasts from the village with banners (colours). The funeral was committed by Vicar I.M. Andersen.

One of the air gunners from the same plane was found on the beach at Boevling Klit. He was buried at Sdr. Nissum churchyard 6 June 1945. The other crewmembers were never found.



Vang church, August 2004.



Memorial stone with text: Unknown airman. In front a British headstone with name and data.