

Dane Cares for Ashton Man's Grave

The Mayor of Ashton (Alderman J. R. Howard) welcomed Kirkegaardsgartner F. Anderson, of Denmark, in the Town Hall, Ashton, on Monday.

Mr. Anderson is visiting Ashton at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P. Clough, of 251, King's-rd., Ashton. Their son, Sergt. Kenneth Clough, was missing over the Skaggerak while serving as a wireless operator in a bomber on a mine-laying mission in April, 1944, and was buried in a parish cemetery at Kalundborg, North-West Zealand, Denmark.

Mr. Anderson was the gardener at the cemetery and the only person present at the funeral. He laid out the grave for Sergt. Clough's body and set up a little wooden cross with the airman's name on it. The townsfolk of Kalundborg keep the grave gay with flowers, although the Kalundborg Town



Mr. F. Anderson

Council have now replaced the little wooden cross with a stone. Names of other R.A.F. fliers who were killed during the war over the Danish town are also inscribed on the stone.

Last August Mr. and Mrs. Clough went to Kalundborg to see their son's grave and met Mr. Anderson and the kind people of the little Danish town, who had attended to the graves. This is Mr. Anderson's first visit to England and he is impressed with the warmth and friendliness with which he has been received. He was greeted on Monday in the Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall by the Mayor, Councillor J. Smith, Councillor J. Hughes, the Town Clerk (Mr. G. A. Malone), Mr. T. Harvey (Superintendent of Hurst Cemetery) and Mr. H. Holland (Superintendent of Dukinfield Cemetery).

The Mayor said: We are exceedingly pleased to receive you in Ashton and on behalf of these parents and the townspeople of Ashton I would like to tell you how much we appreciate your fine work. Your attitude to English airmen and an Ashtonian will never be forgotten.

In reply Mr. Anderson said he had only been too pleased to look after the graves of fallen British airmen.

Mr. Anderson, who was wearing a silver replica of an R.A.F. pilot's wings in the lapel of his jacket, is returning to Denmark on Tuesday.

Englænder-Graven paa Kalundborg Kirkegaard.

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Maa det private Arrangement vige for seks smaa Mindesten?

Den engelske Krigsgravkommission aflagde i Gaar Formiddags Besøg ved Englænder-Graven paa Kalundborg Kirkegaard, hvor de seks Flyvere ligger begravet. Kommissionen har til Opgave at sørge for, at de engelske Krigergrave overalt, baade herhjemme og i andre Lande, anlægges efter ensartede Regler, bl. a. skal der opstilles nogle smaa Mindesten med de Faldnes Navne.

Der er vist kun faa Englænder-Grave, der er værnet om med større Pietetsfølelse end dem paa Kalundborg Kirkegaard, og Graver Ferdinand Andersen har skabt de faldne Flyvere et saa skønt Minde, som nogen kan ønske. Fra de Paarørende har man da ogsaa udtrykt Ønske om, at Graven faar Lov at forblive, som den er, og dette Ønske er gaaet videre til Krigsgravkommissionen.

Graver Andersen udtaler til os i Dag, at han haaber, man kan forhandle sig frem til en Løsning, hvorefter det nuværende bevares. — Skal de særlige Mindesten op, kunde de placeres bagved Graven.

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