

To Tarm

The speech in English

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Anchor Marie Frank Mitchell:

Exactly 70 years ago today an Allied bomber was shot down over Tarm. 2 airmen were killed, while 5 crew members survived. Today the descendants were in Tarm to remember and say thanks.

Gail Michener: But I can say "Mange tak" which means Many thanks.

Reporter behind speak and pictures Allan Ødegaard:

Gail Michener has come all the way from Canada to Tarm just to say thanks for the help.

Gail Michener: It is exciting to me. I feel I have made a whole lot of new friends.

Rep: Exactly 70 years ago her father and 6 others were shot down by the Germans.

Gail Michener's father survived, others did not. (She is the daughter of [Stoney Mitchell](#), who reached Sweden.)

Brother of [Donald Morris](#) (who perished and was buried in [The British War Graves](#)):

They'll never be let down, so we brought our 5 people out and – just -

Rep: On 12 March 1945 an [Allied Lancaster bomber](#) was shot down by a German fighter in the air space between Lyne and Tarm.

Dorthea Madsen: And then I saw a burning plane across the sky – and then it fell down.

Rep: 2 crew members were killed, while 5 others bailed out.

Gail Michener:

They were helped by so many brave Danish people who risked their lives in order to be able to help.

Rep: Apart from saying thanks they are also here to remember those who went to war, particularly the 2 airmen who were killed by the Germans. One of them was the Englishman Donald Morris, who died only 20 years old.

Niece of [Donald Morris](#): A big emotional day for all of us. You know, Donald has always been part of our family. He might not have been there, but in spirit. He has always been talked about.

Gail M to Dorthea Madsen: Wonderful to see you.

Rep: One of those who helped was a then 21-year-old woman from West Jutland.

(She did not speak English, but with gestures she made these points:)

You can join me to my home. Then you can have something to eat and have some sleep.

Rep: With help from residents of the area the 5 Allied airmen reached Sweden.

Sue Westcott (the daughter of [Mervyn H. Bertie](#), who reached Sweden together with [Stoney Mitchell](#)):

No words to express how grateful I feel. The reason that he survived after the plane crash should be put to the kindness of the Danes who helped him.

Rep: The 2 killed airmen are buried here in [The British War Graves](#) in Tarm.

Brother of [Donald Morris](#): Yes, it was lovely. I am not joking. It was absolutely beautiful.

Rep: The others on the plane are also dead now, but after a long life.