

Date	17/18 May 1942	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Type of Aircraft	Stirling Mk. I	1381298	Sgt.	Jerman, J.A.	Pilot	POW
Serial No.	N3752	NZ 402464	Sgt.	Butcher, S.H.	2nd Pilot	POW
Squadron	No. 149	1182480	Sgt.	Battle, A.M.A.	Obs.	POW
Code Letters	OJ : O	931769	Sgt.	Sloane, J.E.	WOp.	POW
Base	Lakenheath	1106774	Sgt.	Lewis, A.T.	F/AG	POW
Mission	Gardening	1061282	Sgt.	Hoyland, F.	R/AG	POW
Target	Kiel Bay	569402	Sgt.	Lauriston, A.	F/Eng.	POW
Special Remarks:						
Two other Stirlings from squadron, R9310 'P' and R9320 'S' failed to return from mining.						
Crew of N6079 'F' which failed to pinpoint target and returned with mines reported 'Blackout in Denmark practically 'Nil'. 'V' signs flashed at our aircraft. Another Stirling, hit by flakship, jettisoned mines and returned to base.	<p>On a minelaying sortie to Kiel Bay on the night 17/18 May 1942 the pilot of Stirling Mk. I, N3752 of No. 149 Squadron at 0115 hrs. 18th May flew aircraft into ground at Risegaard 4 miles W of Aabenraa with its load of 4 sea-mines due to false altimeter indication. Five of crew escaped miraculous but Sgts. Battle and Lauriston were injured and admitted to Aabenraa Hospital. All crew captured subsequently.</p>					

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