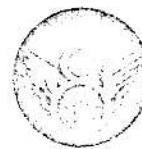


8TH AIR FORCE



Danish Civil Defence:
From Soenderho on Fanoe Island 3 aircraft were seen crashing in the North Sea on October 9, 1943 at approx. 1600 hours. From one A/C about 6 miles SW of Soenderho 6 chutes were seen, and from another one

MACR No.	3141	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	239
Date	9 October 1943	0-733704	Capt.	Nagorka, Henry Jozef	Pilot	POW
Type of Aircraft	B-17 F	0-738017	2nd Lt.	Parker, Gilbert Nettleton	Co-Pilot	MIA
Serial No.	42 - 30371	0-674217	2nd Lt.	Leverone, John Bast	Navigator	POW
Group/Squadron	388 BG/560 BS	0-739038	2nd Lt.	Mahoney, Michael George	Bombardier	POW
Code Letters/Markings		36253067	T/Sgt.	Blankenburg, Robert Albert	Radio Op.	MIA
Mission/No.	Bombing	35306407	T/Sgt.	Keisler, Edward (NEM)	Top Turret Gunner	MIA
Target	Gdynia	31165306	S/Sgt.	Antalek, Francis Joseph	Ball Turret Gunner	POW
AF Station	Knettishall, Suffolk. 136	12187454	Sgt.	Caruso, William R. (io)	Left Waist Gunner	POW
Location of Crash:	In sea 5 to 10 miles W of Fanoe Island, Denmark (Esbjaerg area). Time: Approx. 1600 hours.	34137125	T/Sgt.	Dugan, John L. (io)	Right Waist Gunner	POW
Statement:	About 1 1/2 minutes flying time off coast.	16108865	S/Sgt.	Quinn, Wilbur Paul	Tail Gunner	KIA Esbjaerg
This A/C was hit by fighters (Bf 109) which stayed out of our formation and range on the tail and lobbed shells into the formation. It went down on fire and exploded just before it hit the water. Five chutes were seen which apparently were drifting back onto land.		Fires in radio room and bomb bay. Left Waist gunner shot in leg. At the German outpost near the coast where we were kept on the following morning the N.C.O. in charge told us (Antalek, Caruso and I) that a couple of bodies had washed upon shore during the night, but would not reveal the names if they knew.				
		Special Remarks: May be Quinn and Blankenburg since neither could swim. Caruso: I saw the plane go down and blow up when it hit the water. I swam to a sandbar and was picked up by the Germans after about an hour in the water.				

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