

# 8TH AIR FORCE



MACR No.	2021	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date	12:51 hrs.	4 January 1944	0-677563	2nd Lt.	Prophett, James H. Jr	Pilot POW
Type of Aircraft	B-17 F	0-679855	2nd Lt.	Gallagher, Bernard T.	Co-Pilot	POW
Serial No.	42 - 30289	0-683218	2nd Lt.	Watters, Ronald A.	Navigator	POW
Group/Squadron	390 BG/568 BS	0-676986	2nd Lt.	Wahl, Russell F.	Bombardier	POW
Code Letters/Markings		13105849	S/Sgt.	Oster, Bernhardt (NMI)	Radio Operator	MIA
Mission/No.		15070918	S/Sgt.	Gristak, Henry T.	Top Turret Gunner	MIA
Target	Kiel	18161533	Sgt.	Gott, John B. (IO)	Ball Turret Gunner	MIA
AF Station	153 Framlingham (Parham) Suffolk	13103269	Sgt.	Shanholtz, Oliver S.	Tail Gunner	MIA
Location of Crash: Amalielyst (Hvidkilde) about 3 miles W of Svendborg		18139917	Sgt.	Allen, Jack M.	Right Waist Gunner	POW
		33296623	Sgt.	Conklin, Richard A.	Left Waist Gunner	POW
Statement: 390 Bombardment Group reported that A/C 289 left formation at about 12:30 hrs. near Marstal Bay.		On January 4, 1944 at 12:50 hrs. the Mar.Artil.Ers.Abt. observed that a 4-engined American A/C flew at very low altitude above Hvidkilde and that it crashed after a short time of circling				
Target time: 12:20 hrs.		Prophett and Gallagher taken prisoner at 14:00 hrs. near Hvidkilde. Two of crew picked out of the Baltic Sea off Faaborg by Danish fishing vessels, Wahl at 15:00 hrs, Watters at 16:00 hrs.				
Altitude: 27,000 feet.		Special Remarks: Allen and Conklin captured at 13:15 hrs. near Vindeballe on the Aeroe Island by 19./Ln. Regt. 222. after having bailed out at Vesterløkke. S/Sgt Gristak's parachute failed to open.				
A/C hit by flak, engine no. 2 and 3 out.						