

8TH AIR FORCE



Latest known address in 1975:
Orlin H. Markussen, registered real estate broker, 1761 HWY. A-1-A, Satellite Beach, Florida 32937

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MACR No. KU 877	2426	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date: Approx 15:20 hrs	20 February 1944	0-535996	2nd Lt.	Smith, Reginald A.	Pilot	POW
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-741995	2nd Lt.	Markussen, Orlin H.	Co-Pilot	POW
Serial No.	42 - 37790	0-736312	2nd Lt.	Scott, Gerald C.	Navigator	POW
Group/Squadron	100 BG/418 BS	0-670021	2nd Lt.	Cribbs, Ernest (NMI)	Bombardier	POW
Code Letters/Markings	"Miss Behavin"	33209146	T/Sgt.	Evans, Ira Gordon	Radio Operator	ESC
Mission/No.	<input type="checkbox"/> D LD	33239916	S/Sgt.	Dyblie, Edward B.	Ball Turret Gunner	POW
Target	Posen	31127255	T/Sgt.	Egan, Thomas M.	Engineer	POW
AF Station 139	Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk	13089208	S/Sgt.	Dunbar, Robert L.	Right Waist Gunner	POW
Location of Crash: Haarslev Mark, some 5 miles south of Bogense.		13108652	S/Sgt.	Britko, Edward (NMI)	Left Waist Gunner	POW
Statement: 10/10 undercast		15321049	S/Sgt.	Udick, Michael E.	Tail Gunner	POW
A/C last seen at 14:52 hours near 55°00'N-12°30'E		When reaching Posen the target was obscured by clouds. Formation then attacked secondary target which was Stettin. Over Stettin "Miss Behavin" encountered heavy flak and was hit in No.2 engine (Propeller could not be feathered, and as a result, A/C dropped out of formation).				
At 14:52 hours near the Danish coast		Special Remarks: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Markussen's parents came from Denmark, his mother from Odense, Funen Isl. Orlin was one of 5 children, the youngest and the only one in the family that couldn't speak Danish.				
Lt. R.A. Smith, A/C 790, called and said he was going to try to reach Sweden. His A/C was hit over the target area by rockets and was smoking badly.						

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