

 **Nimmo's Watch – A watch returns after 60 years** – Translated 09 FEB 2024  
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**The Australian pilot [J. A. H. Nimmo](#) was shot down and killed at Brande I 1944.  
Now his watch is again back with his family in Australia.**

The body of Pilot Nimmo was found in a field in Tykskov. The then doctor Olsen removed the watch from the body and gave it to farmer Villiam Mikkelsen. On the reverse side of the watch was the name and number of the pilot. By all accounts it was never told to the authorities.

When a Missing Research & Enquiry Commission after the War went to see Villiam Mikkelsen this was cleared up, but the watch remained in the care of Mikkelsen, and not until 1999 after the [Memorial Stone](#) was erected, it was passed on to Brande Museum together with a compass, a whistle, a buckle of a parachute and some burnt pieces of clothes.

*Caption 1: Finn Olesen and Kristian Østergaard studying the inscription on the reverse side of the watch.*

*Caption 2: Pilot J. A. H. Nimmo.*

*Caption 3: On the reverse side of the watch is engraved JAH NIMMO 401638 RAAF the name of the killed pilot from The Royal Australian Air Force. At first this watch is not special, but its story is. With its return to Australia it marks the end of the story of a young Australian pilot who went to Europe to fight.*

In September 2002 Poul Westergaard Jensen published his book [Lancaster ND420 - skudt ned 10. april 1944](#) that you may see on the internet. Here he tells all of the story of the last bombing raid, the crash in Brande and the fate of the crew. In a strange way this book is the indirect cause to the return of the watch to Australia with Mrs. Anne Truman, the sister of the Australian pilot J. A. H. Nimmo who was shot down over Brande on 10 April 1944.

Kristian Østergaard, one of the driving forces behind the memorial stone, sent a book to [Keith F. Clohessy](#) in Australia (one of the survivors). In December 2003 Clohessy participated in a TV film about survivors from Lancaster planes. Mrs. Anne Truman saw it and realized that it must be her brother. She contacted Clohessy who sent her the book and a video recorded at the unveiling of the memorial stone in Brande. Thanks to an acquaintance, the Danish-Australian Brian Olesen, she found out that her brother's watch from then was at the museum in Brande. She had not then then known about the existence of this watch.

Notes state that attempts were made to find the sister, when the watch was found. They also state that Brande Museum was to take care of the watch till she might be found.

But nearly 60 years after the shutdown passed till she was found.

After a lengthy email correspondence between Brian Olesen and Sigurd Møller (Head of the Tourist Information office) and with assistance from Finn Olesen from Brande Museum and Kristian Østergaard the watch is now at the sister in Australia.

This little story shows that so many years after the end of World War II there are still unfinished chapters. Some will never be finished.

But Pilot Nimmo's watch is now back in Australia, at that marks the end of the fine efforts of some persistent people.

*Caption 4: The picture shows Lancaster ND 420 and its crew. The small photo shows Keith Clohessy.*