

8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No.	4266	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date	11 April 1944	0-753847	2nd Lt.	Bethe, Kenneth Eugene	Pilot	ESC
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-814877	2nd Lt.	Demars, Raul A.	Co-Pilot	ESC
Serial No.	42 - 3535	0-702117	2nd Lt.	Juskowitz, Hyman Judah	Navigator	ESC
Group/Squadron	96 BG/339 BS	0-757098	2nd Lt.	Smith, Robert Dale	Bombardier	ESC
Code Letters/Markings	Black 'C' in white square - QJ - X	31312807	S/Sgt.	Leo Segalla, Constantino	Top Turret Gunner	ESC
Mission/No.	Bombing	32586126	S/Sgt.	Esler, Albert Charles	Radio Op.	ESC
Target	Poznan Stettin	16125546	Sgt.	Lauer, Russell Adolph	Right Waist Gunner	ESC
AF Station	Snetterton Heath, Norfolk. 138	36726631	S/Sgt.	Mrozek, Stanley Ted	Ball Turret Gunner	ESC
Location of Crash: Approx. at 1330 hours	18083024	Sgt.	Morgan Jr., Everett E.	Tail Gunner	ESC	
at Taastrup about 5 miles WNW of Store Heddinge, Zealand Island, Denmark.	36190961	Sgt.	Hamlin, John Alvin	Left Waist Gunner	ESC	
Statement: Johan Nissen, farmer and owner of the field where 42-3535 crash landed displayed much courage by hiding the crew. Nissen made contact with the Underground Movement, and Mr. Brammer from same provided for their transportation to Copenhagen where "Tom" alias Robert Jensen organized their successful escape to Sweden. "Tom" was later killed by Gestapo in a gun-fight.	Statement of July 14, 1976 by Kenneth E. Bethe, Col., USAF Ret. A/C under continual attack from Me 210s, 109s and Fw 190s; the 190s were the ones that really did the most damage. My Co-Pilot was badly wounded about the face and the eyes and my engineer was acting as my Co-Pilot. No.3 and No.4 engines were completely shot out and props were feathered. No. 2 engine had the top cylinders damaged causing lots of smoke and some fire. Our radios and navigation equipment were also inoperable, so it was imperative we get on the ground or water in short order - also our fuel was extremely low and gone in most tanks as evidenced by the aircraft not burning after we crashed.					jh/7/70 II