

"Allied bomber fallen down on Stevns"

[The peninsula where we live.]

On Stevns a bomber fell down about two o'clock in the afternoon. The machine burned, but there was no damage to the surrounding country. The American bomber made a forced landing near Taastrup. It looked as if the machine would fall down into the houses of Store-Heddinge. The machine was a big American bomber. A lot of people who were standing at the locak shop looking at the flying over machines, suddenly saw the machine tumble down to the ground. It looked as if the machine would hit the buildings, and for the people it was alarming seconds, but in the last moments it burned and came to the ground out of the village. The police from Store-Heddinge came immediately and made barriers around the machine.

The following is what the editor wrote about the event and put into his pocket.

More than 200 American and English bombers were seen over Store-Heddinge, and in the glittering sun it was a beautiful sight. The noise was heard for fifteen minutes as a far off thunder, before you could see the machines. The machine by Taastrup made a forced landing. There was no fire in it. The damage on it was not great. The radio was thrown down over Gjorslev and possibly the 12 (sic) man crew have molested the machine before the forced landing. The crew was not hurt and soon disappeared from the machine. When doctors, police and nurses from Store-Heddings soon arrived the crew was nowhere to be found. The rush of people was enormous and that day and the next day about 3-4000 came to the place. An oat field was totally spoiled by trampling down. Even if there were barriers and guards by the flying machine, people were audacious, entered the machine from where they got chewing gum, chocolates and tobacco, which we could not buy here. On the 12th of April the Germans took over the watch.

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