8TH AIR FORCE

MACR No. KU 1874	4876	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date 16:35 hours	13 May 1944	0-802814	1st Lt.	Wilds, John E. Jr.	Pilot	POW
Type of Aircraft	B-17 G	0-693803	2nd Lt.	McDaniel, Samuel L.	Co-Pilot	POW
Serial No.	42 - 31972	0-689663	2nd Lt.	Schaeffer, James R.	Navigator	POW
Group/Squadron	379 BG/527 BS	0-746574	1st Lt.	Gerth, Virgil J.	Bombardier	POW
Code Letters/Markings		32673040	T/Sgt.	Tucker, Gordon E.	Radio Operator	POW
Mission/No.		37315875	T/Sgt.	Claypool, Warren D.	Top Turret Gunner	POW
Target	Stettin	15383039	S/Sgt.	Baldwin, Charles J.	Ball Turret Gunner	POW
AF Station 117	Kimbolton, Hunts.	33114597	S/Sgt.	Corey, John (NMI)	Waist Gunner	POW
Location of forced landing:		15086732	S/Sgt.	Carl, Joseph W.	Tail Gunner	POW
Beldringe about 5 miles NNW of Odense,						
Statement:		A/C 972 last seen at 53°34'N/13°44'E leaving the formation at 14:32 hours with No. 1 engine on fire. A/C was under				
Visibility: 3-5 miles, 6/10 - 8/10's Cumulus, tops at 12,000 feet,		control - no chutes were seen. Lt. Wilds dropped his bombs and stayed with the formation for twelve minutes. His No. 1				
3/10 - 5/10's Cirrus, 23,000 feet.		engine was feathered after being on fire.				
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