

# 8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No.	8306	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date 15:20 hours	27 August 1944	0-767271	2nd Lt.	Kent, Alphonso Holland Jr.		POW
Type of Aircraft	P-51-C-10-NT					
Serial No.	43 - 25049	<u>Statement</u>				
Group/Squadron	20 FG/55 FS	I certify that I, William W. Smith, Capt., A.C. saw Alphonso H. Kent, Jr., 2nd Lt., A.C. in P-51-C-10-NT, serial number				
Code Letters/Markings		43-25049 over enemy territory on 27 August 1944 at 15:20 hrs. I was leading Red Flight at the time we strafed the A/F at				
Mission/No.	Escort	Esbjaerg. We were on the deck and had been through intense and accurate light and heavy flak in the town and on the				
Intended destination	Berlin	shore line. Lt. Kent's plane was hit - he pulled up just after crossing the shore and flew approximately 2/3 miles				
AF Station 367	Kings Cliffe, Northants.	out into the North Sea. He bailed out at approximately 2,000 feet altitude and his chute opened. Later I saw him				
Location of Crash: North Sea, approx.		in his dinghy. There were two small boats in the vicinity. I did not see them pick up Lt. Kent.				
2/3 miles W of Fanoe Island, Denmark.				William W. Smith, Captain, Air Corps.		
Statement:						
		Special Remarks:				