

# 8TH AIR FORCE



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MACR No.	8305	Service No.	Rank	Name	Duty	
Date	15:22 hours	27 August 1944	0-763114	1st Lt.	Doering, Edward W.	Pilot POW
Type of Aircraft	P-51-D-5-NA	Statement:				
Serial No.	44 - 13991	Our squadron had gone to the deck to strafe on Jutland Peninsula after leaving heavy bombers. We had strafed for				
Group/Squadron	20 FG/77 FS	approximately one-half hour when we withdrew. A little after making landfall out I heard Lt. Doering call and say he was				
Code Letters/Markings		on fire. Right after this I saw his plane diving into the water about 20 miles WSW of Blaavand Point, Denmark and a				
Mission/No.	Escort	chute open at about 7,000 feet. I followed the chute down to the water and saw him drop out of his chute. He opened				
Intended destination	Berlin	his dinghy and climbed in. He waved both his arms to show he was OK and continued waving at intervals while we circled.				
AF Station	367	Kings Cliffe, Northants.	We circled until 15:26 at which time we withdrew. There were no boats in the immediate vicinity but there were some			
Location of Crash:		North Sea about further in toward land which could have reached him.				
9 miles W of Skallingen.		Some members of the squadron had climbed to 25,000 feet to send out a fix but I stayed close to the water all the				
Statement:		time and when I left Lt. Doering, he was definitely uninjured and in good shape.				
		Ted E. Slanker 2nd Lt., Air Corps.				
		Special Remarks: According to German records Lt. Doering				
		was captured at sea on 31st August 1944 at 14:00 hours.				
		(199° 4,5 sea miles off Blaavand lighthouse).				
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