

Speech given on September 4th 2013 at Lancaster EE138 crash site Stadil, Denmark by:

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Welcome to this site where 4 English and 4 Australian flyers are buried along with their Lancaster, on this night late in summer it might be hard to imagine the terrifying night of the crash on the 4th of September 1943. But there are people present who remember and the rest of us should never forget.

If it wasn't for the resistance movement we would have been left on the wrong side of the Iron Curtain after the war. This is why we owe an eternal debt to those men and women from all over the world who participated in the struggle for a free world, especially those who paid the highest price. Since September 2008 when the plaque for the eight air men was unveiled by Ambassador Minahan, the EE138 group has succeeded in making contact with relatives of Sergeant Arthur Rolfe who have provided a photo of Arthur Rolfe and it is added to the plaque, as you may see later. For the first time relatives of Arthur Rolfe are attending the crash site.

The new plaques granite memorial and boundary bollards have been made possible through the support of the Australian Government Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Australian War Graves. My Name is Ole Kamp and I am a member of the local council, I was born and live not far from here, that's why I was given the honour. So once again welcome and now we will hear the Danish National Anthem.

Danish National Anthem - Der er et yndigt land