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## Airmen, bombs, and veterans, Christmas 2022

Dear Lester Schrenk, Bill Emerslund, David Geddes, Gregers Laigaard, Lars Wikander and Lars McKie. Other readers may take this as an appetizer. Follow links and see more. Notice the main page with options.

From **AirmenDK** [www.airmen.dk](http://www.airmen.dk) links-line 2 you click [Memorial](#) to see the monument to the crew of [LAN R5679](#). This year Gregers had it moved, see [This memorial stone was moved on 11 October 2022](#). The reason is that now it is easier for guests of the inn to see that there is an inscription when they walk the easiest way to the [Morten Korch Museum](#) and the barn with tin roof that you see in the photo to the right on page [Afløring - Unveiling 4 \(airmen.dk\)](#) and to the left on page [Afløring - Unveiling 12 \(airmen.dk\)](#). That barn now in the left half contains a reconstruction of a half-timbered house about 200 years old - see [Sandkærgårdeladen](#) on the website [Kartoffeltysker.dk](#) about the Potato Germans. The right half is used by the [Grønhøj Kro](#), see [this photo](#) from [Galleri](#) where you also spot [LAN R5679](#). Gregers and Dorte make the inn an interesting place to visit.

In May 2022 Frank Weber sent me a copy of a remarkable pilot's own book. See [Planes and missions](#) with [Minelaying areas](#) and notice the German island of [Sylt](#). On 14 APR 1940 the famous [Guy Gibson](#) passed that island in a [Hampton](#) to drop mines in the Carrot area. He told his navigator to tell him, when they were 3 minutes from ETA – Expected Time of Arrival. Then they would go down from about 900 feet through heavy clouds. See what happened, when they suddenly saw the [Little Belt Bridge](#). A close call! David takes excellent photos! I just tried to illustrate a story. The point is to find a good camera position. Bill is very interested in [Police](#) and ["Svanen"](#) might interest him.

[Sgt Schrenk+Obl Müller](#) has details of the American Ball Turret Gunner who met the German Pilot who shot him down 68 years and 2 months later in Germany to thank him for saving the lives of the crew of his plane. A remarkable story! You may see a video from 2012, if you have 3 minutes. The second paragraph mentions [The Log Book Project](#) by a number of people including Lars McKie. See also a film brought on NHK-World Japan News! Les was happy to add a link to it. On 17 DEC 2022 my friend Les, 98, and Bernice sent me a Christmas Greeting that you find near the bottom of the page [Lester Schrenk](#) about him and with links to many of his contributions to AirmenDK. The story of him is also the story of quite a number of American airmen. [Cemeteries](#) has for many years had links (letters) at the west coast of Sweden, photos from [Lars Wikander](#).

My main page has the link [Kær Bomber](#) that you may have a look at. Unfortunately I found it impossible to translate everything into English. On 29 OCT 2022 a group of people from [AFMCA](#) used metal detectors and shovels to find debris from the crash of [HAL HR940](#) – and then they found 2 bombs! The area was sealed off. On that page you see the exact types of the 7 bombs that that plane carried at take-off. My contribution was to find that information via the National Archives website. See [Craters from the bombs](#) with a link to a video from Danish Defence, 29 seconds with the explosion seen in 4 ways! It is 227 km from my home, so I was not there.

**AirmenDK** will be preserved and continued with public access after me by the [National Museum of Denmark](#). Then I took the opportunity to add pages about veterans of other wars. You may see the link [Veteran 1864](#) at the bottom left corner of AirmenDK. Notice the photo [Våbenbrødre i 1908](#) (Brothers in Arms 1908). The sitting veterans are from the war 1848-50 (started 60 years earlier) while the standing veterans are from the war in 1864, also called the [Second Schleswig War](#). Denmark lost 40% of its territory and the population dropped from 2.6 million to 1.6 million inhabitants. My point was to tell about medals - [Erindringsmedaljer](#). My latest contribution is the article [Veteraner 1864 Randers](#).

Problem: It takes time from the Allied airmen! And now I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards *Anders*. You may drop me a line.