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AND REACHED SWEDEN.

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## STATEMENT BY.

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Left : STOCKHOLM, 2 Sep 44.

Arrived : LEUCHARS, 3 Sep 44.

Date of Birth : 2 Oct 23.

Peacetime Profession : Student.

R.A.F. Service: Since 17 Mar 42.

Private Address: Spring Coulee,  
ALBERT, Canada.

O.T.U. : 22 (WELLSBOURNE)

Conversion Unit: 1664 (DISHFORTH)

Post in crew : Pilot

Other members of crew:

F/O WIENS, R.C. (navigator) (in SWEDEN)  
F/O DURFEE, A.B. (bomb aimer) (fate unknown)  
Sgt. UMSHEID, J.L. (flight engineer) (fate unknown)  
F/Sgt. MUSGRAVE, P.A. (gunner) (believed killed)  
F/Sgt. BUDD, E.C.D. (gunner) (in SWEDEN)  
W.O. RAFTER, R.H. (wireless operator) (S/P.G.(-)2257)

We took off from GRANSDEN LODGE in a Lancaster aircraft on 16 Aug 44 to bomb STETTIN. While bombing the target we were hit by Flak, and on the way home we were attacked by enemy aircraft over DENMARK. The machine was set on fire and we had to bale out. I landed in a field just South of ORDRUP (DENMARK, 1:100,000, Sheet 48, 7856). I hid my parachute and mae west in a stook and contacted a farmer, who took me in, fed me, and gave me clothes. He then contacted a man at COPENHAGEN who came out, and we rode bicycles to RINGSTED. From there we took a train to COPENHAGEN. I stayed in  
/COPENHAGEN for .....

INTERVIEWED BY: I.S.9(W) }  
O.R.S., Bomber Command, R.A.F. } 4 Sep 44.

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COPENHAGEN for nine days, at three different addresses. On the seventh day I was taken on a boat and there met two of my crew, W.O. RAFTER and F/Sgt. BUDD. Two days after we sailed for SWEDEN, and on arrival at MALMO contacted the British Cons