

Wireless Operator RAF Warrant Officer Thomas Fairclough evaded with the assistance of many Danish Resistance members and civilians

70th anniversary of the shooting down of RAF Lancaster ME449

Speech by Nigel Fairclough
representative of the Thomas Fairclough family

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Thank you for inviting us to this gathering. My name is Nigel Fairclough, son of Thomas Fairclough who was helped by the Danish people to escape. The tributes we can give to the Danish people for helping us - we can't say enough, they did so much and it meant so much.



While Thomas was on his way to Sweden, he was given this toy Royal Danish Guard soldier from one of the Danish people. We don't know who gave it, but it has been a treasured part of the family for years.



Nigel Fairclough
son of Thomas Fairclough
Photo by Birthe Holme Kasch

All I can say is thank you to everybody. To Stan Slater for keeping the plane in the air long enough for the people to escape and all the Danes for looking after Thomas and getting him home safely. Thank you very much.