

Alsterufer sinking



FONFA have been in contact with Tom Doležal whose father was F/Lt Oldřich Doležal seen in the photo below.



He was a pilot with 311 Sqn when they were stationed at RAF Beaulieu in 1943/1944.

Whilst there he was responsible for the sinking of

the Alsterufer, , a German fast 2,729-tonne 'Blockade Runner' ship,

returning from Japan with a valuable cargo including 344 tons of wolframite – tungsten ore – bound for Germany.

This action took place on the 27 December 1943 and was considered the biggest success of 311 Sqn in WW2 .

It is also regarded as the most significant action achieved by the Czechoslovaks in the RAF during WW2.

Tom kindly sent the links below to tell the full story of this event.

[70th Anniversary of the Alsterufer sinking – Free Czechoslovak Air Force Associates Ltd](#)

[Alsterufer – 75th anniversary – Free Czechoslovak Air Force Associates Ltd](#)

[Alsterufer – 80th Anniversary – Free Czechoslovak Air Force Associates Ltd](#)

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