



## Personal info

Full name

**FRANKE, Ellick**

Date of birth

**30 October 1921**

Age

**22**

Place of birth

**Cambria County, Pennsylvania**

Hometown

**Johnstown, Cambria County, Pennsylvania**

## Military service

Service number

**33252184**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,  
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**3 March 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

## Immediate family

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### Members

**John Franke (father)**

**Anna (Libertino) Franke (mother)**

**George Franke (brother)**

**John Franke (brother)**

**Betty Franke (sister)**

**Bertha Franke (sister)**

**Helen Franke (sister)**

**Ann Franke (sister)**

**Evelyn (Mikulik) Franke (wife)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-38075**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Berlin**

**Mission: Bombing of the industrial areas**

**MACR: 2794**

## More information

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S/Sgt Ellick Franke was a routeman. He enlisted in Altoona, Pennsylvania on 4 September 1942. He was sent overseas in October 1943 and completed eighteen missions.

On their way to the target, the formation crossed another formation that was returning without bombing their target, due to bad weather. The airplane collided head on with plane 42-31112, killing the entire crew of both planes.

There is a contradiction about the exact place where the plane crashed. According to certain documents, it crashed in Itzehoe, but other documents mention that the body of Thomas Robey washed ashore in Busum on 5 May 1944. This can mean that the airplane crashed in the North Sea.

S/Sgt Franke is also remembered with a memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Photos



1 LT 335 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP (H)	UTAH
FRANCIS ROBERT F	
1 LT 336 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP (H)	WASHINGTON
FRANCIS THOMAS R	
1 LT 544 BOMB SQ 384 BOMB GP (H)	TEXAS
FRANKE ELICK	
S SGT 94 BOMB GP (H)	PENNSYLVANIA
FRANKEL ARTHUR B	
2 LT 413 BOMB SQ 96 BOMB GP (H)	NEW YORK
FRANKLIN MARTHAL N	
S SGT 335 BOMB SQ 95 BOMB GP (H)	LOUISIANA
FRANTZ GERALD R	
SGT 121 INF 8 DIV	PENNSYLVANIA



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