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 Date: [unclear]

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Date JAN 15 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

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MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an air crew member is officially reported missing.

- ORGANIZATION: Location, by Name England; Command or Air Force 8AF  
Group 457th Bomb. Gp (H); Squadron 749th; Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
- SPECIFY: Place of Departure Station 130; Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Target or Intended Destination Cologne, Germany; Type of Mission \_\_\_\_\_  
Objective Bombing
- WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
10/10ths Clouds
- DATE: (a) Day 28 Month Jan Year 1945; Time 1200; and Location of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft. 51-10N - 07-30E  
(b) Specify whether aircraft was last sighted (); Last contacted by radio (); Forced down (); Seen to crash (); or Information Not Available ().
- AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only one) Enemy Aircraft (); Enemy Anti-Aircraft (); Other Circumstances as follows: Unknown
- AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B17G; AAF Serial Number 42-97164
- REGISTRATION OF AIRCRAFT, if any "Rebel Queen"
- ENGINES: Type, Model and Series R-1820-97; AAF Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) SW-001750; (b) SW-016165; (c) 43-57029; (d) 41-23417
- INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below date, Type and Serial Number):  
(a) 647079; (b) 835096; (c) 647600; (d) 949387;  
(e) 635251; (f) 635271; (g) 637090; (h) 645274;  
(i) 647960; (j) 651075; (k) 650916; (l) 125216;  
(m) \_\_\_\_\_; (n) \_\_\_\_\_; (o) \_\_\_\_\_; (p) \_\_\_\_\_
- THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle Casualty   
or (b) Non-Battle Casualty \_\_\_\_\_
- NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew 9; Passengers 0; Total 9  
(Starting with Pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 11 persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet and attach original to this form.)

Crew Position	Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Current Status
1. Pilot	<u>Boyes, Wallace F. Jr.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>0826086</u>	<u>MTA RTD</u>
2. CP	<u>Felgenhauer, Elmer W.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0828131</u>	<u>MTA MIA KIA</u>
3. N	<u>Furst, Kenneth J.</u>	<u>1st Lt.</u>	<u>02064561</u>	<u>MTA RMC RTD</u>
4. B	<u>Turner, Merritt D.</u>	<u>2nd Lt.</u>	<u>0782986</u>	<u>MTA MIA</u>
5. TTG	<u>Horan, Francis J.</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>32852015</u>	<u>MTA RMC RTD</u>
6. RO	<u>Seldman, Abraham (NMI)</u>	<u>T/Sgt</u>	<u>33508742</u>	<u>MTA RMC RTD</u>
7. BTG	<u>Trapani, Frank (NMI) III</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>38544408</u>	<u>MTA RMC RTD</u>
8. WG	<u>Duitman, Roy S.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>19124898</u>	<u>MTA PoW RTD</u>
9. TG	<u>Dille, Robert A.</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>37534270</u>	<u>MTA RMC RTD</u>
10.				
11.				

12. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMNS TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Check Only One Column		
			Contacted by Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash Landing
1. <u>Greason, Craig P.</u>	<u>1st Lt</u>	<u>0825240</u>		<u>X</u>	
2. <u>Lorber, Jack (NMI)</u>	<u>F/O</u>	<u>T131638</u>		<u>X</u>	
3. <u>Arsenault, Blair</u>	<u>S/Sgt</u>	<u>31262754</u>		<u>X</u>	

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13. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, A STATE TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
14. ATTACH PHOTO, PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN OR HEARD FROM.
15. ATTACH BRIEF WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
16. GIVE NAME, GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SEARCH, IF ANY, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION AND EXTENT \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report: 5 February 1945

*Gerald H. Galligan*  
(Signature of Reporting Officer)  
GERALD H. GALLIGAN,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Air Statistical Officer

17. IS AIRCRAFT BELIEVED TO BE IN THE AREA OF THE STATEMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_



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(S-2 Summary of  
Eye-Witness Accounts)

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(S-2 Summary of  
Eye-Witness Accounts)

Instructions: 1. If aircraft returned, only questions 6 and 7 are applicable. 2. Question number 5 not applicable to Fighter Groups. 3. Summary will be prepared in five copies, four of which will be forwarded. 4. Interrogating Officer will sign original and second copy.

GROUP 457th Sqdn. 719th A/C No. 42-97164

MISSION DATE 28 January 1945 FIRST PILOT Wallace F. Boyes, Jr.  
(Name)

1st Lt. 0-826086 DESTINATION Cologne  
(Rank) (Serial No.)

1. Position of missing aircraft when last sighted or contacted:

(a) By coordinates Approximately 5110 - 0730

(b) Approximate altitude 24,000 feet

(c) Last noted heading unknown

(d) If out of formation, approximate distance from formation one hundred yards

2. Describe enemy opposition (intensity of flak, intensity and method of enemy fighter attack, etc., with particular reference to missing A/C):

Meagre to moderate, fairly accurate flak encountered at target, about five or six minutes before A/C 164 left formation. None encountered at time when A/C 164 left formation. No enemy aircraft encountered by the Group at any time.

3. Description of extent of damage to missing aircraft (including fires, explosions, etc):

Number two or number three engine was feathered. No fire or smoke was seen. No other sign of damage was seen.

4. If aircraft was out of control describe appearance:

Aircraft was not out of control.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

5. If distressed aircraft was out of formation, was it last seen with escort? No If so, give distinguishing markings of Fighter Group if noted (Group number, color and/or fighter aircraft numbers, nicknames, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of parachutes seen and description of jumps (approximate altitude, time between jumps, etc.):

No parachute was seen.

7. Any other remarks not covered by above:

A/C 164 was flying lead of low section, low squadron. After feathering one engine, A/C 164 descended. Lt. Greason, flying number three, low section, stayed on its wing and followed it down for 1,000 feet or more until he realized A/C 164 had left formation. Lt. Greason then left A/C 164 and climbed back into formation. He does not know which way A/C 164 headed after that or what happened to it.

8. Date of report \_\_\_\_\_

EYE-WITNESSES:	NAME	RANK	A.S.N.	A/C No.
1.	Jack (DIT) Lorber	F/O	T-131638	43-38534
2.	Blair Arsenault	S/Sgt.	31262754	42-38113
3.	Craig P. Greason	1st Lt.	O-825240	42-38113
4.				

INTERROGATING OFFICER (Sign Original and One Copy):

<u>Hugh M. Hamill</u> (Name)	<u>1st Lt.</u> (Rank)	<u>O-573919</u> A.S.N.	<u>Asst. Gp. S-2.</u> Duty
HUGH M. HAMIL			

NOTE: Supplemental information developing subsequent to this account will be forwarded in manner prescribed in par 6, letter WD, AG, 704 (5 July 44) OS-S-44E-4, subject "Missing Air Crew Report", 7 July 44.

C O N F I D E N T I A L



1st Lt. Wallace F. Boyes Jr.

Mrs. Gosine V. Boyes Jr. (Wife) ✓  
500 Williams Street  
Mobile, Alabama

2nd Lt. Elmer W. Felgenhauer

Mrs. Alice Felgenhauer (Wife) ✓  
1625 South 55th Court  
Cicero, Illinois

1st Lt. Kenneth J. Furst

Mr. Herbert H. Furst (Father) ✓  
2064 Myrtle Avenue  
Long Beach, California

2nd Lt. Merritt D. Turner

Mr. Samuel R. Turner (Father) ✓  
802 Lake Davis Drive  
Orlando, Florida

T/Sgt. Francis J. Horan

Mr. Albert D. Horan (Father) ✓  
Elm Avenue  
Staatsburg, New York

T/Sgt. Abraham Feldman

Mrs. Georgane M. Feldman (Wife) ✓  
309 Briggs Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Sgt. Frank Trapani III

Mrs. Hettie C. Trapani (Mother) ✓  
4008 Avenue J  
Galveston, Texas

S/Sgt. Roy S. Duitman

Mrs. Anna Duitman (Mother) ✓  
Box 875  
San Luis Obispo, California

S/Sgt. Robert A. Dilley

Mr. Frank A. Dilley (Father) ✓  
4109 Linwood Boulevard  
Kansas City, Missouri



Date of Crash: 28 Jan 45  
Place of Crash: Weibern, 11 km northwest of Mayen  
Aircraft type: Fortress 17, 297164  
Crew: ?

KU 3643



NR. 1240

Remarks:

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NR. 1239

Remarks:

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M.- Stammlager 12 D  
Dept. Transport

KU 1239 A

Waldbreitenbach 29. Jan. 1945

To Intelligence Office of the Luftwaffe  
Oberursel/West.

Sgt. Robert A. Dilley 37534270 witch landed (parachutescent) on 28. Jan. 1945 2000.  
near Alsau/Rossbach Westerwald was given over.

One Cpl. and one Guardman got order to hand the prisoner over at this Office.

A.B.

Signed Cpt.

Dulcg Luft Wetzlar 7./eb. 1945.

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One soldiers Individual Pay Record

Feldman Abraham 33508742.



DATE AND TIME AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN 28 Jan. 1945, 1200 hrs

CASUALTY NO. KU 1239 A

PLACE OF CRASH Koblenz

TYPE OF AIRCRAFT Fortress

REPORTING OFFICE Koblenz

NAME	RANK	SERIAL NUMBER	CAPTURED WOUNDED DEAD	PLACE OF INTERNMENT
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FELDMANN, Abraham 20 March 1911 Paris, France	T/Sgt.	33508742	captured	Dulag-Luft West
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DILLEY, Robert A. 26 Oct. 1922 Mo.	S/Sgt.	37534270	captured	Dulag-Luft West
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TRAPANI, Frank E/B 28 Nov. 1923 Galveston, Tex.	S/Sgt.	38544408	captured	Dulag-Luft West
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DU THON, Ray S. 4 May 1921	S/Sgt.	29124898	captured	Dulag-Luft West
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HORAN, Francis J. 2 Oct. 1924	T/Sgt.	32852015	captured	Dulag-Luft West
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REMARKS:

22 Feb. 1945 No., Dulag-Luft



REPORT ON CAPTURE OF MEMBERS OF ENEMY AIR FORCESPOST: **Airbase Command A (o) 10/Vi**PLACE: **Dann-Hengelar**DATE: **19 February 1945**REGARDING: CRASH: (DOWNED) OF, **a Fortress**EM. LANDING: AT: **probably ca. 20 km west Koblenz, 28 January 1945, 1430 (according to accounts of the prisoner).**NAME: (LAST OR SURNAME) **KENNETH**FIRST NAME: **J. Furst** RANK: **1st Lt.**SERIAL NUMBER: (USA) **O-2061561**RESULT: (DEAD OR CAPTURED) **captured**

PLACE AND TIME OF CAPTURE:

NAME OF HOSPITAL: **Station Hospital Siegburg, Prisoner of War Ward**

PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF INTERMENT:

**Transferred: 19 February 1945.**

Signed: ..... Cpt.



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B 17

10 men

AAF 42-97164

KU 3643

KU 1239 a

Date: 28 Jan 45, at 1200  
Place: Koblenz  
Type of craft: Fortress  
Markings: 297/64  
749 (Hb) Sqd.  
457 Group

Rank: Name:

1st Lt. BOYES, E.  
2nd Lt. FELGENBAUER, (FELGENGAUER)  
1st Lt. FURST, Kenneth J.  
ASN: O-2064561  
2nd Lt. TURNER,  
T/Sgt. HORAN, Francis J.  
ASN: 32852015  
T/Sgt. FELIMAN, Abraham  
ASN: 33506742  
S/Sgt. DUYMON, Roy S.  
ASN: 19124898  
S/Sgt. DILLEY, Robert  
ASN: 37534270  
S/Sgt. TRAPANI, Frank,  
ASN: 38544408



3) A Boeing Fortress II at Weibern 11 km north west of Mayen ( 71 PP 5) on  
28. January 1945 at 1300 PM.- Modelnumber 297164, nothing else established  
aircraft completely burned out.- Nothing is known of the crew, supposedly  
burned in the aircraft.-

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~~Investigating~~  
Investigation Center West Oberursel  
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signed

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Staff Engineer



MACR

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B17

10 men

AAF 42-97164

28 Jan. 1945 1300

Weibern b/Mayen

Type: Fortress

Markings: 297164

Target: H.Q. of airbase  
area Neustadt a.d.W.

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7 out of 9 US

KU 1239a  
KU 3643

Crew dead; burnt 7



CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. Your name Robert G. Dilly Rank S/ser. Serial No. 37534270
2. Organization 457 Gp Commander Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Sqn CO 749 Rank Maj.  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 45 month JAN. day 25 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Kolon, target, Kolon, target time, 2:30 P.M., altitude, 28,000 ft. route scheduled, \_\_\_\_\_, route flown \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where were you when you left formation? Outside of Kolon
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge" 1st man was Frank Trappson, 2nd Ab. Feldman, 3rd Dilly, Robert. all listed men accounted for at Weizler
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? I don't know
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? Weizler camp all unharmed
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: FELGENHAUER, Elmer W.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0828131  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Flight (Fighter)~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Seneg, Germany

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Nothing unusual.

Was he injured? Not when he bailed out

Where was he when last seen? Before we took off.

Any hearsay information: No, but when it came time to

bail out he was scared and crying to the extent  
of some having him shoved out as I was  
by the rest of the crew in camp.

Source: The enlisted men.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: He could

have been shot on his way down as many  
of the fellows have seen in cases or boys or  
in being scared never opened his chute.

Total number of missions of above crew member: about 30 or more.

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



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Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
attention A. F. P. O. 8  
Washington, 25, D. C.

*(Handwritten initials/signature)*



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: FELGENHAUER, Elmer W.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0828131  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? I do not know as he was in the plane when I bailed out.

Where? Unknown

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Just before I jumped (from the waist) I looked forward to the flight deck.

Felgenhauer was out of the co-pilots seat and moving toward the escape hatch forward. The last words I heard him say were "number 4 is going out. lets get out of here." The other 3 engines were out

Where was he when last seen? On the flight deck

Any hearsay information: My pilot Lt. Wallace F. Boyes reported that he had bailed<sup>out</sup> only after the above named individual had jumped.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I landed at a spot where I was unnoticed while descending in my chute. After I had reached the top of a ridge near where I had landed I noticed large numbers of German soldiers walking up a road beneath me. Within 1/2 hour after I had landed I heard several shots fired. I landed too far from the front lines to hear shots from that source. I have drawn the conclusion that either or both Lt. Felgenhauer and Turner may have been shot by soldiers or civilians. I was very close to the small village of KEMPENICH at the time I heard the shots.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26 ( I believe )

Dates and destinations if possible: Not all known.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: TURNER, Merritt D.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0782986  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ B

Did he bail out? I do not know as he was in the plane when I bailed out.

Where? Unknown

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: The last I heard from Turner was just prior to the time I jumped. He asked the pilot what he (the pilot) intended to do. Boyes replied that he would fly the ship as long as possible. Turner than stated that he wanted to stick with  
 Was he injured? NO it as long as possible, and for the pilot to try and crash land as he (Turner) didn't want to jump.

Where was he when last seen? At the time he was still up in his seat in the nose of a B-17-G.

Any hearsay information: My pilot Lt. Wallace F. Boyes reported that he had bailed<sup>out</sup> only after the above named individual had jumped.

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: I landed at a spot where I was unnoticed while descending in my chute. After I had reached the top of a ridge near where I had landed I noticed large numbers of German soldiers walking up a road beneath me. Within 1/2 hour after I had landed I heard several shots fired. I landed too far from the front lines to hear shots from that source. I have drawn the conclusion that either or both Lt. Felgenhauer and Turner may have been shot by soldiers or civilians. I was very close to the small village of KEMRENICH at the time I heard the shots.

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25 (I believe)

Dates and destinations if possible: Not all known.



(5) miles due North of Cologne. We than flew South till we reached a point just about due West of Coblenz where most of the crew bailed out. The en gineer Francis J. Horan and I landed near each other in a field about 3 km. from a small village called KEMPENICH which is on a line drawn due West from Coblenz, and about 35 kilometers from Coblenz.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member:

FELONHAUER, Elmer W.

Rank:

2nd Lt.

Serial number:

0028131

Position: Crew (Bomber) or ~~Navigator~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out?

I don't know.

Where?

I don't know.

If not, why not?

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Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane:

Heanswered to an oxygen check after Bomb Run

Was he injured?

Not that I know of.

Where was he when last seen?

I last saw him getting out of co-pilot seat

Any hearsay information:

The Pilot told me that he bailed out.after I saw him in the states.

Source:

Pilot - in a letter.

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition:

None

Total number of missions of above crew member:

26 or 27<sup>th</sup> mission.

Dates and destinations if possible:

I have no record of missions.

NOTE: I WAS FIRST TO BAIL OUT - THE REASON I DON'T KNOW MUCH INFORMATION.



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: TURNER, Merritt D.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0782986  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~or Flight (Fighter)~~ B

Did he bail out? I don't know

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Oxygen  
Checks just after Bomb Run.

Was he injured? Not that I know of.

Where was he when last seen? ?

Any hearsay information: Pilot said that he bailed out -  
Pilot said everyone had bailed where he left  
the ship.

Source: Pilot - in a letter

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25<sup>th</sup> Mission.

Dates and destinations if possible: Have no record -

NOTE: The Reason I don't know much about what happened to them is that I was first to Bail out.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name TRAPANI III FRANK Rank S/SGT Serial No. 38544408
2. Organization 457<sup>th</sup> Gp Commander Rank COL Sqn CO Rank MAJ  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month January day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Cologne, Ger., target, Marshall's Yards, target time, about 1245 AM., altitude, 26,000 ft route scheduled, around Rhur Valley, route flown Around Rhur valley.
5. Where were you when you left formation? About 10 min. off the target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? As far as I know they all died - I know that seven of them did.
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". "No Knowledge"
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? "No Knowledge"
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) \_\_\_\_\_
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? I SAW THEM IN DULAG LUFT - ALL THE ENLISTED MEN. - ROY DUITMAN - FRANCES HORAN - ABEL FELDMAN - & BOB DILLEY - THEIR CONDITION WAS ALLRIGHT - NONE OF THEM RECEIVED ANY INJURY FROM THE JUMP.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE ELSE IN THE CREW SINCE - HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PILOT & NAVIGATOR - NAVIGATOR HAD FROST BITTEN FEET & LOST HIS TOES.

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: **FELGENHAUER, Elmer W.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0828131**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **Co-Pilot**

Did he bail out? yes - ACCORDING to Pilot

Where? About 25 miles N.W. Coblenz GERMANY

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: Pilot believes he heard shots in  
 direction where Co Pilot is thought to have landed

Source: Pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Very possibly killed by GERMAN CIVILIANS

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11957

Name of crew member: **TURNER, Merritt D.**  
 Rank: **2nd Lt.**  
 Serial number: **0782986**  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **B**

Did he bail out? yes according to Pilot

Where? About 25 miles NW Coblenz Germany

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: Said he would follow me out just before I jumped

Was he injured? UNKNOWN

Where was he when last seen? IN PLANE

Any hearsay information: Pilot believes he heard shots in the direction where Bombardier is thought to have landed

Source: Pilot

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Very possibly killed by German Civilians

Total number of missions of above crew member: 25

Dates and destinations if possible: \_\_\_\_\_



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name FURST Kenneth J Rank 1st Lt Serial No. 02064561
2. Organization <sup>457<sup>th</sup> GP</sup> AC Gp Commander ROGNER Rank Col Sqn CO Leon Stann Rank Lt Col  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month JAN day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Bomb, target, Cologne, target time, 1215?, altitude, 27500' route scheduled, over Belg.  
to TOL. OUT TAP4, route flown SAME TO TGT.  
HOLLAND
5. Where were you when you left formation? ABOUT 40 MILES PAST TGT
6. Did you bail out? YES
7. Did other members of crew bail out? YES - ACCORDING TO PILOT
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All EM bailed out before me to my knowledge, Landed OK, TAKEN PRISONER AND LIBERATED.  
I WAS 1st OFFICER OUT, LANDED ABOUT 25 MI. N.W. COBLENZ - ALL CREW BAILED OUT WITHIN 25 MI. RADIUS OF MYSELF
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? UNKNOWN
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) NONE
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? SAW BOMBARDIER & CO PILOT JUST BEFORE LEAVING PLANE IN GOOD CONDITION
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. \_\_\_\_\_

(Any additional information may be written on the back) a-1



INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: FELGENHAUER, Elmer W.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0828131  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Co-Pilot

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approximately 25 miles northwest of Koblenz.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders to Bail Out

Was he injured? No

Where was he when last seen? In cockpit of plane.

Any hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Approximately from Oct. 19, 1944 to Jan. 28, 1945

Cologne, Koblenz, Mersburg, Mannheim, Muenster, Metz., etc.

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## INDIVIDUAL CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

File # 11987

Name of crew member: TURNER, Merritt D.  
 Rank: 2nd Lt.  
 Serial number: 0782986  
 Position: Crew (Bomber) ~~Flight~~ ~~(Fighter)~~ B

Did he bail out? Yes

Where? Approximately 25 miles northwest of Koblenz.

If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Last contact or conversation just prior to or at time of loss of plane: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders to Bail Out.

Was he injured? Not to my knowledge

Where was he when last seen? In plane

Any hearsay information: None

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Any explanation of his fate based in part or wholly on supposition: None

Total number of missions of above crew member: 26

Dates and destinations if possible: Approximately from Oct. 19, 1944 to January 28, '45

Cologne, Koblenz, Mersburg, Mannheim, Muenster, Metz, etc.



## CASUALTY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Your name Wallace Francis Boyes Rank 1st Lt. Serial No. 0826086  
457 Bomb Gp
2. Organization Gp Commander Col. Rogner Rank Col. Sqn CO Maj. Stan Rank Major  
(full name) (full name)
3. What year 1945 month Jan. day 28 did you go down?
4. What was the mission, Cologne, target, Marshaling Yards, target  
time, 1200, altitude, 25,000 ft., route scheduled, across  
Belgium, route flown same
5. Where were you when you left formation? Turning off the target.
6. Did you bail out? Yes
7. Did other members of crew bail out? Yes
8. Tell all you know about when, where, how each person in your aircraft for whom no individual questionnaire is attached bailed out. A crew list is attached. Please give facts. If you don't know, say: "No Knowledge". All members bailed out  
possess no further knowledge.
9. Where did your aircraft strike the ground? In mountains north of Koblenz
10. What members of your crew were in the aircraft when it struck the ground? (Should cross check with 8 above and individual questionnaires) None
11. Where were they in aircraft? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What was their condition? \_\_\_\_\_
13. When, where, and in what condition did you last see any members not already described above? In plane with none wounded to my knowledge.
14. Please give any similar information on personnel of any other crew of which you have knowledge. Indicate source of information. None

(Any additional information may be written on the back)



**Meldung über den Abschluß eines  
US-amerikanischen Flugzeuges**

**Abschuß-Nr. KU 1239 A**

**Abschußtag und Zeit:** 28.1.45 = 12.00  
**Abschußort:** Koblenz  
**Flugzeugtyp:** Fortress  
**Meldende Dienststelle:** Koblenz

**Besatzung:**

Name und Vornamen: Geburtsdag und -ort:	Dienst- grad	Erk.- Marke:	Verbleib:	
			gef.: verw.: tot:	welches Lager Art d. Verwundung Grablage

FREEMAN 20.3.11	Abraham Paris, France	T/Sgt. 33508742	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
DILLEY 26.10.22	Robert A. Mo.	S/Sgt. 37534270	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
TRAPANI 28.11.23	Frank Galveston, Tex.	S/Sgt. 38544408	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
DUTTON 4.5.21	Roy S.	S/Sgt. 19124898	gef.	Dulag-Luft West
HORAN 2.10.24	Francis J.	T/Sgt. 32852015	gef.	Dulag-Luft West

**Bemerkungen:**

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**DULAG-LUFT, den 22.2.45 Wo.**







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CASUALTY INTERROGATION FORM  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE NOT BEEN AS FORTUNATE AS YOURS. THEIR SONS AND HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION AND THEY ARE ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO LEARN THEIR FATE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP TO TERMINATE THE SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY THEY ARE SUFFERING.

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH IN ACTION OR DURING IMPRISONMENT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES YOU ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DECEASED:

FULL NAME OF DECEASED **Merritt D. Turner** **Bombardier** **B-17**  
HOME TOWN OR STATE **Orlando, Florida**  
GRADE OR RANK **2nd Lt.**  
ORGANIZATION **457 Bomb Gp--- 749 Bomb Sq. 8th AF**  
DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH **28 Jan 1945** **Over Cologne, Germany**  
CAUSE OF DEATH **Plane hit by flak. Three engines were knocked out. 1st Lt. Wallace Boyes Jr, Pilot, told me he saw subject bail out. Subject was never heard of again.**

PLACE OF BURIAL **Not known**

WERE YOU AN EYEWITNESS TO HIS DEATH **No**

NAMES OF PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITNESSED HIS DEATH **None**

IF YOUR INFORMATION IS HEARSAY

GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS OF YOUR INFORMANT **1st Lt. Wallace Boyes Jr. Pilot**  
**Mobile, Alabama**

AUG 2 - 1945  
SIGN HERE *Francis J. Moran*  
**Francis J. Moran**  
**Elm Avenue, Stattsburg, New York**

Your home address

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