



### Personal info

Full name

**SOBOTIK, Stanley Alvin**

Date of birth

**16 August 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Frenstat, Burleson County, Texas**

Hometown

**Wharton County, Texas**

### Military service

Service number

**O-723454**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**407th Bombardment Squadron,  
92nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**11 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
P	2	11

## Immediate family

### Members

**Frank M. Sobotik (father)**

**Marie A. Sobotik (mother)**

**J.F. Sobotik (brother)**

**Blanche Sobotik (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-102426**

### Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Labejum, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing**

**MACR: 8891**

## More information

This C.B.W. was first attacked by E/A just before, during and after bombs away. In the process of making a second run on the target the formation became loose. The E/A attacks further broke up the formation. Just at bombs away approximately 15 E/A identified as mixed FW 190's and ME 109's jumped the lead group. Attacks by these E/A were in element of 3 abreast from 6 o'clock level to high, firing 20 mm shells. These attacks lasted about 10-15 minutes. On passing this group they looped and dived down on the low group. Seven E/A dived on the low group from 7 o'clock high making one pass in echelons before breaking off their attack. The high group was not attacked until immediately before the rally point at 1215 hours.

Stanley was blown out when the plane exploded. He was initially buried in the cemetery of Wimmelburg-Helbra.

## Photos



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