



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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