

# INDIVIDUAL-FLIGHT RECORD

(1) SERIAL NO. 38561682 (2) NAME LUBOJACKY, ALFRED S. (3) RANK Sgt. (4) AGE 37  
 (5) PERS. CLASS 38 (6) BRANCH AC (7) STATION 111, APO 557  
 (8) ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED 8th. 1st. AD. 40th. CBW. 306th. 369th. ATTACHED FOR FLYING  
 (9) ORGANIZATION ATTACHED AIR FORCE COMMAND WING GROUP SQUADRON DETACHMENT  
 (10) PRESENT RATING & DATE U (11) ORIGINAL RATING & DATE  
 (12) TRANSFERRED FROM (13) FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS  
 (15) TRANSFERRED TO (14) TRANSFER DATE

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14	MISSING IN ACTION, CLOSED.																	

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

*Thomas F. Witt*  
 THOMAS F. WITT,  
 Major, AC,  
 Opns. Officer,  
 306th. Bomb. Gp. (H)

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 557

25 January 1945

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 75 )

SECTION  
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AWARD OF AIR MEDAL\* \* \* \* \*

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter, Hq Eighth Air Force, File 200.6, 23 September 1944, subject: "Awards and Decorations", the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men, organizations as indicated, Army Air Forces, United States Army.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

306th Bombardment Group (H)

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ALFRED S. LUBOJACKY, 38561682, Sgt. Edna, Texas

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By command of Brigadier General TURNER:

BARTLETT BEAMAN,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, Jr.  
Lieut. Colonel, A. G. D.  
Adjutant General.

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A. N. WILLIAMS  
PRESIDENT

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Washington DC 2--- 236 AM March 3rd, 1945  
Joseph L Lubojacky--Box 61 Edna, Texas.

The secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son Sergeant Alfred S. Lubojacky has been reported missing in action since Fourteen Feb. over Germany. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified.

J A Ulio The Adjutant General  
956 AM March 3rd, 1945

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## WESTERN TELEGRAMS



*Richmond, Texas*

## WAR DEPARTMENT

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AG 201 Lubojacky, Alfred S.  
PC-N ETO 057

5 March 1945

Mr. Joseph L. Lubojacky  
Box 61  
Edna, Texas

Dear Mr. Lubojacky:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your son, Sergeant Alfred S. Lubojacky, 38,561,682, has been reported missing in action over Germany since 14 February 1945.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months. Also, it is the policy of the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces upon receipt of the "Missing Air Crew Report" to convey to you any details that might be contained in that report.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports.

The personal effects of an individual missing overseas are held by his unit for a period of time and are then sent to the Effects Quartermaster, Kansas City, Missouri, for disposition as designated by the soldier.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. A. ULLO

Major General

The Adjutant General

1 Inclosure  
Bulletin of Information

369TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
306TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Squadron Commander

APO 557,  
24 April 1945.

Sergeant Roman E. Lubojacky  
Hq & Hq Det 74th Ord Base Dept  
APO 887, U. S. Army.

Dear Sergeant Lubojacky:

I received your letter dated 25 March 1945 in which you requested information regarding your brother, Sergeant Alfred S. Lubojacky, 38561682.

He was flying on a mission to Dresden, Germany in aircraft number 42-97185 on 14 February 1945 when our formation was attacked by enemy fighters. The aircraft in which your brother was riding left the formation, however it did not appear to be in distress. It was reported by other crews to be heading East when last seen. There was no smoke or fire observed and all four engines were functioning. B-17G

It is quite possible that all crew members are safe, but due to the changing situations in the past few months, there has been hardly any information concerning Prisoners of War.

The names and home addresses of some of the other members of the crew are as follows:

Lewis, Boylston B.	Capt.	024515	Layton Park, Clearfield, Utah
Harrison, Lester A.	1st Lt.	0769039	62 Ontario St., Canandaigue, N. Y.
Sicard, Joseph R.	F/O	T129559	70 Rock Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.
Whitelaw, Robert S.	2nd Lt.	0782432	3923 North Blvd., Tampa, Florida
Mahmias, Leon	Sgt	42076275	26 Jefferson St., New York, N. Y.
Mc Donough, Frank L.	Sgt.	31420284	27 Topliff St., Dorchester, Mass.
Mc Chesney, Hardin F., Jr	Sgt	15315015	Anna, Kentucky
Standlee, James F., Jr.	T/Sgt	17023812	Rt # 1, Golden, Missouri

At the present time I have no further available information regarding your brother, so for the time being we must carry him on our records as Missing in Action.

If I should receive any further word concerning Sergeant Lubojacky, I will relay it to you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

*James A. McKinney*  
JAMES A. Mc KINNEY,  
Major, Air Corps,

Commanding, 369th Bomb Sq (H).

*Requested in Frankfurt*

22 July (1945)

Dear Mrs. Lubjacksy:

I have hoped since returning to this country that my vacation would be made perfect by news of Alfred's return. I still feel he will come back, but since I have been informed of the safe return of my other missing crewman, Sgt. Frank McDonough, I want to tell you what I know of Alfred's becoming missing. He was in his firing position at the time reported attacks were made on our formation. All during the attack his guns were firing so I have no reason to believe he was hit. We received battle damage and attempted to make the Russians closest friendly forces. Because of power failure there was no interphone and due to fire a messenger could not get through the bomb bay. We had talked about what we would do if these circumstances ever existed, and the boys in the back

began bailing out, encouraged by signals from the Engineer through the flames in the bomb bay. The ship was not under attack at the time, but immediate danger of explosion existed. Two crew members reported seeing Sgt. Subojachy jump from the main exit door, although I did not see this myself because my station is such that I could not. When I did leave the ship Alfred's guns were vertical, indicating the exit position of the turret. This was 30 minutes after the last enemy attack (time ship left formation).

It is my fervent hope this letter finds Al back home again. If not please give me the benefit of any information you may have about what happened to him after jumping. Please let me know if your son speaks German or Czech.

Respectfully  
Boylston B. Lewis

BOYLSTON B. LEWIS  
204 LOUISE ANNE AVE  
MONROE, LOUISIANA

17 Topliff Street  
Dorchester 22, Mass  
August 4, 1945

Dear Mrs Zuboyacky,

We are very sorry to know that you have received no word of Alfred as yet.

I shall answer your two letters and hope you understand my delay. I shall also answer your questions and tell you all Frank knows about the attack.

The War Department did notify us by telegram that on May 14, Frank was liberated and was hospitalized.

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in the European area. He  
were also notified by telegram  
when he arrived in So.  
Carolina and again when  
he arrived at the hospital  
here in Mass.

Yes, Mrs Lubasicky Alfred  
was wounded during the  
attack. When Frank was hit  
he was knocked down and  
while he was laying on the  
floor he looked out toward  
Al's ball turret - the turret  
door was opened - he saw  
that Al was bleeding from  
the head - his oxygen mask  
was off. Frank made an  
attempt to crawl over to him  
but could not make it.  
It was then that Sgt.

Chesney came into the waist and put Marks chute on him and got him out of the plane. Mark bailed out before Al and does not know what happened after that. Mark bailed out near a small town called Aussig in Czechoslovakia, which is about fifty miles from Dresden, it was in a hospital in this small town that Mark was liberated by Russians.

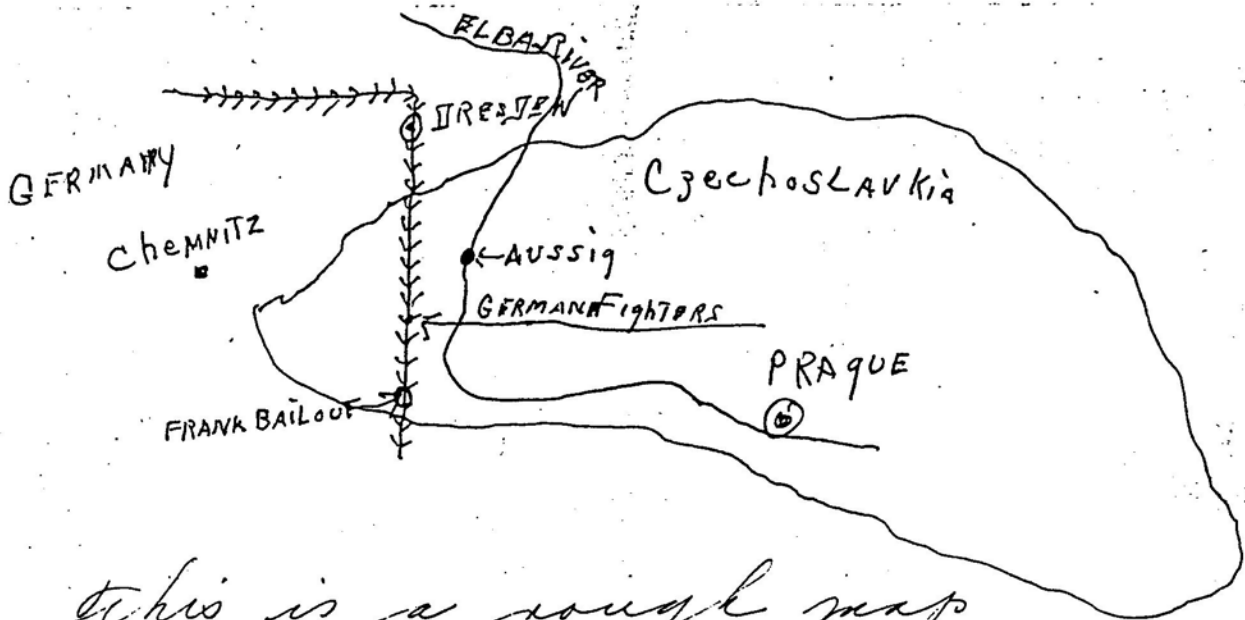
Mark was wounded in both legs, he received a bad wound in the calf of right leg and a shattered shin bone of the left leg. He has suffered a nervous breakdown which the worse is over. He is at

the Cushing General Hospital  
 Framingham, Mass.

I hope this information  
will help you in determining  
Alfred's whereabouts. If there  
is any thing more we can  
do please let us know and  
we will do our best to help.

My dear Mrs. Tuohy from  
what Frank has told us of  
your son's devotion to you  
and his fine character and  
good living I do trust you  
will hear from some  
source soon.

God give you courage  
in this distress. I close  
thinking of you. I am  
Frank's Mother  
Ether McDougall



This is a rough map drawn by Frank to give you an idea of the territory in which the action took place. It is rough drawn from Frank's memory.

Cathy Mc Donough

"They (the jury) must know the truth. Let me speak to them, your honor, let me speak to them."

# Dresden Hard Hit By U. S. Air Force

BY RICHARD KASISCHKE

Berlin, Jan. 2.  $\text{AP}$  Nearly a year after the tremendous allied bombings of last Feb. 13-14, which reportedly killed more than 200,000 persons in Dresden, the residents of the Saxon capital still are digging out corpses.

Those who survived that night and day speak with horror of the inferno which turned Dresden's old city into a ghastly rubble of brick and stone and charred timbers.

Even Russians who have been in Dresden nearly eight months are amazed at what western air power did in the city. The Dresden military governor, Maj. Gen. Dimitry Dubrovski, who welcomed the first American correspondents to tour the Russian-occupied zone, rated the center of Dresden among the worst damaged cities he had seen—and he has seen scores of ruined German cities.

The portion of the city that is smashed is that inclosed by the Ringbahn, the circle inclosing the old town. Nearly everything inside this was burned out. Block after block of rubble and grotesque shells of buildings remain.

This damage was done by bombers, mostly American, which attacked at 10 p. m. on Feb. 13 and then returned at 1:30 a. m. and at 12 noon on Feb. 14. Dresden was hit heavily again on Feb. 17 and these big raids killed, by the best German estimates, 250,000 people.

Dubrovski said that bodies still were being taken from the rubble and he estimated tens of thousands of corpses remain buried.

"All last summer," the general said, "we could not drive through the center of town with the automobile windows down because of the stench."

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AGPC-S 201 Lubojacky, Alfred S.  
(15 Feb 46) 38,561,682

15 February 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Lubojacky  
Box 61  
Edna, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lubojacky:

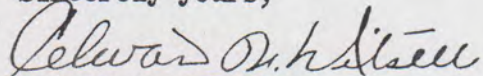
Since your son, Sergeant Alfred S. Lubojacky, 38,561,682, Air Corps, was reported missing in action 14 February 1945, the War Department has entertained the hope that he survived and that information would be revealed dispelling the uncertainty surrounding his absence. However, as in many cases, the conditions of warfare deny us such information. The record concerning your son shows that, as a member of the crew of a B-17 (Flying Fortress) aircraft, he participated in a bombardment mission to Dresden, Germany. Just after leaving the target, the aircraft was seriously damaged in an encounter with enemy fighter planes. An effort was made to continue flying to reach the Russian lines, but the plane had to be abandoned near Jechin, Czechoslovakia. Your son is believed to have been the first or second crew member to bail out. Some of his fellow crew members have reported that he was wounded in the head.

Full consideration has recently been given to all available information bearing on the absence of your son, including all records, reports and circumstances. These have been carefully reviewed and considered. In view of the fact that twelve months have now expired without the receipt of evidence to support a continued presumption of survival, the War Department must terminate such absence by a presumptive finding of death. Accordingly, an official finding of death has been recorded under the provisions of Public Law 490, 77th Congress, approved March 7, 1942, as amended.

The finding does not establish an actual or probable date of death; however, as required by law, it includes a presumptive date of death for the termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts and payment of death gratuities. In the case of your son this date has been set as 15 February 1946, the day following the expiration of twelve months' absence.

I regret the necessity for this message but trust that the ending of a long period of uncertainty may give at least some small measure of consolation. I hope you may find sustaining comfort in the thought that the uncertainty with which war has surrounded the absence of your son has enhanced the honor of his service to his country and of his sacrifice.

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD F. WITSELL

Major General

The Adjutant General of The Army

1 Incl.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

2 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

March 13, 1946



YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

Mrs. Antonia Louise Lubojacky  
Box 61  
Edna, Texas

IN REPLY REFER TO: 8-BECA

XC-6 093 189  
LUBOJACKY, Alfred S.

(No contingent beneficiary was designated)

Dear Madam:

You were named beneficiary for \$10,000.00 of the National Service Life Insurance issued to above-captioned insured which is payable monthly in an amount based on your age on date of the insured's death. It is desired to settle this insurance as soon as possible. Your prompt submission of the following evidence is requested:

1. Your claim on enclosed Form 355.
2. Your election of mode of payment on the enclosed Form 1501. Complete information as to mode of payment will be obtained by a careful reading of the form.
3. Certified copy of public record of birth or church record of baptism of the insured. (Record must show names of both parents.)
4. Certified copy of public record of your birth or church record of your baptism. (Church record must show date of birth of claimant.) (Certified copies of public records must bear signature and seal of legal custodian of such records.)

If public or church record of your birth or baptism or the insured's birth or baptism cannot be furnished, the following may be submitted:

- (a) An affidavit by physician or midwife in attendance at birth; or
- (b) Affidavits by two persons, preferably disinterested, who should state their ages and addresses, the name, date, and place of birth of person concerning whom affidavit is made, names of parents of such person, and the source of their information.

If evidence to prove relationship and age requested in Pars. 3 and 4, or any of the alternatives in (a) and (b), is not readily available, your own statements as to relationship and age on properly executed claim, Form 355, will be accepted tentatively subject to later submission of the further required evidence as soon as practicable, but it is to be understood that unless the necessary supporting evidence is furnished within a reasonable period, payments may be suspended until the receipt of such confirmatory evidence.

If any of the evidence referred to above has been or is being submitted to the Veterans Administration in support of pension or other claim it will be unnecessary to submit it in connection with this claim.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
R. J. Hinton

~~Director~~ R. J. Hinton  
Director, Dependents & Beneficiaries  
Claims Service

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Form 355  
Form 1501

Ins. Form 1500  
Rev. June 1945

**IMPORTANT**  
All correspondence on this case should bear the XC number and insured's full name shown above.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
RECORDS ADMINISTRATION CENTER

4300 GOODFELLOW BOULEVARD  
ST. LOUIS 20, MISSOURI

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGRS-DA 201 Lubojacky, Alfred S.  
(27 Aug 46) 38 561 682

7 January 1947

Mrs. Antonia L. Lubojacky  
Box 146A, Route #1  
Richmond, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lubojacky:

I am very sorry that there has been an unavoidable delay in replying to a letter in your behalf relative to decorations due your son.

I have the honor to inform you that by direction of the President, the Air Medal has been awarded to your son by the Commanding General of the First Air Division. The citation is as follows:

AIR MEDAL

"For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Lubojacky upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

(Authority: GO 75, Hq 1st Air Div APO 557, 25 Jan 45, Sgt, AC)

In addition to the above decoration your son was also entitled to the following:

World War II Victory Ribbon  
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with  
two (2) Bronze Service Stars for battle participation  
in Ardennes and Rhineland Campaigns.  
Sharpshooter Badge with Carbine Bar  
Aerial Gunner Badge

The decorations will be forwarded to the Commanding General of the Fourth Army, San Antonio, Texas, who will select an officer to make presentation to you. The officer selected will communicate with you regarding the presentation.

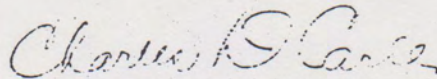
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Although the World War II Victory Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal have been authorized, only the ribbons representing these medals are now available for issuance by the War Department. When these medals become available, wide publicity will undoubtedly be given the announcement, so that you may renew your request at that time.

Your inquiry concerning the Purple Heart will be the subject of a later communication.

It is hoped that these momentos of your son's faithful service to his country will be a source of comfort to you in your great loss.

Sincerely yours,



CHARLES D. CARLE  
Colonel, AGD  
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS  
**TENTH AIR FORCE**  
BROOKS FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

IN REPLY REFER TO:

31 January 1947

Mrs. Antonia L. Lubojacky  
Box 146A, Route 1  
Richmond, Texas

Dear Mrs. Lubojacky:

I have the honor to inform you, on behalf of the Commanding General, that by direction of the President, the Air Medal was awarded, posthumously, to your son, Sgt. Alfred S. Lubojacky, ASN 38561682, Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over Germany and German occupied countries. In addition to the above decorations, your son was entitled to the following awards which I have for presentation.

World War II Victory Ribbon  
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon  
with two (2) Bronze Service Stars  
Sharpshooter Badge with Carbine Bar  
Aerial Gunner Badge

Your desires in the matter as to when and where you wish the presentation made will be appreciated. For your information, if you so desire, a ceremony can be arranged at Hensley Field, Dallas, Texas, or presentation may be made at this headquarters. If you do not desire the formality of a ceremony, the decorations referred to can be mailed to you direct from this headquarters.

You may be proud of these awards and decorations and your son's achievement in helping to win the war.

Just as soon as I receive your reply, the necessary arrangements for presentation will be made.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J MANN  
1st Lt, Air Corps  
Personal Affairs Officer