

Antonin Kubec Agent

Pamětní Medaile Československé Armády v
Zahraničí 'Francie' and 'Velká Británie' bars
(Commemorative medal of the
Czechoslovak army abroad with French and
British Bars)

Československý válečný kříž 1939
(Czechoslovak War Cross 1939)

Antonin was born on 21 March 1911 in Lukavac near
Lovosice, the son of Jan Kubec and Anna Kubec née
Kubová.

Educated in Lukavac and, after his family moved, in
Kaňko, on leaving school Antonin trained as a butcher.

In October 1931 Antonin enlisted in the Army in Terezín
and served with the artillery until October 1933. After
working as a butcher for a year, in the Autumn of 1934
Antonin joined the French Foreign Legion. Antonin was
released from the French Foreign Legion in 1940 and he joined the 2nd Infantry Regiment of the
Czechoslovak Army forming in France.



After the capitulation of France, in July 1940 Antonin arrived in England where he continued to serve in the
Infantry until he volunteered for Special Ops the following year.

Between October and November 1941 Antonin completed the basic Special Ops and parachute training and
in the Spring and Summer of 1942 the radiotelegraphy course. In early January 1943 he was assigned to the
Bronze team.

The Bronze team was tasked to organize the resistance in Bohemia, carry out intelligence surveillance
activities, and transmit information back to London. The group radio was codenamed "Blanka". On 14
March 1943, the Bronze team prepared to parachute into Bohemia.

Antonin and the team departed RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire, in Halifax II BB281 (NF-O) destined for a drop
zone near Brno, SE of Prague. Deteriorating weather conditions in the drop area prevented the planned
operation continuing and the decision was made to return to base. Whilst flying to the south of Munich,
the aircraft was hit by German anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the Perlacher Forest. Only one crew member
and one Agent survived the crash, but they died later of their injuries.

Antonin was buried in the Perlacher Forest, the site of his grave is unknown.

Also Killed: Sqn Ldr Christopher Francis Gibson DFC (Pilot); WO2 Maurice Tallier Peter Myers RCAF
(WOp/AG); WO1 Douglas Clark Lisson RCAF (Pilot); FS John Stanley Rigden (Nav); FS Arthur Stokes DFM
(WOp/AG); Sgt Malcolm John Hudson (FE) died 11 April; Sgt Harold John Sharood (AG); Sgt Leo Peter Ward
(AG); Lt Bohumir Martinek (Agent); František Vrbka (Agent) died 23 March

Antonin is commemorated on Wall Panel 272 (NYE)

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