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**2ND LT. TOMMIE P. OWENS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Owens of 602 Herring Ave., Wilson, entered the service of the Army Air Corps March, 1942, and was sent overseas November, 1943. He was reported missing in action over France since April 1, 1944, then killed. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Order of the Purple Heart. He is married to the former Marietta Jones.

John,

This is the letter I mentioned to you. Tommy was in Class 44 B; I was in 044 C for flight training. He was born and raised in Wilson, living on Herring Ave. and that vicinity. Tommy ~~was~~ graduated from Con High School when I did, in 1936. He was lost in a fighter sweep over France.

Jim Boswell

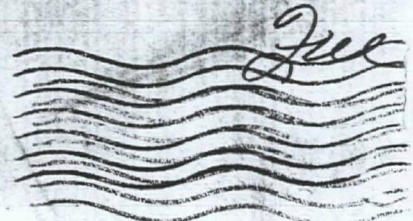
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LT. Thomas P. Owens, Jr  
P. 417 Pilot - Shot Down  
Over Germany 11 April 1944  
During A Low Level STRAFFING  
Mission Over A German Airfield

- See James M. Boswell History
- Also See News Clip About Wilson Co I's meeting in London in January 1944 under Douglas Hackley's story



A/C Tommy Owens  
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June 2, 1943  
At my desk  
6:45 P.M. - WEDNESDAY

Hi Ya James,

Please forgive me for not answering your letter as soon as I received it. I'm like you in that I'm no letter writing expert. In other words I'm just poor at it.

How are you liking your Marine friends. I'm sure you'll get along okay. Now that you've got in 10 hours flying what do you think of it? Like it okay? But you do. I don't know how the P.T. (physical training) you're getting is, but it's really rugged here. Wow!

You're pretty lucky. The station is new over in a big city. After you get in Primary, Basic, and Advanced, you'll move then likely be stationed near some jerk water town.

"Kickey" I'm sending this to your old address and hope it's forwarded to you okay.



I left Basic for Advanced May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He had a 10 hour stop over in San Antonio, Texas because so I went out to the Classification Center to see him. I sure was glad to see him and he acted as though he were glad to see me. He'd just gotten off K. P. He missed going over to Pre-Flight by a hair so he's stuck there for 4 1/2 more weeks. He says he's a "sad sack."

I'm in Advanced Flying now stationed at Moore Field, Mission, Texas. Just about 10 miles from the Rio Grande River and about 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. I'm getting farther away from home all the time.

Just started flying this week. My instructor soloed me after about 1 1/2 hours dual. These AT-6's are really okay. Cruise at 150 mph. and I really like the retractable landing gear just fine.



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Let's see now. I got in 60 hours  
in Primary, 9 1/2 hours in Basic  
and I'm supposed to get in at  
least 8 hours here.

After the fourth week here some  
of us will be checked out in  
P-40's. Boy, I sure hope I'm  
able to get one. They're straight.  
I hear one is now coming in.

While here we get to fire  
200 rounds with 12 ga. pump-  
gun shot gun on the sheet  
range and about 3000 rounds  
of 38 cal. machine gun mounted  
in the plane. It'll get to  
fire at ground targets and at  
a towed target.

This schedule here is really  
full. No spare time at all.

Well, I'll close for now and  
go over to ~~see you~~ sign the pay  
roll. Write soon as possible.

Your pal,  
Tommy.