

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

OWEN, Burl M

Date of birth

14 April 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Grimshaw, Young County, Texas

Hometown

Tyler, Smith County, Texas

Military service

Service number

18109164

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

25 June 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
J	9	17

Immediate family

Members

William A. Owen (father)

Thelma M. Owen (mother)

William E. Owen (brother)

Billy L. Owen (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5390

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: The Avenger

Destination: Hamburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the shipyards

More information

S/Sgt Burl M. Owen worked in the petroleum industry.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Tyler, Texas on 18 June 1942.

Because the primary target at Hamburg was obscured by clouds, scattered attacks were made on targets of opportunity in northwest Germany.

The airplane was shot down by enemy fighters. Three crew members survived and were taken prisoner, seven men were killed.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, [303rd Bomb Group](#), www.ancestry.com - Army Enlistment Records / Birth Certificates / 303rd Bomber Group, Heavy Historical Pages / Headstone and Interment Record / 1940 Census

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