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An Interview with Owen B. Streeper

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Owen B. Streeper was born in Normal, Illinois on August 7, 1923. Streeper was drafted in 1943 into Army Air Force. After armament and gunnery school, he became a ball turret gunner in B-24s. Streeper's aerial crew was formed in Mountain Home, Idaho. From Idaho, he went to Fresno, California where the crew was issued a personal airplane, called Miss Carriage.

Next, his crew moved into Africa, Italy, and Yugoslavia. On May 27, 1944, his twenty-third mission, Streeper was shot down over Nice, Southern France. He parachuted in France, and joined the French resistance. He was inevitably declared missing in action. Streeper was found by American troops, temporarily taken POW, and eventually was debriefed once he was confirmed as an American soldier. He was then sent to Naples and Bari, Italy.

Streeper returned to the United States at Camp Shanks, New York. He was sent to Sioux City, Iowa and Wichita Falls, Texas before being discharged in September 1945.

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