

JOYCE, Thomas E.

“Sleepy”

B: 17 November 1919 Ulysses, KS

D: 2 May 1984 Ulysses, KS



**Capt. T. E. Joyce
Missing in Action**

Capt. Thomas E. Joyce, former ordnance officer at the Kansas Ordnance plant, has been missing in action over Germany since Sept. 12. News of this was received in a letter from Capt. Joyce's parents by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gould, 1401 Broadway, with whom the officer made his home while stationed at the plant.

Capt. Joyces' parents, who live in Ulysses, Kas., were notified that their son was missing by a letter from the chaplain of Tom's squadron. Joyce is a fighter pilot in a Mustang fighter group which is stationed in England.

He recently had destroyed two German Messerschmitt 109's and had been on the first Britain-to-Russia-to-Italy shuttle mission in which his group was selected by the 8th fighter command to escort the heavy bombers all the way.

Capt. Joyce came to the KOP with the first group of ordnance officers and left in March, 1943, to report for flight training.

The Parsons (KS) Sun 29 September 1944

Hometown: Ulysses, Kansas
Rank: Captain
MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter
Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

- Aircraft:**
- P-51C-15-NA 43-24793 QP-C
 - P-51D-5-NA 44-13359 QP-K
 - P-51D-10-NA 44-14310 QP-K
 - P-51D-10-NA 44-14271 QP-K

- 4th Service:** 1 May 1944 – 22 September 1944
- 21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission.
 - 11 Aug 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight
 - 22 SEP 44 While supporting his wingman in pursuit of an e/a, his aircraft struck and downed by flak SE of the airdrome at Weisbaden-Erbenheim Army Air Field.
- POW. (MACR 8988)

- Victories:**
- 2.5
- Highlights:**
- 7 JUL 44 - 2 ME-109's

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Farmer

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, POW Medal, World War II Victory Medal.