



JOE A. LEWIS

Denver, CO

1943

- Graduated with Tuskegee Class 43F-SE as a 2nd Lieutenant and soon transferred overseas into the war zone, serving in part out of Ramitelli flying P-51s with the 301st.

1944

- Participated in escort and ground attack missions. In October of that year, on the way back to the base Lts. Joe Lewis, and Charles Dunne flew up and down the coast of Italy shooting at everything they saw. Both were shot down by enemy flak while attacking enemy ground forces and supply lines. They were captured and interred as POWs.

1945

- Held in LuftStalag III and Stalag VIIA until liberated by Patton's advancing 3rd Army in April, remaining a POW for six months.

Little more is known about Capt. Joe A. Lewis, who eventually separated from the military and was a chapter member during the early days of the Hubert L. (Hooks) Jones Chapter - Denver/ Colorado Springs.



Class 43-F graduated from flight training on June 30, 1943, at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama. Front row, left to right: Willie S. Hunter, Wayne V. Liggins, Hezekiah Lacy, Theodore A. Wilson, Charles E. McGee, Oscar A. Kenney, Richard H. Harris, **Weldon K. Groves**. Second row, left to right: Frank D. Walker, Joe A. Lewis, Wilbert H. Johnson, William F. Williams Jr., Leonard F. Turner, William G. Wilkerson. Third row, left to right: John S. Sloan, Walter J. Palmer, Theopolis D. Moore, Wiley W. Selden, Robert R. Alexander, Herbert S. Harris, Milton R. Henry, Alexander M. Bright. (U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency)