

Thomas C. Bounds, Lt Col

Commissioned on 6 June 1941

Ordered to active duty on 27 June 1941, assigned to 76th Coast Artillery. Transferred from 76th C.A. to Army Air Corps on 6 April 1942

Promoted to 1st Lt. on 30 April 1942

Received Wing at Moody Field on 12/13/42.

Assigned to 309 Bombardment Training Group at Columbia, SC.

Sent overseas on 5 May 1943

Assigned to 310th Bomb Group, ^(B-25) 380 Bomb Squadron on 23 June 1943. Completed 41 combat missions.

Transferred to 321st Bomb Group (B-25) on 19 Jan 1944.

Completed 24 combat missions, making a total of 65. Was promoted to Squadron Commander of 445th Squadron on 1 Aug 1944.

Won Air Medal with 8 oak leaf clusters;
Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster; and the French Croix De Guerre with Palm (France's highest award to a foreign soldier)

Returned to USA on 20 Feb 1945

Returned to civilian life on 11 Jan 1946