



David Scheinhartz

Dec 1, 1924 - Aug 28, 2022

BIRTHPLACE: New York City, NY

SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army Air Corps, 364th Fighter Group

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

SERVED: 1942 -

HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

David Scheinhartz was born in New York City in 1924. his family moved to the Bronx where he was raised and graduated from Morris High School. He remembers the great depression by standing in bread lines and dining by candle light in his home, because they could not afford electricity. After graduation, David enlisted December 1, 1942 in the Army Air Corp and ended up in Honington, England in February of 1944. His emcampent got bombed the night of his arrival but the Germans missed the target. London, not far away, was not so lucky. It substained a lot of devastation, being lite up (at night). David commented that on June 6, 1944, "The sky over England was unreal, thousands of bombers. You looked up and you couldn't see anything ese. They were going over to support the landing on Normandy." David served with the 364th Fighter group as a telephone lineman and radio mechanic. He recalls when the Germans surrender on May 8th 1945, it set off instant celebrations. Guys were drinking and hugging each other but it didn't last. Soon his group was sent to Frankfort Germany. While there he asked many if they were Nazi's. All said "no" but they did not look you in the eye and often turned around and walked away with their head down, On August 1st the 364th got news it would leave for Japan. The military was telling them as they loaded into trucks that 250,000 to 500,000 of them would not make it out of the Japan conflict and over a million of Japanese would die. Two weeks later VE-J happened and the celebrations surpassed VE-Day. David said they all came home to a hero's welcome, even at a no-nonsense place like Fort Dix. "When I went in, 1942, at 5:30 in the morning the first sergeant would come screaming through the barracks, 'Get out of the sack and get out of here!' " he said. "When we came back three years later, the sergeant came through the barracks and said, 'Come on guys, time to get up. hat a difference, the respect they had.'" After the war, David worked for ITT and eventually Fort Monmouth C-COM for many years before retiring. He married Sybil in 1955 and started a family. He settled in Middletown. Courtesy app.com