

**SHAPLEIGH, Eliot H.**

**“Shap”**

B: 16 January 1921 El Paso, TX

D: 24 September 1991 El Paso, TX



**Hometown:** El Paso, Texas

**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant

**MOS:** 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

**Unit:** 335th Fighter Squadron

**Aircraft:**

P-51B-10-NA 42-106464 WD-0

**4th Service:** 4 April 1944 – 27 May 1944

27 MAY 44 During the escort mission to Karlsruhe turned back due to engine problems. Was heard telling COLGATE he was bailing out. After evading capture, he was harbored in France until liberated.

EVD (MACR 5724)

**Victories:**

1.5

**Post 4th Fighter Group:**

Worked in mine operations for Anderson, Clayton & Company, lastly as Vice President of Ginning and Oil Mill Operations in Mexico and California.

After retiring from Anderson, Clayton & Co., engaged in commercial, ranch and farm real estate brokerage with Rogers & Belding of El Paso.

**Decorations:**

Air Medal (OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.