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David G. Brown

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David Brown graduated from El Dorado Springs, Missouri High School, in 1941. He was drafted into the Army on September 9, 1944. He received basic training at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. After basic training, he received a seven-day furlough to go home. He was transferred to Fort Ord, California for one week before leaving on the *USS Torren* for the Pacific.

After leaving California, it took thirty-one days to reach their destination in Japan. They stopped at New Guinea, Zamboanga in the Philippines before reaching Japan. David shared an experience regarding their first encounter with the enemy at Zamboanga in the Philippines. He said they were to take a hill where the Japanese were dug in and during the exchange of gunfire, two bullets landed on either side of him. After surviving that incident, he always thought there was a higher power looking over him at that time.

David was discharged at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on November 24, 1946, as a Tech 4.

David's awards, medals, and citations include:

- **Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon w/1 Bronze Star**
- **Philippine Liberation Ribbon w/1 Bronze Star**
- **Victory Medal**
- **Good Conduct Medal**
- **Army of Occupation Medal-Japan**
- **1 Combat Infantry Badge**
- **Lapel Button**
- **3 Overseas Service Bars**

After his discharge, David returned home and farmed for two years with his dad. He then began a career with Missouri Farmers Association that lasted thirty-seven years. He started out as a bookkeeper and advanced to the manager of the Missouri Farmers Associations in several cities throughout Missouri.

David married Doris Vickers on August 4, 1948 and she passed away on October 15, 2001. They had two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He is a member of the Timberlake Christian Church.