

# Marion E. Duckworth

## U.S. Army Air Corps

### American and European-African-Middle Eastern Theaters



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Marion Eugene "Goose" Duckworth was born in Fayette County, Illinois on February 7, 1920. He was inducted into the U. S. Army Air Force on February 3, 1943 at Camp Grant, Illinois. Prior to entering service, Marion was employed as an aircraft riveter for McDonnell Aircraft, formerly Curtis Wright Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri. His military specialty was as a sheet metal worker. He repaired sheet metal structures and light metal fittings of airplanes, reconstructing badly damaged parts such as wings, elevators, fairings, cowlings and hatches. He inspected airplanes to locate holes, bulges, dents, cracks, breaks, and loose or broken rivets.

After his training at Camp Grant, Marion was stationed at St. Petersburg, Florida and Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts. Marion continued his service at Deopham-Green Air Base in England. When the dykes were bombed and broken in Holland,

Marion dropped rations over the flooded areas. Toward the end of the war, Marion was sent to Sioux Falls, North Dakota where he awaited paratrooper training. Following training, he was to report to Okinawa in the Pacific.

Marion's other military specialties was in basic infantry. His decorations and citations consisted of the American Theater Ribbon, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal GO 3 Hq. U. S. Army Air Force Sta 142 APO 559 on April 1, 1945, 3 Overseas Service Bars, and the Victory Medal. His military qualifications were the AAF Tech Badge with AP metalworker bar. Marion was honorably discharged as a Sergeant on December 17, 1945 at the Separation Base in Portland, Oregon.

On August 24, 1943, Marion was married to Iva Symes Duckworth, who was enlisted in the U. S. Navy WAVES during World War II. Marion retired from McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri in 1980. Throughout his life he enjoyed country life, including raising horses at his residence in rural Fayette County, Illinois, which was homesteaded by Marion's grandfather, Marion F. Duckworth. Marion died on October 27, 1987. He was survived by his wife Iva and four daughters—JoLayne, Mary Ann, Vicky, and Brenda. One daughter, Phyllis, preceded him in death. Marion was also survived by three grandchildren—Jamie, Rob, and Marion.

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