



**Dwight  
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*Army Air Corps*

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**Oct 28, 1923 - Aug 21, 2020**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: PFC**

**DIVISION: Army Air Corps**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: Other**

**HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Dwight Johnson was born October 28, 1923. He had finished High School when he entered the service on November 3, 1942 at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Johnson served as a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps. The Tail gunner protected the rear of an aircraft. His compartment was one of the tightest compartments underneath the plane. The tail gunner sat on a bicycle type seat in a kneeling position for the majority of the mission. The tail area was drafty and frostbite was a constant issue. As the only rear-facing crewmember, he was also responsible for passing along information about things behind the aircraft, such as enemy fighters or the condition of the flying formation, to the rest of the crew. Courtesy of [armyaircorpsmuseum.com](http://armyaircorpsmuseum.com)