#### MITCH GARWOLINSKI



PORK CHOP HILL BATTLE

Although the hill was of little consequence to either side, the victory proved to be a matter of prestige, and fighting continued until July 10. At that point, the Americans decided that the cost of holding the position outweighed the political cost of holding it, and withdrew.

## MEDAL OF HONOR **CANDIDATE LAUDED**

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a closed session today the Armed Services Committee heard testimony on a proposed Congressional Medal of Honor for Sergeant Mitchell W. Garwolinski Ohio. Chairman Rivers (D-S.C.) revealed.

The principal witness before the committee was Sgt. Garwolinski's former commanding officer, Army Capt. William called the ceremony at the Myers, sponsor of the proposal. Capt. Myers briefed, the committee on the details surrounding Sgt. Garwolinski's heroic activity on the day he exempli- of this gutsy little guy," Rivers fied himself. Stating that Gar-|said. wolinski was the most courageous man who ever served under his command, Capt. Myers said that under heavy enemy fire, Sgt. Garwolinski knocked out three machine gun nests single-handedly dragged and nine of his comrades out of a mine field, even though he was himself severely wounded. Throughout this ordeal and exposing himself to heavy enemy fire and almost certain death, Sgt. Garwolinski held his position for nearly seven hours unarrival of reinforcetil the ments.

Capt. Myers emphasized that not only did Sgt. Garwolinski save the position for the American side, he also saved many American lives, an action that was well above and beyond the call of duty.

It was pointed out that Sgt. Garwolinski already holds the

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From oral history we know that during the battle of Pork Chop Hill the Chinese army surged forward and surged after surge, but only the first surge was armed, the second surge was after the first fallen, picked up weapons and continued surge forward. So like that Chinese continued. Garwolinski had automatic weapons deployed and located at his posts. He ran from post to post and hit the Chinese, whose casualties were astronomical. Who loaded the guns for him? They could have been wounded soldiers who were still able-bodied. That is why he declared before being awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor that it was not an honor to kill people, saying that he did not receive the medal from the President of the United States, General Eisenhower. Currently, at his brother's initiative, the matter of awarding him this honourable medal is being brought forward from his hospital bed. He never claimed any financial compensation and he did not receive it. The experiences of these events haunted him at all the time. Mietek, the family is very proud of you. The identity of the Garwolinski family comes from ancient Prussians and is very closely related to the Klec Pilewskis. During the German occupation, young Klec Pilewski experienced in Poland with Mitch an adventure. In the 21st century, he came back from the US twice and stayed with him. He ran marathons until the end of his physical fitness. Mitchell ran several marathons with US Vice President Al Gore. One of them was the Marines Marathon in Alexandria, just across the bridge from Washington. They must have reached an agreement, because Gore wrote a letter to Mitch. His personal freedom never could be disturbed.

### MIECZYSŁAW GARWOLIŃSKI



## PORK CHOP HILL BATTLE - WOJNA KOREAŃSKA

Chociaż wzgórze nie miało większego znaczenia dla obu stron, zwycięstwo okazało się sprawą prestiżu i dlatego walki trwały aż do 10 lipca. Wtedy Amerykanie uznali, że koszt utrzymania pozycji przewyższa polityczną cenę utrzymania go, i wycofali się.

# MEDAL OF HONOR CANDIDATE LAUDED

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a closed session today the Armed Services Committee heard testimony on a proposed Congressional Medal of Honor for Sergeant Mitchell W. Garwolinski Ohio. Chairman Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.) revealed.

The principal witness before the committee was Sgt. Garwolinski's former commanding officer, Army Capt. William called the Myers, sponsor of the proposal. White House when President Capt. Myers briefed the committee on the details surround- wolinski with the DSC. ing Sgt. Garwolinski's heroic couldn't help but be real proud activity on the day he exempli- of this gutsy little guy," Rivers fied himself. Stating that Gar-said. wolinski was the most courageous man who ever served under his command, Capt. Myers said that under heavy enemy fire, Sgt. Garwolinski knocked out three machine gun nests single-handedly dragged and nine of his comrades out of a mine field, even though he was wounded. himself severely Throughout this ordeal and exposing himself to heavy enemy fire and almost certain death, Sgt. Garwolinski held his position for nearly seven hours unarrival of reinforcethe til ments.

Capt. Myers emphasized that not only did Sgt. Garwolinski save the position for the American side, he also saved many American lives, an action that was well above and beyond the call of duty.

it was pointed out that Sgt. Garwolinski already holds the

Distinguished Service two Silver Stars, the Purple Heart and several other citations.

Rivers Congressman ceremony at the decorated Eisenhower

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(AP) - Podczas zamkniętej sesji Komisji ds. Sił Zbrojnych wysłuchano dziś zeznanie na temat proponowanego Kongresu Medalu Honoru dla sierżanta Mitchella W. Garwolinskiego z Ohio, przedstawił przewodniczący Mendel Rivers (demokrata z Karoliny Południowej).

Głównym świadkiem przed komisją był były dowódca sierżanta Garwolinskiego, William Myers, sponsor wniosku. Kapitan Myers poinformował komisję o szczegółach dotyczących bohaterskiej aktywności sierżanta Garwolinskiego w tym dniu był przykładem dla samego siebie. Stwierdzając, że Garwolinski był najodważniejszym żołnierzem, jaki kiedykolwiek był pod jego dowództwem. Kapitan Myers powiedział, że pod ciężkim ostrzałem wroga sierżant Garwolinski zniszczył trzy gniazda karabinów maszynowych i w pojedynkę wyciągnął dziewięciu swoich towarzyszy z pola minowego, mimo że sam był ciężko ranny. Podczas tej gehenny i narażając się na ciężki ogień wroga i niemal pewną śmierć, sierżant Garwolinski utrzymywał swoją pozycję przez prawie siedem godzin, aż do przybycia amerykańskich posiłków.

Kpt. Myers podkreślił, że sierżant Garwolinski nie tylko uratował pozycję dla strony amerykańskiej, ale także uratował wielu amerykańskich żołnierzy, co było działaniem znacznie wykraczającym poza jego możliwościami.

Zwrócono uwagę, że sierżant Garwolinski posiada już Krzyż za Wybitną Służbę, dwie Srebrne Gwiazdy, Purpurowe Serce i kilka innych odznaczeń.

Kongresman Rivers przypomniał ceremonię w Białym Domu, kiedy prezydent Eisenhower odznaczył Garwolinskiego DSC. "Nie można było nie być dumnym z tego dzielnego małego faceta" powiedział Rivers.

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Z ustnej relacji wiemy, że podczas bitwy o Pork Chop Hill chińska nawała żołnierzy szła nawała za nawałą, ale tylko pierwsza nawała była uzbrojona druga po poległych zbierała broń i szła dalej naprzód. Garwoliński miał na stanowiskach porozstawianą broń automatyczną. Biegł ze stanowiska na stanowisko i raził Chińczyków, których straty osobowe były astronomiczne. Kto broń ładował dla niego? Mogli to być jeszcze sprawni ranni żołnierze. Dlatego kiedy przed wręczeniem Congressional Medal of Honor oświadczył, że nie jest honorem zabijanie ludzi, medalu od Prezydenta USA gen. Eisenhowera nie otrzymał. Obecnie z brata inicjatywy na łożu w szpitalu toczy się sprawa o wręczeniu jemu tego zaszczytnego medalu . Nigdy nie rościł żadnych finansowych rekompensat i ich nie otrzymywał. Przeżycia tych wydarzeń prześladowały jego cały czas. Mietek, rodzina jest bardzo dumna z Ciebie. Tożsamość Rodu Garwolińskich pochodzi ze starożytnych Prusów i jest bardzo blisko skoligacona z Klec Pilewskimi. Podczas okupacji niemieckiej młody Klec Pilewski przeżył w Polsce razem z Mitchem przygodę. Jeszcze w XXI-ym wieku dwukrotnie przybył z USA i gościł u niego. Do końca sprawności fizycznej uczestniczył w biegach maratońskich. Mitchell przebiegł kilka maratonów z wice-Prezydentem USA Alem Gorem. Jednym z nich był maraton Marines w Aleksandrii, tuż za mostem od Waszyngtonu. Najwyraźniej dogadali się, ponieważ Gore napisał list do Mitcha. Jego wolność osobista nigdy nie mogła zostać naruszona.