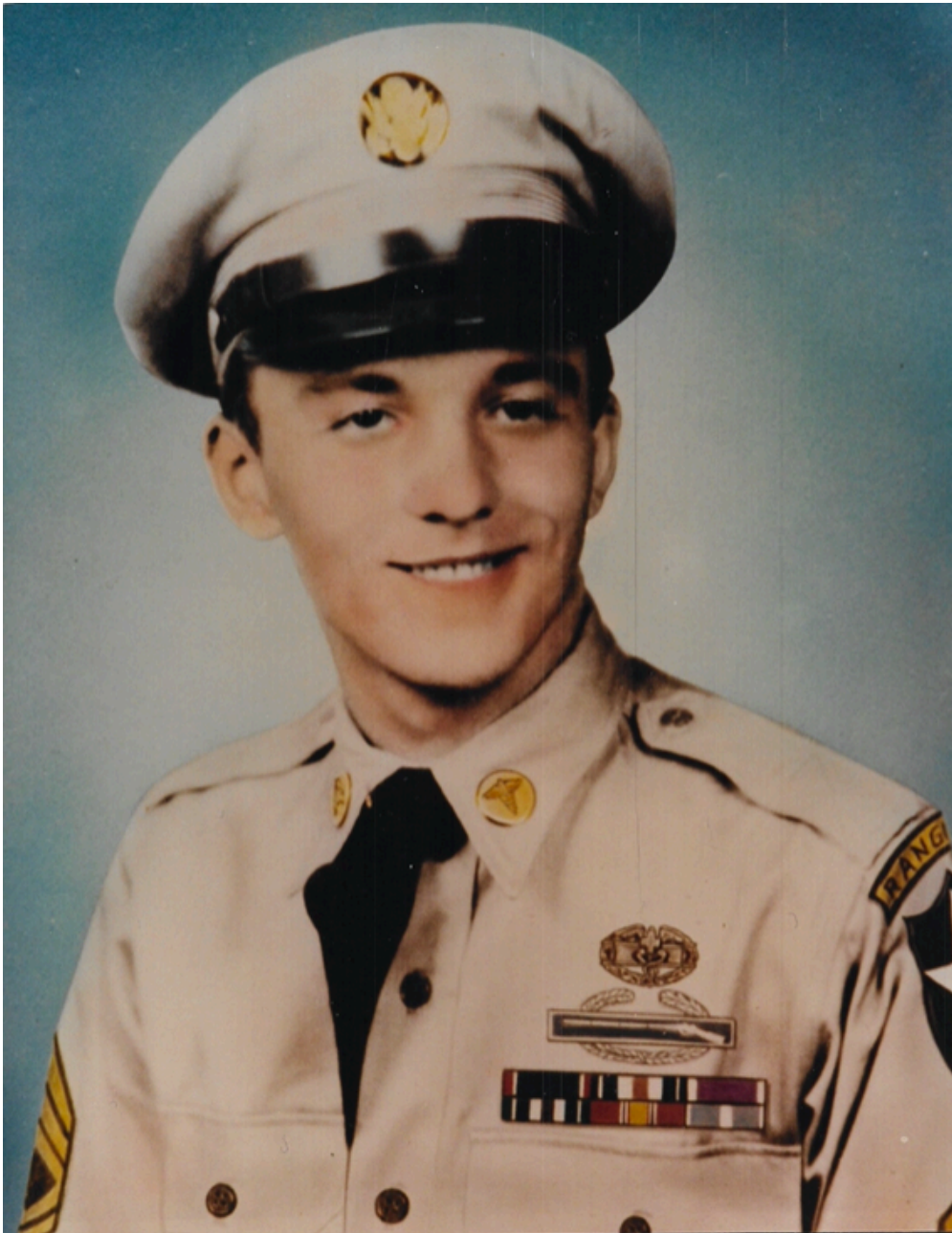


MITCH GARWOLINSKI



PORK CHOP HILL BATTLE

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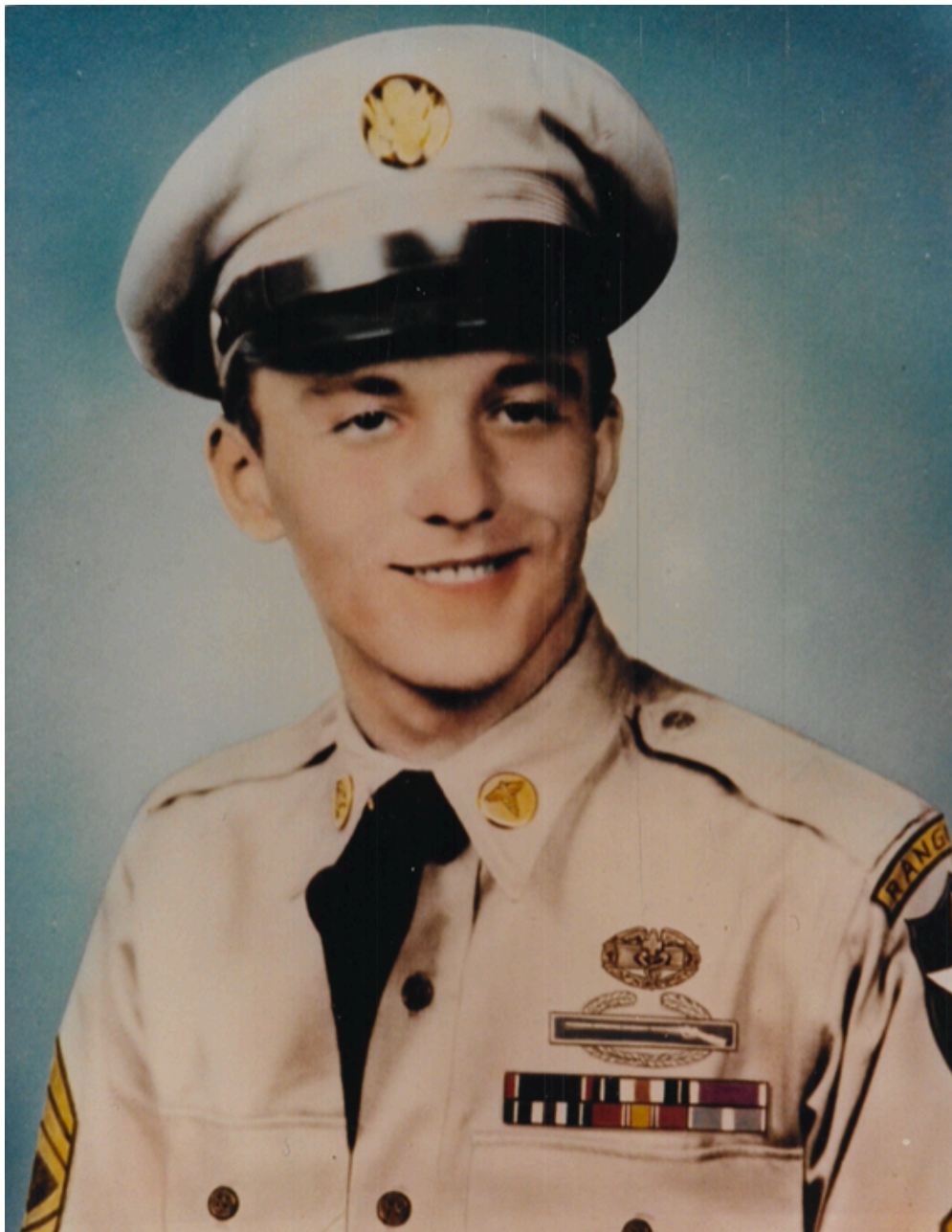
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Garwolinski, Mitchell Walter		US 55 273 196		Sgt1C1 16 Nov 53	
4. COMPONENT AND BRANCH OF CLASS		5. QUALIFICATIONS		6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION	
AUS AMEDS		1123		27 Nov 54	
7. TYPE OF SEPARATION		8. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION		9. PLACE OF SEPARATION	
Discharge		Expiration of Serv AR 615 365		US Army Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Indiana	
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16. ENLISTED IN OR TRANSFERRED TO A RESERVE COMPONENT		17. MEANS OF ENTRY OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION		18. GRADE - RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	
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None		0 6 24		Inf Combat Badge, Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Stars, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Ribbon.	
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100% Disability Compensation		June 1945 TO June 1952		Sign Painter 5-27-910	
43. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER		44. UNITED STATES CITIZEN		45. MARITAL STATUS	
Douglas Machine Shop, Wyandotte, Michigan		YES X NO		Single	
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MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD		See #20		Mitchell Walter Garwolinski	
Academic					

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MIECZYŚLAW GARWOLIŃSKI



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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.

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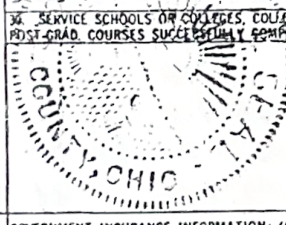
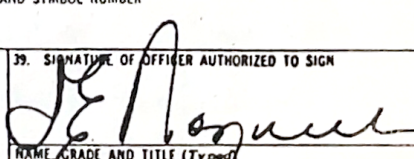
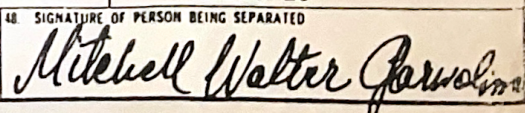
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Głównym świadkiem przed komisją był były dowódca sierżanta Garwolinskiego, William Myers, sponsor wniosku. Kapitan Myers poinformował komisję o szczegółach dotyczących bohaterskiej aktywności sierżanta Garwolinskiego w tym dniu był przykładem dla samego 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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