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NOVEMBER 1950. THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY INTO THE KOREAN CONFLICT PUTS THE TROOPS OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND OFF BALANCE.

AT A REMOTE BRIDGEHEAD ALONG THE CHONGCHON RIVER, ONE SOLDIER WILL MAKE A LONELY STAND...

MITCHELL RED CLOUD JR.



BORN IN 1924, THE ELDEST OF THREE SONS, MITCHELL RED CLOUD JR. WAS A MEMBER OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION.

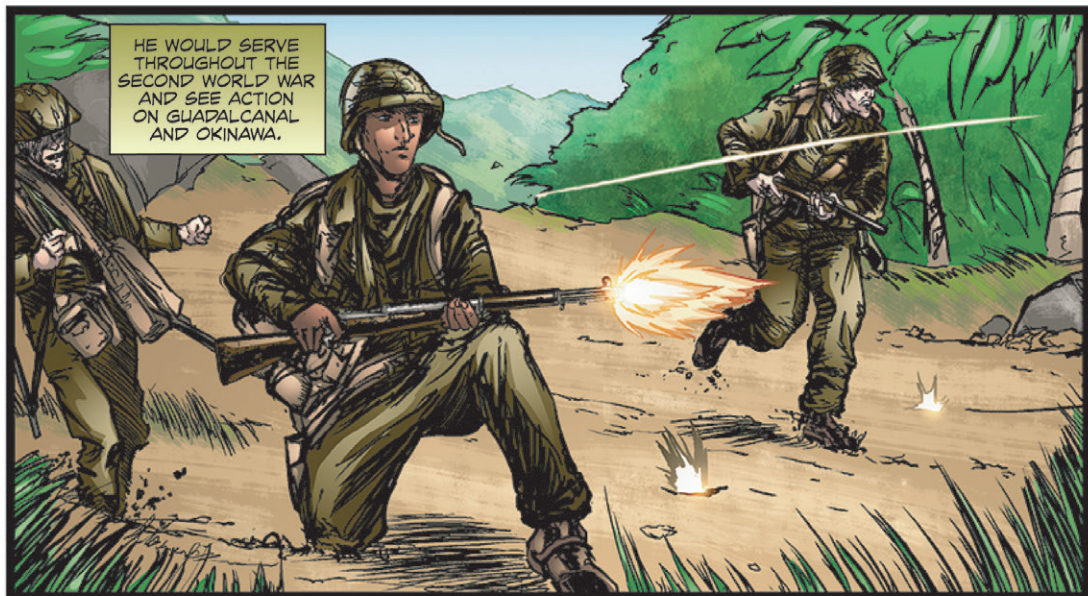


AT SIXTEEN, HE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL AND, WITH HIS FATHER'S PERMISSION, JOINED THE UNITED STATES MARINES.



AFTER THE JAPANESE ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR IN 1941, THE WISCONSIN NATIVE WENT TO WAR AS A MARINE RAIDER.





HE WOULD SERVE THROUGHOUT THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND SEE ACTION ON GUADALCANAL AND OKINAWA.



RAISED TO HUNT AND FISH AND LIVE OFF THE LAND, RED CLOUD WAS WELL SUITED TO COMBAT CONDITIONS.



ON OKINAWA, A ROUND TO THE SHOULDER RESULTED IN A PURPLE HEART.

MAYBE THIS TIME YOU'LL STAY HOME.

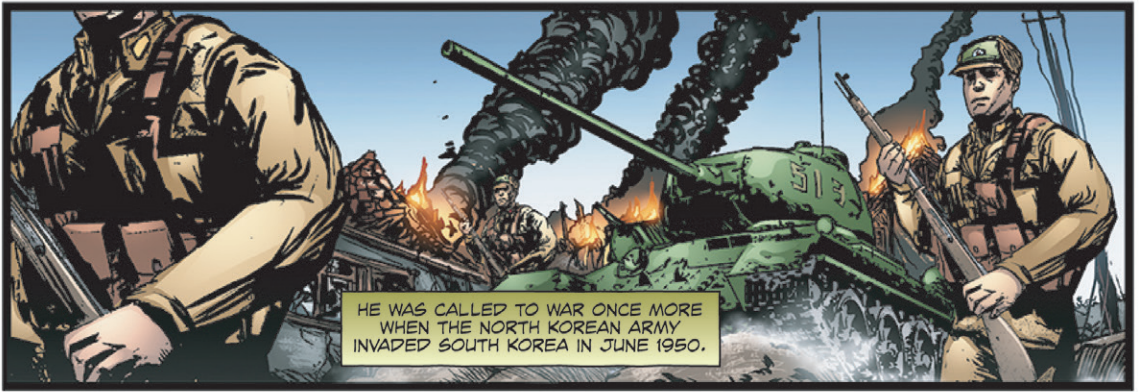


HE RETURNED HOME TO MARRY AND RAISE A DAUGHTER.



IN 1948, HE SIGNED UP WITH THE US ARMY AS AN INFANTRYMAN.

WE NEED GOOD MEN OVERSEAS.

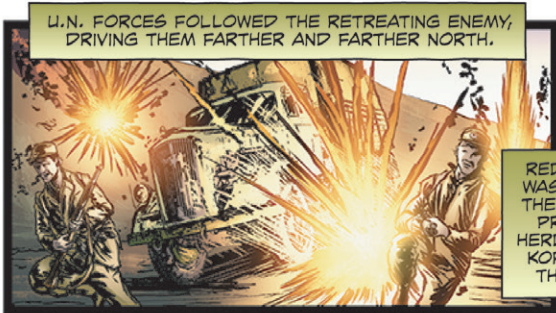


HE WAS CALLED TO WAR ONCE MORE WHEN THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY INVADIED SOUTH KOREA IN JUNE 1950.



THE NEXT MONTH SAW RED CLOUD, NOW A CORPORAL, DEFENDING THE PUSAN PERIMETER WITH THE 19TH INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

FOLLOWING GEN. MACARTHUR'S DARING LANDING AT INCHON, THE 24TH ID PUSHED NORTH TO SEOUL.



U.N. FORCES FOLLOWED THE RETREATING ENEMY, DRIVING THEM FARTHER AND FARTHER NORTH.



RED CLOUD'S UNIT WAS AT THE TIP OF THE SPEAR, TAKING PRISONERS AND HERDING THE NORTH KOREANS TOWARD THE YALU RIVER.

KEEP IT MOVING.

WITH THE TROOPS OF UNITED NATIONS COMMAND NEARING THEIR BORDER, THE CHINESE FELT THREATENED.

BEIJING ORDERED A HALF MILLION TROOPS INTO THE FIELD. BY MID-OCTOBER, THEY WERE FLOODING INTO THE KOREAN PENINSULA.





WITH THE TABLES SUDDENLY TURNED, THE U.N. COMMANDERS ORDERED A WITHDRAWAL.



A LINE WAS DRAWN AT THE CHONGCHON RIVER.

THE 19TH INFANTRY WAS ORDERED TO HOLD A BRIDGEHEAD, FROM WHICH U.N. FORCES WOULD RESUME THE ADVANCE.



MITCHELL RED CLOUD AND HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS PREPARED FIGHTING POSITIONS.

MAN, THE GROUND IS FROZEN HARD AS ROCK.

THEN WE DIG HARDER.



RED CLOUD AND ANOTHER G.I. MANNED A LISTENING POST WITH A BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLE.

ALL I'VE SEEN IS A LOT OF NOTHING.

THEY'LL BE ALONG, AND WE'LL STOP THEM.

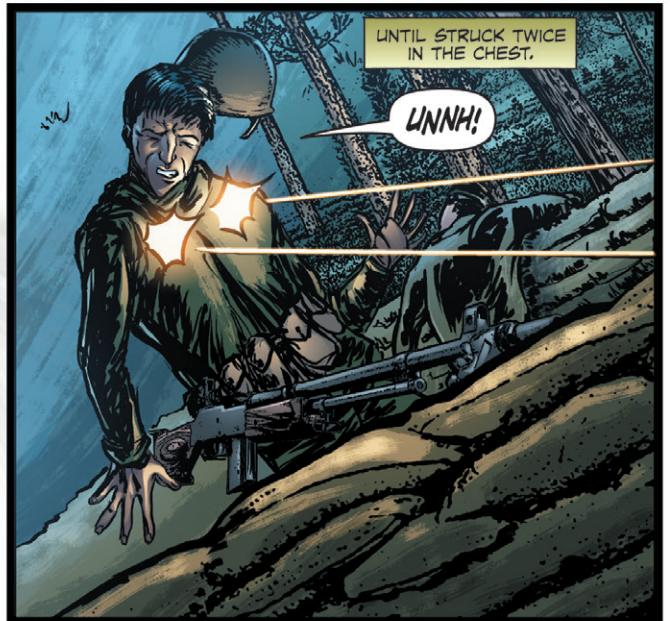


IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, THE CHINESE USED THE TELEPHONE LAND LINES TO LEAD THEM TOWARD THE AMERICAN POSITIONS.



THEY SURPRISED SLEEPING SOLDIERS ALL ALONG THE LINE.

THE ENEMY THREATENED TO ENVELOP THE POSITION.





HIS DOGGED RESISTANCE PAID OFF.

THE ENEMY'S INITIAL ASSAULT WAS TURNED BACK.



HIS WARNING AND ACTIONS ALERTED THE DEFENDERS.

THE LISTENING POST WAS REINFORCED.



HE WAS TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

GET ME BACK ON MY FEET.

YOU'RE WOUNDED!



RED CLOUD WOULD NOT BE EVACUATED AND REMAINED AT HIS POST.



HE WAS STRUCK ONCE MORE IN THE NEXT ASSAULT.



HE REFUSED FURTHER TREATMENT.

THERE'S OTHER GUYS... NEED YOUR HELP..



HE INSISTED ON STAYING BEHIND TO COVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE WOUNDED.

GO!
GO!



WITH THE ENEMY RE-GROUPING FOR A NEW ATTACK, THE SOLDIERS PULLED BACK TO HOLD THE RIVERBANK.



THEIR LAST VIEW OF CORPORAL RED CLOUD SAW HIM MOVING TO A NEW DEFENSIVE POSITION.



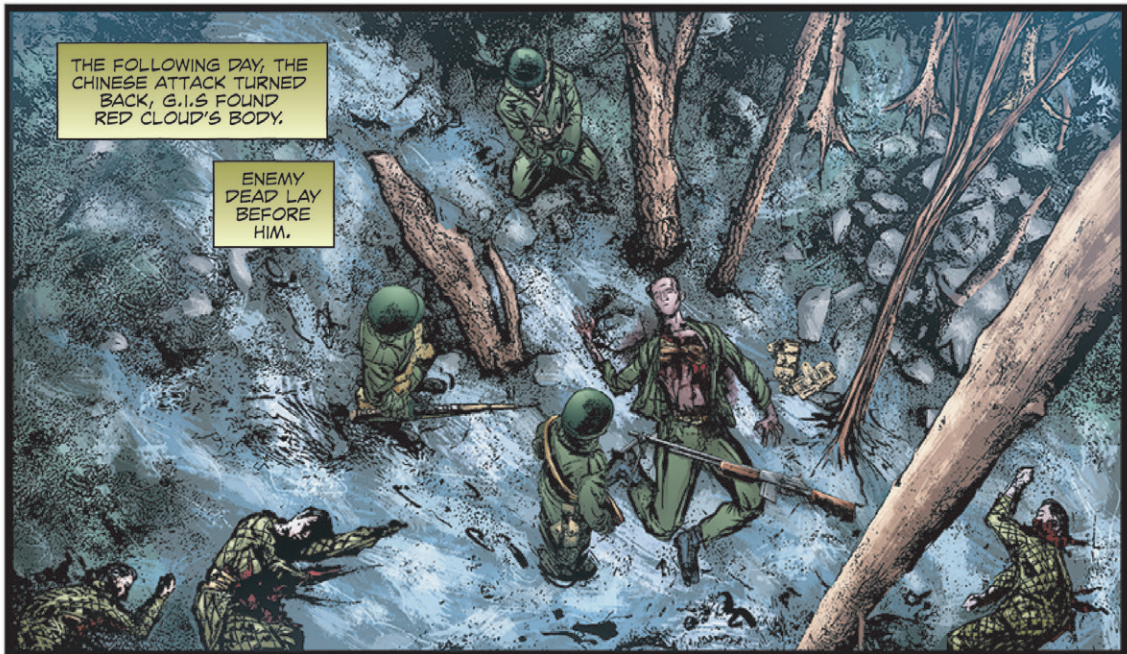
USING A TREE FOR SUPPORT, RED CLOUD OPERATED THE BAR ON HIS OWN.



HE KEPT UP A STEADY STREAM OF FIRE EVEN THOUGH UNDER CONSTANT ASSAULT.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CHINESE ATTACK TURNED BACK, G.I.'S FOUND RED CLOUD'S BODY.

ENEMY DEAD LAY BEFORE HIM.

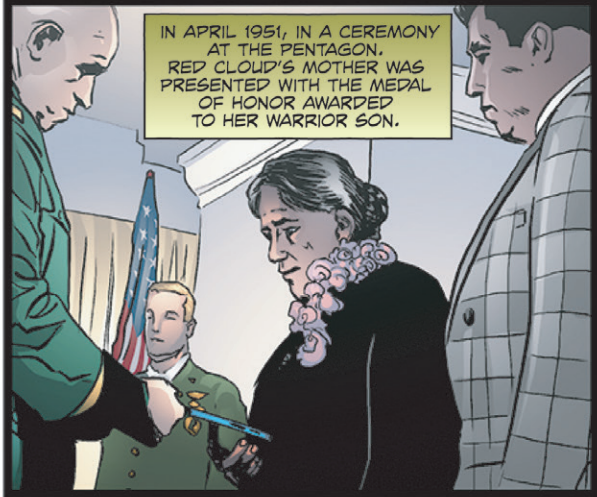


HE HAD BEEN SHOT EIGHT TIMES.

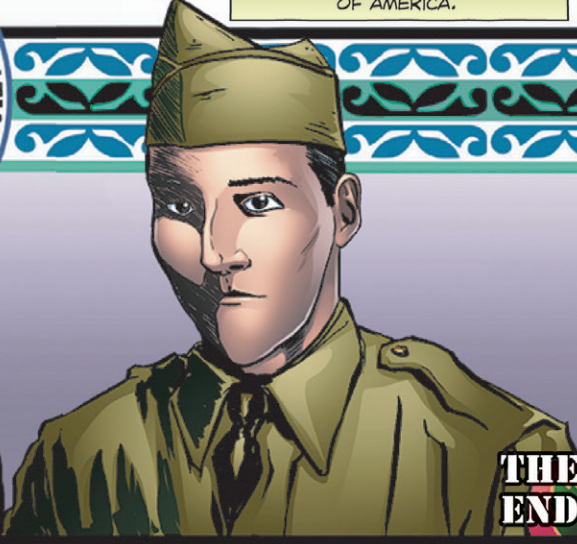
HIS VALIANT EFFORTS PROVIDED HIS UNIT THE INVALUABLE TIME NEEDED TO WITHDRAW TO NEW POSITIONS.



IN APRIL 1951, IN A CEREMONY AT THE PENTAGON, RED CLOUD'S MOTHER WAS PRESENTED WITH THE MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO HER WARRIOR SON.



A HERO TO HIS REGIMENT AND TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION, MITCHELL RED CLOUD JR. GAVE HIS ALL IN SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



THE END

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