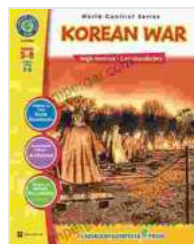


# Korean War: The Forgotten Sacrifice of William Bonk

The Korean War was a brutal and bloody conflict that claimed the lives of millions of people. American soldiers fought and died in Korea, and their stories are often forgotten. One of these soldiers was William Bonk, a young man from Wisconsin who gave his life for his country.

## William Bonk

William Bonk was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on February 4, 1924. He was the son of German immigrants, and he grew up in a working-class family. Bonk attended school in Milwaukee and graduated from high school in 1942.



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After graduating from high school, Bonk enlisted in the Army. He served in the Pacific during World War II, and he was awarded the Purple Heart for his bravery in combat. After the war, Bonk returned to Milwaukee and worked as a machinist.

In 1950, the Korean War broke out. Bonk was recalled to active duty and sent to Korea. He served with the 2nd Infantry Division, and he fought in some of the war's most brutal battles.

### **The Battle of Chipyeong-ni**

In February 1951, Bonk's unit was sent to Chipyeong-ni to defend the town from the Chinese. The Chinese had launched a massive offensive, and Bonk's unit was outnumbered. Despite the odds, Bonk and his fellow soldiers fought bravely.

The battle of Chipyeong-ni lasted for three days. Bonk was killed in action on the third day, February 13, 1951. He was 27 years old.

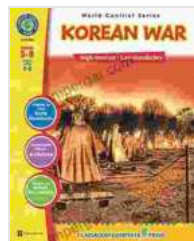
### **Legacy**

William Bonk was one of the many American soldiers who fought and died in the Korean War. His story is a reminder of the sacrifice that these soldiers made. Bonk's memory is honored by the William Bonk Memorial Park in Milwaukee.

The Korean War was a forgotten conflict, but the stories of the soldiers who fought and died in the war should not be forgotten. William Bonk was one of these soldiers, and his story is a reminder of the courage and sacrifice of the American people.



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