## January 1945, Vosges Mountains

Deep snow covered ground, white as bread Purity violated, speckled red Stains mark the spots where riddled flesh bled Eddie Slovik, soldier, dead Fifteen minutes Eddie took to die At Fere-en-Tardenois his body lies Plot "E", row three, grave stone sixty-five Eddie Slovik, Private, dead Eisenhower ordered Slovik shot "Dutch" Cota located a secluded spot Major Fellman sent him to his plot Eddie Slovik, U.S. Army, dead Forty thousand tried for omission Forty-nine selected for this mission A firing squad had the commission Eddie Slovik, alone, dead.