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The wind swept the map out of the young soldier's hands, and he watched it dance down the mountain where he was stationed.

Marion "Griff" Griffin knew he had to get it back before it got in the hands of the Chinese. The 21-year-old Satartia native had always been on his toes during his time in Korea.

With his country still at war, he knew he had better head down the steep cliffs to retrieve the map.

Then the enemy's incoming fire began to fly around him. But he still went for the map. "Then In noticed my arm felt wet," he said, grabbing his arm. "In had been hit in the arm. We didn't have any medics around so I just taped my arm up and kept on going, fighting." Griffin never received the Purple Heart because he never reported his wound. With no medics around, he simply applied some sulfur powder to his arm and wrapped it up. He pushed on, fighting for his country. And eventually the wound would heal on its own. "In just kind of treated it myself," he said. "I was just trying to stay alive."

After Korea, Griffin made a career out of military service

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