

## Army Hearing Set for Widow Of Executed GI

The U.S. Army has granted Antoinette Slovik a hearing on her petition for \$63,000 in benefits she claims is due her following her husband's execution for desertion in 1945.

The hearing is set for June 15 before the Army's Board for the Correction of Military Records in Washington.

Pvt. Eddie Slovik, the only American soldier shot for desertion since the Civil War was made famous in a book and later a TV dramatization which portrayed him as a tragic victim ground up in official machinery.

His widow at 62, crippled and suffering from epilepsy, lives on Social Security checks in a Detroit nursing home.

Her attempts to claim the benefits of the \$10,000 insurance policy for which her husband paid \$3.70 a month date back to the Eisenhower administration.

Her attorney, Bernard Edelson, says that with 32 years of accrued interest, the policy is now worth \$63,000.

Military authorities have argued that the manner of Slovik's death rendered the policy invalid.

Edelson said witnesses at the hearing will include Slovik's commanding officer during basic training and author William Bradford Huie, who researched Slovik's life for the book he published in 1954.

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