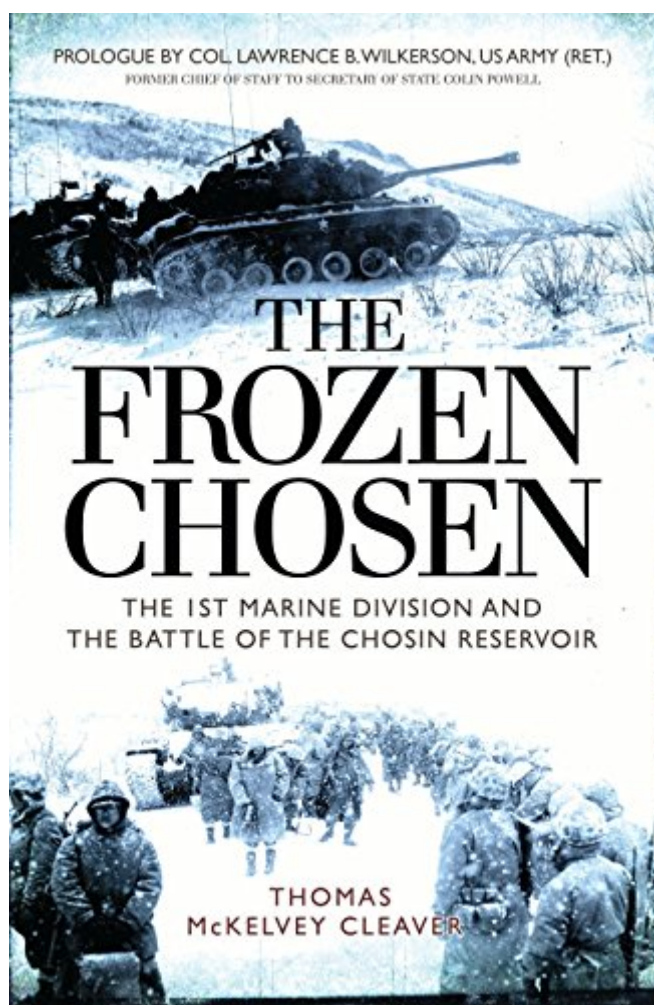


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The Frozen Chosen: The 1st Marine Division And The Battle Of The Chosin Reservoir



Synopsis

In November 1950 The US 1st Marine Division was trapped in the Chosin Reservoir following the intervention of Red China in the Korean War. Fought during the worst blizzard in a century, the ensuing battle is considered by the United States Marine Corps to be 'the Corps' Finest Hour.' The soldiers who fought there would later become known as the 'Frozen Chosen'. Published now in paperback, this incredible story is based on first hand interviews from surviving veterans, telling of heroism and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds, as a handful of Marines fought desperately against wave after wave of Chinese forces. Sometimes forced into desperate hand to hand combat, the fighting retreat from Chosin marked one of the darkest moments for Western forces in Korea, but would go on to resonate with generations of Marines as a symbol of the Marine Corps' dogged determination, fighting skill, and never-say-die attitude on the battlefield.

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Absolutely an excellent history of the United States Marine Corps heroic event in Korea-a must read to understand the entry into Korea

A very good book on a war that many know nothing about . I know my school history class jumped over this war to Vietnam . I am a marine and enjoy the proud history of the Corp.

Well researched, highlighting the problem with Military leaders fighting this war with last wars plan and intelligent sources.

This is an amazing book. My Uncle was one of the men of the 7th Marines Division that came home after getting out of the Chosin Reservoir.

one of the marines finest hours.

Having read many books on the Korean War and especially on the Marines at the Chosin Reservoir, I found this to be well written with many facts that I hadn't read before.

The Frozen Chosen is an easy read providing a good narrative of the Korean War, particularly for someone not familiar with Korean War History and, especially, the Chosin Reservoir campaign by X Corps. The book is, however, marred in ways that detract from its overall merit. Some examples: Although the title and subtitle suggest the subject of this book is the 1st Marine Division at the battle of the Chosin Reservoir, one has to read roughly 125 pages (of a 287 page book) before getting to arrival of the Marines in North Korea. In reality the book is a short history of the overall Korean War with an emphasis on the Marine Corps role in general and the Chosin Reservoir battle in particular. There are no footnotes or source notes so it is impossible to trace assertions made by the author. For example, the book alleges General MacArthur, in 1944, threatened to "come home and campaign for the Republican presidential nomination if FDR didn't go along with MacArthur's plans to invade the Philippines. I've read a number of accounts of the July 1944 meeting of FDR, Nimitz and MacArthur (the only wartime meeting of MacArthur and President Roosevelt). None of those accounts suggest a threat by MacArthur to run for president if he didn't get his way. The author of Frozen Chosen could be right, but without his citing sources the reader cannot further research the assertion. There are other questionable statements of fact. For instance, the author says that when the emperor visited General MacArthur at the American Embassy after MacArthur's relief it was the first time in history that a Japanese emperor had ever visited a foreigner. That is simply not true " the emperor had paid a formal call on General MacArthur early in the occupation. Another - During the occupation

MacArthur's airplane was named SCAP vice Bataan. The author was not well served by his proof readers/editors. There are multiple instances where dates are mixed up and phrases are repeated verbatim from one paragraph to another. Bottom-line " could have been better.

My Father-In-Law who served in Korea found many references to places where he and his friends fought! It was interesting to hear his thoughts as he was reading this! He truly enjoyed it.

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