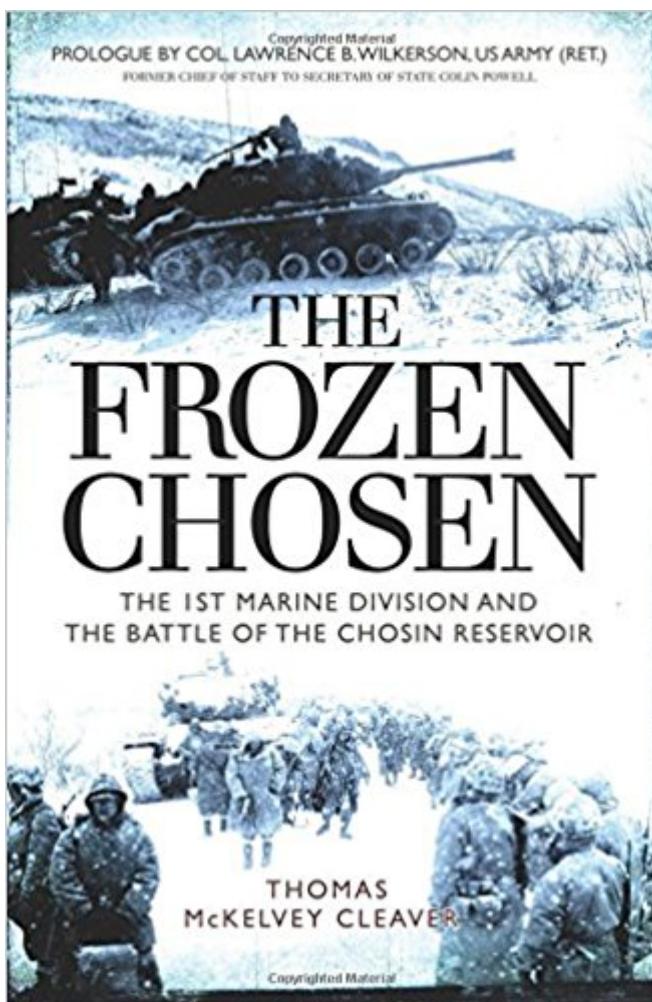


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# The Frozen Chosen: The 1st Marine Division And The Battle Of The Chosin Reservoir (General Military)



## Synopsis

The Frozen Chosen is an account of the breakout from the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea by the First Marine Division from November to December 1950, following the intervention of Red China in the Korean War. Fought during the worst blizzard in a century, it is considered by the United States Marine Corps to be "the Corps' finest hour." Fourteen Medals of Honor, a record for any American battle, and eighty-five Navy Crosses--many awarded in lieu of an original nomination for the Medal of Honor--attest to the intensity of the battle. Based on first-person interviews from surviving veterans who came to be known as the "Frozen Chosen," this is the incredible story 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 fighting in intense cold, cut off from reinforcements, and with dwindling supplies and ammunition, the fighting retreat from Chosin marked one of the darkest moments for Western forces in Korea, but it 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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history as he describes the high-level political and military ignorance that ordered the Marine Corps and Army units to move "forward into the greatest military ambush ever planned." - Military Officer

Thomas McKelvey Cleaver is the author of Aces of the 78th Fighter Group and the forthcoming F4F and F6F Aces of VF-2, both published by Osprey, and Air Combat Annals and Fabled Fifteen: The Pacific War Saga of Carrier Air Group 15. He has also written articles for publications such as Air Enthusiast, Air Force Magazine, the US Naval Institute's Proceedings Magazine, Flight Journal, Aviation History Magazine, World War II Quarterly, Vietnam Magazine, and Military History Quarterly.

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 have 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 Chosin* 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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