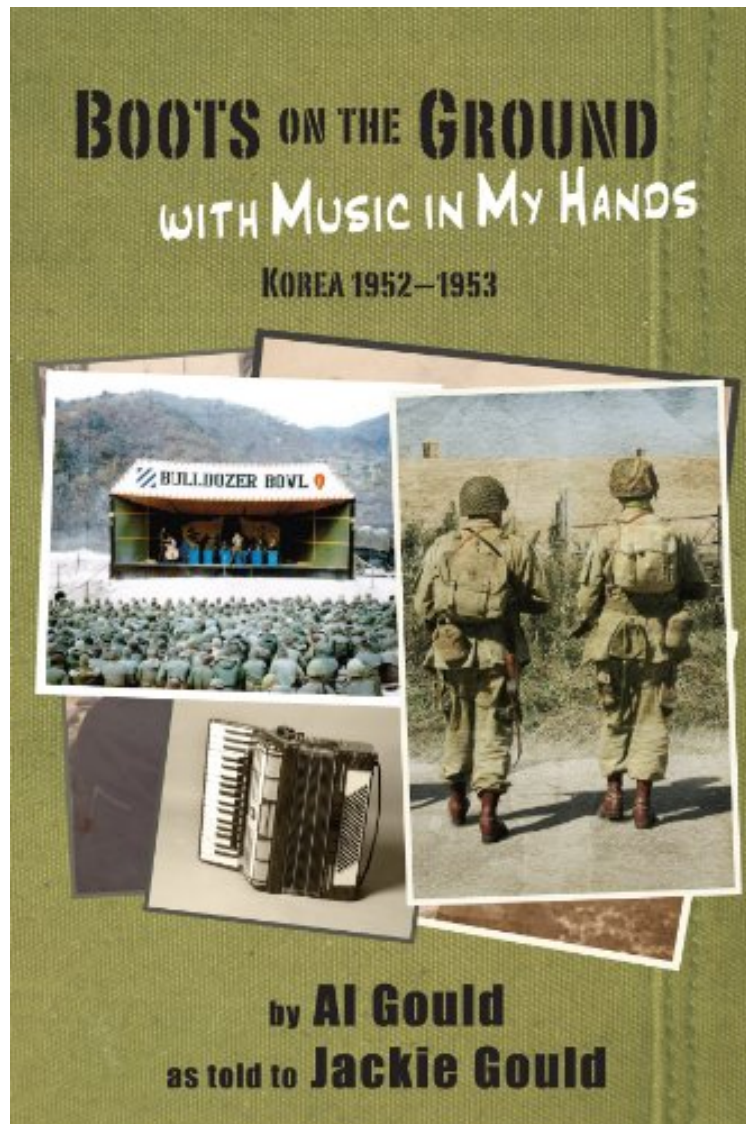


## Boots on the Ground with Music in My Hands

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**Al Gould, Jackie Gould : Boots on the Ground with Music in My Hands** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Boots on the Ground with Music in My Hands:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Twist on a War StoryBy AbigailLee"Boots on the Ground with Music in My Hands" by Al and Jackie Gould is a fast read about a lesser known side of the armed forces, the 10th Special Services Company. This group of gentlemen is better known as the musicians of the army. This neat little book tells of Al Gould's time serving as the accordion player in the army band during the Korean War. I found it

very interesting to read and thought that showcasing this aspect of our troops in the war was something most people wouldn't even think about. Also there is the relatable army wife at home aspect which is something many spouses face today. It was cool to read a war story about a side other than combat. All in all, I found it to be a good quick read.

In this memoir, Alvin Gould recounts his experiences serving in the United States military during the Korean War. Gould spent nearly a year of his three year tour of duty as an accordionist in the 2nd Platoon of the 10th Special Services Company, an all-soldier entertainment unit made up of professional and celebrity musicians, comedians, magicians, and other entertainers. His unit broke all previous records, zigzagging over 7000 miles across South Korea and playing over 250 shows for military personnel and other UN troops. Gould completed his military service giving accordion lessons to a Colonel, working as a mail clerk in the 8th Army Headquarters in Seoul, and finally managing a service club as sergeant in charge at Fort Gordon, Georgia. In *Boots on the Ground with Music in my Hands*, Gould looks back at his service in the military fondly, sharing stories of family, friendship, and war.

About the Author Born and raised in Janesville, Wisconsin, Al Gould studied accordion from age 9. When turning pro at age 16, he studied Classical accordion to better play jazz with teacher Andy Rizzo for many years in Chicago. After military service, he owned a full line music store, and along with 20 other teachers, taught accordion and all instruments to over 750 students each week in his music store/school, in his home town. He also maintained a professional dance combo playing gigs in the surrounding communities on weekends. He moved his family to Arizona in 1969 where he has been and still is in sales in the Hospitality/Hotel Industry. He has earned many top sales awards. He was a Charter President of a Rotary Club in Sun City, AZ, and is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Married, he is the father of two sons, Grandfather of seven, and Great Grandfather of one, soon to be two.