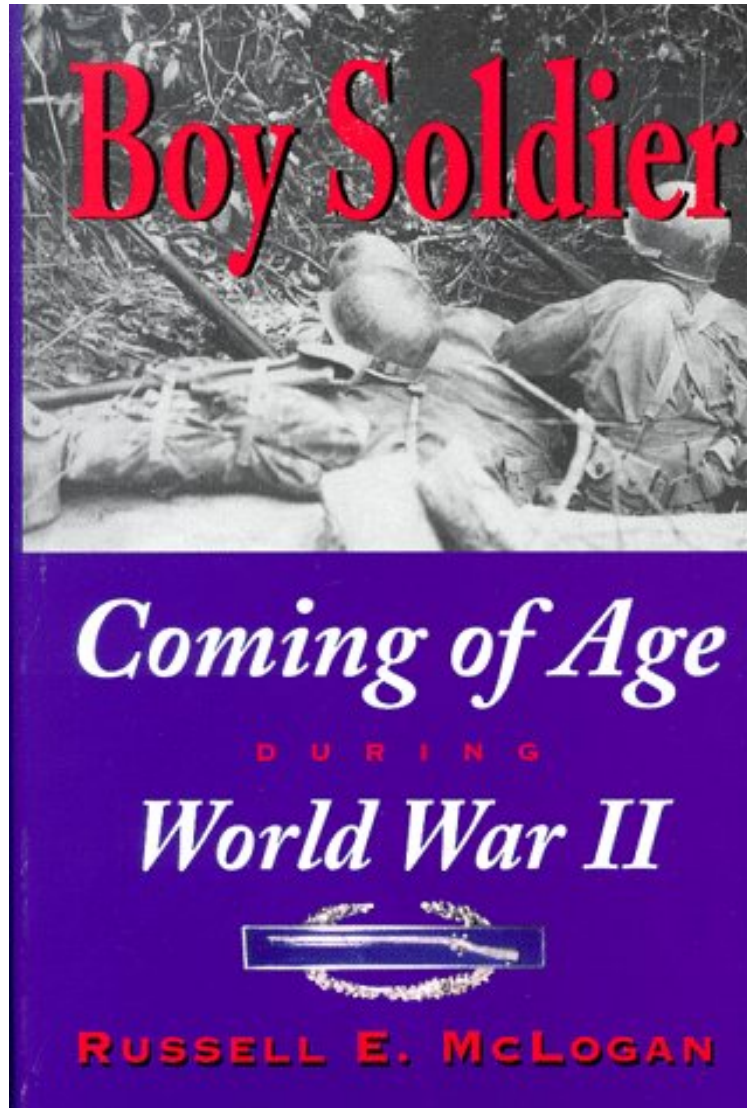


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P.E. Russell E. McLogan : Boy Soldier: Coming of Age During World War II before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Boy Soldier: Coming of Age During World War II:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not what I hopedBy DerekI bought this book hoping to learn about my grandfathers experiences during WWII. He was in a different company, but same unit as the author. Unfortunately, the author did not join the regiment until late in the war during the fight for central Luzon. The author did a good job writing about his training, fighting experiences and tying them in with somewhat of a history lesson. I was just hoping for more information about the regiments time in New Guinea and the whole Philippine campaign. Things like the

Purple Heart Valley and the Shimbu Line.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Details that might otherwise be forgottenBy Annette MackeyI was doing some research on World War II, searching for details that history might otherwise forget, when I came across this book. Although this account doesn't go into a lot of combat details, the mundane, day to day, regular soldier stuff is definitely there, and it's very interesting.COMING OF AGE DURING WORLD WAR II is well written, interesting and full of information. Carefully documented, the account goes through basic training, where being torn down and turned into a killing machine is the army's ultimate goal, and continues on into the war, the atomic bomb, the perception of the public versus the perception of the soldier, and into Korea. A number of maps and photographs are also included, adding to the comprehensive nature of the book.I highly recommend it to anyone interested in World War II.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Incredibly detailed journey but limited combat.By John E. LarsenMcLogan is very much the young, naïve man when he is drafted and sent to Texas for training. He is posted to K Co of the 63rd Infantry Regt of the 6th Division and sees combat in the Philippines in mid 1945. While this is a very big book, the combat phase is reasonably brief, with McLogan writing extensively about his training and finally Korean occupation service into 1946.McLogan is an infantryman and he writes of being well received by the veterans when he joins his company on page 129 (he is also impressed when air force personnel give up their good seats at the movies for him). Just as well too, as he finds himself under mortar fire shortly thereafter. His combat concludes with being wounded on page 213. In between, he goes on patrols and is shelled but he rarely writes of personally firing on the enemy. He does provide a clear sense of what it was like to be in the infantry in this time and place though. He is also clear on what his unit and others were doing and includes quite a few maps to further inform the reader.The thing that stands out is the incredible level of backgrounding. McLogan has put a life's worth of research into his story. He writes of the origins of Ft Hood for instance but includes the cost, the speed and the effects on the previous landowners (including suicides). While on the ocean he worries about submarines, then lists the worst sinkings. He gives detailed service summaries of his commanding officers, describes the differences between the various suburbs of Manila and even the number of patients some of his hospitals processed. Some might find this to be unnecessary padding but I found most of it informative. McLogan is extremely thorough, there was much that was informative to me but this may not sit so well with readers looking for an action story. One thing that McLogan achieves with his approach is to convey a sense of what a major undertaking the Philippines operation was and to bring to light the significant post-war involvement in Korea (and the ongoing betrayal of its people). It does remain McLogan's story as he generally integrates all this information successfully around his own experiences. It does all make for quite a long read though. (the last 40 pages are endnotes, references, indexes etc)Though a memoir of his time in the army, McLogan's story is more about the journey he undertook from youth to man, than about combat. My interest is in battle experiences and my star rating reflects the limited revelations on these lines but this is still an interesting personal story that is surprisingly informative on many levels. I recommend it generally but if you're looking for a more combat oriented memoir see my Pacific War list for something more compelling.

It is said that in order to completely understand a man you should probe the world as it existed when he was 19 or 20 years old--at the moment he became mature and autonomous as a man. Russell McLogan has done just that in this well-written autobiography. Drafted out of college at age 18 in 1944, he was trained as a rifleman and then sent to the Philippines as an infantry replacement. There he joined the battle hardened 6th Infantry Division on the Shimbu Line near Manila. Wounded in combat in northern Luzon, he spent 89 days in Army hospitals on Luzon and Leyte. When the atomic bomb abruptly ended the war, he was returned to duty just in time to sail off to Korea where he served in the Army of Occupation. *Boy Soldier* is about a young man's coming of age during this period of tremendous historical change. It includes much well-researched history of the Army's replacement training system, the Liberation of the Philippines, the dropping of the atomic bombs, the American-Russian occupation of Korea, and the Army's post-war demobilization--the people, places, and events that shaped a young life. Although written in a scholarly mode with endnotes, bibliography and index, it is very readable with the humor, violence, sexual situations and sometimes raw language as it actually happened. Text is supplemented with 72 illustrations and 15 maps.

...a fascinating account of an 18-year-old rifleman who joined K Company, 63rd Infantry Regiment during some of the 6th Infantry Division's bitterest fighting...Read this story by putting yourself in the place of this patriotic, dedicated youth who was motivated to perform his duty in this battle hardened rifle company...Russ McLogan was a member of the few among millions of soldiers--the combat infantrymen who spearheaded the war--dragging along behind them the huge, often cumbersome superstructure of the rear of the Army. [This] is the story of the elite, the combat infantry, and he was one of those who survived to tell us about it. Colonel Arndt L. Mueller, USA (RETD) 3rd Battalion Commander during World War II On April 14, 1945, Russell E. McLogan joined Company K of the 63rd Infantry...one of the many youngsters coming into the company...to fill the void left by casualties. Many of these boys, hardly out of high school, were soon shot. McLogan himself got it on June 21, but fortunately survived to return home, have a family and in retirement write a history of his war experiences....He is a born researcher, a peruser of archives,

an historian. John L. Munschaer, K Company Platoon Leader and Author in *World War II Cavalcade: An Offer I Couldn't Refuse*, Sunflower University Press, 1996 Many people have been aspiring writers, but few have become real writers. Russell McLogan is a real writer. John Klein, Publisher, Community Plus+ Magazine upon awarding him first prize for the best short story in the 1996 fiction contest. -- Publisher Comments About the Author Russell E. McLogan, P.E., was born in Detroit, Michigan May 10, 1926. After graduating from the Henry Ford Trade School and finishing his first semester at the University of Detroit, he was drafted Sept 15, 1944 and received his infantry training at Camp Hood, Texas and Fort Ord, California. Russ joined the 6th Infantry Division on the Shimbu Line near Manila where he served in Company K, 63rd Infantry Regiment. Wounded in combat in Northern Luzon, he spent 89 days in hospitals on Luzon and Leyte. Returned to duty after the war ended, he served in the Army of Occupation in Korea and was discharged Nov. 2, 1946. Graduated from the University of Detroit, B.B.A., cum laude, 1953 and a Registered Mechanical Engineer in Michigan, he held engineering and management positions with major auto and aerospace companies for over 40 years and retired in 1989 to pursue a writing career. He has been published in the Emerald Coast, Catholic Digest, Purple Heart Magazine, Community Plus+ Magazine, and the Hillsdale Daily News. Russ married Terri (Lilly) McLogan in 1950. They have six children and ten grandchildren. Home has been Hillsdale, Michigan since 1964 with winters spent in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.