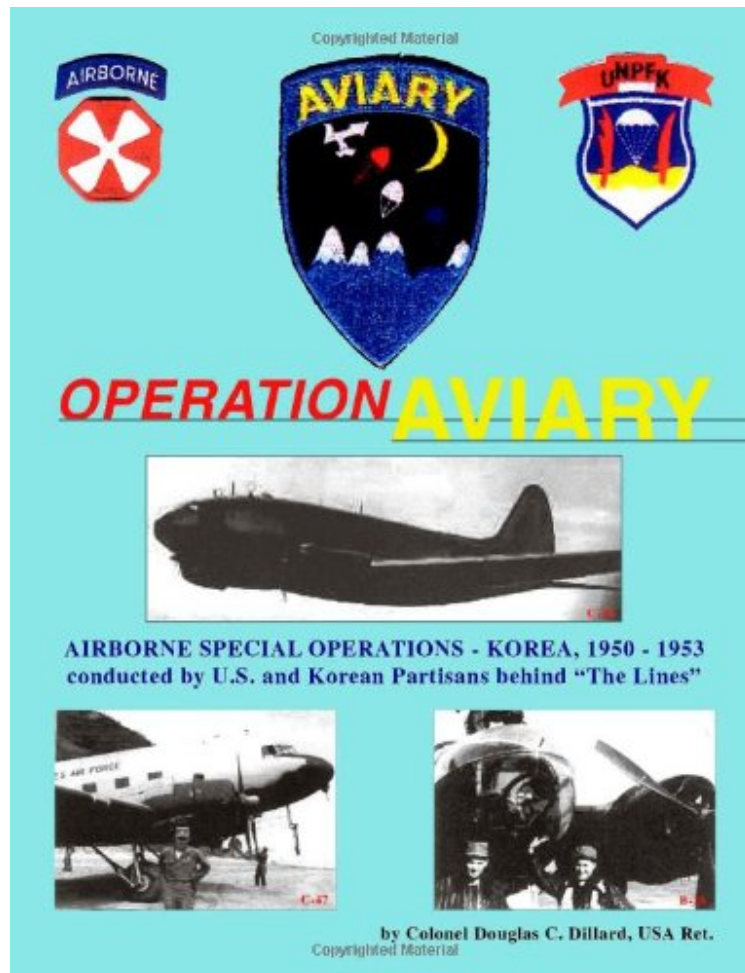


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Robert L. Baird Well done and a must for the USAF/UNPFK/CIA Historian! Bravo! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Accurate information By Off the Iron Curtain As a German TV author working on a documentary about Cold War aerial operations "Behind Enemy Lines" I looked for material and reliable information on activities, also during the Korean War. This book was one of my most helpful sources, as was his author. I agree I have read better written books, but some of these better written publications, like Orr Kelly's "From A Dark Sky", lack fact checking. E.g. Kelly's account of a U-2 ditching turned out to be a myth. In general: these operations are difficult to research, all human sources have by necessity a limited field of vision, but are often the best sources available and superior to sanitized files - so I think cautious reading and

restraint in judgement are wise attitudes. Colonel Dillard is a very good source. I recommend this DTP style booklet for anyone looking for facts about the Korean operations. I don't recommend it as literature or for photo quality (pictures look like photocopied). I also recommend "Apollos Warriors" from Michael E. Haas as a general overview for the topic. I think the previous comment is over the top, unnecessary harsh. Mr. Dillard HAD a different job, which was "somewhat" closer to the events he describes than most others authors can brag about. He was literally in the midst of the operations. I give 5 stars, so the the new average rating will give a more accurate rating of the book(let). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By bizdev16 I worked for the author once upon a time he is not a novice.

Endorsement by Nels Running, Major General, USAF (Ret) Executive Director, Department of Defence Korean War Commemoration Committee The history of the Korean War remains unknown to far too many who owe gratitude to those whose courage, commitment and sacrifices secured a victory for freedom and democracy over communist aggression. Even deeper in the shadows of the unknown, lay the clandestine operations of 'special' forces, whose actions often serve to enhance the conventional forces' opportunities for success in combat operations. Cloaked in "special secrecy" at the time, the stories of special operations emerge from the shadows much later than conventional combat histories. In this work, Colonel Doug Dillard illuminates an important arena of operations heretofore largely ignored: airborne special operations. Special operations teams and individuals, sometimes supported by or in conjunction with 'available' conventional resources, made daring airborne penetrations of the enemy 's rear areas and areas of current combat operations to disrupt or defeat the enemy's operations. They gathered and reported critical elements of information regarding enemy dispositions and capabilities to the conventional forces. The men of "Operation AVIARY" were indeed force multipliers whose actions contributed immeasurably to the United Nations Command's victory over communist aggression. A FASCINATING READ!

From the Author Ever since I completed my combat tour in Korea in 1952 I have been interested in writing a history of the clandestine airborne operations, especially since I was part of it. However, upon entering the Army Intelligence Corps, I became deeply engaged with classified activities in Europe and naturally avoided revealing even my involvement in such activity during the Korean War knowing these activities were still classified. After organizing the 8240th Army Unit, 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative Community in September 2000 and now knowing the secret classifications had been removed, my interest in the subject resurfaced. My feelings were that this unusual activity needed more research and a record made of the heroic efforts of the North Korean anti-Communists is made known to the American public. On the other hand, the courageous acts of the US and British personnel also need to be given the recognition they are certainly due. This book details for the first time the firsthand experiences of mine and the personal histories of other veterans who conducted Airborne Special Operations behind the enemy lines. Their stories are fascinating and would be great movie material.