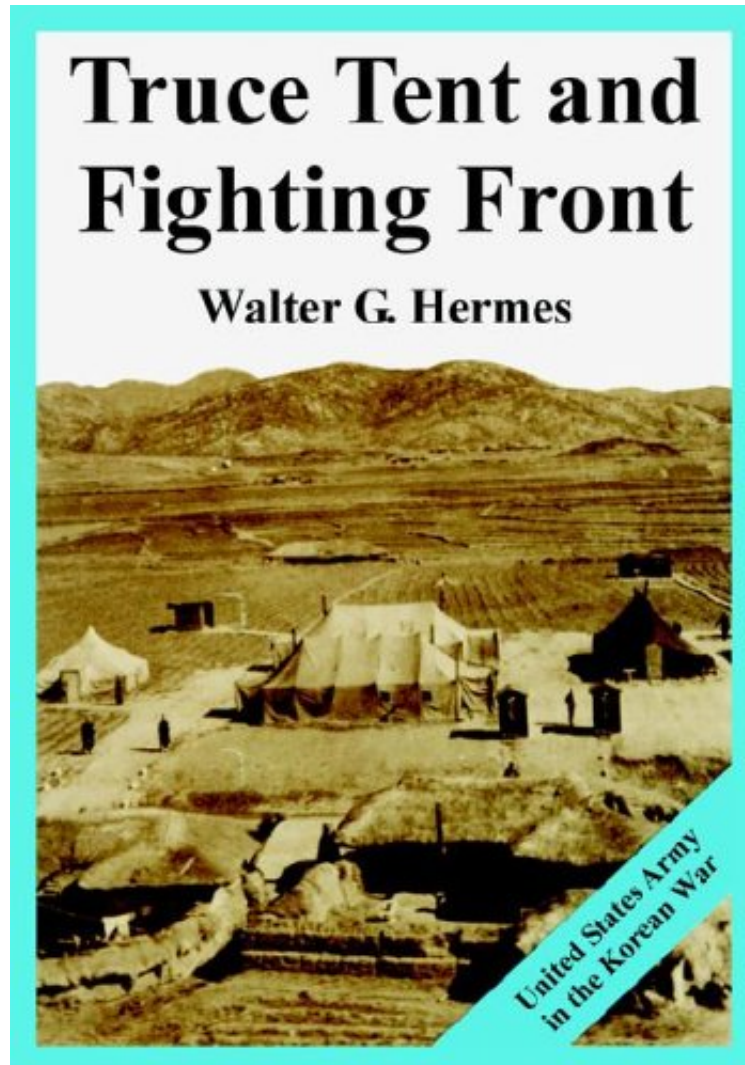


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By cyclops- old 1 eye Good read. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. The Official History By John Matlock The Korean war was very interesting from many standpoints. It was a war fought with limited objectives where the political process was involved with the fighting. While there was a desire to win, there was the ever present fear that the war could grow to World War III fought with

nuclear weapons if the Soviet Union felt her basic interests threatened. During the last two years of the war, truce talks were being conducted at the same time the war was being fought. Both sides tried with some success to induce more reasonable negotiating attitudes in their adversaries through the application of limited military pressure. This book is the story of fighting while talking during the last years of the war. It is the official history written by the Army. It was written with access to all of the information available to the Army, except of course classified documents. Of particular interest to me was following the negotiations. The style of the Communists worked well up against the representatives of a democracy who had political leaders back at home putting constraints on the outcome and journalists reporting everything back to the people. This kind of set the stage for the Viet Nam peace talks much later.

Truce Tent and Fighting Front covers the last two years in the Korean War and treats the seemingly interminable armistice negotiations and the violent but sporadic fighting at the front. The scene therefore frequently shifts from the dialectic, propaganda, and frustrations at the conference table to the battles on key hills and at key outposts. The author presents a solid and meaningful reconstruction of the truce negotiations; he develops the issues debated and captures the color of the arguments and the arguers. The planning and events that guided or influenced the proceedings on the United Nations side are thoroughly explained. The volume abounds in object lessons and case studies that illustrate problems American officers may encounter in negotiating with Communists. Problems encountered by the U.N. high command in handling recalcitrant Communist prisoners of war within the spirit and letter of the Geneva Convention are explained with clarity and sympathy. Truce Tent and Fighting Front is offered to all thoughtful citizens ---military and civilian--- as a contribution to the literature of limited war. Hal C. Pattison Brigadier General, USA Chief of Military History