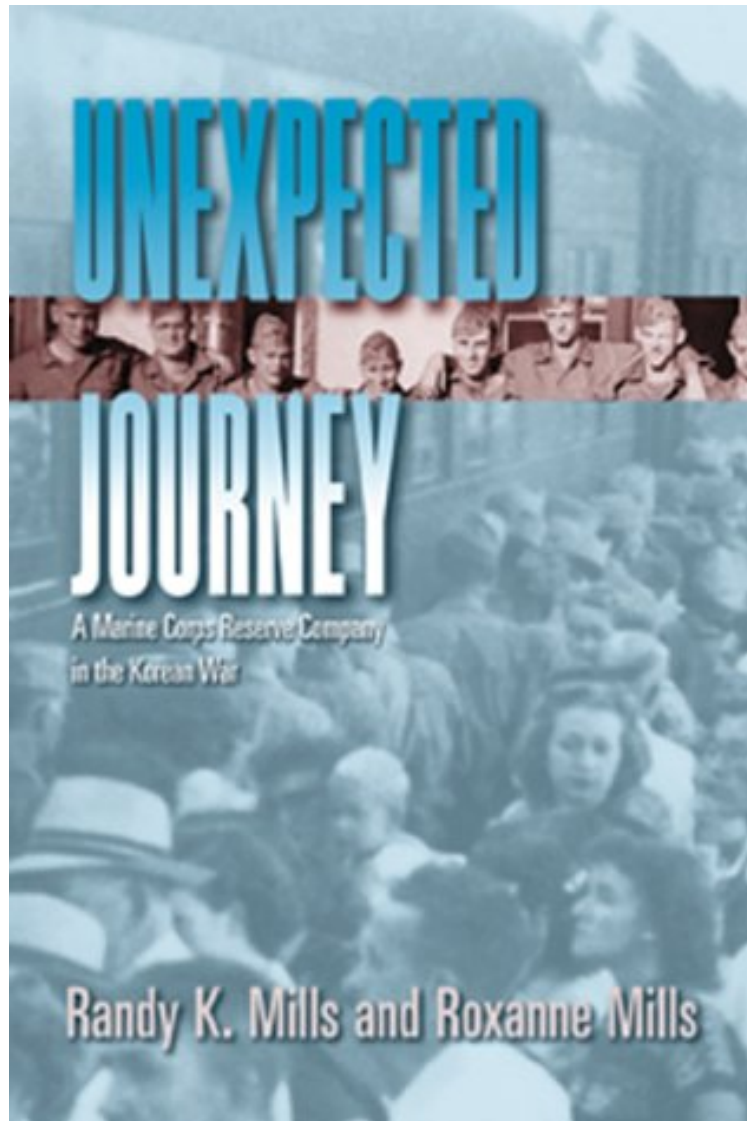


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In the fifty years since the Korean War dominated America's headlines, the poor state of readiness of U.S. armed forces at the beginning of that conflict has faded from memory. Yet, in those early days of desperate combat-when victory and even survival were far from certain-many Americans were rapidly deployed to this new-found war zone, deplorably unprepared for the challenges that awaited them. By focusing on one unit-a Marine Corps Reserve company called to active duty with no warning and virtually no time to prepare-this meticulously researched and vividly presented account makes clear what these individuals faced and how they coped. This is a human story that takes the reader into the personal lives of the participants and provides a view of post-World War II American society. Through the lens of this detailed look at one company in a nearly forgotten war, important issues come into view that are relevant today. The efforts of the Marine Corps to remain adequately prepared for combat in a time when economic and political considerations mandate a military drawdown have particular relevance to current debates, and the trials and tribulations recounted here are rife with lessons for today's planners, trainers, and warriors. The authors have blended documentary research with newspaper accounts of the day, interviews with participants, personal correspondence, and diaries to reconstruct this amazing story of what happened when a group of young people from middle America were called upon to make an unexpected journey.

From Booklist The Millses' book should appeal to readers of Stephen Ambrose and other chroniclers of the American citizen-soldier. It is the story of a reserve company of marines from Evansville, Indiana--240 men, both World War II veterans and teenagers with no military experience. Their lives and their training were both disrupted when the Korean War broke out and marine reserves were called up to fill out the First Marine Division. Evansville's men went to Korea on short notice, to endure Korea's hostile landscape and fight against formidable Chinese opponents. Most of them arrived in time for the march out from Chosin and were veterans by the time of the fighting in spring 1951. Except for six who didn't return, they mostly served out their time by the end of 1951 and were home with the stories and memories told here, in many cases for the first time. Roland Green Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "As a tribute to Company C, this book succeeds and deserves inclusion in the personal literature of the Korean War." -- Naval War College , Autumn 2003 "Korean War buffs will enjoy this book, as will every living member of the Marine Corps." -- Choice, July 2001