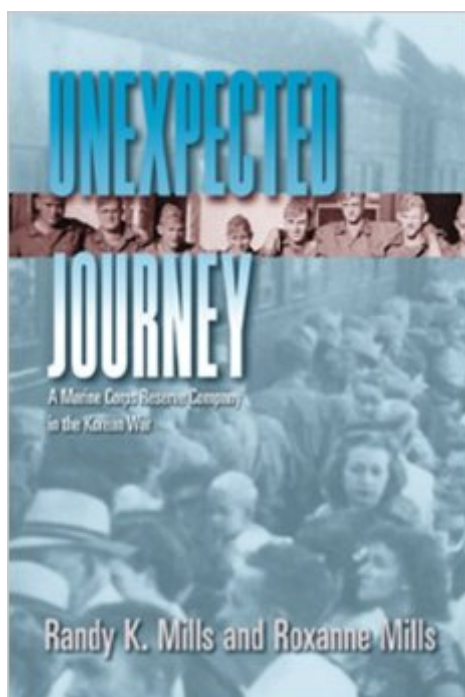


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Before reading this book I had very little knowledge about the Korean War. Now I have new found respect and admiration for these veterans and veterans of all wars. The authors have done a masterful job of weaving the eye witness accounts of these small town reservists into an intriguing story. It is the story of the real live heroes that we Americans have to thank for the freedom and peacetime we take for granted. If you came away from the movie "Saving Private Ryan" with the feeling of extreme gratitude for never having experienced war first hand, you will get the same jolt from reading "Unexpected Journey: A Marine Corps Reserve Company in the Korean War."

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