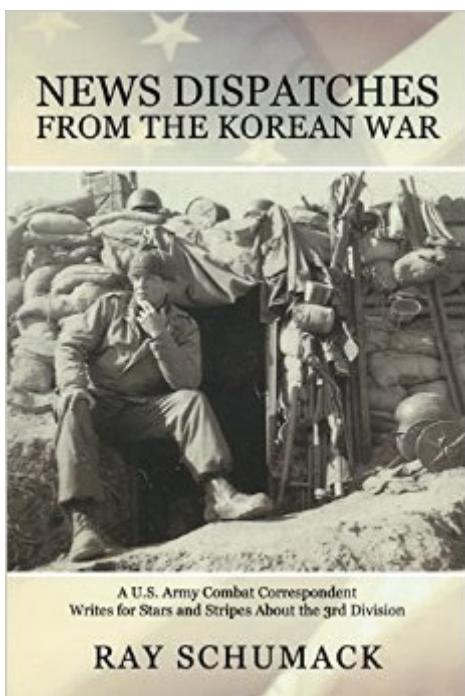


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Synopsis

Stories about war and great battles have been described in the bible, history books, novels and Hollywood movies. Some focused on heroism while others described destruction, suffering, death and the dismemberment of human bodies. Less has been written about the human condition â€“ the need for companionship and trust, the odd-ball and sometimes funny things men do in combat to relieve their fear and tension. This is the humanity the author struggled to find in Korea. One of these stories is an episode that never made it to TVâ€™s M*A*S*H.

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My father was in the US Air Force during the Korean 'Conflict' and I was born shortly after the fighting ended there. I had many uncles who fought in World War II and Korea as well and I grew up listening to countless stories of those years. In his new book, "News Dispatches From the Korean War" Ray Schumack brings back all those memories for me, a forgotten time most people only know of through episodes of M*A*S*H. Schumack puts the taste, feel, and texture of the action right on the page and the reader sees through a clear lens what it was like as an American soldier in Korea in the early 1950's. Korea was, perhaps, the last American war fought in the 20th Century that employed tactics used in WWI and WWII and this book truly captures that. What is most amazing to me is how someone can write about those experiences all these years later with such a sharp memory of detail. That Schumack wrote for Stars & Stripes while in Korea is certainly an asset but his talent for the written word all these years later is truly a gift. For anyone who remembers those years or anyone who wishes to know what it was like I strongly recommend this

book.

Ray Schumack's tales remind me of listening to my own father's stories of Korea. My dad always told me that war (or in this case, a police action) changes men. From reading these tales, how could one not be "changed"? While the book doesn't dwell on the blood and guts, typical of many war type books, it dwells more on the human interest side of Schumack's experiences. The book is a light, quick read and found myself wishing there were more tales to read.

Having stomped some of the same mud as Ray, I was delighted to hear some new stories from that time. It was like sitting around with your old war buddies and shooting the breeze. An extra bonus is the perspective of looking back after 60 years. Recommended for anyone who wants to know what it is like behind the front lines.

I had the pleasure of randomly meeting Mr Schumack on a park bench in Sarasota's St. Armands Circle on 12/29/14. Completely by chance a random comment I made to him about everything being better with bacon led him to telling me a story he had written in his book. I'm a Marine Corps veteran who served in Korea multiple times thirty years after Mr Schumack did. I found him to be absolutely fascinating and we talked for more than thirty minutes about his book. I enjoyed his short book a great deal and actually meeting him made it much more meaningful to me.

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