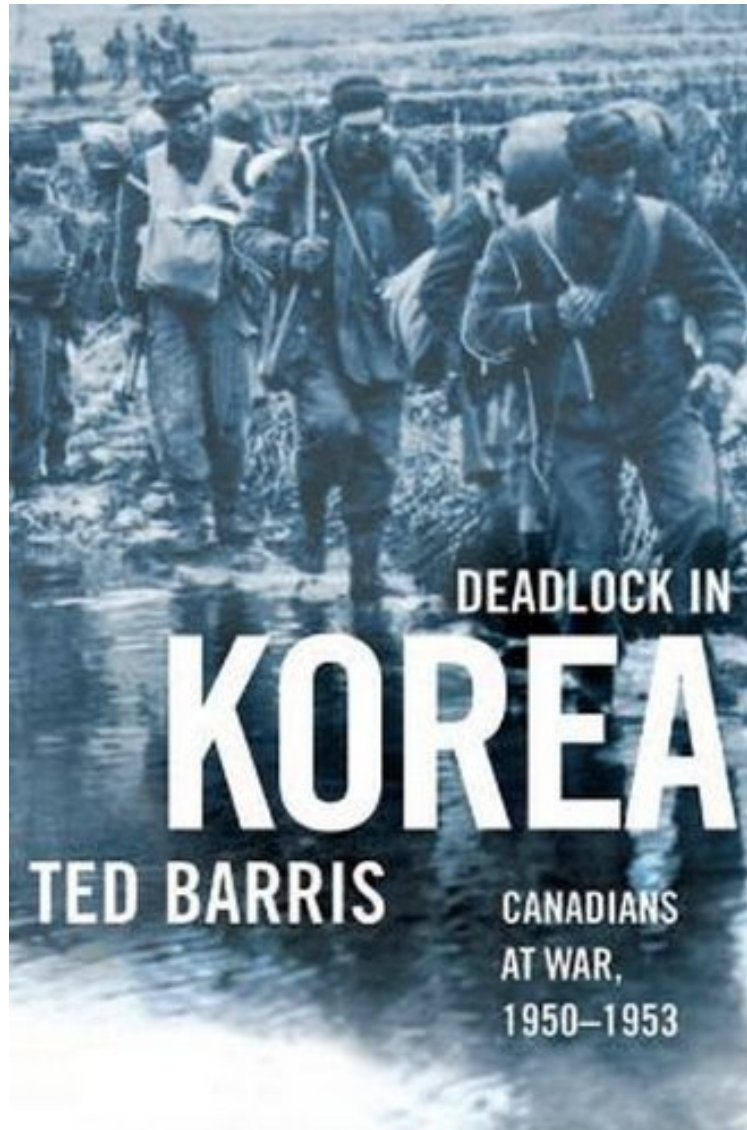


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A Book Long Overdue By sixtring The Canadian troops in Korea may have been few in number, but they had their share of challenges and hardships. Canada's Korea experience largely coincided with the relatively static and nasty trench warfare period of 1951-53. Through no fault of these troops, history ascribes to them no major combat laurels. But their long-overlooked story is no less compelling than that of other U.N. contingents in the Korean War. Barris has done a commendable job of presenting a complete and balanced

history without hyperbole. Accordingly, the reader is given an appreciation of 1950 recruiting and (in many ways comical) training; the horrific train accident in transporting troops westward through the Canadian Rockies; the Pacific crossing and deployment in Korea, and the combat histories of the regiments that rotated through over a three-year period. The passage about the Canadians' role in guarding communist POWs gives insight rarely found elsewhere. Anecdotal information from individual interviews is what gives the book its real depth. These passages give interesting details about bivouac experiences, uniform and weapons selection, and connectivity with other allied armies. Another unique provision recounts how these young soldiers came face-to-face with their enemies just hours after the armistice. The saga of the Canadian troops would be incomplete without some recognition of individual's post-war adjustments. Barris has covered all of these very well. The vintage photos are poor in resolution but informative nevertheless. The maps are great and are indispensable for a text like this. In all, this very readable book on a subject that has been chronically overlooked until now.

Between 1950 and 1953, nearly 30,000 Canadian volunteers joined the effort to contain communist incursions into South Korea and support the fledgling United Nations. All the services were there and all served with distinction. The Royal Canadian Navy led a daring rescue of troops from the port of Chinnampo in 1950; members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry won the highest US battle honour at Kap'yong in April 1951; the Vandoos turned the tide at Hill 355; and twice at Hill 355 in October 1952 and Hill 187 in May 1953; members of the Royal Canadian Regiment held firm against forces that greatly outnumbered them. The navy and the infantry were bolstered by the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and Lord Strathcona's Horse tanks, as well as members of the service, medical, engineers, provost, chaplain and intelligence corps. Still more, from the RCAF Thunderbird Squadron, took part in the Korean Airlift—three years of non-stop supply flights across the Pacific.

"Ted Barris brings us a vivid account of one of the century's most important, but often overlooked, conflicts. Canada played a key role, and the contributions of this country's brave warriors are recognized at last." (Lloyd Robertson, CTV News) From the Back Cover In 1950, nearly 25,000, Canadians signed on for a UN-sponsored "police-action" to stop Communist incursion into South Korea. They joined a multi-national expeditionary force that quickly found itself embroiled in a full-scale war. Members of the Canadian navy, airforce and infantry fought with distinction and endured months of bloody stalemate that ultimately stopped the communists but failed to requite the people of the Korean peninsula - with consequences that continue to haunt the world today. Ted Barris interviewed hundreds of Korean War veterans to gather their stories of heroism and survival, tragedy and absurdity, successes and SNAFUs. He has woven their tales into a fascinating look at a war that many have forgotten. About the Author Ted Barris is an accomplished author, journalist and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and regular contributions to The Globe and Mail, the National Post, and various national magazines, he is a full-time professor of journalism at Centennial College in Toronto. Barris has authored fifteen non-fiction books, including the national bestsellers Victory at Vimy and Juno.