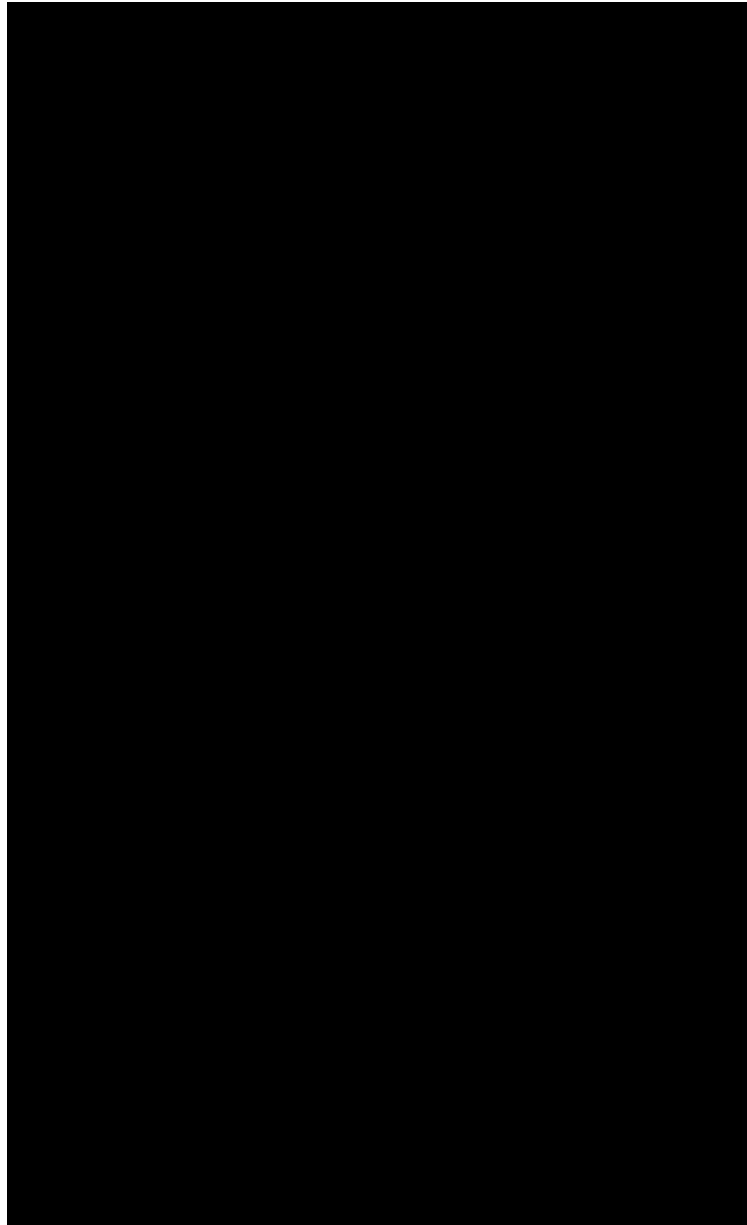


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Eugene Kinkead : In Every War But One. before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In Every War But One.:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very Interesting BookBy Harold B. PreglerI first heard about this

book when I joined the Air Force in 1958, and in the ensuing 54 years, it has intermittently crossed my mind that I would be interested in reading it. Fortunately, I was able to find it (used) on Amazon.com (at a reasonable price), and decided to finally do it! Not disappointed - I wonder (hope) that the deficiencies in moral/organization in the armed forces have lessened since the Korean "War". It is probably something that should be re-read every 10 years or so, to keep us focused on improvement.

7 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Too important to be forgotten

By A Reader

The Korean War was a shock to the American society. The victory in Japan and Germany was still fresh in the minds of every adult. Then a small country few in America had even heard of almost shoved the heroic GI Joe into the sea. When the conflict reached a paper settlement, there were some American prisoners who said they liked life as a foreigner in North Korea better than the good old USA. The popular media and government officials took a good look at those N. Korean prisoner of war camps, and there was another shocking discovery: NOT ONE American GI had escaped! This had never happened before. (The source of the title.)

This book reviews the circumstances and causes of this unique military event. One of the results was a careful training program at all levels on the responsibility of a soldier who is captured by the enemy. The result was called the "Code Of Conduct" and every military individual knew they had the responsibility to resist the enemy at all times and in all ways, even as a prisoner.

Now that lesson has been forgotten. The American soldiers on patrol captured in Kosovo were taken and disarmed by the Bosnian forces with no resistance. The lessons of "Every War But One" are now ignored as too idealistic. That the strict standard of the Code of Conduct kept mind and body together for many a GI prisoner in Viet Nam is of no weight in today's all volunteer Army where casualties are unthinkable and combat training is Aerobic Dancing.

Those who ignore the lessons of history. . .

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Collaboration

By Mike DePue, OFS

From this original 1959 edition, the following seem significant to me.

The repatriated prisoners were placed into six categories:

- 1) those lacking the moral stamina to resist even minimal emotional discomfort;
- 2) opportunists, who yielded for strictly personal and selfish reasons;
- 3) those who actually accepted Communism;
- 4) men who chose what seemed to them to be the path of least resistance;
- 5) individuals with a long history of unwillingness to accept any kind of authority;
- and 6) mature, well-integrated individuals, the true heroes who maintained their integrity and personal honor throughout their captivity. (pp. 128-132)

Certainly not all prisoners were weaklings or collaborators; Chaplain Emil Kapaun (pp. 152-153), who died of malnutrition, is a candidate for sainthood in the Catholic Church because of his self-sacrifice.

In analyzing the massive breakdown in discipline and morale, the following was noted: "The indoctrination process, unfortunately, was greatly helped by the ignorance of the captive GI's, whose formal education on the average had ended with the ninth grade of school. Not only did the prisoners not know much about the history of Communism, they didn't know much about the United States either... Some of them had not gone beyond the fifth grade in our schools." (pp. 105-106)

(This title reappeared in 1982. Not having seen it, it is not clear whether that is a reprint or a new edition. I direct you to the reviews to be found there: In Every War But One.)

Based on the five-year U.S. Army study of the effect of Communist indoctrination on those held prisoners of war in Korea. Includes reports on the collaboration of prisoners with the enemy.