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Communist Forces (CCF) that took place in Western Korea just after Thanksgiving 1950. It talks terrain and small unit tactics, as well as decisions made by some of the tactical actors in the battle. As one review said, the Army was beaten before any shot was fired. The Army was configured to, as Fahrenbach said, march against failing North Korean resistance and was not positioned to fight the "latte colored hordes that poured out of the hills against it". Regardless of the strategic situation, this book does a great job at showing the struggle of the rifleman during freezing nights when bugles blow and huge numbers of men that they can barely see come running up the hill against them. It shows the absolute chaos as they are taking incoming fire from all directions, engaging in hand to hand combat, seeing grenades that land next to them and kicking them back towards the CCF. It shows the fury of a lieutenant who, to cover his retreating men, charges at the CCF, throwing everything he can get his hands on, like canned food, and swinging his rifle like a club. Anyone who reads this and Fahrenbach can tell that Fahrenbach borrows heavily from this book. Again, I highly recommend it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The River and the Gauntlet By Wesb An excellent book by S.L.A. Marshall. I have a more than passing interest in this particular Korean War history. I lost an uncle in the battle. He was captured by the Chinese and died in prisoner of war camp of malnutrition and exposure. The author did his usual highly informative and detailed analysis of this particular early phase of the war. His research was very thorough. I have the paperback print copy of this book and it will go into my "keeper" library for re-reading somewhere down the line. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Doc I read that book 40 years ago and it's still gripping.

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