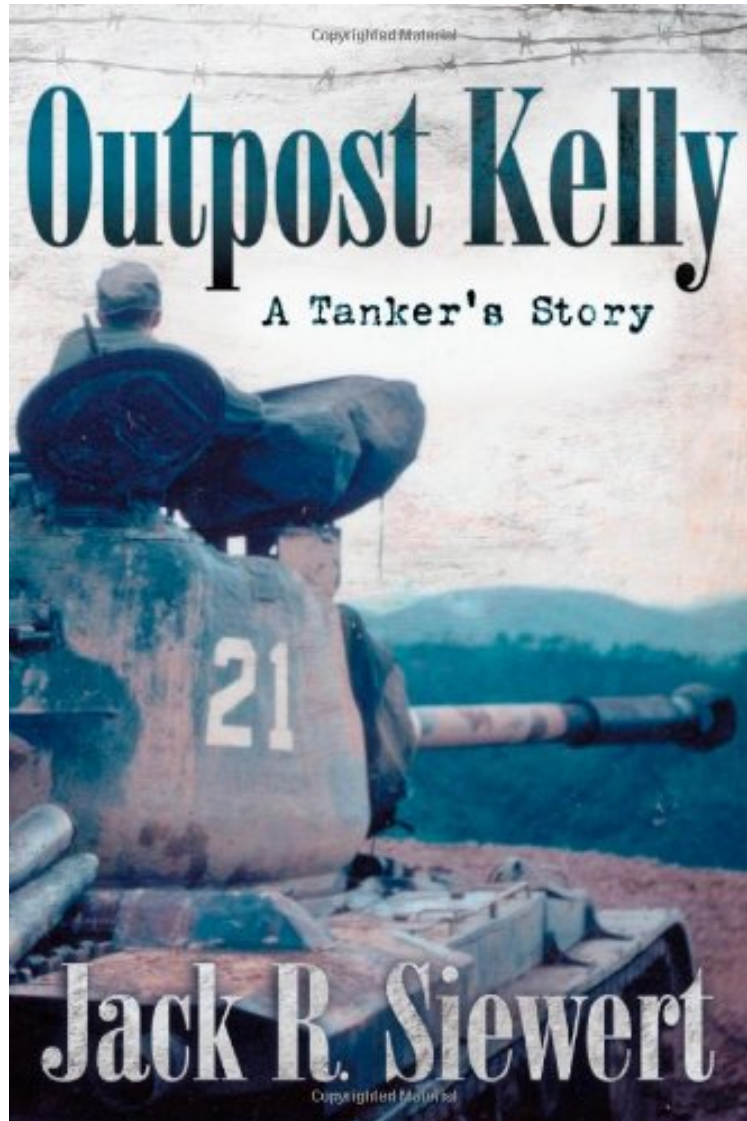


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Jack R. Siewert : Outpost Kelly: A Tanker's Story before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Outpost Kelly: A Tanker's Story:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. View from the Hatch - KoreaBy matt8386in In Outpost Kelly, author LTC Siewert, (USA, ret) shares his experiences during the Korean war. A small battle of the 'forgotten war', Siewert was a young platoon leader that got tagged to provide armor support for the infantry in defense of outpost Kelly. It can be a dry read at times, but I enjoyed it - there are many small unit leadership tips here, troop leading

procedures still relevant today, this book shows how tanks were used in the later phases of the Korean war (as artillery), how to adapt to the unexpected and more. It shows that the technology of tanking has changed somewhat, but any tankerman will recognize the challenges of dealing with heat, boredom, a crappy mission, mud, broken tracks and in during war, the confusion and fear of battle. Recommended for small unit leaders, those interested in the Korean war, armor, the life of a tankerman. It's a short book about a short battle, having served in the 3rd ID, 1/64 armor, a bit of unit history. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A close look at tank warfare in Korea By A Reader Overall I thought this was a good book but it certainly will not appeal to everyone. Anyone looking for fast-paced action and drama will be disappointed, but Mr Siewert has produced a nice contribution to the history of tank warfare in Korea. The latter half of the Korean War has had little written about it but men fought, and died, during that period just the same. The author covers the actions, in a well written fashion, of about a three week period during which he was a platoon leader of a M-46 tank platoon on the MLR (Main Line of Resistance) defending Hill 199. The action revolves around the combat for an adjacent hill (Outpost Kelly). What makes the book interesting is not any huge combat action so much as the detail Mr Siewert gives of the day-to-day life of a tankerman, and a tank platoon leader, in Korea. He covers in detail the many minor activities that a lot of books ignore such as supply, maintenance, and even his own thoughts as platoon leader. When there is action he describes it in pretty good detail. There are a lot of little details that make this book interesting. In that the book succeeds well and for that it should be read by anyone interested in armor operations. If you enjoy this book I highly recommend 'Tank Sergeant' by Ralph Zumbro. It is the story of a tankerman in Vietnam. There is also 'USMC Tankerman's Korea: The War in Photos, Sketches, and Letters Home' by Roger G. Baker. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well written By Bob S It brought back many memories of the past. I was there during the period he wrote about, and I found his different accounts of places, scenes and battles to be very accurate. A very good read.

In the second year of the Korean War, Jack Siewert commanded a platoon of five M-46 tanks. Temporarily assigned to provide fire support for an infantry battalion on the front, he eventually found himself in the midst of intense fighting for a relatively unknown and unimportant hill, code named Outpost Kelly.

“In Outpost Kelly: A Tankerman’s Story, Jack Siewert provides a gripping tale of three weeks in July 1952 when his tank platoon finds itself performing an uncharacteristic task. While frequently undergoing enemy mortar attack, they are plagued by monsoon conditions and play a crucial role in the struggle against the Chinese for control of an important outpost.”—M. K. Barbier, author of Kursk: The Greatest Tank Battle 1943