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Frank Pruitt : Reminiscence of a Forgotten War before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Reminiscence of a Forgotten War:

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Read But Not Scholarly HistoryBy MG (Ret) Jim DelkThe book is a homey narrative written many years after the fact. As a consequence, it has some factual errors. Divisions were (and are) commanded by Major Generals, not Lieutenant Generals. The commander's name is misspelled. The caption on the photo of Capt. Boniface's body speaks to another incident at a later time. Nonetheless, the author's

folksy style makes it an easy read.

The memoirs of Frank O. Pruitt and his Korean War service with the 40th Division in 1952 and 1953. It covers his service as a rifle platoon leader in "E" Company and Company Commander of Tank Company of the 223rd Infantry Regiment. The book is more of a study of the characters and personalities of the officers and men of the 223rd Regiment and 40th Division, than a combat narrative. The author develops the tension and interplay which occurred when the regular Army officers who had been assigned to the stateside airborne divisions were released from those assignments in 1952, and anxiously sought assignment in combat units before the war was concluded. It is the story of life and combat on the Main Line of Resistance in the Kumwha Valley, Punch Bowl, and Heartbreak Ridge. The book deals with their training of the Division at Kapyong during the Summer of 1952, and the conversion of a National Guard Division into a combat-tested regular Army unit led by regular Army Airborne officers eager to join the fight. The author, a late World War II OCS graduate, was recalled to service as a reserve officer in June of 1951 and describes the stateside retraining, replacement pipeline, and Japanese RRExperience. He returned to Korea in September of 1998 and, accompanied by a Korean guide, revisited sites where he served at Kumwha, Kapyong, and the Punch Bowl. His account is a blueprint for those interested in more than the quick in-and-out Korean Veterans package tour, or for those veterans or their families who want additional insight into the Korean War experience and what has occurred to this troubled land in the last 50 years.

About the Author Frank O. Pruitt, a native of Florida now residing in Lake Charles, Louisiana, is author of the widely-acclaimed *Reminiscence of a Forgotten War*, a memoir of service with a rifle and tank company in the 223rd Regiment of the 40th Division in Korea in 1952 and 1953. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 in the closing days of World War II. Pruitt completed Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia. Following peace-time service, Pruitt returned to Florida and civilian life but was recalled to active duty in 1951 when the Korean War broke out. Upon separation from the Army in 1953, he entered the family insurance and financial service business, and completed his business career in Louisiana, where he remains active with his family land and timber business. Pruitt returned to Japan and Korea in 1998, retracing his Korean War trail and visiting many of the people in areas in Japan and Korea where he fought and trained. A cache of long unread letters to his wife and family became the genesis of *Reminiscence*. Over a period of three years, Pruitt interviewed numerous World War II and Korean War veterans who contacted him following the publication of *Reminiscence*. These unique interviews with 35 veterans form the basis of his latest book, *Delayed Letters from Korea*. Pruitt is an avid student of military history and frequently lectures on the Korean War. Pruitt and his wife Ginger reside on Prien Lake near the site of a prehistoric Indian settlement in Lake Charles, Louisiana.