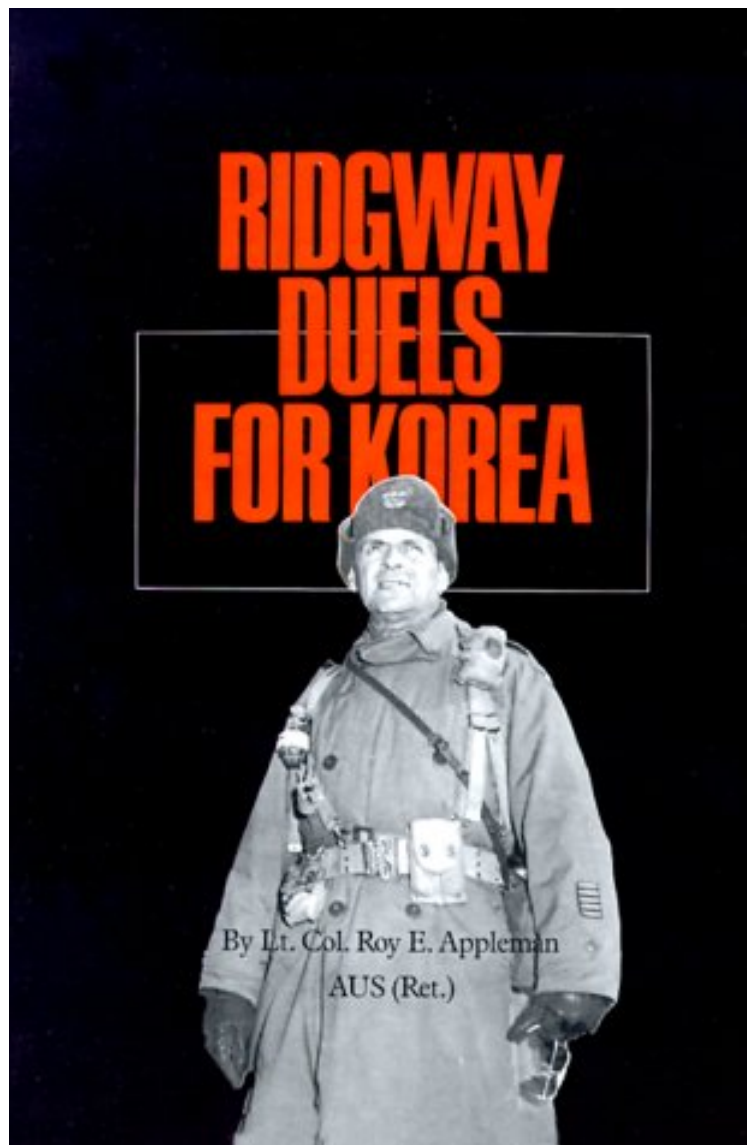


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By Myshkin87
I was excited to read this book, but was quite disappointed to find a significant factual error early on in it. The author says MBR visited the CPs of the 101st AB and 82d AB at Eindhoven, where both divisions dropped in Holland and where the British 1st AB was destroyed. In fact, only the 101st dropped at Eindhoven. The 82d dropped at Nijmegen and the British 1st dropped at Arnhem (the famous "bridge too far.") This section obviously referred to Operation Market-Garden. While this book is not primarily concerned with WWII, but the Korean War, such an error can't be attributed to poor editing. It is indicative of carelessness on the part of the author's research, and puts the credibility of the entire work into question for me. In fairness, at this point I decided to put the book down and subsequently, never finished it. So, I didn't read the whole book. However, IMHO, this sort of gross factual error is inexcusable by an award-winning official US Army historian.

From Publishers Weekly
With this sequel to *Disaster in Korea*, Appleman confirms his position as the premier military historian of the Korean War. Based on unit records, Chinese military reports and interviews, this combat history covers battlefield events from General Matthew Ridgway's assumption of command in Korea in December 1950 to the beginning of truce talks in July 1951. When he took over, U.N. forces were in full retreat, being driven southward by overwhelming numbers of Chinese and North Korean troops. Appleman describes how Ridgway provided the strategy and leadership that kept the Americans from quitting Korea altogether, and how he gradually transformed a defeated and demoralized army into a strong, motivated fighting force. Allied with South Korean divisions and U.N. contingents, the U.S. Eighth Army won back the territory lost after the Chinese intervention and established the new border, north of the original one, along the 38th Parallel. Appleman's book reveals, almost day by day, how this great military feat was accomplished. *Ridgway Duels for Korea* is a virtual textbook on high-level field command under seemingly hopeless conditions. Photos. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.