

ESCAPING THE TRAP

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Acclaimed military historian Roy E. Appleman details the fateful months in late 1950 when U.S. troops were taken by surprise by the Chinese at the Chosin Reservoir.

After its successful landing at Inchon and capture of Seoul in September 1950, the US X Corps was joined by the Eighth Army, and many people expected the two commands to be combined into one. Instead, General MacArthur ordered the X Corps to load onto ships and travel around the peninsula to northeastern Korea and the port city of Wonsan, which the South Korean I Corps had captured. Major elements of the X Corps were to move west from their positions in northeast Korea and cut the supply lines of Chinese troops expected to cross the Yalu and confront Eighth Army. Other parts of X Corps would push north toward the border and thus control all of Korea. Neither goal was met.

Escaping the Trap tells what happened when X Corps discovered that the Chinese had crossed the Yalu unseen and marched rapidly to Chosin Reservoir, where they landed a surprise attack against the 1st Marine Division and the army's 31st Regimental Combat Team of the 7th Infantry Division. Appleman's study of the day-to-day records of X Corps and his interviews and correspondence with survivors make the whole history of this portion of the Korean War available for the first time.

The late **Roy E. Appleman** wrote several military history studies, among them *South to Naktong*; *Okinawa: The Last Battle*; and *Ridgway Duels for Korea*, which won the Truman Library Book Award. During the Korean War, he served as an army historian. He left his papers to the Army History Center at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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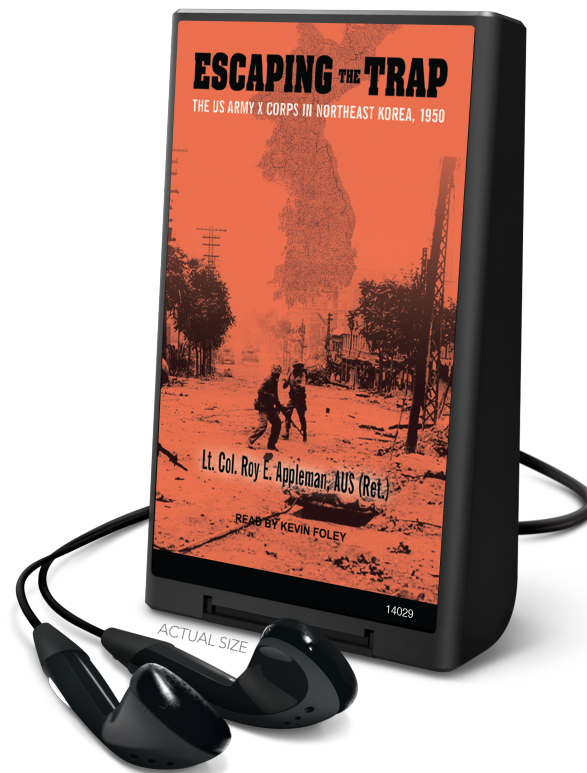


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