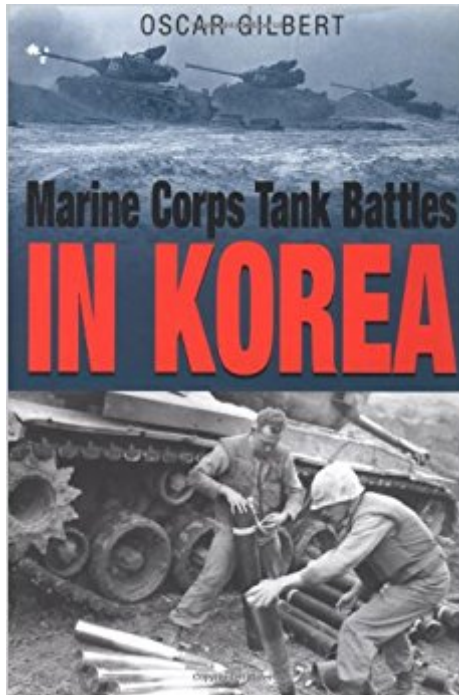




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# MARINE CORPS TANK BATTLES IN KOREA



## Synopsis

The outbreak of the Korean conflict caught America (and the Marine Corps) unprepared. The Corps' salvation was the existence of its Organized Reserve (an organization rich in veterans of the fighting in World War II), the availability of modern equipment in storage and, as always, the bravery, initiative, and adaptability of individual Marines. In this followup to his enormously successful *Marine Tank Battles in the Pacific* (Combined Publishing, 2000), Oscar Gilbert presents an equally exhaustive and detailed account of the little-known Marine tank engagements in Korea, supported by 48 photographs, eight original maps, and dozens of survivor interviews. *Marine Corps Tank Battles in Korea* details every action, from the valiant defense at Pusan and the bitter battles of the Chosin Reservoir, to the grinding and bloody stalemate along the Jamestown Line. Many of these stories are presented here for the first time, such as the unique role played by tanks in the destruction of the illfated Task Force Drysdale, how Marine armor played a key role in the defense of Hagaru, and how a lone tank made it to Yudamni and then led the breakout across the high Toktong Pass. Marine tankers--individually and as an organization--met every challenge posed by this vicious, protracted, and forgotten war. It is a story of bravery and fortitude you will never forget.

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## Customer Reviews

In order to produce this fine book, the author has conducted extensive interviews with participants and consulted archival and published materials. This gives the book an excellent balance between the events as witnessed by the participants and the broader historic, strategic and tactical issues. It also makes for a great reading experience. The text is full of excellent "war stories" and covers

a wide variety of combat and non-combat scenarios....Youâ™ll not be disappointed. Highly recommended. (Missing Lynx)

Oscar E. Gilbert, Ph.D., was a former Marine artilleryman and then worked as a geoscientist. A resident of Texas, his previous published works include the widely acclaimed *Marine Tank Battles in the Pacific*, *Marine Corps Tank Battles in Korea*, *Marine Corps Tank Battles in the Middle East* and *Tanks in Hell: A Marine Corps Tank Company on Tarawa*.

This is an excellent book that does justice to the experience of Marine armor in the Korean War. The author is a Marine artilleryman who knows and writes knowledgeably about Marines and the Marine Corps. Although his MOS was not in armor when he served in the Corps, he certainly did his research by examining the documentation and interviewing the participants to write a compelling history of this particular branch of the Marine Corps. Not only does the author tell compelling stories of what the Marine tankers experienced, but he places their actions and contributions into the proper context regarding the infantry units they supported, as well as in the context of their contributions to the battles fought. Of all the books I have read about armored troops in combat, this is by far the best in describing the day-to-day realities of armored combat as well as the responsibilities of armored troops to their equipment and their fellow Marines. Outstanding work, and one I can highly recommend to anyone who finds this subject even a little interesting.

Mr. Gilbert is a brother Marine and knows these men. While I was reading this, Captain Sweet passed. I contacted his Marine Corp League Post and received back a wonderful e mail from one of the Marines who served with these men. They mentioned Mr. Gilbert by name. That should tell you all you need to know. Very well written, filled with first person accounts. To me, that is essential. He lets the Marines tell the story themselves. As a retired Marine armor unit veteran myself, this book is on the top of my list. I am reading his "*Marine Tank Battles in the Pacific*" now as well. Get both. You won't be disappointed. Semper Fidelis.

History of these heroes should not be forgotten. What a terrible place to serve. My friend Cecil Fullerton signed this book for me. When I asked him to sign it he said "you make me seem like a hero". I laughed for two days about that...

This book has a very high historical value to me, because until now I have only read about the

Australian Military involvement in Korea. I have read about a third of the book already and I find that I can hardly put the book down.

This book really fills in a gap for the Korean War buff, or military buff in general. The epic struggles from Pusan to Inchon to Chosin are covered in good detail. We also get the remembrances of the Marine tankers. This is one I recommend highly. Semper Fi.

It was awesome, I was in Charlie tanks, I really enjoyed reading our story, well done.

I like the first hand accounts and the sense of humour this men needed to do a dangerous job. Well written and fun to read. \_

Found this account accurate and personal. Found names of former Marines that I served with. Great resource for Marines.

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