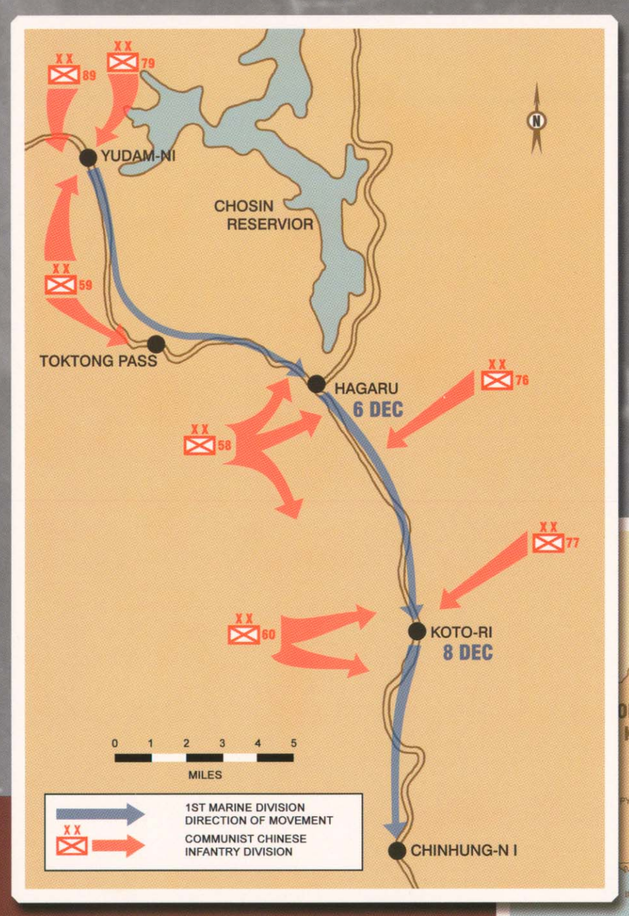
MARINES IN KOREA

Life magazine photographer David Douglas Duncan captures the gaunt expression of a Marine who endured both the bitterly cold weather and the onslaught of ten Chinese Communist Divisions.

A Marine Corsair demonstrates close coordination of air and ground operations as it climbs skyward through the smoke after dropping napalm on a concentration of Chinese Communists.

Marines of the 1st Marine Division fan out to guard the flanks of the main column marching between Koto-ri and Hagaru-ri during the division's heroic breakout from Chosin.



1st Marine Division's contact with enemy Chinese forces during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign.

Infantrymen under cover of large boulders engage enemy forces who were unsuccessful in trapping fellow Marines at the Chosin Reservoir.

CHOSIN RESERVOIR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1950: Encouraged by the success of the Inchon Landing, UN Forces pursued the scattering North Korean People's Army north across the 38th Parallel. The Marines found themselves maneuvering, once again by sea, back around the Korean Peninsula to the Port of Wonsan from which they advanced into the mountainous regions surrounding the Chosin Reservoir. In addition to fighting the terrible cold and icy winds of the region, the Marines now fought Chinese Communist Forces, a new and determined enemy whose forces in the area numbered ten divisions. The subsequent breakout of the Chosin Reservoir and surrounding Chinese divisions was an epic trial in which Marines survived against overwhelming odds and unbearable conditions.

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