

BATTLE OF THE CHOSIN RESERVOIR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1950



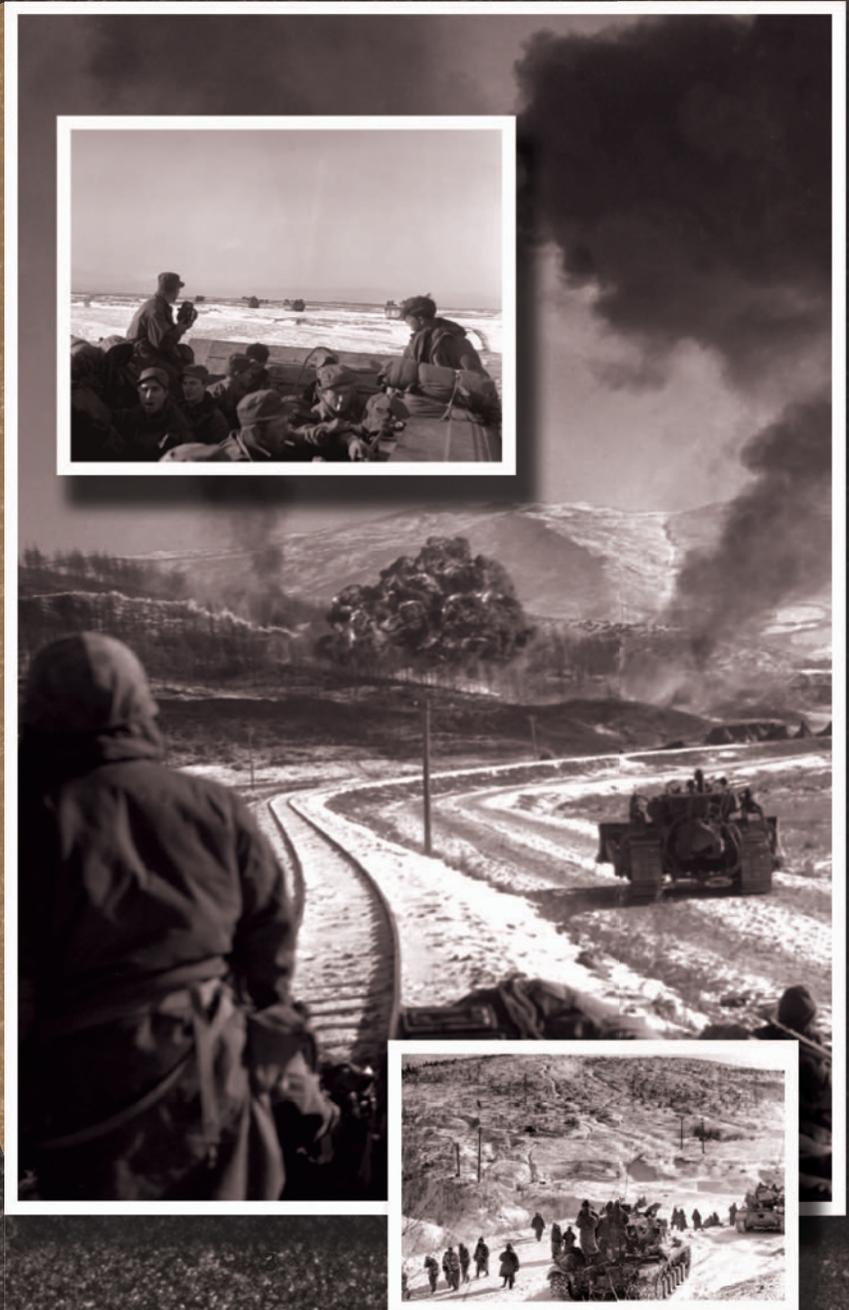
**WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE ENEMY FOR SEVERAL DAYS NOW.
WE'VE FINALLY FOUND THEM. WE'RE SURROUNDED.
THAT SIMPLIFIES OUR PROBLEM.**



— Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC, December 1950
(Later promoted to Lieutenant General)



- November 27, 1950 – the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir begins
- Approximately 120,000 Chinese Troops (Casualties estimated between 30,000-40,000)
- Approximately 30,000 UN Troops (8,975 Casualties)
- Chinese troops advanced to the Chosin Reservoir
- Frigid temperatures and rugged terrain significantly impacted units from both sides
- UN Forces forced to withdraw to Port of Hungnam
- December 11, 1950 – the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir ends (as evacuation to Pusan begins)





KEY HIGHLIGHTS



- **Approximately 30,000 UN troops under the command of Major General Edward Almond (U.S. X Corps) were encircled by approximately 120,000 Chinese troops under the command of General Sung Shih-Lun**
- **Battle of the Chosin Reservoir occurred during Korea's brutal winter, with temperatures as low as -30 degrees Fahrenheit, impacting troops and equipment on both sides**
- **UN Forces were forced to withdraw to the Port of Hungnam after suffering over 8,000 casualties**
- **The U.S. Navy assembled a 193-ship armada that successfully evacuated the survivors and equipment from U.S. X Corps and ROK units, and thousands of Korean refugees to Pusan**
- **For their conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, 17 U.S. service members were awarded the Medal of Honor**



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