

Chapter 1 : Summary/Reviews: Operation Broken Reed :

*Operation Broken Reed: Truman's Secret North Korean Spy Mission That Averted World War III [Arthur L. Boyd] on calendrierdelascience.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. At the height of the Korean War, President Truman launched one of the most important intelligence - gathering operations in history.*

Male Posted 17 March - On a side note, the author of Operation Broken Reed [Lt. Boyd Retired ] has contacted the board and indicated he wished to comment on the subject. So, with that said, I am going to go ahead and post his comment here as it was sent to me: I am the author of Operation Broken Reed. I simply desire to set the record straight concerning comments made by individuals within your Book Reports. One individual, identified as Member Number 2., stated, "It is very convenient that the author is the only survivor, all team members had false names, classified for 50 years and authorized by Truman- how convenient. His comments drive a spike into the memory of those men that I watched die on a frozen North Korean Road. They did act like high-school jerks during the staging phase. It was their way of dealing with the 50 percent chance of survival odds. They acted up and that took off the pressure of what would come. It appears that the individual who made those remarks failed to read and understand the book prologue, Epilogue, Afterward by Commander Jay T. I would like to face the individual one-on-one and provide overwhelming evidence, historical, presumptive, and circumstantial, that supports the mission. Another individual identified as Member Number questioned the "first aid" class. It was more than a mere refresher on first aid. The team was provided with a sophisticated medical kit. We were taught what corpsmen on the front line were taught - how to use morphine, treat severe injuries, and transport the injured. Another comment made by the same individual questions the use of Nationalist Chinese troops. The JCS and military command had nothing to say about the use of those troops. Where else could we have procured 66 Chinese who would pose as Communist Chinese soldiers? Should we have made a trip into China to recruit those men? Read the text carefully and you will see that this, too, was most unusual, just like the rest of the mission. My "ghost writer" simply followed what I gave him, not adding or deleting anything that took place. Please, when you make.

**Chapter 2 : Anybody read Operation Broken Reed - SOcNET: The Special Operations Community Network**

*Operation Broken Reed is a suspense filled chronical of a mission that could be viewed as a pivotal point in World history. Related Searches book by tony younger.*

Only one man -- sworn to secrecy for a half-century--survived Operation Broken Reed. Given cover names and cyanide capsules in case of discovery, the men were transported by Chinese Nationalists wearing Communist uniforms across North Korea, where undercover allies delivered information about troop strengths, weaponry, and intention. Fraught with danger, the mission came apart on its last day when the Americans came under fire from Chinese forces wise to the operation. The members of Broken Reed supplied Truman with proof of massive Chinese and Soviet buildups and a heavy Soviet bomber group in Manchuria, fully loaded with atomic weapons. With the potential destruction of the world outlined in front of him, Truman chose not to escalate the Korean War, saving millions of lives. Code-named Broken Reed, the operation sent a man team into North Korea to collect badly needed intelligence "on enemy capabilities and intentions" to aid President Harry Truman in making "a fateful decision": Boyd, a young signal corps lieutenant, was selected for the mission because of his top-secret clearance and his knowledge of Morse code. Boyd would transmit whatever intelligence the team gathered to a communications aircraft over the Sea of Japan. Inserted into North Korea by submarine, the team collected and transmitted intelligence that "revealed a staggering enemy buildup" and convinced Truman not to escalate the conflict. Discovered and ambushed, seven of the team were killed and three wounded--two grievously. In a desperate flight, the wounded reached their rendezvous point and were rescued by a waiting ship. If true--and there are "no records, transcripts, or evidence" of the operation and Boyd is the "only known survivor"--this suspenseful saga of heroism and sacrifice is further proof that truth can be stranger than fiction. All rights reserved Review by Library Journal Review By late , President Truman had become increasingly concerned about the possibility that the Soviet and the Chinese Communist forces were going to get much more involved in the Korean conflict. According to Boyd, he therefore secretly authorized Operation Broken Reed, a Special Access Program or so-called black operation that was to traverse Korea in January and gather military intelligence. A team of army rangers, air force officers, navy frogmen, and CIA operatives pretended to be crew members of a captured B bomber, who, under the guard of Chinese nationalist military personnel posing as Chinese Communists, moved in military vehicles across the North Korean countryside gathering information about Soviet and Chinese military forces massing quietly in the North Korean countryside. Boyd served as a cryptographer for the operation, signaling information back to American forces. The Chinese forces ultimately discovered the true purpose of the small caravan, and all but Boyd were killed. Sworn to secrecy, Boyd waited over 50 years to tell his amazing story. There is no official or unofficial record of Operation Broken Reed, but Boyd believes the work of this small band of men helped convince Truman that it would be disastrous to expand the war into North Korea. A chilling story and, if true, certainly an amazing one in the annals of wartime espionage. Army Ret , was a twenty-three-year old first lieutenant serving in Germany when he applied for a Top Secret "black intelligence" mission during the Korean War. The mission director, operating out of the Pentagon and answering directly to President Harry S. Truman, picked Boyd to serve on a ten-man military intelligence team. Lieutenant Boyd was responsible for encryption and transmission of twenty intelligence reports collected from operatives within North Korea. Following Operation Broken Reed, a successful operation that claimed the lives of seventy-five brave patriots, Boyd returned to Germany and was promoted to captain. After completing his tenure as a chaplain, he served as a financial consultant with a Saint Paul firm. Colonel Boyd now lives with his wife of sixty-one years in Tennessee.

**Chapter 3 : OPERATION BROKEN REED by Arthur L. Boyd | Kirkus Reviews**

*Operation Broken Reed has 68 ratings and 12 reviews. Suzie said: I've been thinking about how to review this in a way that will interest my GR friends. L.*

### Chapter 4 : Operation Broken Reed - BOOK REPORTS - U.S. Militaria Forum

*I found Operation Broken Reed interesting, but found some serious plausibility questions in the technical communications descriptions. 1. The frequency range used to communicate was unstated but clearly had to be UHF or at least VHF to be able to transmit while on the move with an inconspicuous antenna.*

### Chapter 5 : Christopher Curry (Reading of Operation Broken Reed)

*Operation Broken Reed - posted in BOOK REPORTS: I just came across this new work which describes the astonishing mission of a man team of military personnel and CIA who infiltrated North Korea early in the the Korean War, in order to assess the likelihood of the war developing into WWII complete with nukes.*

### Chapter 6 : Operation Broken Reed (Audiobook) by Arthur Boyd | calendrierdelascience.com

*Arthur Boyd, the only survivor of Operation Broken Reed, documents his involvement in President Truman's undercover intelligence mission during the Korean War.*