

Going to Extremes

Troops serving in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, faced conditions that were unknown to previous generations of soldiers.

In the Korean War soldiers and marines faced



extreme weather conditions from tropical to frigid as that fought up and down the peninsula. The Marine shown here (a) is equipped as he would have been for the fighting in sub-zero temperatures during the withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir.

Vietnam saw the challenge of tropical heat and humidity. While U.S. forces (b Infantry) (c Marines) had the advantage of extreme mobility thanks to the use of helicopters, they were handicapped by fighting a war where the enemy could appear anywhere, there were no frontlines, the enemy was often unidentifiable from civilians and the conflict was unpopular on the home front.



Along with the figures are examples of a standard

canteen and a medic canteen.

