



The Bullet

With my name on it
whizzed through
the side of my head
combing my hair
within a millimeter
of ending my life.
I watched the Chinese
gather at the Yalu River
shooting wildly at us
as we ran for our lives.
Catastrophic failure
of intelligence is all
the head of the Eighth Army
could say. The Korean War
of Fire and Ice never ended.

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Chinese Volunteer Army troops crossing the Amrokgang (Yalu) River to aid Korean People's Army forces during the Korean War. (Photo courtesy of the *10th Anniversary of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Commemorative Book*, 1958)

Milton P. Ehrlich's dog tag. (Photo courtesy of the author)