

The Tragedy of Bataan

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Written and produced by Jan Thompson

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SHORT DESCRIPTION

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LONG DESCRIPTION

December 7, 1941. For a generation of Americans, the day Japan bombed the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii not only led to our nation's entry into World War Two, it also deeply wounded the collective psyche of the American people, shattering their belief in the country's seeming invulnerability. Over 3,500 military and civilian personnel were killed or wounded on that day, and the U.S. Pacific fleet was dealt a crippling blow.

Although the infamous date and the destruction it brought are forever etched in memory, Emmy Award-winning documentary producer Jan Thompson will present an in-depth look at another dramatic, though lesser-known, story about this unforgettable chapter in American history.

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The Tragedy of Bataan features first-person accounts by over 20 survivors of the conflict, archival photos, and never-before-seen Japanese propaganda film footage. It also includes excerpts from the unpublished diary of Captain Albert Brown of Pinckneyville, Illinois, who describes the five months leading up to the surrender of U.S. troops and Filipino defenders to the Imperial Japanese Army. Brown, who is featured in the television program, was 101 years old at the time of his interview and passed away at age 105 in August 2011. He had been the oldest survivor of the Bataan Death March.

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