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With the fall of Bataan, Filipino and American prisoners of war endured the unendurable when they marched to a Japanese-controlled POW camp. U.S. Air Force photo. Public Domain.

Filipino and American forces put up road blocks, tank obstacles and double-apron fence enlargements on Bataan, in an effort to deter the Japanese. Despite their best efforts, the combined forces could not stop the Japanese advance.

Nearly four months to the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, Bataan fell on April 9th. Fighting for months on half-rations or less, the men could no longer continue.

Major General Edward King, who had been given command of the peninsula by Wainwright, was forced to surrender. Captured Japanese photographs depict the anguish of defeat and the jubilation of victory. Several show King and his colleagues in captivity.

The Japanese conquerors scorched Bataan. They rounded up between 50,000 - 70,000 already-weakened Filipino and American prisoners and marched them - during what has since become known as "The March of Death" - from Bataan to a former Philippine constabulary training camp called O'Donnell.

Approximately 54,000 men arrived at that camp which had neither the water to maintain, nor the facilities to house, them. A single water spigot (some accounts say two) served the entire place, but Filipinos were forced to drink polluted water.

At least 10,000 Filipinos died early on.

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Prisoners of War on the Bataan Death March

With the fall of Bataan, Filipino and American prisoners of war endured the unendurable when they marched around 60 miles to a primitive POW camp.



Curators at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force [describe this photo](#) which was taken during what has come to be known as the Bataan Death March:

With few aircraft left, U.S. Army Air Forces personnel fought as infantry to hold the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines. Although they suffered from malnourishment and disease, these men battled valiantly until they were ordered by their commander to surrender on April 9, 1942.

Then followed the barbarity of the Bataan Death March, during with thousands of U.S. and Filipino prisoners of war died as a result of their captors' merciless brutality. Worse still, the majority of those who survived the March later perished in transit on "hell ships" to Japan or in POW camps.

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U.S. Air Force Photo

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Bataan - Fence Enlargements

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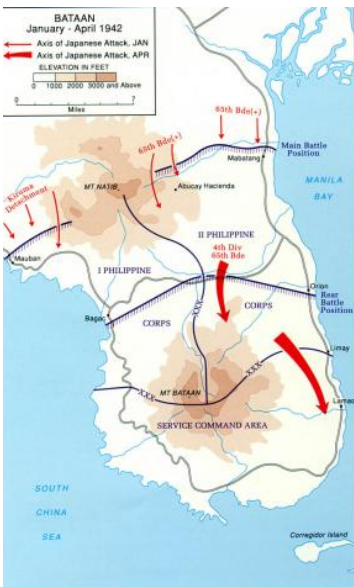


Bataan - The Japanese Advance

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Bataan Attack Diagram

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Bataan - Forced Surrender Photograph

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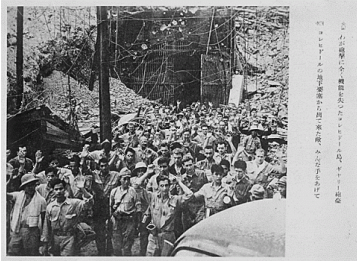
Major General King's Surrender to Japanese

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Defeated American Soldiers

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Jubilation of Japanese Soldiers in Bataan

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Scorched Bataan - Propaganda Poster

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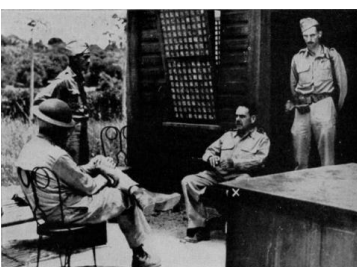
Major General King with his Colleagues

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Major General King in Captivity

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American Soldiers Rounded Up - Bataan Surrender

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Bataan Death March, April 1942 SER/SFPS Career Academy

Bataan Death March Photo

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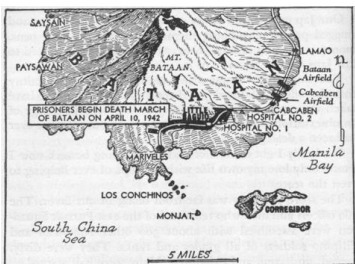


Japanese Troops on Bataan

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Map Depicting Path of the "March of Death"

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Bataan Death March - Survivors Speak

Historical footage, and survivor interviews, online courtesy HinsonFilms, a YouTube channel.

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