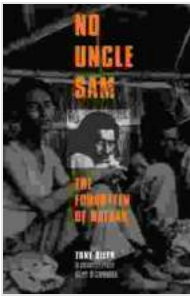


# The Forgotten of Bataan: A Tragic Chapter in American History



The Bataan Death March was a horrific event that occurred during World War II. After the fall of Bataan in the Philippines, Japanese forces forced approximately 76,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war (POWs) to march over 60 miles without food or water. The march resulted in the deaths of thousands of POWs, and those who survived were often left with lifelong physical and psychological scars.



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### The Fall of Bataan

In early 1942, Japan invaded the Philippines. The American and Filipino forces on Bataan were outnumbered and outgunned, and by April 9, 1942, they were forced to surrender. The Japanese then ordered the POWs to march from Bataan to Camp O'Donnell, a distance of over 60 miles.

### The March

The march was a nightmare for the POWs. They were forced to march in the hot sun without food or water. Many of them were sick or injured, and they were often beaten by their Japanese guards. As a result, thousands of POWs died along the way.

### Camp O'Donnell

When the POWs finally reached Camp O'Donnell, they were herded into crowded barracks and given little food or medical care. Many of them died

from disease or starvation. The survivors were eventually transferred to other POW camps in the Philippines and Japan.

## **The Aftermath**

The Bataan Death March had a profound impact on the POWs who survived. Many of them were left with lifelong physical and psychological scars. The march also had a significant impact on the American public. It helped to galvanize support for the war effort and led to increased pressure on the Japanese government to end the war.

## **The Forgotten of Bataan**

In the years after World War II, the Bataan Death March was largely forgotten by the American public. However, in recent years there has been a renewed interest in the event. This is due in part to the efforts of survivors and their families, who have worked to raise awareness of the march and its victims.

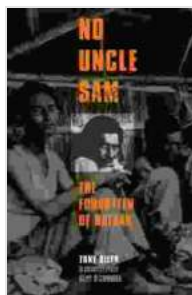
## **Legacy**

The Bataan Death March is a tragic reminder of the horrors of war. It is also a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. The POWs who survived the march endured unimaginable suffering, but they never gave up hope. They are a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope.

The Bataan Death March was a horrific event that should never be forgotten. It is a reminder of the dangers of war and the importance of peace. We must never forget the sacrifices made by the POWs who survived the march, and we must always work to prevent such atrocities from ever happening again.

## Additional Information

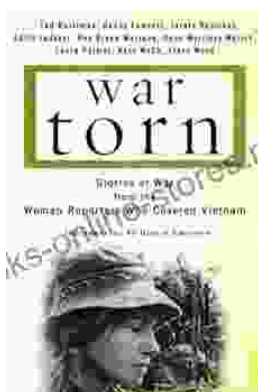
\* The Bataan Death March Memorial is located in New Mexico. \* The American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides support to survivors of the Bataan Death March and their families. \* The Bataan Legacy Historical Society is a nonprofit organization that works to preserve the history of the Bataan Death March and its victims.



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