

First Pictures of Bataan Released After Its Fall

BATAAN'S "ONE-MAN ARMY"



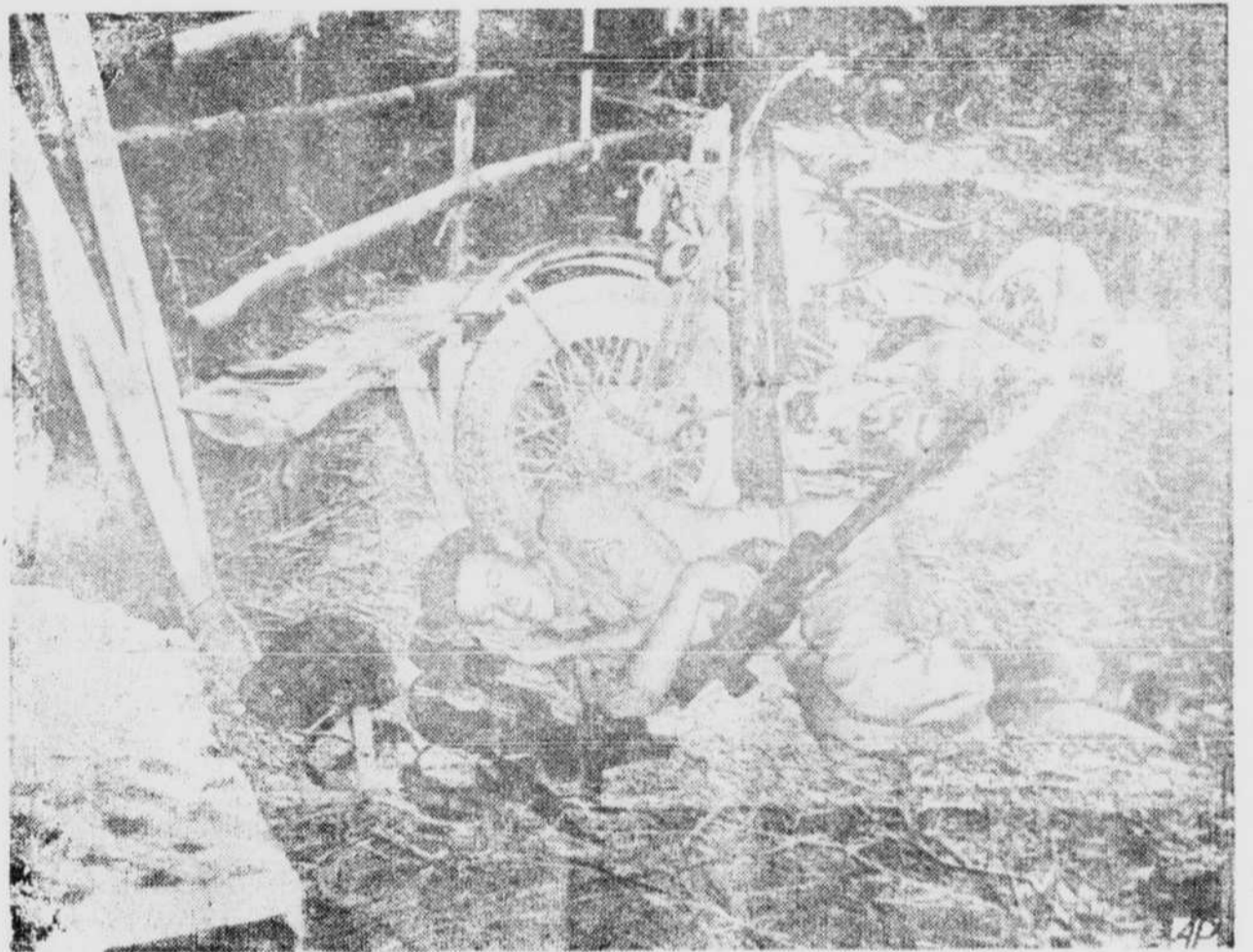
Capt. Art Wermuth (left), "one-man army" credited with destroying more than 100 Japs during furious fighting on Bataan, is shown with his aide somewhere along the besieged line.

DEFENSE CRUMBLES ON BATTERED BATAAN



With its announcement that the heroic defenders of Bataan had collapsed in face of overwhelming Jap onslaughts, the War Dept. in Washington released this as one of the latest pictures to arrive from the beleaguered peninsula showing how it had been battered by Jap air raids.

A YANK NAPS BEHIND HIS GUNS



Physical exhaustion caused the failure of an attempted counter-attack on the Bataan peninsula. Lieut. Gen. Wainwright advised the War Dept. telling that the defense had been overcome. Here Corp. Ray "Snaps" Sneider, dispatch rider on the Peninsula, cat naps by his guns. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo.)

I.W. HARPER
BOTTLED IN BOND
I.W. HARPER
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY
THE GOLD MEDAL WHISKEY
I. W. HARPER
© 1941 B.O.C.

Defeated Defenders Make Way To Corregidor Is.

The following message, after being delayed for several days, arrived at The Associated Press New York office:

CORREGIDOR —(Delayed) — All night long last night, nurses, dazed with fatigue, and war weary fighters braved Japanese bombers and the shark-infested waters to escape from stricken Bataan for comparative safety on Corregidor Island, Manila Bay fortress, still in the hands of United States forces.

(This is the first cabled news dispatch to reach The Associated Press directly from Corregidor since the fall of Bataan.)

The Associated Press dispatch was sent by Dean Schedler, who said some swam and others rowed pitifully small boats through the bombs and vicious machine gun blasts of enemy planes.

Those who swam were picked up in mid-channel by other small craft. Nurses, fatigued by days and nights of service in Bataan's hospitals under constant fire, stumbled ashore so weary they could scarcely walk.

"I questioned soldiers who had gone night after night without sleep, who had eaten but little during those final days when they were faced with overwhelming odds. They had stood and fought and then retreated to stand and fight again. But while they tried to be obliging and tell about Bataan's last hours, they wanted only one thing now — sleep.

"They were gripped by the desire to sleep. Their memory of experiences is not clear to them.

"During the night, we looked across the channel toward Bataan and heard the bombing explosions, saw many colored by fires as the defenders' last defiant action destroyed the munitions dumps, fuel and anything which might be valuable to the ever-pressing enemy.

"We heard over the short wave radio secret station in the hills of the fall of Bataan. The soldiers here, veterans of scores of pounding bombing raids, wept unashamed at the announcer's words, 'Bataan has fallen.'"

Save \$2.00 by paying in advance for your subscription.



Although their own rations were short, American and Philippine defenders of Bataan shared bread with captured Jap soldiers (foreground) deep in the jungle behind the defense line.



An American soldier gives water to a dying Jap soldier on Bataan during the fighting there. The War Dept. indicated 36,853 gallant American-Philippine soldiers faced death or capture in collapse of their stubborn defenses.



Japanese prisoners are led blindfolded to headquarters of Brig. Gen. Clinton A. Pierce for questioning during days when American and Filipinos were taking prisoners on Bataan. Today many Americans were presumed to be dead or captured in the drive that cracked their defense. This picture was made by Clark Lee, Associated Press reporter and released by the War Department.