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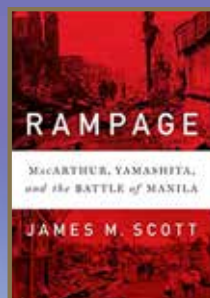
VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC

World War II in the Philippines

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James M. Scott



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Dear Friend of the Museum,

Manila, often called the “Pearl of the Orient,” was the star of steamship ads and tourism brochures in the early 1900s. Populated with elegant neoclassical buildings and spacious parks, this spoil of the Spanish-American War developed over the years into a small slice of the United States in Asia, home not only to thousands of service members but also business executives and their families, all of whom enjoyed the relaxed pace of the tropics.

The outbreak of another world war, however, brought an end to the good life. Hoping to spare the capital, General Douglas MacArthur, who lived atop the luxurious Manila Hotel, declared it an open city and evacuated his forces to the Bataan Peninsula and the fortified island of Corregidor. American and Filipino defenders battled the Japanese for months before Bataan fell in April 1942, followed a month later by Corregidor.

What ensued, for the more than 70,000 captured troops, was one of the greatest tragedies of World War II—the notorious “Bataan Death March,” followed by years in Japan’s wretched prisoner of war camps. In Manila, American and Allied civilians would likewise battle terror and starvation, locked up for more than three years behind the iron gates of the University of Santo Tomas, one of the largest internment camps in Asia.

The February 1945 liberation of Manila by MacArthur’s forces, which most hoped would at long last bring an end to the years of fear and misery, instead only compounded the tragedy. In the only urban battle of the Pacific War, American forces fought block-by-block, home-by-home, and even room-by- room. The final result was the catastrophic destruction of the city and a rampage by Japanese forces that mirrored the Rape of Nanking.

I invite you to join me on this amazing journey through a country teeming with World War II heritage.

Sincerely,

James M. Scott

Cover Photo: The Manila Cathedral. Photo page 2: View along the Pasig River, at Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. *Courtesy of Jon Bilous / Alamy Stock Photo.*

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LEARN THEIR NAMES

Jose Abad Santos (1886 - 1942)

Jose Abad Santos was one of the leading Filipino national figures during the first half of the twentieth century. Serving as Secretary of Justice in the 1920s and 1930s, Abad Santos made it a top priority to establish public trust in the courts. His efforts were noticed in the United States, with President Herbert Hoover nominating him to Supreme Court of the Philippines in 1932. After another term as Secretary of Justice from 1938-1941, Abad Santos returned to the Supreme Court as Chief Justice in December 1941. Following the Japanese invasion, he refused an invitation to join President Manuel Quezon in the United States, remaining behind to serve as the Acting President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

The day after the surrender of American forces in Bataan, the Japanese captured Abad Santos. He identified himself, and his captors ordered him to cooperate in bringing about the defeat of the remaining Americans. Despite relentless grilling by the Japanese, he refused, resulting in his execution by firing squad. It was reported that Abad Santos refused the blindfold and cigarette offered by his executioners.



Jose Abad Santos

Courtesy of the Abad Santos family



**THE LEGACY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS IS HONORED TODAY
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US General Edward P. King's surrender in Bataan.
Courtesy of US Air Force.



US General Jonathan Wainwright ordering the surrender of American forces in Corregidor supervised by the Japanese.
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*Surrender site, Balanga Elementary School.
Courtesy of Nathan Huegen.*

STAND WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE *Balanga Elementary School*

By April 1942, American forces in Bataan realized the battle was lost. General MacArthur was ordered out of the country on March 11, and General Edward King took command of all American forces in Bataan. By April 8, 1942, General King realized that any further attacks were futile. Faced with a Japanese force capable of bringing in reinforcements and unleashing relentless artillery barrages, King sought terms of surrender from the Japanese commanders. The next day, General King surrendered the remaining 70,000 men under his command to the Japanese. King was brought to Balanga Elementary School, a command post for Japanese General Masaharu Homma, for interrogation. King's surrender disobeyed orders relayed from General MacArthur, and King fully expected to face a court-martial. The surrender left the island of Corregidor as the last holdout in the Philippines. It fell one month later.

**APRIL 9 IS COMMEMORATED EACH YEAR IN THE PHILIPPINES
AS THE "DAY OF VALOR" TO HONOR THE COURAGE OF
THE MEN WHO DEFENDED THE PHILIPPINES UNDER THE
WORST CONDITIONS.**



LESTER TENNEY WAS A TANK COMMANDER WITH THE 192ND TANK BATTALION, A SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH, AND A DEAR FRIEND OF THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM.



HEAR THEIR STORIES

Lester Tenney (1920 - 2017)

Lester Tenney joined the National Guard in November 1940. After a year of training, Tenney arrived in the Philippines on Thanksgiving Day, 1941, as a member of the 192nd Tank Battalion. At 5:30 in the morning, on December 8, 1941, Tenney awoke to news that the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Not long after, Tenney experienced the bombing of Clark Field. By the end of December 1941, Tenney was a part of an outnumbered and outgunned American force in a strategic retreat to the Bataan Peninsula. After the surrender of the Americans in Bataan, Tenney was subjected to the "Bataan Death March." He remembered it not as a march, but rather as "trudging" along. Men were wounded or sick with malaria or dysentery. There was no food or water for the 65-mile march, except for items tossed out by Filipino civilians. Tenney survived the march, spending three years doing forced labor for Mitsui Coal Mining Company. After his release in 1945, Tenney earned business degrees from San Diego State University and the University of Southern California and became a college professor. He sought, and received, official apologies from the Japanese government to the survivors of the "Bataan Death March."



This map of the Philippines is one of a series of Mem-O-Maps by John G. Drury of the 214th Ordnance Battalion US Government. Mem-O-Maps were produced for military personnel during World War II. Their main purpose was to serve as a souvenir map on which troops could keep track of their “adventures” and movements. The use of cartoons and familiar imagery helped represent the conditions and experiences that the troops must have faced in reality. The legend encouraged servicemen to note where and when they “landed or anchored”, as well as where they stationed while there.

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The Philippines



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Day One:

ARRIVALS / TRANSFER TO BATAAN

After morning arrivals into Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL), transfer to the province of Bataan. The Bataan Peninsula overlooks the northern entrance to Manila Bay with the island of Corregidor just to the south. For the Americans in Bataan in 1941, the peninsula was designated the site for a major defensive stand in the case of a Japanese invasion. Under War Plan ORANGE-3, which was the product of almost a half-century of planning for conflict with Japan, American forces would concentrate fighting in central Luzon and deny the use of Manila Bay to the Japanese Navy. After arrival to Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar, enjoy an evening reception and dinner getting to know your fellow travelers.

Accommodations: Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar (R, D)

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Day Two: BATAAN DEATH MARCH

The morning tour begins at the Bataan Death March Kilometer Zero in the town of Bagac. One of two markers for the start of the “Bataan Death March,” this point marks the start of the march moving west toward Balanga. The group will symbolically walk a one-kilometer stretch of the March, arriving at marker two. Turning south, the group will visit the Kilometer Marker Zero at Mariveles, the starting point at the southern tip of the peninsula. After circling Mount Mariveles, arrive at the Mt. Samat Shrine, which honors the Filipinos and Americans who fell defending the country and serves as a gathering point for commemorations such as the Day of Valor held each April 9. The final stop is the Balanga Elementary School where General Edward King was interrogated underneath the mango trees following the surrender of more than 70,000 men.

Accommodations: Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar (B, L)

Itinerary



A few blocks from Santo Tomas, American prisoners of war, many survivors of the Bataan Death March, faced starvation in the old Bilibid Prison.

Courtesy of National Archives.



Ammunition, rations, and medical supplies are dropped from a C-47 transport plane to the 38th Division on Bataan—February 16, 1945.

Courtesy of The National WWII Museum.

Itinerary



Day Three: CLARK FIELD

The tour departs Bataan and continues to Pampanga Province and the Bamban Museum of History. The museum is a passion project of Rhonie Caguilan Dela Cruz, who has collected numerous artifacts and items related to World War II in the Philippines. The museum is located next to several caves used by the Japanese during the fighting, with the nearby mountains acting as a refuge of the indigenous Aeta people who waged a guerilla war against the Japanese. Continue to the Capas National Shrine, which marks the location of Camp O'Donnell, the endpoint of the Bataan Death March. The Clark Field Museum continues the story of American involvement in the Philippines to withdrawal of American forces in 1942.

Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L, D)

Itinerary



Sites and attractions inside the Nayong Pilipino at the Clark Field, Philippines. *Courtesy of Danilo Pinzon, Jpr / Alamy Stock Photo.*

General Douglas MacArthur, pictured here with his staff at Clark Field, watches American artillery fire on Japanese positions on the eve of the Battle of Manila on January 31, 1945.

Courtesy of National Archives.





Cabanatuan Prisoner hut.

Courtesy of PFF Military Collection / Alamy Stock Photo.

Day Four: CABANATUAN

Visit the site of one of the most successful commando raids in US history. Cabanatuan POW Camp held up to 8,000 American prisoners. In January 1945, a group of just over 100 US Army Rangers and 250 Filipino Scouts traveled over 30 miles behind enemy lines to reach the camp. The Scouts conducted a diversionary raid, while the Rangers attacked the main camp. Over 500 Americans were freed at the cost of 2 killed and 25 wounded. Upon returning to the Clark Field area, visit the San Fernando Train station, the location from which the prisoners from Bataan boarded rail cars for Camp O'Donnell.

Accommodations: Clark Marriott Hotel (B, L)



Memorial to the troops held captive at the Cabanatuan prisoner of war camp and the Army Rangers who later liberated the camp.

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Intramuros, Manila, Philippines



Day Five:

BATTLE OF MANILA

When Douglas MacArthur fled to Australia, he proclaimed, "I shall return." On October 20, 1944, MacArthur waded ashore on the island of Leyte. By January 1945, MacArthur was ready to liberate Manila. On February 3, American forces entered the city and liberated the internees at the University of Santo Tomas, including the nurses known as the "Angels of Bataan." The ensuing month-long battle resulted in the systematic destruction of the city and the death of over 100,000 Filipinos. Japanese soldiers orchestrated a series of executions and murders against the civilian population. Hear the stories of Manila during this ferocious battle on a tour of the walled city, known as Intramuros.

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, D)

Itinerary



Excited American Army nurses, after years of captivity, board trucks for the first leg of a long voyage home on February 13, 1945.

Courtesy of National Archives.



An American soldier carries a Filipino refugee, who is suffering from shock, from the Walled City on February 23, 1945. *Courtesy of National Archives.*

US General Douglas MacArthur (center) wades ashore during initial landings October 20, 1944, at Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Courtesy of US Army Photo.



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War memorial in front of the ruins of a theater,
Corregidor Island, Manila Bay.
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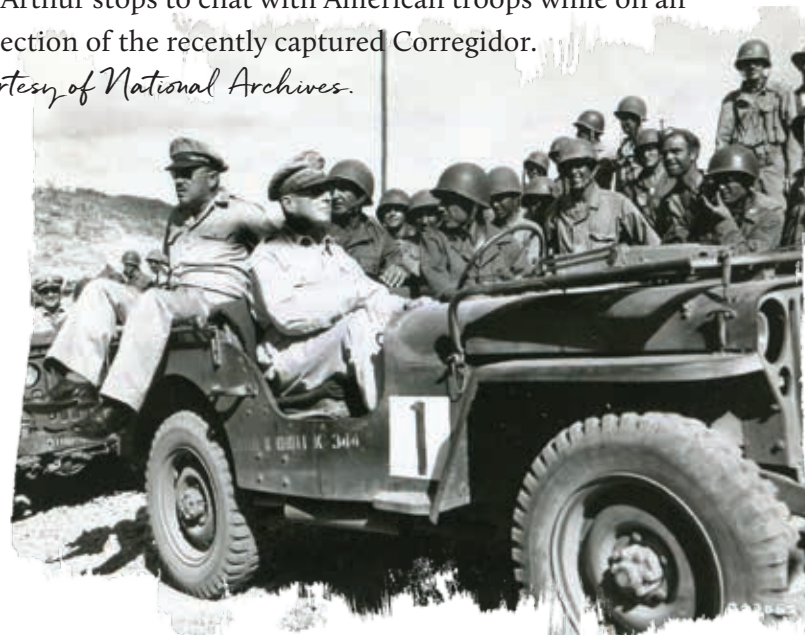
Day Six: CORREGIDOR

From Manila, board a ferry for the fortress island of Corregidor. Serving as the door to Manila Bay, Corregidor was called “The Rock” due to its landscape and immense fortifications. In March 1942, General MacArthur fled Corregidor under orders from President Roosevelt, leaving General Jonathan Wainwright in command. Following the surrender on Bataan, Wainwright and his men held out for another month, facing relentless Japanese bombings. On your tour, visit numerous fortifications and the Malinta Tunnel. With an overnight bag, stay at the Corregidor Inn, allowing additional time for exploration of the area. Return to your room at The Manila Hotel on the following day.

Accommodations: The Corregidor Inn (B, L, D)

MacArthur stops to chat with American troops while on an inspection of the recently captured Corregidor.

Courtesy of National Archives.



Itinerary



University of Santo Tomas

Day Seven: SANTO TOMAS

On January 2, 1942, the Japanese occupation of Manila began. The Allied forces had left Manila for Bataan. American, British, and other Western civilians stayed behind and were subject to Japanese rule. At first they were confined to their homes awaiting registration. After a period of waiting, all foreign civilians were moved to the University of Santo Tomas, which would now serve as an internment camp. Over 7,000 civilians entered Santo Tomas between 1942 and 1945. Some prisoners transferred to other camps throughout the war. During the tour of the facility, the university's archivist will discuss the history of the camp and its rebirth after the war. The tour will conclude with a visit to the Manila American Cemetery, the final resting place of 17,058 Americans who lost their lives in the Philippines and throughout the Pacific.

Accommodations: The Manila Hotel (B, D)

Day Eight: DEPARTURES

Transfer to Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL) for your journey home or to your next destination. (B)

Accommodations



Hotel Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar Exterior



Deluxe Room



Deluxe Room

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Accommodations



The Manila Hotel Lobby



Grand Deluxe Room



Manila Hotel Exterior

THE MANILA HOTEL

Manila, Philippines

The Manila Hotel is a trip back to pre-war Manila. The hotel is the oldest premier hotel in the Philippines built in 1909 to rival Malacañang Palace. The hotel officially opened on the commemoration of American Independence on July 4, 1912. General Douglas MacArthur made The Manila Hotel his home during his tenure as the Military Advisor to the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines from 1935-1941. Architect Pedro Luna, son of master painter Juan Luna, was commissioned to build a penthouse suite for the General and his family atop the fifth floor. The Japanese occupied the hotel from 1942-1945, setting fire to the structure during the Battle of Manila. The hotel underwent extensive reconstruction after the war and has hosted numerous celebrities including President John F. Kennedy, Sammy Davis, Jr., and John Wayne.

FEATURED AUTHOR & HISTORIAN

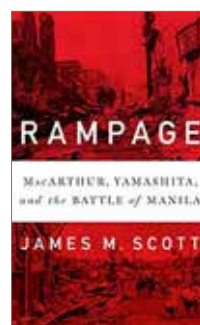
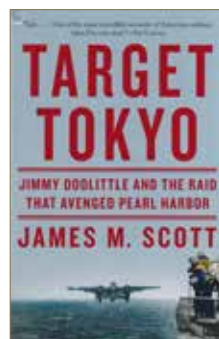
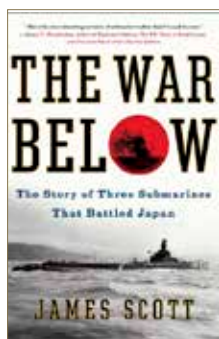
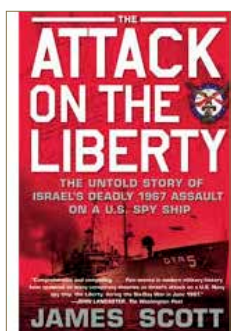
James M. Scott



James M. Scott, a former Nieman Fellow at Harvard, is the author of *Target Tokyo: Jimmy Doolittle and the Raid That Avenged Pearl Harbor*, which was a 2016 Pulitzer Prize finalist and was named one of the best books of the year by Kirkus Reviews, The Christian Science Monitor, and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. His other works include *The War Below: The Story of Three Submarines That Battled Japan* and *The Attack on the Liberty: The Untold Story of Israel's Deadly 1967 Assault on a US Spy Ship*, which won the Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison Award. Scott's fourth book, *Rampage*, was named one of the Best Books of 2018 by the editors at Amazon, Kirkus Reviews, and *Military Times*. In addition, Scott has been interviewed

on national television, public radio, and in newspapers ranging from *The New York Times* to *The Washington Post*. Scott also was a featured presenter on the Smithsonian Channel's television series *Hell Below* and at The 2018 International Conference on World War II. Scott lives with his wife and two children in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

James M. Scott is a Pulitzer Prize finalist and the author of several critically acclaimed books of military history.



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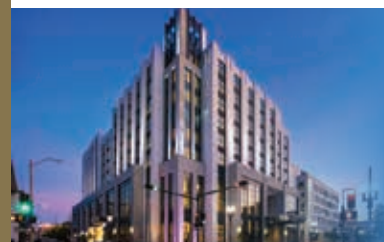
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