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The Battle for the Philippines: General MacArthur's Forgotten War

3-Part Documentary Series – [Trailer Link](#)

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The Battle for the Philippines is the untold epic of tragedy, sacrifice, and redemption in this long forgotten corner of World War II. The Philippines and its 17 million people hung in the balance of a merciless Japanese Empire and MacArthur's promise of salvation, one that was years in the making.

The show captures rarely heard voices alongside household names. Filipino and female perspectives of the war and Japanese occupation; an occupation so heinous that it is known (where it is known) as one of the great humanitarian crises of the Second World War. Voices like Remedios Gomez, a beautiful farmer seeking revenge who became known as: **Commander Dawn**.

By weaving individual characters through the tapestry of war in the Philippines, *The Battle for the Philippines* tells the story of **1.2 million innocent Filipinos** who were murdered by the Japanese war machine.

Episode I, The Fall, sets the stakes: the lives of millions. Then lights them on fire as merciless fate and Japanese invasion lash out at our first two characters.

General Douglas MacArthur is there as supreme commander, he has an army, he might stop the Japanese invasion but infamously fails to do so. Prompting the unspeakably cruel **Bataan Death March** and the fall of the Philippines.

Remedios Gomez, 22, is preparing for a final Christmas with family before her life is shattered by violence. Her father is the mayor of their town, when the invaders come, he makes plans to secure enough rice for his people; that's when things go tragically wrong.

Episode II, *Blood and Treasure*, threads the Allies into the story. It begins in 1943, a year after the end of Episode I and on the other side of the world: Warwick, Rhode Island. A group of young Americans who will become **Carrier Air Group 15 (CAG 15)** meet for the first time in training. There is no way to overstate the impact of CAG 15 as they eventually fight to liberate the Philippines. By far the most successful Naval Air unit of all time, they will come to be known as ***The Fabled Fifteen***.

CAG 15 commander, **David McCampbell**, the Navy's Ace of Aces to this day, shoots down 9 enemy planes in a single day. **Loyce Deen** is a salt of the earth type from the dusty plains of Oklahoma whose lifelong fascination with flying has brought him to this fight. There are snags on the road to becoming legends, many snags. Meanwhile, in the Pacific, MacArthur will force a fellow icon's hand in a history making moment. Remedios Gomez fights tooth and nail for the reins to her own destiny – and wins.

Episode III, *The Battle for The Philippines*. Armageddon. This is the final episode, the cavalry gets the green light and all hell breaks loose. CAG 15 arrives in the Philippines and is immediately thrust into ***the largest naval battle of all time***. In the midst of victory, tragedy strikes. There's a solemn burial at sea (caught on film) that commemorates the cost of this war. Remedios Gomez fights for her dignity and possibly goes too far against fellow Filipinos. MacArthur is faced with his greatest challenge yet: to fulfill his vow to retake the Philippines.

In Manila, **Rod Hall**, a smart and spirited 13 year old living in the posh Malate District with his family, prepares for battle in the occupied city. MacArthur's biggest mistake is yet to come. His failure to foresee the ***Battle of Manila*** for what it is: a bone-breaking fight to the death that will crush the city and the innocent souls within. Things go very dark. Rod loses most of his family in a massacre. Although he survives, he is scarred for life by this battle and the atrocities within. He does, however, find closure. As do all of the characters; in their own ways.

The Battle for the Philippines viewers will be struck by the emotionality and connected through a human lens as they discover ***one of the most extraordinary struggles for freedom of the Second World War***.