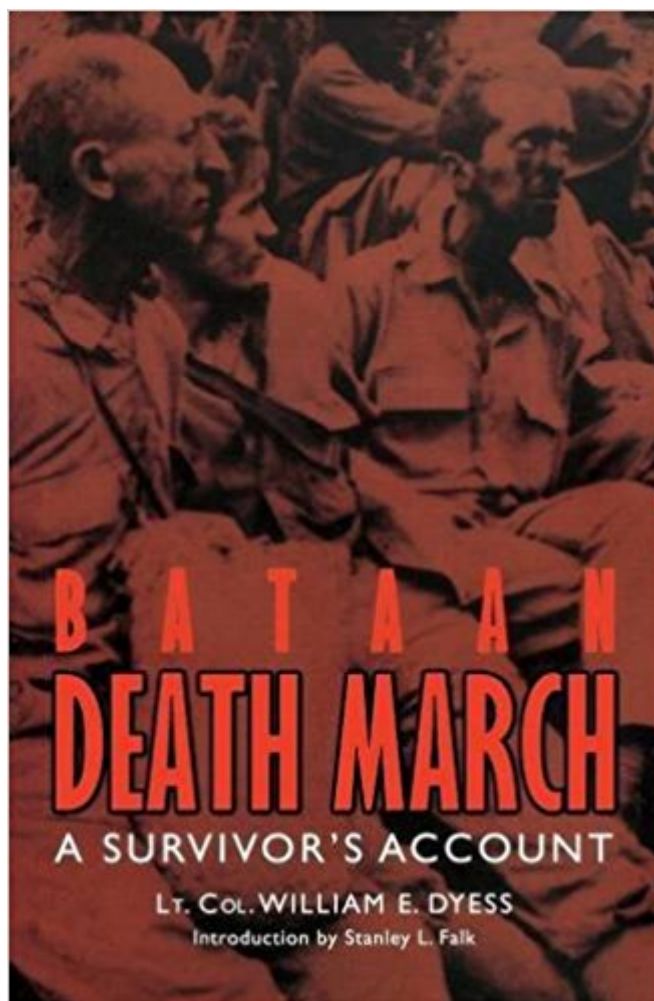


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Bataan Death March: A Survivor's Account



Synopsis

The hopeless yet determined resistance of American and Filipino forces against the Japanese invasion has made Bataan and Corregidor symbols of pride, but Bataan has a notorious darker side. After the U.S.-Filipino remnants surrendered to a far stronger force, they unwittingly placed themselves at the mercy of a foe who considered itself unimpaired by the Geneva Convention. The already ill and hungry survivors, including many wounded, were forced to march at gunpoint many miles to a harsh and oppressive POW camp; many were murdered or died on the way in a nightmare of wanton cruelty that has made the term "Death March" synonymous with the Bataan peninsula. Among the prisoners was army pilot William E. Dyess. With a few others, Dyess escaped from his POW camp and was among the very first to bring reports of the horrors back to a shocked United States. His story galvanized the nation and remains one of the most powerful personal narratives of American fighting men. Stanley L. Falk provides a scene-setting introduction for this Bison Books edition. William E. Dyess was born in Albany, Texas. As a young army air forces pilot he was shipped to Manila in the spring of 1941. Shortly after his escape and return to the United States, Colonel Dyess was killed while testing a new airplane. He did not survive long enough to learn that he had been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Stanley L. Falk is a former chief historian of the U.S. Air Force and professor of international relations at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is the author of numerous works, including Bataan: The March of Death.

Story was one of ugliness and evil events. My uncle was killed some where during this march; to the enemy he was just another "person without face." As difficult as it was to read, the book was a part of American history that should live on in the hearts of all Americans. Thanks to all of our "Greatest Generation."

A riveting account of first person experience in WWII. Men survive torture, jungle, deprivation at the hand of the Japs in the Phillipines during WWII.Excellently written, a true and tragic account of imprisonment after surviving the Bataan death march.

A good read. We should always remember what they went through

I had heard of the Bataan Death March but I was unaware of the brutality administered by the Japanese soldiers. I knew the soldiers had to overcome the heat, humidity, starvation and the long marches but to bear witness to impromptu executions and inhumane beatings of your fellow countrymen is enough to make a normal man crumble. Colonel Dyess did not survive the war but his recollection of Bataan will live forever. .

Good reading. It ended a little differently than I had expected, but good otherwise.

More information of my fathers account of his survival

I enjoyed the book and it was a good read. Having been stationed in the Philippines and having been to a luncheon with a US Army Bataan Death March survivor as our speaker, I believe Captain Dyess portrayed the treatment by the Japanese as accurate.

Excellent book - very well written

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