

THE FALL OF THE PHILIPPINES

December 7, 1941, 7:55 a.m. (Manila time: 1:55 a.m., December 8): Japanese bomb **Pearl Harbor**, Guam and Wake Island shortly after invading Thailand and British Malaya.

December 8, 1941: Ten hours later, around noon, the Japanese bomb **Manila** and destroy most of the planes defending the Philippines as well as carrying out attacks on Singapore, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

December 12, 1941: Lacking air cover, the American Asiatic Fleet in the Philippines withdraws to Java.

March 11, 1942: Under orders from President Franklin Roosevelt, Gen. Douglas MacArthur leaves Corregidor for Australia, but promises the Philippine people "I Shall Return."

April 9, 1942: Fall of Bataan
Somehow **Lt. Irving Jay Brokaw** either escapes to Corregidor or is transferred there.

May 6, 1942: Death of **Electrician's Mate, 3cl Richard J. Shea** at Fort Hughes, Caballo Island, while defending Corregidor.

Midnight, May 6, 1942: Surrender of Corregidor and the Philippines

May 7, 1942: **Lt. Irving Brokaw** Missing in Action on Corregidor.