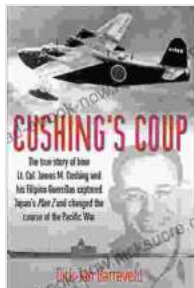


The True Story Of How Lt Col James Cushing And His Filipino Guerrillas Captured



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In the annals of World War II, the name of Lt. Col. James Cushing stands out as one of the most courageous and resourceful guerrilla leaders. Cushing and his Filipino guerrillas played a vital role in the liberation of the Philippines from Japanese occupation, and their capture of Japanese General Masaharu Homma was a major turning point in the war.

Cushing's Early Life

James Cushing was born in 1891 in the small town of New London, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he studied engineering. After graduating, Cushing worked as a civil engineer in

the Philippines for several years before returning to the United States to join the Army.

World War II

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, Cushing was assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment and sent to the Philippines. In January 1942, the Japanese invaded the Philippines, and Cushing's regiment was forced to retreat to the Bataan Peninsula. The Japanese eventually overwhelmed the American and Filipino forces on Bataan, and Cushing and his men were forced to surrender in April 1942.

The Bataan Death March

After surrendering, Cushing and his men were forced to march 60 miles to a prison camp in Camp O'Donnell. The march was brutal, and many prisoners died from starvation, disease, and exhaustion. Cushing himself was severely injured during the march, but he managed to survive.

Escape and Guerrilla Warfare

In October 1942, Cushing escaped from Camp O'Donnell and made his way to the mountains of Luzon. There, he organized a guerrilla force of Filipino civilians and soldiers who had also escaped from Japanese captivity. Cushing's guerrillas carried out raids against Japanese forces and helped to sabotage the Japanese war effort.

Capture of General Homma

In February 1945, Cushing and his guerrillas captured Japanese General Masaharu Homma, who was the commander of the Japanese forces in the

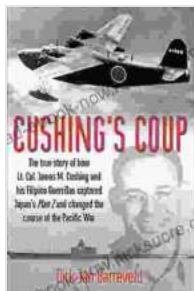
Philippines. Homma was responsible for the Bataan Death March, and his capture was a major blow to the Japanese war effort.

Liberation of the Philippines

Cushing and his guerrillas continued to fight until the Philippines was liberated from Japanese occupation in August 1945. After the war, Cushing was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star for his bravery and leadership. He retired from the Army in 1946 and returned to the Philippines, where he lived until his death in 1976.

Legacy

Lt. Col. James Cushing was a true American hero. He risked his life to fight for freedom and justice, and his courage and leadership helped to liberate the Philippines from Japanese occupation. Cushing's legacy continues to inspire Filipinos and Americans alike.



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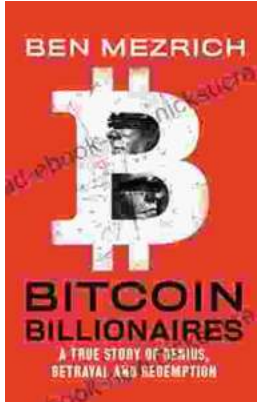
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