



We Band of
Angels

**The Untold Story
of American Nurses
Trapped on Bataan by
the Japanese**

The Band of Angels

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My husband of prob
26 years
memory of the
battlefield every
day.

Michael Norman
a writer
home Mountclaire, N.J.
sons Joshua / Benjamin

Ruth Straub's
diary

- ① emotive pessimist
Ruth Straub
- ② Stoic - Maud Davison
- ③ sentimentalist -
Dorthea Mae Daley
- ④ clear-eyed realist
Eleanor Haven

Goragodon - The tunnel hrs.
Bataah Hospital # 1
Hospital # 2

Spoke with 20 women - Captured Thurs. July 22 2pm
many died

Where did you get the title - We Band of Angels

Bataan - First major battle of WWII - First women
to subjected to
combat in Army
War Plan Orange 3

at Bataan - hunger and disease - nature was
the killer

Malaria
dysentery
dengue fever
gas gangrene

Give us a profile of
Gen. MacArthur in
41-42

Gen. Qualler, Henry Wainwright

When captured - p 137

Mrs. Menzie
Tojo The Monkey

By March Hos #1 - 1500 patients
Hos #2 - 3000 patients

Nightingale Pledge - p 85
a credo of care

(1937)
Rape of Wainwright mentioned
after

Major Davidson - Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit

Oct 20, 1944 - Leyte Gulf P 193
beginning of liberation of Phil.

So Brandy Wehall

Chapter 7 Bataan Falls — Bataan Death March
all nurses told to leave for Corregidor
the most costly wartime loss in single
battle in American history.

18,000 American and Filipino surrendered
Planned walk 19 miles — in fact 3x's that
72,000 men started the trek 54,000 reached end
Ethel Mae Taft Mercado left on Bataan — raped

Malinta Tunnel

$3\frac{1}{2}$ miles + $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles — island Corregidor
April 26 — 2 bombs lobbed from Bataan p101
PB4 seaplanes — evacuated 20 nurses p105
The Spearfish — 11 nurses evacuated p108

After returning home — medals
utter nonsense — N.Y. Times May 124

Falmer — portrayal of nurses. p125

* Statement why government would not
allow truth to be told in a movie
about Bataan and Cor. (p 128)

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That's my whole goal in life -
42 - Jim 100 hours
a week for it