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. During his three-and-a-half year incarceration, Fujita kept a diary, on which this exceptionally interesting memoir is based. The book itself is based on a journal Fujita secretly kept while in captivity and is liberally illustrated with drawings, maps, and personal photographs.

Frank Fujita

However, the bombing of Pearl Harbor forced Fujita's military transport to divert its course from the Philippines to the Fiji islands. Fujita joined the upon moving to , and survived well under his father's healthy income during the. The bulk of American POWs in Japanese hands surrendered in the Philippines, and most of the published POW memoirs reflect their experience.

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At one point while a POW in Japan, Fujita was forced to be part of the Japanese radio group broadcasting propaganda. Fujita travelled via train to Texas, and via bus to Abilene, arriving in October.

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The 2d Battalion was sent to Java, Netherland East Indies, where it was captured intact by the Japanese when the Allied command surrendered there in March, 1942.

Frank Fujita

Fujita and his outfit missed the bombing of Pearl Harbor by eight days. He was interviewed as a former POW on the History Channel. On that date, American submarines sank two Japanese freighters which were transporting more than 2,000 British and Australian POWs to Japan.

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Fewer than nine hundred Americans were taken prisoner on Java.

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On the outbreak of war in 1939, he returned to his National Guard unit, taking part in training manoeuvres through 1940. The 2nd Battalion was sent to Java, Netherland East Indies, where it was captured intact by the Japanese when the Allied command surrendered there in March, 1942. The diary was hidden in the walls of his barracks at the POW camp and later recovered by the army and used in several of the war crimes trials in San Francisco.

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