

# Unsung Heroes

## Hail of Bullets

Catastrophe at Bataan  
Finished gallant stand  
First encounter made  
Those they fought Valiant  
With high forced tempo  
The infamous death March  
Kicking, beatings, stabbings  
Merciless guards

Without food or water  
Not allowed to rest  
Constant molestations  
The heat intense  
Executions  
Bewildered men  
With loss of thousands  
Assembled in camps

Emaciated corpses  
Depressed environment  
Deteriorating carcasses  
Malnutrition ailments  
Nightmare of captivity  
This condition is Hell  
General debilitation  
Repulsive smells

Herded into holds  
Destination Japan  
Space inadequate  
Lack of oxygen  
Crazed by dehydration  
Shivering from cold  
Dying of pneumonia  
Or US torpedoes

Humiliation  
Exhaustion  
No medication  
Inanition  
Deprivation  
Starvation

Day of liberation  
Some fortunate survived  
Lived to tell their tales  
Traumatized for life

No medal or promotion  
We must never forget  
All those unsung heroes  
Forever we're in debt