

## Chapter 20 - Day 2

- Gen. MacArthur retreated to the Bataan Peninsula and held out for 3 months, lack of supplies and disease took their toll.
- FDR ordered MacArthur to evacuate to Australia
- Defenders surrendered 78,000 POWs were forced to march 65 miles to a prison camp. 10,000 died or were executed on the way.
- A smaller group held out on the island of Corregidor for another month but by May 1942 the Philippines had fallen

### Doolittle Raid

- FDR wanted to boost morale. He wanted to bomb Tokyo. The problem was aircraft carriers could not get close enough.
- Use B-25 bombers but they could not land on a carrier, they were going to land in China.
- Lt. Col. James Doolittle led the mission. Carriers were spotted and planes had to take off early. April 18, 1942 American bombs fell on Japan for 1<sup>st</sup> time. They didn't have enough fuel to make it to China. They either crash landed or bailed out, 71 of 80 crew members survived.
- The Doolittle Raid frightened Japan and they changed their strategy
- Japanese Admiral Yamamoto wanted a 2 pronged attack (1) at Midway Island to defeat the rest of the American Pacific Fleet (2) at New Guinea to cut American supplies from Australia
- Japan sent 3 carriers to New Guinea and the rest to Midway
- It might have worked but we broke Japanese code and knew about the attack on New Guinea and sent 2 carriers to intercept the Japanese. The Battle of Coral Sea lasted 5 days, both sides lost more than ½ their aircraft. America lost the Lexington and the Yorktown was badly damaged. Japan lost 1 carrier, 1 badly damaged, and 1 lost most of its planes. Japan withdrew and we prevented them from invading Australia.

### Turning Point in the War in the Pacific

- After we broke code, we send carriers to ambush Japanese at Midway
- June 4, 1942 Japanese attack Midway—battle fought entirely in air
- 1<sup>st</sup> wave island's anti-aircraft shot down 38 planes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> wave US counterattack caught Japanese planes on carrier decks
- US destroyed 3 carriers & the 4<sup>th</sup> when trying to escape
- Japan never goes on the offense again

### Turning Germany Back

- The Soviet Union wanted us to open a second front to take the pressure off of them