

# WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME

TOM CROSBY

CIVILIAN CHILD PRISONER OF WAR

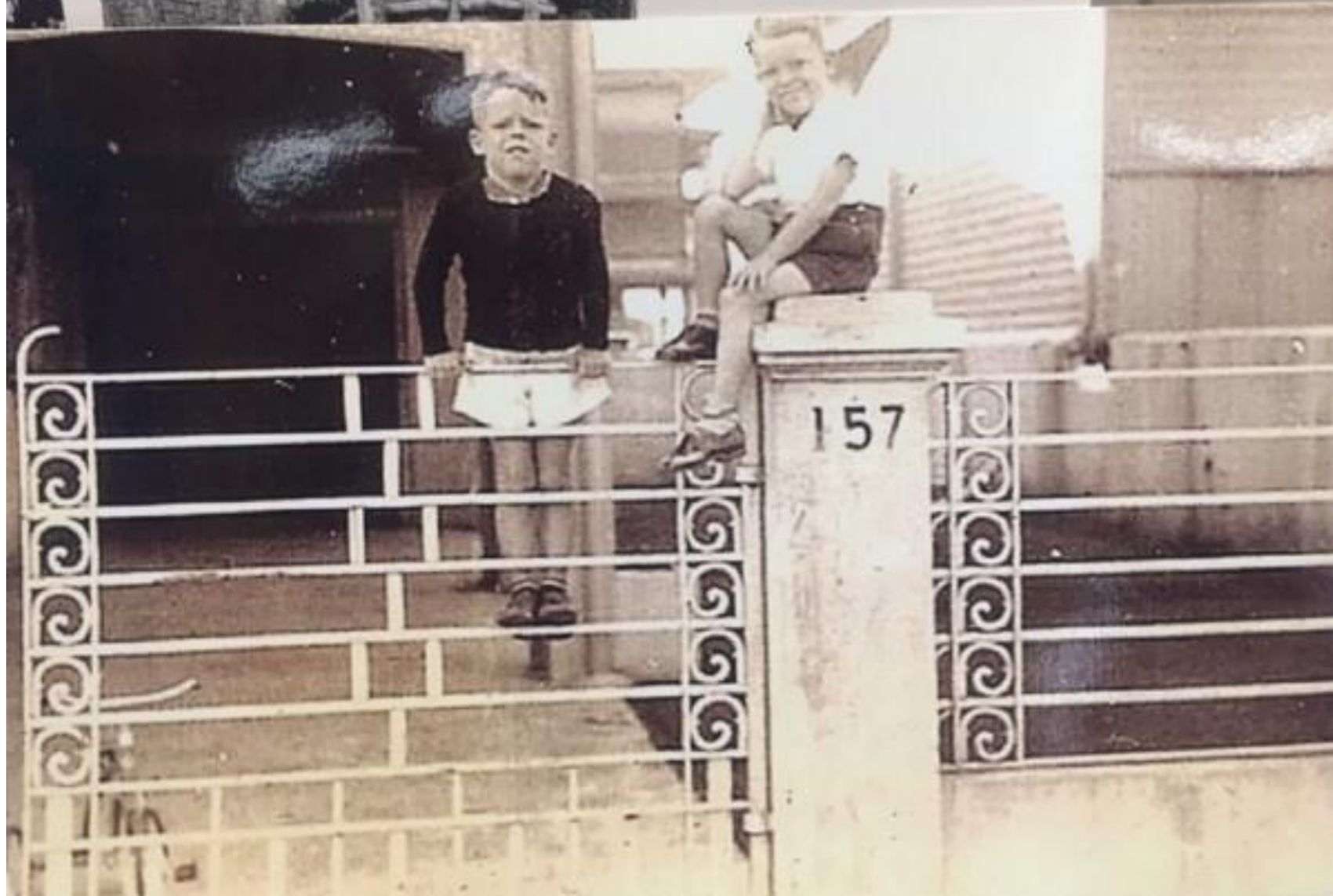




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**CHILD PRISONER**  
**WWII PHILIPPINES 01/42-02/45**



old man, "We know our boys are doing their darnedest to clear the Japs out of there, but we can't help wishing they'd hurry."





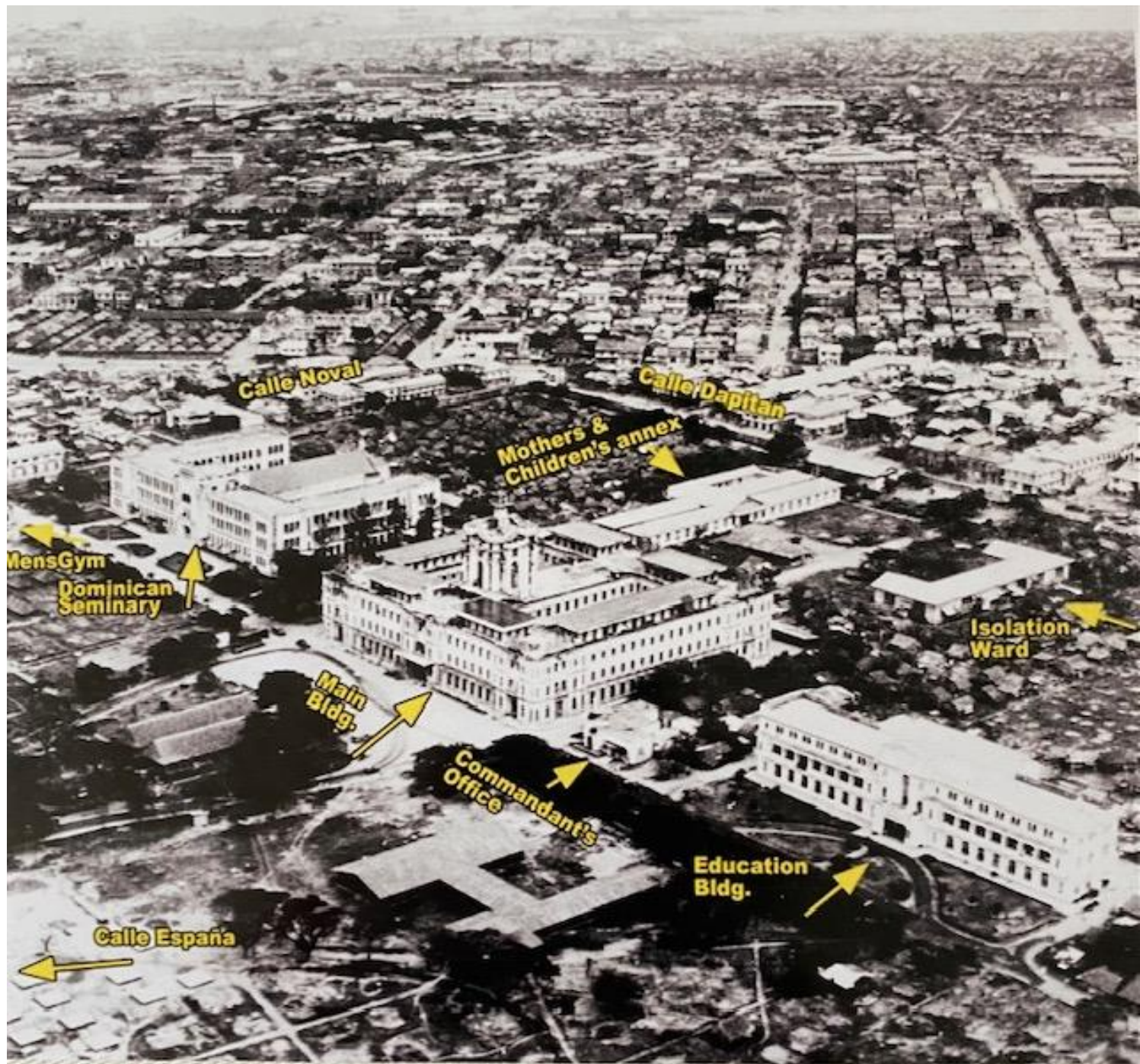












Calle Noval

Calle Dapitan

Mothers &  
Children's annex

MensGym

Dominican  
Seminary

Isolation  
Ward

Main  
Bldg.

Commandant's  
Office

Education  
Bldg.

Calle España



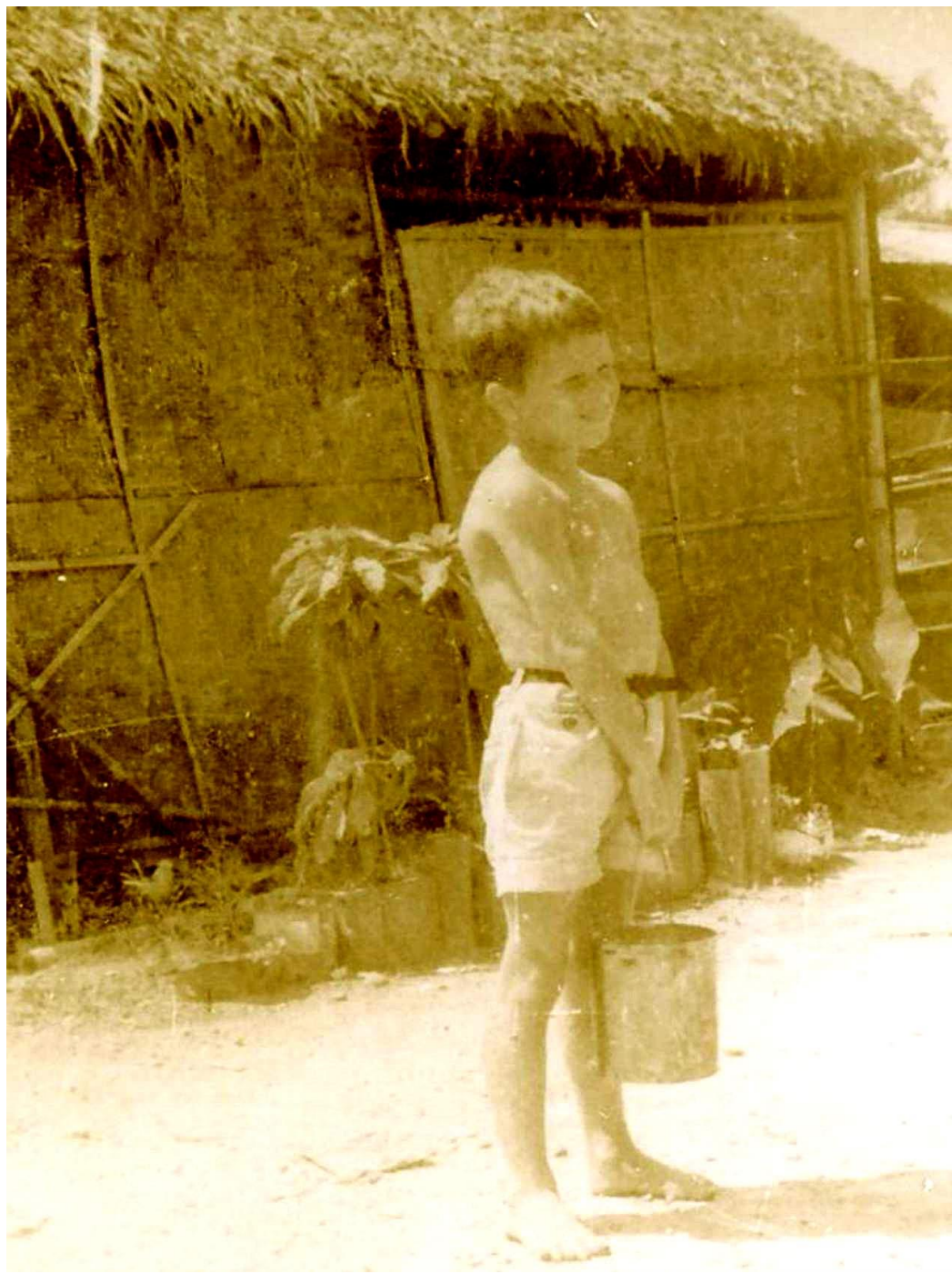


A MERRY Christmas  
to Mother

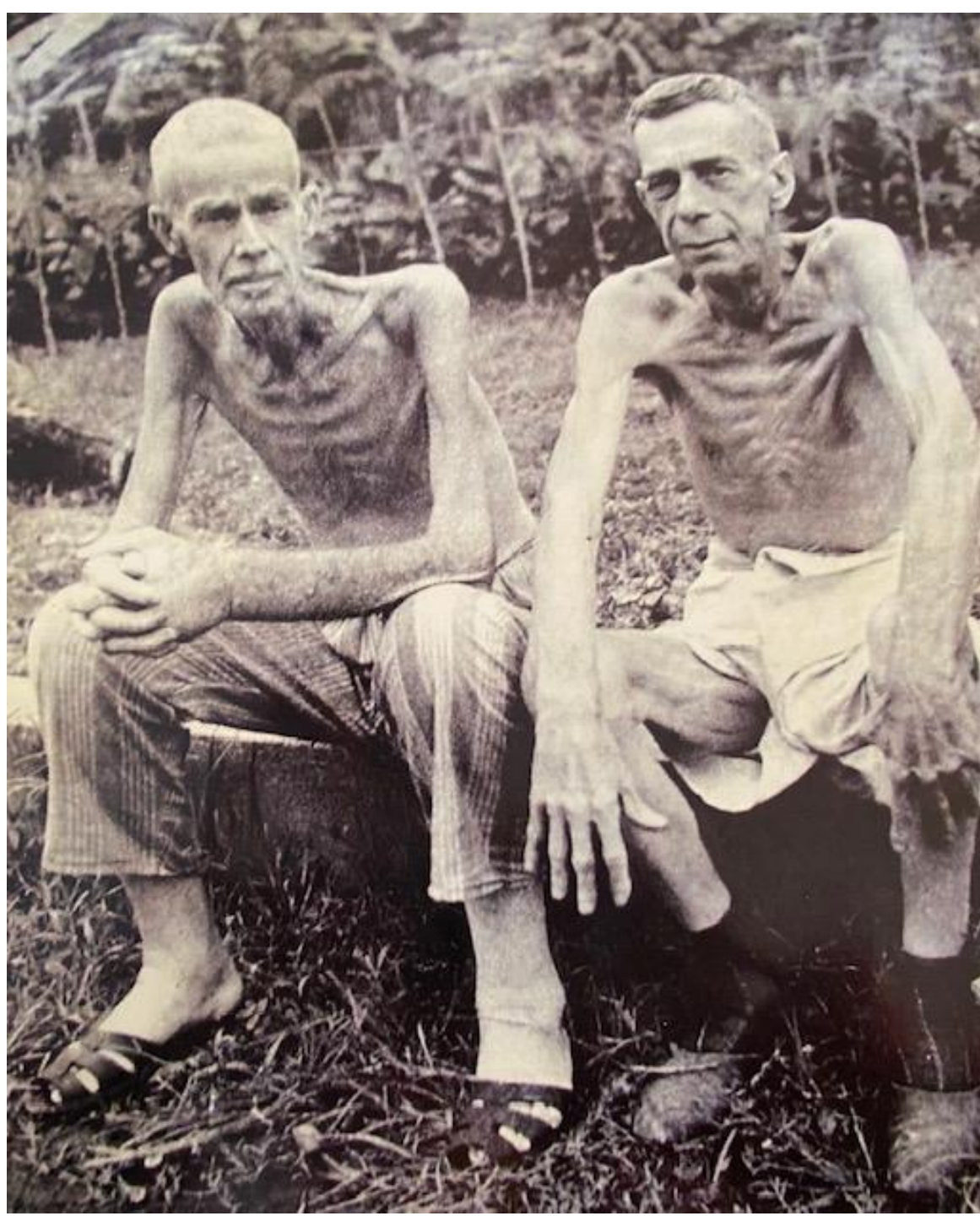
FROM

Thomas Speir

Dec. 25, 1943 U.S.T.











**Fully armed Japanese garrison being escorted by the U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, and released to join the Japanese Army a few blocks away, In exchange for 221 men and boys held hostage for 36 hours.**

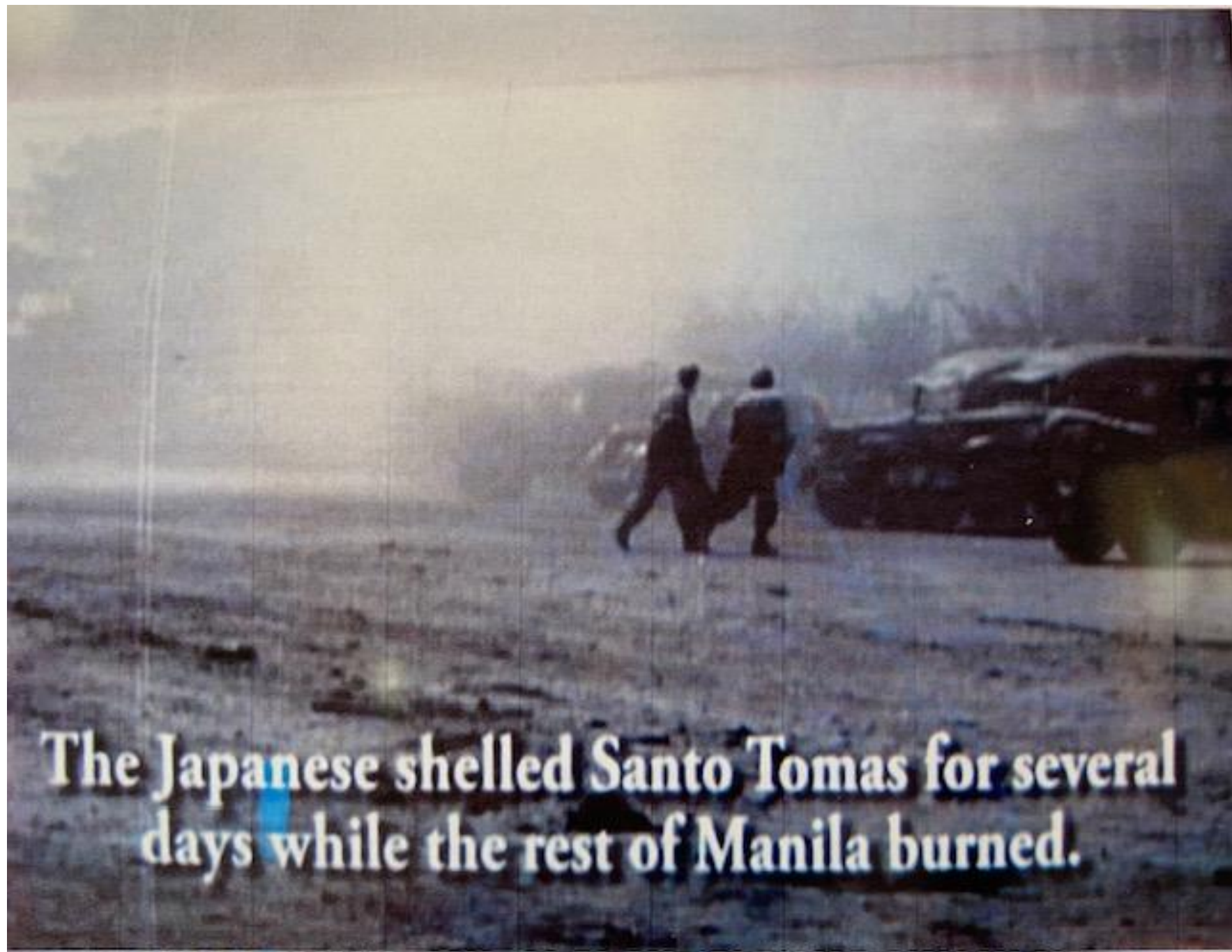












**The Japanese shelled Santo Tomas for several days while the rest of Manila burned.**







