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NOTE ON LOSSES

On 9 Apr 42, 78,000 American & Filipino troops surrendered on the Bataan Peninsula, viz:
11,796 Americans
66,304 Filipinos

Of these, an estimated
- 2,000 escaped to Corregidor Island
- 4,000 remained in medical facilities
- 4,200 performed various work details under the Japanese or else evaded capture on the peninsula.

Therefore, less than 68,000 captives actually participated in the various treks collectively known as the "Death March."

Of perhaps slightly less than 10,000 Americans involved, about 9,300 reached Camp O'Donnell by 30 May. Enroute 650-700 American soldiers died, whereas between 5,000 & 10,000 Filipinos perished.

During the first 6-7 weeks at Camp O'Donnell, another 1,600 plus Americans & more than 16,000 Filipinos died.

Approx 6-7,000 Americans survived the war, while 3-4,000 did not, dying sometime during their captivity. In sum, roughly one third of the Americans (not Filipinos) did not return home alive.