RESISTANCE AND OPPOSITION

- Force 136
- Dalforce (pre-war)
- MPAJA
- Selarang Barracks Incident
- Operation Jaywick
- Double Tenth Incident





OPERATION JAYWICK (SEPT 1943) & RIMAU (OCT 1944)

- Operation Jaywick:
 - The Allies, 14 men led by Maj Ivan Lyon successfully bombed 7 out of 20 ships in Singapore harbour.
- Sailed out from Australia under disguise of Japanese fishing trawler
- Not suspecting an Allied attack;
 - Led to reprisal against local civilians leading to the Double Tenth Incident

- Operation Rimau:
 - Replication of the same mission
 - 21 men led by Maj Ivan Lyon, successfully sunk 3 ships.
- Mission was compromised as their cover was blown when their ship was met with a Japanese patrol.
- 10 members were captured and executed.



RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS

Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army (MPAJA)

- Hid in the Malayan jungles and carried out attacks on Japanese soldiers
- Tried to stir up anti-Japanese feelings among the people by distributing newspapers and organising gatherings
- Majority Chinese recruits
- Provided with weapons and training by the British

• Force 136

- Secret organisation set up by the British to gather information about the Japanese and organise sabotage activities
- Trained in India and sent secretly into Malaya to help the MPAJA
- Lim Bo Seng was one of its leaders

Ordinary Civilians

- Elizabeth Choy
 - Imprisoned in a tiny cell with other prisoners
 - · Subject to brutal beatings, electric shock, water torture, starvation diet

STORIES OF COURAGE



Lim Bo Seng



Elizabeth Choy

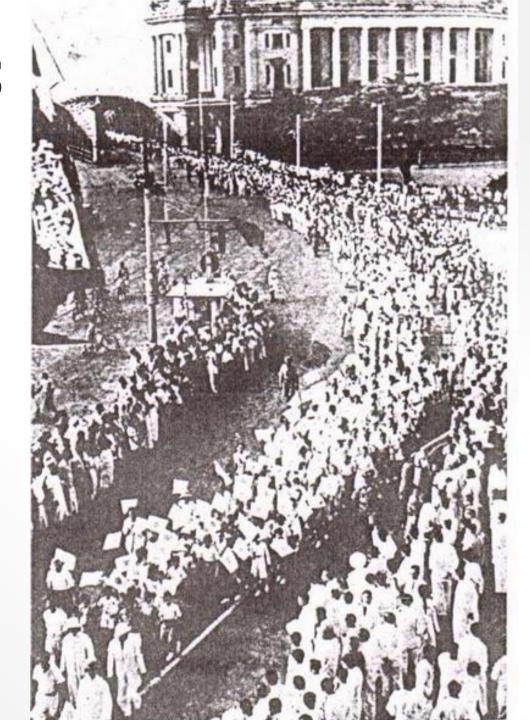




OCCUPATION AMBIGUITIES

"We were all, of course, terribly pro-Allies and all definitely anti-Japanese. But it's a matter of manifesting your feelings. You know, being reasonable about it, being realistic about it and being cautious about it... The thing was to keep quiet about it; keep your feelings pent up... What else could you do? How could you say no to these masters who had come and occupied Singapore?"

- Dr Farleigh Oehlers



OCCUPATION AMBIGUITIES

"I explained to him what was at the back of my mind---the formation of a Chinese organisation to cooperate with the Japanese Imperial Army. That would appear on the surface to be the objective. But the real objective would be to protect the Chinese community."

"I did not bother to find out if those asking for passes were good citizens or bad hats. My only concern was to help as many people as I could in this confusion. The passes read: 'The bearer of this pass is a good citizen. Please look after him and protect him, and let him go about his business without hindrance."

- Shinozaki Mamoru



THE BEGINNING OF THE END

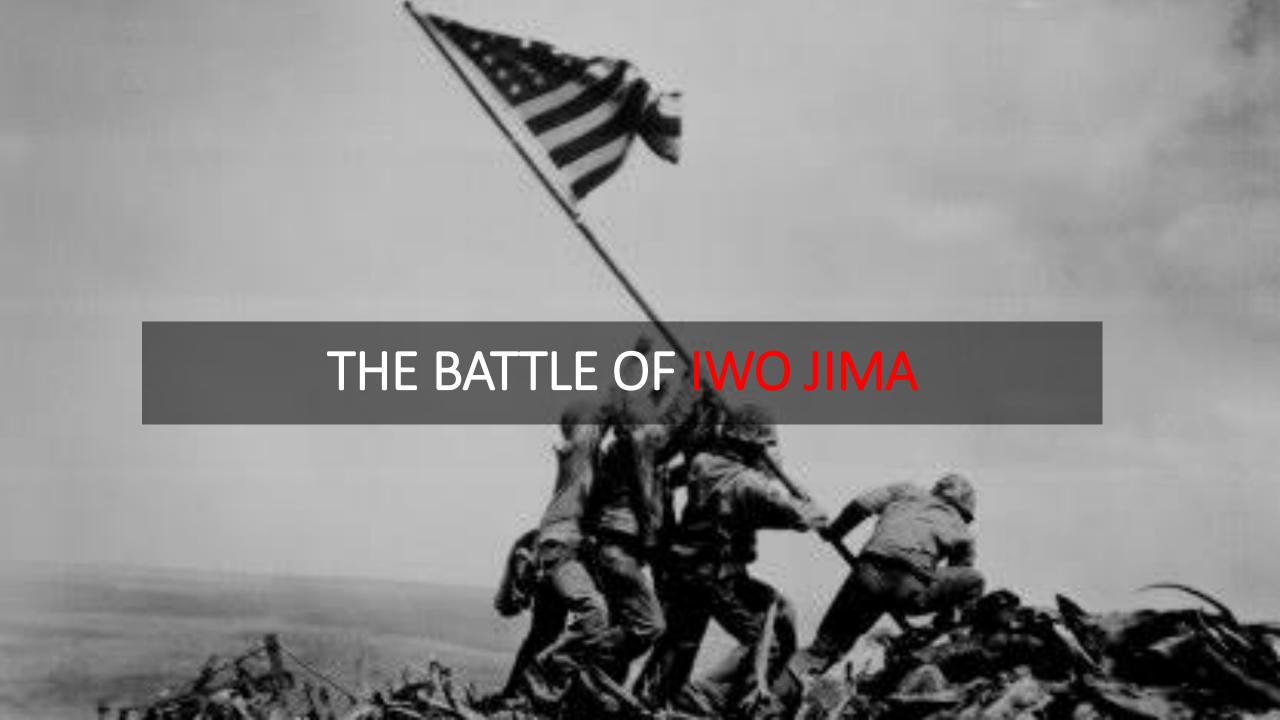
- · Battle of Coral Sea
 - First Japanese setback
- Battle of Midway
 - Turning point
- 1944: Re-invasion of the Philippines
 - Kamikaze pilots
- Mar 1945: Battle of Iwo Jima and Okinawa

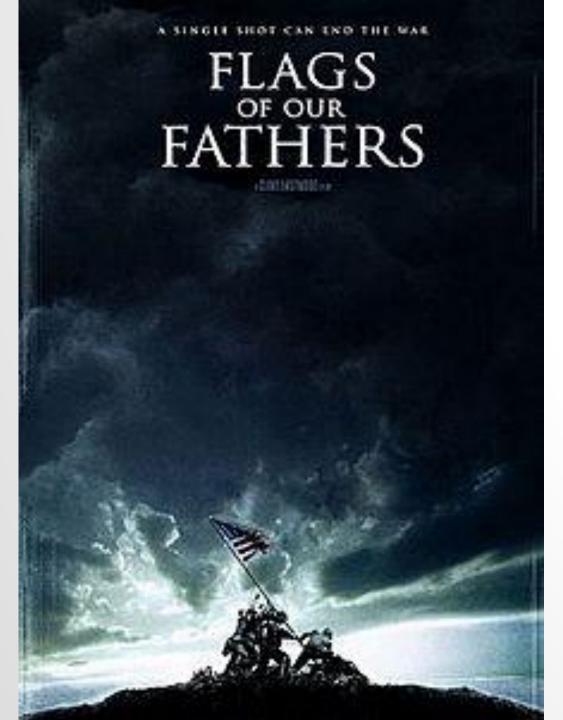


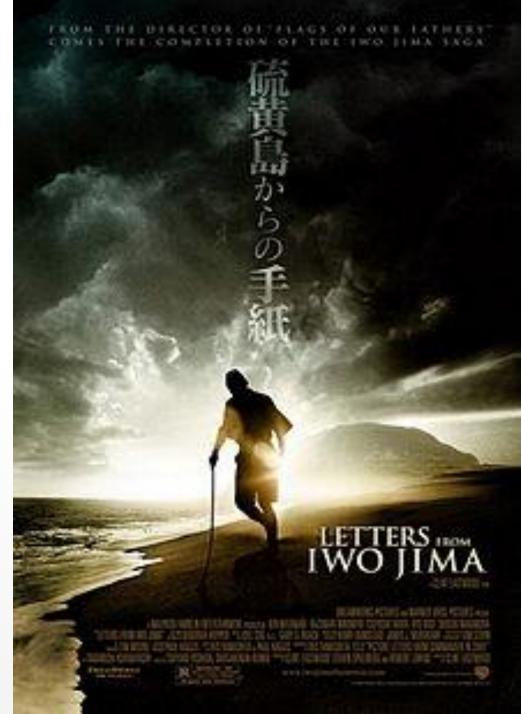
BEGINNING OF THE END - IMPACT ON S'PORE

- Late 1944 Allied bombers and planes could be seen flying above Singapore
 - Air of uncertainty and anticipation
- Japanese conscripted local civilians
- Ordered POWs to construct defences
 - POWs feared being slaughtered if the British attacked
 - Rumours went around that those suspected of being sympathetic towards the British were marked to be murdered
- All believed that the Japanese would fight till the last man
 - How would the lives of the people change?









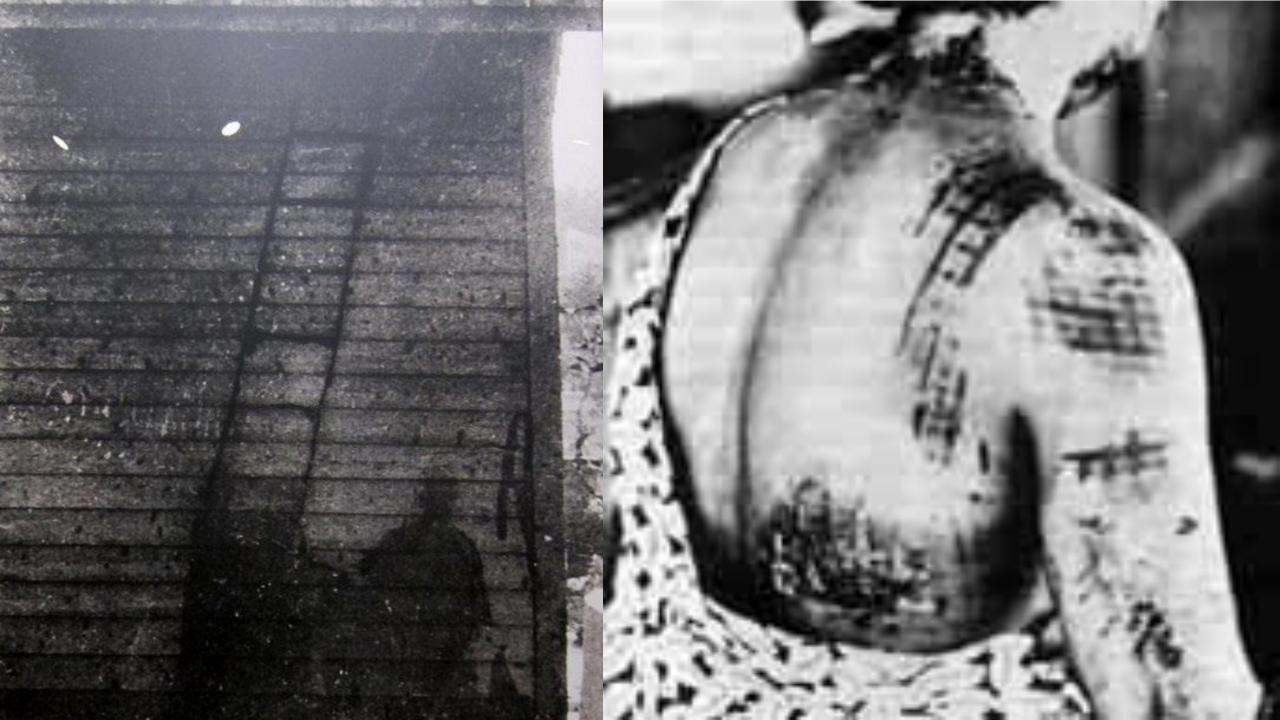
JAPAN'S SURRENDER

- The Atomic Bomb
 - Deadliest weapon ever used by men till then
 - 6 August: Hiroshima (Little Boy)
 90,000 166,000 killed
 - 9 August: Nagasaki (Fat Man)
 60,000 80,000 killed
- 15 August: Japan surrendered
- Were the bombings justified?









SENSE OF IRONY?

"... Sook Ching had been carried out by an infantry from the 5th Division of the Hiroshima Area which had acted as supplementary Kempei Tai during the massacres. The 18th Division, noted for its ferocity during the massacres, came from the Nagasaki area."

- Mamoru Shinozaki

