

**From the play:**

***Angels of Bataan***

**By Tracy Wells**

**RADIO VOICE, *on air announcer giving information on the Angels of Bataan during World War II***

Our ladies in the Pacific are on the move again! After evacuating from the peninsula in Bataan to the island fortress of Corregidor known as “The Rock”, U.S. army nurses in the Philippines once more found themselves creating a hospital where there once was none. Deep underground, in the corridors of the Malinta Tunnels, the nurses cared for their patients day and night, undeterred by the Japanese bombs that rained from the sky overhead. After their ordeal in the jungles of Bataan, these cool concrete catacombs were just what the doctor ordered! But the safety and seclusion of the nurses wouldn’t last for long. Less than a month after their arrival, Corregidor fell to Japanese forces under the command of General Masaharu Homma and the nurses stationed at The Rock were taken into captivity and confined to the Santo Tomas Internment camp in downtown Manila. These brave women have now become the largest group of women in U.S. history to be taken as prisoners of war. What will become of these heroic ladies? Only time will tell. We can only hope the Japanese will show them mercy and that they know here at home we’re all anxious for their safe return.

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