AUSTRALIA'S DEFINING MOMENTS Digital Classroom



Fall of Singapore (1941 and 1951)

NARRATOR 1: At long last war had come to Singapore. Armageddon to the world. For months transports had poured thousands of Empire fighting men over Singapore's docks. These are British regulars to reinforce the already powerful garrison battalions. Thousands of Australians have been arriving since early in the year.

NARRATOR 2: From December the Eighth Division fought in the British Forces in Malaya. But Japanese jungle tactics drove them back until they reached bombed and helpless Singapore. Then surrender. 16,000 Australians were taken prisoner.