By sword and fire: The destruction of Manila in World War II, 3 February-3 March 1945

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The Battle of Manila (Filipino: Labanan sa Maynila) (3 February – 3 March 1945) was a major battle of the Philippine campaign of 1944-45, during the Second World War. Part of World War II, the 1944–1945 Philippine Campaign and Pacific War. Along with massive loss of life, the battle also destroyed architectural and
But less is remembered in the West about another devastating engagement of World War II that took place around the same time. Between Feb. 3 and March 3, 1945, the United States set about wresting control of Manila from the Japanese. It involved grinding, urban street battles and withering American artillery bombardments. In the process, a beautiful, elegant metropolis -- dubbed the "Pearl of the Orient" -- was laid to waste. Some 100,000 Filipino civilians died amid the fighting. Battle Of Manila summary: The Battle of Manila is known to be the fiercest and first urban fighting in the region. Very few battles during the last few months of WWII are known to have exceeded the brutality and destruction in Manila. The American forces arrived in Manila from several different directions. By 1941, Manila had been declared an open city by General Douglas MacArthur. Though the Japanese had not intended to put a lot of resources in defending Manila, rear admiral Sanji was given the assignment to defend the city to the last man. General MacArthur anticipated that the city of Mani...