

Tropical Medicine: Malaria (History 1)

Technical Details

Original title: *Paradise Road*.

Country: Australia, USA.

Year: 1997.

Director: Bruce Beresford.

Music: Ross Edwards.

Photography: Peter James

Film editor: Tim Wellburn

Screenwriter: Bruce Beresford about the plot of David Giles and Martin Meader, based on Betty Jeffrey's diary [*White Coolies* (1954)].

Cast: Glenn Close, Frances McDormand, Pauline Collins, Cate Blanchett, Jennifer Ehle, Julianna Margulies, Wendy Hughes, Johanna ter Steege, Elizabeth Spriggs, Pamela Rabe, Clyde Kusatsu, David Chung, Penne Hackforth-Jones, Sab Shimono, Pauline Chan, Lisa Hensley, Susie Porter, Anita Hegh, Tessa Humphriess, ...

Color: Color.

Rumtime: 109 minutes.

Genre: Drama, History, War (Second World War).

Language: English, japanese, german and malay.

Productions Companies: Village Roadshow Pictures, Samson Productions, Planet Pictures, YTC Motion Picture Investments.

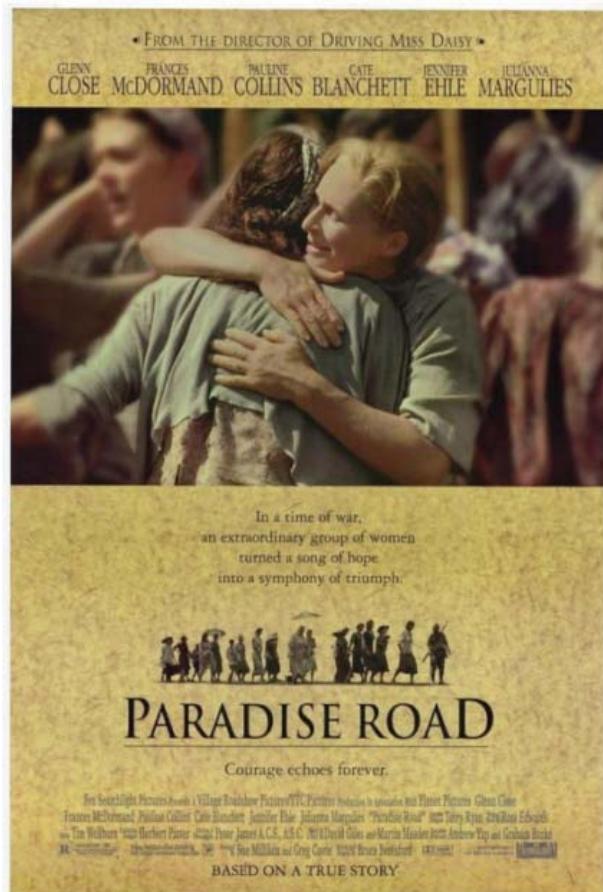
Synopsis: When, in 1942, Japanese troops besiege Singapore, a group of women from different countries, together with their children, are evacuated by boat to a safe location. During the voyage, the ship is attacked by the Japanese Air Force and is wrecked off the coast of Sumatra. Women and children are caught and sent to a concentration camp in the middle of the jungle. The living conditions there are extremely hard, and the treatment received, inhumane. The establishment of a vocal orchestra helps them to bear that situation. Based on a real story (modified from FilmAffinity).

Links:

<http://www.filmaffinity.com/es/film495520.html>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0119859>

Tráiler



Action: Singapur and Sumatra in 1942 and 1943.

American poster.



Malaria was a problem during the Second World War in Asia, affecting not only combatants but also prisoners in the concentration camps, like Japanese in Sumatra.



Prostration.



Fever.



Sweating.



Bad general condition.



Quinine was the main treatment, often bought on the black market.

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