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A standout weekend TV schedule



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The Fence tells the story of the Battle of Hong Kong, an overlooked chapter in Second World War history. documentary Channel

The Fence (Sunday, documentary Channel 9 p.m.) premieres to commemorate the anniversary of the beginning of the Battle of Hong Kong on Dec. 8, 1941, in which Japanese forces attacked Allied soldiers defending Hong Kong. It is one of the most powerful documentaries of the year, easily. About 2,000 Canadian troops were in Hong Kong when the Japanese army came; there was one savage battle, and most were interned. One veteran says, “People didn’t know anything about us for four years, whether we were all dead or what had happened.” Survival was their battle under horrendous conditions and ceaseless ill-treatment. Canadian filmmaker Viveka Melki does an astounding job, delving deep into a painful history and explaining how a revisionist-history movement in Japan tries to erase this particular portion of the past.