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It was in 1945, the aftermath of U.S. "liberation" of Manila from Japan. Oscar Villadolid (2004), a young Filipino boy at the time, remembers his encounter with U.S. GIs who were handing out cigarettes and Hershey bars to Filipinos in the war-torn city of the Philippines. When a GI gave him a chocolate bar, Oscar thanked him in English.

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