



The Battle of Caloocan was the opening engagement of the Philippine-American War in February 1899, with La Loma Cemetery along Avenida serving as an important focal point. The Filipino Army led by Gen. Antonio Luna, occupied the northern end of the cemetery while the American Forces occupied the chapel. Gen. Luna's effort in holding the line against the enemy was crucial for Aguinaldo's seat of government in the nearby Malolos, Bulacan. Gen. Antonio Luna and Jose Rizal were long-time compatriots in the Propaganda Movement, along with the general's brother and renowned Filipino painter Juan Luan.