An epic story of the triumph of the human spirit over unbelievable odds



Some Survived by Manny Lawton

Introduction by John Toland

Marion R. Lawton was a 23-year-old Army captain on April 8, 1942, when orders came to surrender to the Japanese forces invading the Philippine Islands. The next day he and his fellow American and Filipino prisoners set out on the infamous Bataan Death March. Approximately 10,000 men died or were bayoneted, clubbed or shot to death during a six-day, sixty-mile trek under a broiling tropical sun, followed by a ghastly rail journey in which exhausted men, crammed into old railway cars, literally died on their feet of suffocation.

Yet terrible as the Death March was, for Manny Lawton and his comrades it was only a beginning. Twenty-eight months of slave labor on Luzon were followed by agonizing ordeals aboard ship as they were evacuated to Japan and Korea. Men were jammed into foul cargo holds, deprived of food, water, even air to breathe. Many died when American

food, water, even air to breathe. Many died when American torpedoes and bombs blasted the unmarked vessels. Of more than 1,600 Americans who set out with Lawton aboard one ship, only 375 reached Japan alive. When the war ended in August, 1945, it is estimated that some 57 percent of the American troops who had surrendered on

Bataan had perished.

An eyewitness account of incredible horror and suffering, Manny Lawton's book is even so not finally a chronicle of despair. Rather, it is the story of how men can endure even the most desperate conditions and, in their will to retain their humanity, triumph over appalling adversity. Manny Lawton won out in his determination not to surrender his capacity for feeling and caring. An epic of quiet heroism, *Some Survived* becomes a tale that lifts the heart.

to go swimming and fishing at vacation time. To a man like Bob Simpson, it is a land of year-around mystery and wonder. When the Water Smokes is a chronicle of nature, boats, boating, and life at the shore. All who enjoy the outdoors will draw delight and wisdom from this lovingly crafted book.

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