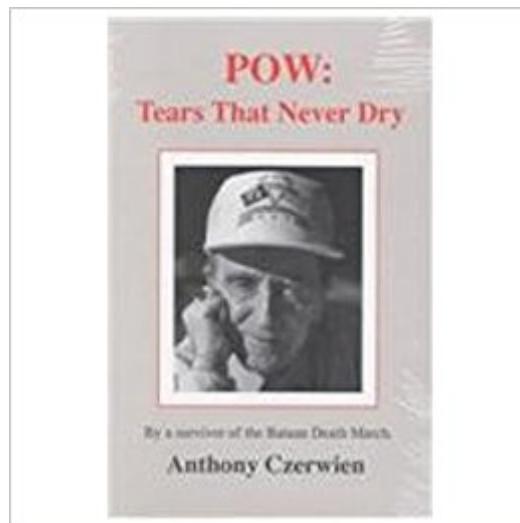


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I teach in a district in suburban Chicago (Maywood) that saw many of its young men go off to the Philippines in the early days of WWII when a local National Guard Unit was sent there (Co. B, 192nd Tnk Bn). Needless to say, after the combat, death march, hell ships, etc. most did not return. Our community was devastated, and they remember Bataan still. I am currently doing a research project with some of my students at Proviso East High School and have done a lot of reading on the subject. Mr. Czerwien's book is one of the very best in the whole genre. It's a quick, yet graphic and disturbing read. Another good book is *My Hitch in Hell* by Lester Tenney, who was a member of the Maywood unit. I met Mr. Czerwien, and Mr. Tenney, a few weeks ago at a Bataan event here at the high school. He is still going strong and told me he is now writing his 3rd book. God Bless Him.

Growing up my grandma always told me that Uncle Tony fought in a war and that he was "nervous" from it. I was only a teenager when the book was published. But when I read it, couldn't believe that anyone would be able to survive something like that. This book is short but it gives you great detail

as to what the soldiers had endured. And all the documentaries and history of the World War II, I haven't seen much mentioned about the Bataan death March and I think people should be more aware of. This book captures a piece of history that shouldn't be forgotten. Ironically, my great uncle Tony died around memorial day in 2004.

In a very straightforward fashion, my uncle tells his story of Bataan and of being a POW. It is a very moving piece of history which should never be forgotten. I strongly urge anybody who has even a passing interest of the Second World War to read this work.

I have found this book to be very interesting and to the point about a mostly unknown tragedy of world war II. Mr. Czerwien gives an indepth look at mans inhumanity to man. Not only about the death march but about the ship that took him to Japan, that in my opinion was worse than the march itself. To survive this ordeal is in itself a miracle. I highly recommend this book to anyone that seeks the truth, from a man who was there.

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