

General Douglas MacArthur Returns

On March 11, 1942 General Douglas MacArthur promised the people of Leyte "I shall return." Gen MacArthur climbed aboard a gunship in the Philippines under the cover of darkness and ran a Japanese blockade. Speaking to the press in Adelaide, Australia MacArthur stated "I came through and I shall return."



The Battle of Leyte Gulf was the biggest multifaceted battle in history. The 96th Infantry fought and died there. Deadeyes killed in Action :were 486 Deadeyes and 28 attached troops..

The 96th had just completed training in Hawaii from July till September, 1944. They entered combat in an assault landing in Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands on October 20, 1944



General Douglas MacArthur represented the USA in speaking, accepting and signing the Japanese surrender documents . This was on the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxEVmoDGDsg&t=122s>



MacArthur visits the division command post. Gen Hodge is on the left and Gen Bradley is on the right.



MacArthur "I have returned" speech

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9Or6n0imRc&t=23s>



Memorial Park in Palo, Leyte honoring MacArthur's promise to return.



Gen MacArthur designed his own signature corn cob pipes.