

MACARTHUR RETURNS TO PHILIPPINES.

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After Bataan and Corregidor, General MacArthur said he would return to the Philippines. Nearly three years after those defeats he did so --- ~~with an invasion force carried by~~ ^{with} six hundred ships. Destination --- Leyte.

2 Guarding and assisting this force was a mass of air cover --- carrier borne. Enemy planes and ships were shot down or sunk by the hundreds and scores; Japanese installations and airfields were shattered from Luzon to Mindanao.

The assault went in; American soldiers were coming back in force --- getting close to the mainland of Japan; Jap casualties were soon reported to be on a thirty-five thousand mark; American casualties --- surprisingly light.

The General wades ashore, with members of his staff. We remember the great fight he put up in those early days; we can imagine his feelings as he watches this turn of the tide of fortune.

Fitting that we should show these pictures when Americans renew their faith --- in the man who steered their ship through all its storms.

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