



BIOGRAPHY OF DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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1880 - 1964



Gen. MacArthur was born at the Little Rock Barracks in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 2, 1880.



In 1903, MacArthur graduated at West Point. He was No. 1 in his class.



From 1919 to 1922, MacArthur served as the superintendent of West Point.



In 1917, MacArthur lead the 42nd "Rainbow" Division in France and was promoted to brigadier general under Gen. Pershing.



In 1906, MacArthur was appointed aide to Pres. Teddy Roosevelt.



In 1937, Pres. Manuel Quezon appointed him as field marshal of the Philippines when it became a Commonwealth in 1935.



In 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the next day they bomb the military bases in the Philippines.



Before the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Gen. MacArthur, his staff, family and Pres. Quezon escaped from Corregidor to Mindanao by PT boat, then by B-17 to Australia.



After the Fall of Bataan (Apr.9, 1942) then Corregidor (May 6, 1942), the famous "Bataan Death March" took place and lost 5000-10000 Filipino, and 600 - 650 Americans.



Battle of Iwo Jima



Battle of Tarawa



Battle of Guadalcanal

After May 1942, MacArthur spend the next 2-1/2 years commanding an island-hopping campaign in the Pacific.



On Oct. 20, 1944, MacArthur landed in Leyte wading ashore and announced "I have returned".



Sept. 2, 1945, the formal surrender of Japan took place aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.



On June 1950, when the Korean War started, MacArthur was in charge of the American-led coalition of the United Nations troops.

Gen. MacArthur died at the age of 84 on April 5, 1964 at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. and was buried at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.

