

MACARTHUR'S RETURN TOLD BY WHITNEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, fulfilling his "I Shall Return" pledge, carried his father's pistol as he waded ashore in the Philippines "just to insure that I am never captured alive."

The dramatic landing, one of the turning points of the war in the Pacific, was described today by Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, wartime aide and friend of MacArthur, in the first of a series of articles in Life Magazine.

Whitney said the morning of the Philippine landing at Leyte beach, Oct. 20, 1944, "I went to MacArthur's cabin and entered just as he was slipping an old-fashioned revolver into his trouser pocket.

"That, court, belonged to my father," he said in explanation. "I take it merely as a precaution — just to insure that I am never captured alive."

As the landing craft approached the beach, Whitney said he watched MacArthur closely for signs of the emotion he must have felt.

"His face was expressionless under the familiar gold-leaf-decorated cap that he had worn when he was Field Marshal of the Islands to which was now returning. It was as if this were a routine ride to shore, instead of a rendezvous with history," Whitney wrote.

Whitney described the difficulties MacArthur encountered as the time approached for his Philippine campaign after years of effort and preparation.

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In July, 1943, Whitney said, MacArthur received a heart-breaking witness account from three Americans who escaped