



Signing of the Peace Treaty aboard USS Missouri, September 2, 1945  
Portrait can be seen at the McArthur Museum, Norfolk Virginia

Al Wier, 2nd Div. & "S" (Bay Village, Ohio) has been to both. He was aboard the South Dakota in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the treaty.

"Sept., 2, 1945 is a day we will never forget... At 8:00 AM on that historic day, Admiral Nimitz departed the South Dakota to board the Missouri. General McArthur arrived on the destroyer 'Nichols'. At 8:55 AM, Mamoru Shigemitsu, the new Japanese Foreign Minister arrived and signed the surrender documents first. Japanese General Umezo Yoshijiro was the second to sign the papers. he was later convicted as a Class A war criminal and sentenced to life in prison.

<sup>1</sup> This account was taken from the book, "Blue Skies & Kamikaze Eyes", written by Al Wier