

## **Lesson #93 U.S. History Pearl Harbor**

### **Pearl Harbor**

**Fleet was moved to Pearl to intimidate the Japanese**

**General Short (Army) and Admiral Kimmel (Naval) did not share information**

**December 2, Admiral Kimmel was told the Japanese carriers were missing**

**December 3, Admiral Kimmel received message of Japanese diplomats were burning documents at Embassy and did not share it with General Short. The Army did know of the burning and did not see it as significant.**

**Magic – code readers broke Purple (the color of the binder for) Japanese**

**Diplomatic Code – Admiral Kimmel and General Short did not have access to *Magic* information.**

**There was a Naval belief that Pearl Harbor was too shallow for any air torpedoes attacks.**

**General Short cancelled Alert #2 and reinstated Alert #1 shifting attention from carrier attack to internal disorder. He pulled all aircraft out of bunkers and on to runway apron in front of hangers for protection from local saboteurs.**

***USS Ward* fired on sub and the Navy did not notify General Short**

**New Radar station was used only from 4 a.m. to 7.a.m. and only good up to 150 miles. It did pick up large image of air craft at 7:05 a.m. and tract until 7:30 a.m. and assumed they were B-17 coming from main land using radio station signal to home in on islands.**

**Which is what the Japanese were doing.**

### **The U.S. Carriers not at Pearl:**

***USS Lexington* headed to Midway**

***USS Enterprise* delayed by weather**

***USS Saratoga* in San Diego**

**Japanese Fleet on way to Pearl Harbor**

**6 carriers**

**2 battleships**

**2 heavy cruisers**

**1 light cruiser**

**9 destroyers**

**3 subs**

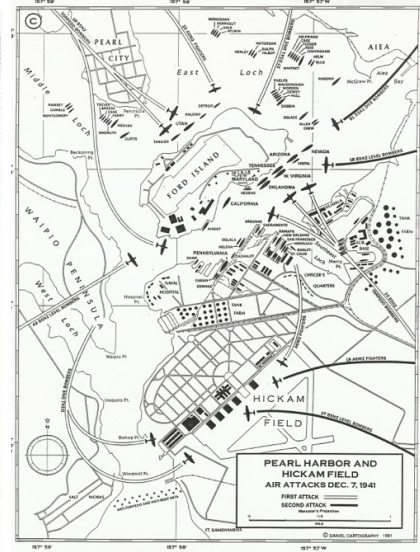
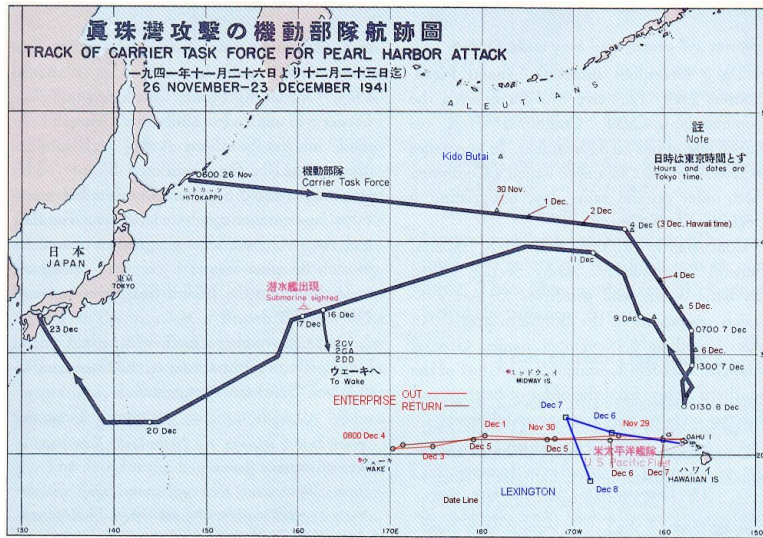
**8 tankers and supply ships**

**20 scout subs and 5 with a midget sub for run at Pearl**

**Torpedo made of wood so as not to sink to deep.**

**First wave at 07:49 until 08:13**

**07:58 “Enemy air raid, Pearl Harbor. This is not a Drill.” 1 hour 53 minutes The Japanese lost 9 planes.**



## Pearl Harbor

### Defenses

- 36 obsolete pursuit planes
- 44 mobile 3" guns
- 26 fixed 3" guns
- 3 fixed radar on plan
- 4 mobile radar on plan
- 3 destroyers
- no sub-net

### Japanese Attack Force

- 6 aircraft carriers with 423 planes
- 9 destroyers
- 2 battle ships
- 3 submarines / 27 in advance force
- 7 tankers



### Second wave at 09:00

168 planes - Japanese lost 6 fighter and 14 bombers

Japanese total launched: 40 torpedo planes

28 fighters

103 high level bombers

129 Dive bombers

### USA lost:

- 8 Battleships – none were 1<sup>st</sup> of line
- 3 Light Cruisers
- 3 Destroyers
- 4 Auxiliary ships

### Japanese lost:

- 29 planes
- 68 men
- 5 mini-sub / one man sub

**Aircraft:**

<u>ARMY</u>	<u>NAVY</u>
4 = B-17's	13 fighters
12 = B-18's	21 Scout bombers
2 = A-20's	46 patrol planes
32 = P-40's	3 Utility aircraft
24 = P-36's	2 Transport aircraft
4 = P-36's	2 Training planes
84 = pursuit planes	
6 planes lost to friendly fire	

At 9.a.m. 6 planes from the *USS Enterprise* were fired on by navy at Pearl – 4 shot down 3 pilots killed

Personnel Lost 2,343 dead – 1,272 wounded , 876 missing

	KIA	WIA
Navy -	2,008	710
Marines	109	69
Army	218	364
Civilians	68	35

**Army and navy failed to cooperate in search for Japanese fleet after the attack**

December 8, 1941 ten hours after Pearl Harbor The Army and Navy in the Philippines were caught on the ground by surprise. General Douglas MacArthur, and General Sutherland placed the blame on General Brereton. Yet MacArthur did not response to three messages from General Marshal after the Peral attack until later that night.

Sutherland refused to allow Brereton to meet with MacArthur during the day. Then told Brereton “not to make the first overt act” which Brereton said, “Pearl was the first act”. Brereton relayed the order we cannot attack until we are fired upon at 8 a.m. At 8:50 he was told to hold off on bombing Formosa. American pilots had a belief that a group of Boy Scots flying kites could take these damn islands. That their air power was so weak in modern planes. The Philippines were attack the next day in a surprise attack and suffered the same results at Pearl Harbor.

There were 9 investigations on the reasons for the disaster that day. The Army and Navy blaming each other for the failure. The Army Commander and Naval Commanders were charged and found guilty and demoted in rank. General Short was given most of the blame. Then in 1999 both men were reinstated to their rank.

- Know Investigation December 9-14, 1941
- Roberts Commission December 18,1941 – January 23, 1942
- Hart investigation February 12 – June 1944
- Navy Investigation July 20 – October 19, 1944
- Army Investigation July 20 – October 20, 1944
- Clausen Investigation June 24 – September 14, 1944
- Clark Investigation August 4 – September 20, 1945
- Hewitt Investigation May 14 – July 11, 1954
- Joint Congressional Committee November 15, 1945 – May 23, 1946

**There was no investigation about the loss of the Philippines and General MacArthur was given the Medal Of Honor in Australia.**

**Failures:**

- To understand new technology**
- To disperse aircraft**
- To provide adequate air patrols and defense**
- To have aircraft in state of readiness**
- To protect fleet in harbor**
- To issue adequate orders to subordinates**
- To establish coordination between army and navy**
- To establish communication with other agencies**
- To establish air warning service**
- To establish intercept command**

**Nine Honolulu firemen were casualties in the attack. Three were killed:**

- Fireman Harry Tuck Lee Pang of Engine of #6 killed by Japanese aircraft fire**
- Captain Thomas Macy of Engine #4**
- Captain John Carreira of Engine #1 - both died inside building collapse**

**The six were wounded by shrapnel and given Purple Hearts on June 13, 1944. The three dead received Purple Hearts on December 7, 1984. These nine men are the only non-military personnel to receive this medal.**

**Pearl Harbor medals:**

- 15 Medals of Honor**
- 51 Navy Crosses**
- 53 Silver Stars**
- 4 Navy and Marine Medals**
- 1 Distinguished Flying Cross**
- 4 Distinguished Service Crosses**
- 1 Distinguished Service Medal**
- 3 Bronze Stars**

**Aftermath of Attack:**

<b><i>USS Arizona</i> BB-39</b>	<b>sunk</b>
<b><i>USS California</i> BB-44</b>	<b>raised and repaired</b>
<b><i>USS Maryland</i> BB-46</b>	<b>repaired</b>
<b><i>USS Nevada</i> BB-36</b>	<b>beached and repaired</b>
<b><i>USS Oklahoma</i> BB-37</b>	<b>raised and repaired</b>
<b><i>USS Tennessee</i> BB-43</b>	<b>repaired</b>
<b><i>USS Pennsylvania</i> BB-38</b>	<b>repaired</b>
<b><i>USS West Virginia</i> BB-48</b>	<b>raised and repaired</b>