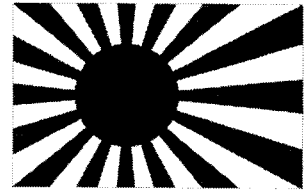
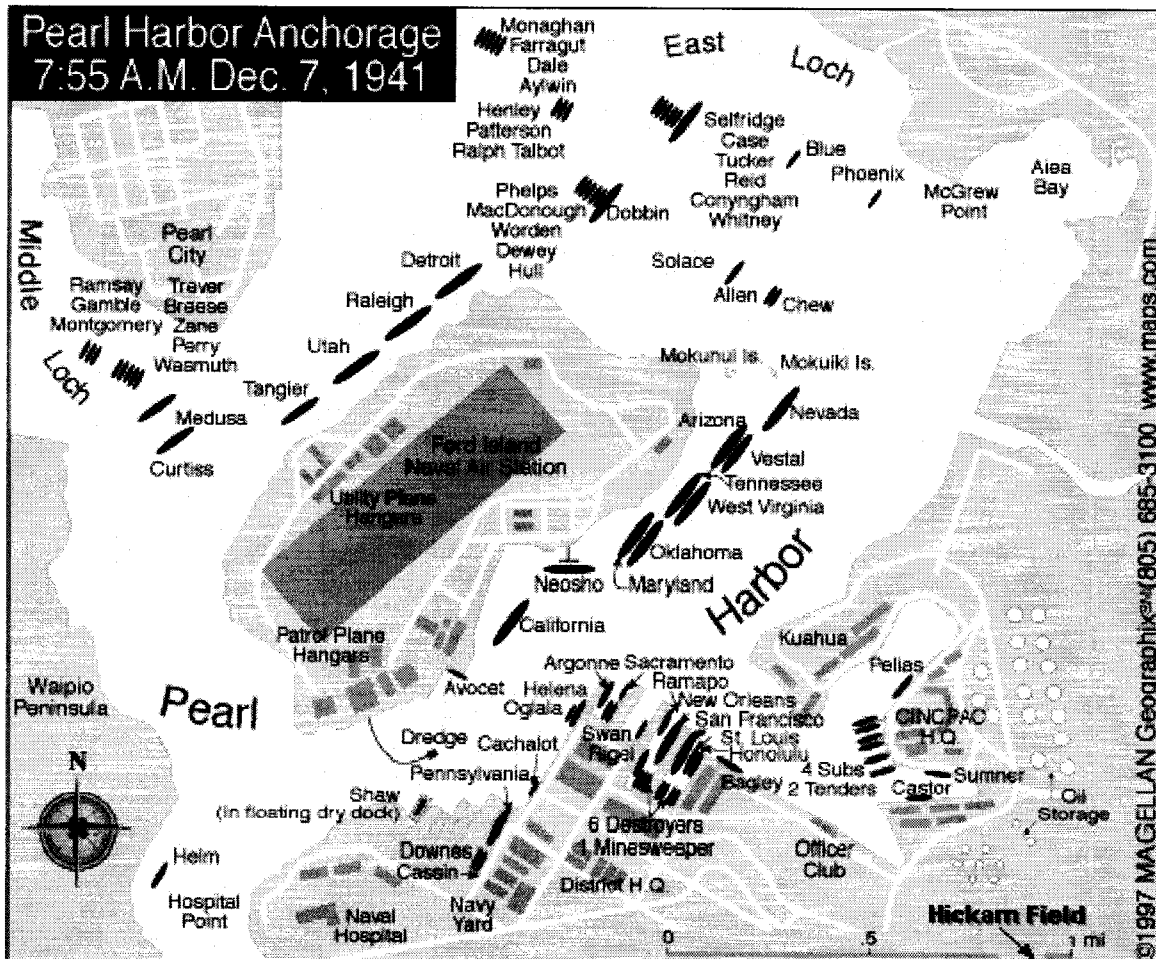


# THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOUR



*Japanese War Flag*

- To distract the United States government, Japan sends a special envoy (representatives of the Japanese government) to Washington. As the Japanese officials meet with their American counterparts, an attack on the American Pacific Naval base at Pearl Harbour is set in motion.
- 3:42 am. The morning of the attack, a periscope from a Japanese midget-sub (tiny, two-person submarines) is spotted at the entrance to the Naval base. The sighting is reported, but nothing else is done.
- 6:10 am. Japanese planes takeoff from a fleet of six carriers located north of Hawaii.
- 7:02 am. A swarm of unidentified aircraft is spotted on the radar, heading for Pearl Harbour. The report is not taken seriously.
- 7:30 am. Word from Washington arrives that a decoded message from Japan was intercepted ordering Japanese diplomats to break off talks with the American Government.
- 7:40 am. Japanese airplanes reach Oahu, Hawaii.
- 7:55 am. Attack on Pearl Harbour begins as 441 Japanese planes attack the Naval Base.



Effects of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour:

- 2,400 Americans lost their lives.
- 18 American ships were sunk in the attack – including the battleships *USS Arizona*, *USS West Virginia*, *USS California*, *USS Oklahoma*, *USS Utah*, and the destroyers *USS Cassin* and *USS Downes*.
- The Japanese failed to sink any aircraft carriers (their primary targets) as they were all out to sea when the attack happened. While the attack was a complete surprise, and resulted in the destruction of many American military craft, overall it did not achieve what the Japanese were hoping for – destruction of the American carrier fleet (ultimately forcing the Americans to stay out of the war.)
- The United States and Britain declared war on the Empire of Japan December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1941.
- Germany and Italy declared war on the United States December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1941.
- Japanese interment camps are set up throughout the United States and Canada.

Important Point:

The Japanese knew that they had to strike a powerful blow to the American Navy in the Pacific – and that meant they had to sink the American aircraft carriers. By not sinking the carriers, the Japanese ensured a swift American entry into the war effort. Japan's lighting war across the Pacific was doomed.

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**TAKE NOTICE that under Orders Nos. 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the British Columbia Security Commission, the following areas were made prohibited areas to all persons of the Japanese race:—**

<b>LULU ISLAND</b> (including Steveston)	<b>SAPPERTON</b>
<b>SEA ISLAND</b>	<b>BURQUITLAM</b>
<b>EBURNE</b>	<b>PORT MOODY</b>
<b>MARPOLE</b>	<b>IOCO</b>
<b>DISTRICT OF</b>	<b>PORT COQUITLAM</b>
<b>QUEENSBOROUGH</b>	<b>MAILLARDVILLE</b>
<b>CITY OF</b>	<b>FRASER MILLS</b>
<b>NEW WESTMINSTER</b>	

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person of the Japanese race found within any of the said prohibited areas without a written permit from the British Columbia Security Commission or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police shall be liable to the penalties provided under Order in Council P.C. 1665.**

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