

December 27, 1941

0625-0015: Swept for Moored Mines in area off entrance bouys to Pearl Harbor and in channel to the Net.

December 28, 1941

0618-1010: Swept for Moored Mines in area off entrance bouys to Pearl Harbor and in channel to the Net.

December 29, 1941

0625-0025: Swept for Moored Mines off entrance bouys to Pearl Harbor and in the channel to the Net.

December 30, 1941

0018-1030: Swept for Moored Mines in area off entrance bouys to Pearl Harbor and in channel to Net.

December 31, 1941

0623-1008: Swept for Moored Mines in area off entrance bouys to Pearl Harbor and in channel to the Net.

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HEWITT INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 76

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship,
c/o Fleet Post Office, Pearl Harbor, T. H., Jan. 4, 1942.

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Serial 040
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First Endorsement on Com. 14 CA12-1/A16-3/ND14 (01531) of Dec. 30, 1941.

From : Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.
To : Commandant Fourteenth Naval District.
Subject : Report on Battle of Pearl Harbor, 7 December, 1941.

1. Returned.

2. The statement contained in paragraph 3 of enclosure (A) to the basic letter, regarding the CONDOR's sighting a periscope, at 0350, while sweeping off the channel entrance bouys, is information not previously reported to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet. It is requested that the report be confirmed, if possible, and the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, advised what action if any was taken to inform either the Commandant or the Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet, in this case.

3. Return of all papers is requested.

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Com 14 C-A12-1/A16-3/
MD14(01531) of Dec. 30 1941.
From : Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.
Subject : Report on battle of Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941.

1. Returned.

2. The information submitted in paragraph 3 of enclosure (A) was taken from report of Commanding Officer of CONDOR dated 19 December 1941, and verified by extracts from Signal Log of WARD.

3. Statements by the Officer of the Deck, Ensign R. C. McCloy, USNR, R. C. Uttrick Qm. 2c USNR, and R. B. Chavez, Sea 1c, USNR (Helmsman), on watch aboard the CONDOR at the time, indicate the following:—At about 0350 on 7 December 1941 the CONDOR was conducting sweeping operations approximately 1¼ miles south west of entrance buoys. The attention of Ensign McCloy was attracted to what, in the darkness, appeared to be a wave. After studying it momentarily, he called Uttrick and with further examination with binoculars they both were convinced that what they saw was the periscope of a submerged submarine. Chavez could make out a wake but no periscope. The best estimate of least distance from CONDOR to periscope at any time is about 50 yards.

4. The CONDOR at 0357 informed the WARD, Channel Entrance Patrol, by visual of this contact. The WARD immediately instituted a search for the submarine. At about 0650 she sank an unidentified submarine and made report as recorded in her file 759 of December 13, 1941.

5. No report was made to Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, or to Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, until the WARD had actually and definitely established contact with an unidentified submarine.

HEWITT INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 77

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT, FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT AND NAVY YARD, PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII, U. S. A.

3 NOVEMBER 1941.

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From: Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

Reference: (a) CNO Confidential dispatch 132227 of October 1941.

(b) Letter of the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, dated 29 October 1941.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (b).

1. It is recommended that no steps be taken at the present time to concentrate the Army and Navy in a common building as proposed in reference (a).

2. Since the visit of Captain Mountbatten, N. N., who gave his views on this subject and the experiences of the British along parallel lines, this and allied matters have been under consideration by: (a) Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet; (b) Commanding General, Hawaiian Department; (c) Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District.

3. On receipt of reference (a), a paraphrased copy of this dispatch was sent to the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department; his comments in connection therewith are given in reference (b), enclosure (A).

4. The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, accompanied by the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District, has visited the underground chambers at Alimanu Crater and had their functions explained in a brief way by the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department. If one or more of these chambers were to be assigned to the Navy, it is not apparent that any real benefit would be derived therefrom.

5. The Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, has offices ashore, as has Commander Submarines, Scouting Force. It appears certain that at the outbreak of hostilities, even though the Commander-in-Chief may return to his flagship, Commander Base Force will have to have offices ashore. Accordingly, the Commander-in-Chief has requested that suitable offices be constructed for the Commander-in-Chief, Commander Base Force, and Commander Submarines, Scouting Force. I do not believe that the Commander-in-Chief or the Fleet operations would be benefited by being in a common office building with the Commanding General and the Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District. As a matter of fact, I am inclined to believe that his best interests would be served by being in a building with only agencies of the Fleet therein.

6. There has been established in this district a joint harbor control post; this