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By direction of Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Area.

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship,
Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 12, 1941.

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Secret

From: Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Damage to Ships of the Pacific Fleet resulting from Enemy Attacks at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941.

References:

- (a) Cincpac Secret Desp. 072244 of December 1941.
- (b) Cincpac Secret Desp. 081015 of December 1941.
- (c) Cincpac Secret Desp. 100220 of December 1941.
- (d) Cincpac Secret Desp. 102043 of December 1941.

1. The following report relative to damage sustained by ships of the Pacific Fleet resulting from enemy attacks on 7 December 1941 is submitted. This amplifies reports submitted by references (a) to (d) inclusive:

(a) **BATTLESHIPS.**

ARIZONA sunk at berth as result of aircraft torpedoes and heavy bombs which exploded forward magazines. Ship is considered to be a total wreck.

CALIFORNIA sunk at berth as a result of hits by two or more aircraft torpedoes; also received one large bomb hit amidships which caused serious fire. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded later.

NEVADA damaged by heavy bombs, possibly mine in the channel and aircraft torpedoes. Beached across from hospital point to prevent sinking after an attempt to sortie. Batteries intact and manned though no power is on the ship. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be made later.

OKLAHOMA capsized at berth as a result of receiving three or more hits by aircraft torpedoes. Recommendations regarding salvage will be made later.

PENNSYLVANIA slightly damaged by bomb hit, starboard side of boat deck while in drydock number 1, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. Repairs have been completed and ship is ready for service.

[2] **MARYLAND** damaged by bomb hit on forecastle and near miss. Ship was moved to the Navy Yard on 11 December and expected to be fully ready for service 13 December.

TENNESSEE received one heavy bomb through turret top which did not explode, but put 2 rammers out of commission. Also one bomb hit aft which

cracked one 14" gun. Heat from the ARIZONA fire melted and ignited paint in after portion of the second deck which was badly burned out. Ship is now heavily wedged to mooring by reason of the WEST VIRGINIA leaning against her. Steps are being taken to dynamite the mooring to permit the removal of the TENNESSEE. Repairs are proceeding and it is estimated that by 14 December ship will be ready for service less one 14" gun.

WEST VIRGINIA sunk at berth as result of four aircraft torpedoes and one bomb hit. There is considerable damage from fire. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be made later.

(b) *CRUISERS.*

HELENA damaged by bomb hit at frame 30, starboard side, opening up side under armor belt for distance of about 50 feet. Number one and two fire rooms and forward engine room flooded. Ship is now in drydock #2 Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor to effect repairs to make seaworthy. It is estimated that new shell and framing will be completed within two weeks and ship will be able to operate with two shafts and with all gun batteries in commission. It is recommended that ship proceed to Mare Island for completion of repairs to hull and machinery.

HONOLULU damaged by near miss at approximately frame 40 port side. Hole approximately 20 feet by 6 feet underwater. Ship being docked in drydock #1 today and it is estimated that work will be completed to make her fully effective by 16 December.

[3] RALEIGH damaged by one aircraft torpedo which flooded forward half of machinery plant. Also hit by small bomb forward which penetrated three decks and went out ships' side and did not explode. It is proposed to dock the RALEIGH following completion of the HONOLULU to effect underwater repairs to make seaworthy. Recommendations as to whether all repairs to make the ship fully serviceable should be undertaken at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor or a mainland navy yard, will be forwarded later.

(c) *DESTROYERS.*

CASSIN and DOWNES damaged by bomb in number one drydock, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor ahead of PENNSYLVANIA. Bomb hit DOWNES exploding her torpedoes warheads and causing serious oil fire. CASSIN was damaged by fire and was knocked off drydock blocking and fell over on DOWNES. DOWNES appears to be total loss except for salvageable parts and materials. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs to CASSIN will be forwarded later.

SHAW hit by bomb while docked on floating drydock. Forward part of ship and floating drydock badly damaged by fire resulting from oil and powder. After part of ship not seriously damaged. Recommendations regarding repairs will be forwarded later.

(d) *AUXILIARY VESSELS.*

OGLALA sunk by aircraft torpedo and near miss by bomb at ten-ton dock at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded at a later date.

UTAH damaged and capsized as a result of hits by aircraft torpedoes. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded later.

CURTISS damaged by enemy plane out of control which flew into crane mast and by bomb which exploded damaging hangar space causing fire which destroyed all radio equipment. Ship is entirely seaworthy. Repairs are [4] proceeding and ship will be ready for operations less one amidships crane by 15 December.

VESTAL damaged by a bomb hit aft while at berth at Pearl Harbor, is undertaking repairs with own repair force. It is estimated that the ship will be fully ready as a repair ship by 17 December. Docking may not be required.

2. It is believed that the sinking of the OKLAHOMA, NEVADA, CALIFORNIA and WEST VIRGINIA is in large part due to the ships having been in condition XRAY. Had time been available to set condition ZED before receiving damage, progressive flooding might have been avoided.

H. E. KIMMEL.

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(Enclosure D)

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PEARL HARBOR, T. H., December 20, 1941.

(A) DISPOSITION OF TASK FORCES

TASK FORCE ONE

Batdive 2 and 4 (less COLORADO)-----	5 BB
Crudiv 9 (less BOISE)-----	4 CL
Desrons 1 and 3 (less CLARK)-----	17 DD
RALEIGH-----	1 OCL
OGLALA-----	4 DM
Mindiv 1 (overhaul)-----	1 OCM

Disposition: In port. Returned 11/28 to remain until 12/13.

TASK FORCE TWO

Batdiv 1-----	3 BB
Crudiv 5 (less PENSACOLA)-----	3 CA
Desrons 4 and 6-----	18 DD
DETROIT-----	1 OCL
ENTERPRISE-----	1 CV
Mindiv 2-----	4 DM

Disposition: At sea as Task Force EIGHT In Port

ENTERPRISE	Batdiv 1
Desron 6	Dearon 4
Crudiv 5	DETROIT
	Mindiv 2

Position of Task Force EIGHT: 200 miles West of Pearl standing to eastward returning from landing VMF at Wake. Planes were in the air from 0618 to search sector 045 to 135 to 150 miles and then land at Ewa. These planes arrived during the attack and engaged the enemy aircraft.

TASK FORCE THREE

Crudivs 4 and 6 (less LOUISVILLE)-----	7 CA
Desron 5 (less Desdiv 10)-----	5 DD
Minron 2-----	13 DM
LEXINGTON-----	1 CV

[2] *Disposition:* At sea as Task Force TWELVE.

LEXINGTON.

Crudiv 4 less INDIANAPOLIS and LOUISVILLE plus ASTORIA.

Desron 5 less Desdiv 10.

Position (estimated): 23-45 N, 171-15 W, about 425 miles southeast of Midway and 300 miles West of French Frigate Shoal on a westerly course to land Marine

VMSE's on Midway. When attack was made the Task Force was ordered to turn toward Pearl and later directed to intercept the enemy and destroy enemy carriers. INDIANAPOLIS as Task Force THREE, Minron 2 less Mindivs 5 and 6 at Johnston exercising at landing exercises using landing boats. MINNEAPOLIS and Mindiv 5 at sea 3.W. of Oahu—normal operations. Mindiv 6 in port, with NEW ORLEANS and SAN FRANCISCO under overhaul.

TASK FORCE SEVEN

At Midway-----	2SS
At Wake-----	2SS
At Mare Island-----	5SS
At San Diego-----	4SS
En route to Pearl-----	4SS
At Pearl-----	5SS
PELIAS-----	1AS

TASK FORCE NINE

VP-21—At Midway. 7 searching 120-170. 1450 miles. 4 on 10 minutes notice.	
VP-11—4 hours notice-----	12
VP-12—30 minutes notice-----	6
4 hours notice-----	5
VP-14—In air (with depth charges)-----	3
30 minutes notice-----	3
4 hours notice-----	4
VP-22—4 hours notice-----	12
VP-23—4 hours notice-----	11
VP-24—4 in air conducting tactics with SS-----	4
on 30 minutes notice-----	1
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Overhauling-----	9
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TANGIER—In port.
CURTISS—In port.
MCFARLAND
HULBERT
THORNTON

All planes on the ground on ready notice had been furnished with a search directive in the event that any contacts with surface forces were developed by the early morning search. This plan never became effective because damage to the planes prevented.

MARINE PLANES

VMF 221—Wake-----	---
VMSB 231—Enroute Midway LEXINGTON-----	---
VMSB 232—Ewa 4 hours notice-----	18
VMJ 252—Ewa-----	2

BASE FORCE

ARGONNE, plus auxiliaries and repair vessels, were in port.

Aircraft of Base Force

VJ-1—9 J2F	Pearl
9 JRS	Pearl
VJ-2—10 J2F	Pearl
4 PBV-1	(2 at Johnston)
VJ-3—1 J2V	Pearl
4 JRB	at Maui
1 JRF	
2 BT	

In addition the tenders (destroyer) DOBBIN and WHITNEY were in port and the submarine tender PELIAS.

The Task Forces shown herein, except EIGHT and TWELVE which were on special missions to improve war readiness of Wake and Midway, were in accordance with the organization of the Pacific Fleet which had been effective since 30 April 1941, and revised on 31 October 1941. The Task Forces were operating in accordance with the approved employment schedule of the Fleet and the special tasks assigned. It will be noted that all combatant vessels were assigned to Task Forces. This assignment was in accordance with their war missions and all training was conducted with that in mind.

(b) The Fleet was operating under the "security plan" originally issued on 15 February and revised on 14 October 1941. [4] This provided for the possibility of a declaration of war being preceded by:

- (a) A surprise attack on ships in Pearl Harbor,
- (b) A surprise submarine attack on ships in the operating area,
- (c) A combination of both.

The provisions of the security measures were always followed by ships in the operating areas, even to the point of having ready ammunition at the guns. Frequent surprise drills were held by ships in Pearl Harbor in coordination with Army and distant activities to test the provisions of the security measures against air and submarine attacks on ships in port. Since, however, the times in port had to be devoted to upkeep, and limited recreation periods, and since the intelligence information indicated complete security from any surprise air attack, the provisions of the air security plan were not fully effective in port. At the time of the attack, however, provisions had been made and were in effect to provide against sabotage on ships, docks and equipment, and all ships had armed patrols and careful routine inspections of the ships during the entire time in port. In the battleships, two machine guns were always manned and ready and two 5"/25 guns were manned with stand-by crews and 15 rounds of ammunition at each gun.

(c) In addition and as provided in the Security Plan, a daily search of all operating areas was conducted by planes of Patrol Wing TWO. This was an early morning search of about 200 miles to cover the general areas in which the Fleet would be operating during the day.

Such a search was being conducted on 7 December and planes on that search were in the air at the time of the attack. In addition, 4 planes were operating with the submarines in the training of intertype exercises for communication and recognition. They search the area toward Lahaina Roads on that morning.

(d) The first indication of any enemy force in the area was the appearance of a submarine close aboard the ANTARES returning from Canton Island and preparing to enter Honolulu while towing a barge. This submarine was attacked by a destroyer of the off-shore patrol which was called by the ANTARES. This was at about 0645. In addition, plane one of VP-14 dropped a bomb on a submarine off the entrance to Pearl. In this connection numerous sonic contacts had been reported in the operating waters close to Pearl during the last six months but no actual visual [5] contacts had been made. In addition, no attacks had been made on these suspected submarines because the Navy Department had prohibited such attacks except within the 3 mile limit. When the international situation grew more tense, however, the Commander-in-Chief directed ships to attack submarines suspected to be operating this area, and it was on this authority that the WARD and VP-14 attacked on the morning of 7 December.

These submarine attacks were followed by a report from the Navy Signal Tower "Enemy air raid, this is not a drill" at about 0752. It will be noted that the attack occurred while the crews of ships were just finishing breakfast on Sunday morning.

The information regarding the air raid was sent to all Task Forces at 0800, followed by a despatch "Hostilities with Japan commenced with air raid on Pearl" at 0812.

The effect of the surprise attack and the damage inflicted with damage to communications made it practically impossible to organize an air search except by the 7 PBY's in the air at the time.

(e) At 0817 Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, directed Patrol Wing TWO to search for the enemy, and the PBY's in the air started to search. The 3 on the morning search started to search sector 310-000 to a distance of 300 miles. The first plane started out at once.

The 4 PBY's operating with the submarine started search sector 245-285 to 300 miles out, the first plane of that search got away at about 0945.

No plane in those areas searched was anything. At 0830 Commander-in-Chief advised Task Force THREE, EIGHT and TWELVE to rendezvous as directed by Commander Task Force EIGHT and stated that instructions would be issued as soon as enemy was located.

(f) While it appeared logical that the attack should come from the northward so that the planes would fly down wind with their loads, no such evidence was available from the nature of the attack. Certain information indicated that carriers or enemy forces were operating to the southward. A direction finder bearing of radio transmissions at 1046 was received to indicate that an enemy force bore 178 from Pearl. This was not a positive indication of an enemy position but did indicate the probability of an enemy carrier to the southward. A message was received from a ship with the MINNEAPOLIS call at 0950 stating that carrier had been sighted. The MINNEAPOLIS was then south of Oahu. At 1010 4 DM's sent a message that they were in area Sail 2 and that two carriers were in sight. This was later corrected to say the [6] message should have been NOT in sight.

In addition, a message from Kaneohe received at 1000 stated "Captured enemy have marked positions, bearing 223-90 miles from Pearl Harbor." These marks in Japanese script were later found not pertinent to the attack.

This information was passed to Task Forces at sea as an indication of probable location of enemy forces. In addition, at 1018 the Task Force Commanders were advised that there were only 12 VP's available in Pearl for search and that there was some indication that the enemy was to the northward. They were directed to locate and attack the enemy of unknown composition. Search was instituted at once by Task Force EIGHT who was then somewhat south by west of Pearl. At 1020, 15 VSB from ENTERPRISE loaded with 1000 lb. bombs were launched to search for and attack a reported group of 4 transports off Barber's Point. The origin of the report about the transports is unknown and it probably was enemy deception because surface craft proceeding to attack them were attacked by enemy submarines in that area. Ships that could do so cleared the harbor by this time and were organized as a separate Task Force ONE at 1105 and directed to report to Commander Task Force EIGHT to assist in locating and destroying the enemy.

(g) It was not possible to start an organized search with aircraft with the forces on Oahu until the late morning. By about 1100, however, in addition to the 7 PBY's which had started the search between 0815 and 0915, as the planes became serviceable they were started on the following searches:

Army—2 B-17

2 A-20A

3 B-18

3 B-17 095-165, 300 miles

Navy—4 planes VP-24, 245-275, 300 miles

2 planes VJ, 355-005, 300 miles.

3 planes VP-14, 295-350, 200 miles

4 planes VP-23, 215-245, 200 miles

Battleship & Cruiser Planes

6 VOS, 135-215, 200 miles

9 SBD, 330-030, 200 miles

6 J2F in westward sector

[7] The concentrated air search was conducted to the northward and westward because of the belief that the major enemy attack force was in that direction. In addition, the disposition of Task Forces at sea was such that they were able to search to the southward.

At about 1345 one plane of the ENTERPRISE reported contact with surface forces in position 20-32 N and 158-40 W, and followed closely by a report that the patrol was being attacked by a VF plane. This report was apparently in error because the position is only about 60 miles from Pearl.

At 1330 a radio direction finder bearing on an enemy frequency and by a ship using the "AKAGI" call was picked up and gave a bearing of 183° from Pearl and another unidentified unit was found to be on bearing 167 from Pearl. This information was passed to the Task Forces at sea and on that information and the supposition that any enemy forces in the area south of Oahu would retire, toward Jalint, the senior Task Force Commander at sea directed Task Force

TWELVE at 1552, to intercept and destroy the enemy. In addition, Task Force ONE which had joined Task Force EIGHT was directed to proceed to search with surface force and attack. The surface force search was also based on a retirement toward Jalint.

No contacts were made and the enemy was not located, except that 2 planes from the cruiser NORTHAMPTON made contact with an enemy fighter at 1120 just north of NIHAU and after 20 minutes in spite of the enemy superior speed and gun power succeeded in shooting him down. No report of this attack ever reached the Commander-in-Chief.

From the chart later discovered from enemy planes shot down there is no indication that any carriers operated to the southward of Oahu. The charts do indicate, however, that the attack was launched from a point about 200 miles to the northward and that the carrier retired to the northward at full speed while waiting planes to return from the attack. (It appears then that the enemy carriers in this area were well beyond the daylight search curve of the planes sent out to find them and therefore were successful in evading all contacts with our air forces in the area).

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[8] (h) At 0800 the positions of the ships at sea were approximately as follows:

Task Force TWELVE	—	18-30 N
		168-40 W
Task Force EIGHT	—	20-50 N
		158-50 W
Task Force ONE	—	20-32 N
		159-45 W

Task Force EIGHT was proceeding on course 170 at 17 knots. His position was in the area to the northwestward of Johnston Island. The cruiser planes searched to the northward of the island and the carrier planes in a south-easterly direction to a distance of 200 miles for the 0800 position.

In addition, the planes of VP-21 departed Midway and searched the area from Midway to Johnston and then from Johnston to Pearl Harbor. Six planes of Patwing TWO searched the sector with the median of 220° from Pearl Harbor to a distance of 550 miles. The planes from the ENTERPRISE searched the sector 315 to 270 from the carrier's daylight position.

By these searches practically the entire area in the Oahu-Midway-Johnston Island triangle was completely covered.

In addition, the available planes of Patwing TWO searched an area of 200 miles all around Oahu. It was not possible to extend this search further to seaward because of the small number of available planes.

(i) Because Task Force EIGHT was low in fuel, that Force entered Pearl Harbor after dark on 8 December, fueled, provisioned and took on ammunition and departed for sea before daylight on 9 December.

9 December

On 9 December the position of Task Force TWELVE was about 600 miles S. S. W. of Oahu proceeding toward the island. A 200 mile search was being conducted in the morning all around the carrier position during the morning and a 150 mile search along the line of the carrier course during the afternoon.

After departure from Pearl Harbor Task Force EIGHT proceeded to the northeastward from Oahu for search operations in that area.

Task Force ONE returned to port on 9 December.

[9] Using Oahu based planes the following search was conducted starting in the morning of 9 December:

300-010	500 miles	10 VP
010-060	300 miles	10 B-18
060-210	200 miles	18 VSO
210-030	300 miles	6 VJ
	and in the afternoon	
330-020		4 Army B-20

The sector to the southwest of Oahu was covered by the LEXINGTON planes as mentioned before.

No contact with enemy or surface forces were made. Numerous submarines were reported, probably many false contacts, but all were attacked by planes.

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NARRATIVE OF EVENTS OCCURRING DURING JAPANESE AIR RAID ON DECEMBER 7, 1941

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- 0630 ANTARES Arrived off Pearl Harbor, from Canton and Palmyra with 500 tons steel barge in tow. Sighted suspicious object 1500 yds. on stbd. quarter. Appeared to be small submarine but could not positively identify it. Accordingly notified inshore patrol ship, WARD, to investigate it.
- 0633 ANTARES Observed Navy Patrol plane circle and drop 2 smoke pots near object.
- 0645 ANTARES Observed WARD commence firing for 2 minutes. Patrol plane appeared to drop bombs or depth charged object which disappeared.
0700 VP Squadron 24
- 0700 Had four of the six PBY5 planes depart Pearl Harbor for scheduled training exercise in operating area C-5. One of the remaining two planes was out of commission for structural changes; the other in standby status for ready duty.
- Plane 14P-1 sank enemy sub. 1 mile off P. H. entrance. FORCES UNDER COMMAND OF PATWING TWO (COMTASKFOR 9) disposed as follows: Patron 21-Midway; Patron 11, 12, 14, Kaneohoe; Patron 21, 22, 23, 24, Pearl Harbor. WRIGHT enroute from P.H. for Midway. Condition of readiness B-5. (50% aircraft on 4 hours notice). Specific duty assignments required 6 planes from Patron 14 24 and 12 to be ready for flight on 30 minutes notice. Total number of planes ready for flight or in the air in 4 hours or less: 72. At the time first bomb dropped 14 patrol aircraft were in the air (7 on search from Midway) 58 ready for flight in 4 hours or less. Nine undergoing repairs.

- 0735 PATRON 21 Patwing 2 staff duty officer received and decoded message 14P-1 sank enemy submarine one mile off Pearl Harbor.
- 0740 PATRON 21 Staff duty officer C-C informed by CPW2 of patrol plane sinking report. Patwing 2 proceeded to draft a search plan.
- 0715 KEOSANQUA Began to receive tow from ANTARES. 0758.
0726 HELM Underway from berth X-7 for deperming buoys at West Loch. All hands at special sea detail stations. Both boats manned and in the water with instructions to follow the ship to West Loch. All magnetic compasses and chronometers had been left in the BLUE preparatory to deperming.
- 0743 Local hostilities commenced with air raid on Pearl. Received message from plane #1 of VP14 to CTF 3 that plane had sunk one enemy submarine one mile off Pearl Harbor entrance.
- 0745 AVOCET Moored at Berth F-1A, NAS Dock, Pearl Harbor. Bomb explosion and planes heard and sighted attacking Ford Island hangars.
- TUCKER Nested alongside WHITNEY. 5" gun #3 could not be fired. All other guns and .50 cal. machine guns fired at attacking planes during all attacks. No loss of personnel or material. It is believed this vessel shot down three or four enemy planes.
- PATRON 11 Two planes in hangar—4 planes at south end of hangar—6 planes on ramp. As soon as raid started three rifles were manned immediately. Two machine guns manned in a plane being removed from the hangar. Machine gun position in plane abandoned and guns moved to safer position. Set up 2 machine gun nests near south end of hangar. Damage received: 7 planes burned; one wrecked; and four damaged but can be repaired. All hangar, office equipment, and stores destroyed.
- 0745 PATRON 12 Two planes moored in Kaneohe Bay, two in hangar and 8 on parking apron. Upon being attacked manned machine guns in planes, mounted machine guns in pits and used rifles. Observed second wave of horizontal bombers did not release bombs. Own losses—8 PBV-5's—planes completely destroyed, two severely damaged; two moderately damaged, all hangar, office equipment and stores destroyed.
- 0750 TRACY Moored port side to Berth 15, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, undergoing overhaul. PREBLE and CUMMINGS moored to starboard in that order. Ship totally disabled with main auxiliary machinery boilers and gun batteries dismantled.
- 0750 TAUTOG Observed enemy three plane formation of dive bombers over Aiea fleet landing on southwest course. Enemy character not discovered until bombs were dropped.
- 0750 CALIFORNIA Sounded general quarters and set condition Zed. Lieutenant Commander M. N. Little, First Lieutenant, was S. O. P. on board and made preparations for getting underway.
- 0750 CASSIN'S Commanding Officer observed about 100 feet away from starboard side of dry dock #1 at altitude of 100 feet an airplane with large red disks on bottom of wings. Sounded general quarters and made attempts to locate ammunition; part of 5" guns under overhaul. .50 calibre machine guns were unlimbered.
- 0750 PATRON 21 Drafting of CPW2 search plan completed.
0750 OKLAHOMA (0750 or 0753) struck by 3 torpedoes on port side frames 25, 35-40 and 115. Ship heeled to port 45° meanwhile A. A. batteries manned and G. Q. executed. Rapid heeling of ship and oil and water on decks rendered service to guns ineffective.

- 0750 CURTIS Moored in berth X-22, condition X-RAY. Number 3 boiler steaming. Ship at G. Q. Ship strafed by fighter planes. Observed bomb hit on VP hangar at NAS. UTAH, RALEIGH and RICHMOND attacked by torpedoes.
- 0750 PYRO Secured along West Loch dock, stbd. side to. Heard noise of low flying aircraft and explosion in Navy Yard area. Observed two low wing monoplanes about 100 feet above water head for PYRO's port beam. Planes zoomed clear of ship and was observed to be Japanese. Sounded General Quarters and prepared to get underway.
- 0752 AVOCET Sounded General Quarters and opened fire with 3'' A. A. battery. Hit Japanese plane which had just turned away after torpedoing CALIFORNIA. Plane burst into flames and crashed near Naval Hospital. Fired 144 rounds 3'' 50 cal. and 1750 rounds .30 cal.
- 0753 PRUITT PRUITT reports 10 planes flying low, 200 ft., bombed Ford Island and blew up hangar.
- 0753 TERN Notified of attack and made preparation for getting underway.
- 0753 TRACY Observed BB's attacked from astern by about 10 dive bombers. Torpedo planes at about 100 feet approached from Easterly direction attacking BB's. TRACY O. O. D. saw dive bombers attack BB's (10 planes and Ford Is. from North). Attack followed by horizontal and dive bombers on same objective plus ships in dry dock. 1 dive bomber passed close enough to observe that it was a single engine by-plane probably type 94.
- 0754 GAMBLE Heard explosions on Ford Island.
- 0755 BAGLEY Moored Navy Yard Pearl Harbor, berth B-22, repairs to starboard bilge keel. Sighted dive bombers in action over Hickam Field. They were believed at that time to be Army bombers.
- Shortly after this time enemy plane approached from the direction of Merry Point at about 30-40 feet altitude and dropped torpedo on OKLAHOMA and retired. Opened up with forward machine guns on attacking plane. Machine gun fire bagged 8th plane, it swerved and torpedo dropped and exploded in bank 30 feet ahead of BAGLEY. Plane finally downed in channel. Continued machine gunning enemy planes. 3 planes believed to have been shot down by BAGLEY.
- Observed about 12 dive bombers centering their attack south hangars of Ford Island.
- BOBOLINK
- BREESE Moored in berth D-3, Middle Loch, in nest with division order of ships from starboard U. S. S. RAMSAY, BREESE, MONTGOMERY, and GAMBLE. Observed bombing of old hangar on Ford Island. Sounded General Quarters, set Condition "A", and made preparations for getting under way. Sent boats to landing to pick up men.
- CACHALOT Moored at Berth #1, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor undergoing scheduled overhaul.
- CASTOR Sounded general quarters. Ship berthed at Merry Point.
- CONYNGHAM Heading north moored starboard side to WHITNEY at berth X-S. REID, TUCKER, CASE, and SELF-RIDGE outboard. Ship undergoing routine tender overhaul, receiving power from tender. Noted large fire on Ford Island and observed horizontal and dive bombing planes attacking. Sounded General Quarters.

- DEWEY Observed UTAH to be torpedoed and to list rapidly. DEWEY at nest, DesDiv ONE, with PHELPS alongside port side DOBBIN at X-2 under overhaul.
- 0755 DOLPHIN Moored portside to Pier 4, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor. Japanese aircraft delivered dive bomb and torpedo attack on Pearl Harbor. Sounded General Quarters.
- HEIM Turned into West Loch channel and headed up toward deperming buoys.
- HENLEY Through error in gangway watch in calling crew to quarters for muster at 0755, General Alarm was sounded instead of gas alarm as customary. Observed first torpedo plane attack on UTAH. Crew proceeded to Battle Stations while General Alarm sounded the second time. Set material condition AFIRM. Made preparations for getting underway. Opened fire on light bomber, altitude about 17,000 feet apparently steady on Northerly course; approaching from seaward and passing over Ford Island.
- HONOLULU Moored port side to berth B21 Navy Yard, Pearl with U. S. S. St. LOUIS alongside stbd. side. Planes were seen diving on HICKAM FIELD. At the same time a wave of torpedo planes were seen approaching over fleet landing. Sounded general quarters and passed word "Enemy Air Raid". Ship prepared to get underway. A. A. batteries came into action gun by gun as they were manned. 50 caliber and 30 caliber M. G.'s fired on enemy torpedo planes attacking the BB's. From this time until raid ended 30 caliber, 50 caliber and 5"/25 A. A. guns fired at every available target. Service ammunition expended 2,800 rounds of 30 caliber, 4,500 of 50 caliber, 250 rounds of 5"/25 caliber.
- 12 two-seat low wing monoplanes flying low from Southeast dropped one torpedo at each battleship. Saw two planes destroyed.
- 13 low-wing dive bombers from Southeast. All bombed Hickam Field.
- MinDiv ONE Undergoing scheduled overhaul, moored in repair base. Guns and ammunition removed. Crews, except the watch on board, living in Navy Yard receiving barracks.
- 0755 MinDiv ONE Japanese planes were seen to attack the BB's. Men were sent to adjacent ships, NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO, and CUMMINGS, to assist in manning A.A. guns and handle ammunition. Meanwhile receiving barracks sent men (our) to other ships to assist in fighting fires or handling ammunition. These men reported to PENNSYLVANIA, CALIFORNIA, and WHITNEY. Also in the Yard. Miner's Mates were sent to West Loch. 50 and 30 caliber MG's were reassembled and remounted and ammunition was obtained from NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO and Marine Barracks. These guns were used against the enemy making the later attacks. No ship of division suffered damage.
- PATTERSON Moored at berth X-11, battle stations manned. Opened fire with main and 50 caliber batteries. The PATTERSON considered that at least one enemy plane was shot down. The plane Claimed by PATTERSON was one observed diving on CURTISS approaching from ahead at about 400 ft. altitude. Plane was seen to fall apart at same time shot was fired by #2 gun.

PHOENIX	First attacking plane sighted from Signal Bridge attacking from north of Ford Island. Plane had all guns firing. Passed over stern of Raleigh and proceeded toward Ford Island Control Tower and dropped bomb.
PREBLE	On 7 December was undergoing Navy Yard overhaul at berth B-15 with no ammunition on board and the engineering plant dismantled. First attack on battleships began with about 20 torpedo planes. Planes were in low horizontal flight when observed and attacked from eastward. Enemy planes approached battleships to close range before releasing torpedoes.
RALEIGH	Commanding Officer felt dull explosion and looking out airport observed water boiling amidships. Received report that Japanese were attacking fleet. Sounded general quarters. Both planes were successfully hoisted out by hand power. Docter was directed to report to SOLACE. Damage repair party was sent to capsized UTAH to cut men out of hull. Sent Signal to send pontoon and a lighter alongside from BALTIMORE to RALEIGH. These were delivered and secured to port quarter and acted as an outrigger. Torpedoes, minus warheads were pushed overboard and beached at Ford Island. A1 stanchions, boat skids and life rafts and booms were jettisoned. Both anchors let go.
RAMAPO	O. O. D. observed Japanese dive bomber come in close and drop couple of bombs. Sounded General Quarters and opened fire with A. A. Guns (3''). Motor Torpedo Boats on board also opened fire with machine guns. Order of attack observed to be dive bombers strafing, torpedo planes, dive bombers bombing, horizontal planes bombin. Our personnel reported 3'' shell hit plane. No losses in personnel and no material damage.
RAMSAY	Moored at berth D-3 observed bomb land on western end of Ford Island.
REID	Observed unidentified planes attacking Ford Island.
SOLACE	Received report of air raid, closed all watertight doors and ports, called away rescue parties; prepared hospital facilities and sent 2 motor launches with rescue parties to ARIZONA.
SUMNER	Was moored to the new dock at the southern end of the Submarine Base, port side to, bow to eastward. Armament is four 3'' 25 caliber A. A. guns, four 50 caliber machine guns, and one 5'' 51 caliber broadside.
SWAN	Sounded General Quarters. In Marine Railway, boiler upkeep. Observed bomb dropped on South ramp of Fleet Air Base.
TAUTOG	Observed about 20 planes approaching on line of OAHU railroad tracks, and over Merry's point. Torpedoes were dropped from about 50 feet after submarine base pier was passed. Fourth plane in line and plane near end of line were shot down by this ship and HULBERT before torpedoes were dropped.
0755	A Japanese plane flew from North to South over a fish pond adjacent to water front resident of Lt. B. B. Black, U. S. N. R. on the East shore of Pearl City Peninsula. A long burst of machine gun fire was directed at the breakwater enclosing the fish pond, and a single fisherman wearing a white shirt was seen to run rapidly along the breakwater. This material is forwarded to indicate that enemy pilots were directing fire at individuals (civilians) at a considerable distance from any military military objectives.
0755	VESTAL Sounded General Quarters. Manned A. A. battery, 3'' A. A. and 5'' broadside and .30 cal. M. G.

- VIREO Moored inboard at Coal Dock (seaward end) with TURKEY, BOBOLINK, and RAIL, outboard.
- WIDGEON No remarks except machine gun and rifle fire used against enemy. No losses or damage.
- WEST VIRGINIA Passed word "Away fire and rescue party" followed by General Quarters. Two heavy shocks felt on hull of W. Va. apparently forward and on port side. Ship began to list rapidly to port. Another third heavy shock felt to port. Plane on top of turret 4 caught on fire. A heavy explosion occurred with about 20° list on ship to port. Central station directed to counter-flood. The following last explosion flashed a flame about 15 feet high occurred forward on ARIZONA. A second flash occurred on the ARIZONA higher than the foretop. Burning debris rained on quarter deck of W. Va. After the 2 ARIZONA explosions the W. VA. began to right itself when a large fire broke out amidships. Word received from central station to abandon ship. A wall of flame advancing toward the W. VA. and TENNESSEE from the ARIZONA. W. VA. personnel began to abandon ship as fire had grown out of control. Meanwhile magazines of W. VA. had been flooded. W. VA. personnel report to TENNESSEE. Remaining survivors ashore and elsewhere sent back to W. VA. to fight fire. Fire on W. VA. extinguished Monday afternoon.
- 0756 BOBOLINK Ready duty status, moored at next end, of coal docks with VIREO and TURKEY inboard, RAIL outboard. Informed by gangway watch that Japanese planes were bombing us. Sounded general quarters.
- GAMBLE Wave of about 50 Japanese planes attacked battleships and Naval Air Station, Ford Island, planes flying at low altitudes about 500 feet over battleships from direction of Diamond Head, about 700 feet over Ford Island. Five successive waves of the attack of about 10 planes each.
- MinDiv TWO THORNTON Went to General Quarters and set condition "A". Reports attack by Japanese aircraft commenced; general alarm was sounded and all hands went to air defense stations. THORNTON moored port side to dock at berth S-1, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor. Stations manned were as follows: Control, Machine gun Battery Control, Repair, and 4 .50 cal. machine guns, 3 .30 cal. Lewis machine guns. 3 .30 Browning automatic rifles, and 12 .30 cal. Springfield rifles.
- 0757 BREESE Opened fire with .50 cal. machine guns.
CONYNGHAM Observed Torpedo planes attacking RALEIGH, UTAH, and DETROIT from the West.
- DEWEY Sounded general quarters.
HELENA Moored at 1010 dock, berth 2, portside to dock, OGLALA alongside starboard side. Reported observed planes over Ford Island, 14,000 ft. altitude. Signalman on bridge with previous duty on Asiatic Station identified planes immediately. General alarm sounded and service ammunition broken out.
- HULL General Quarters. Prepared to get underway.
0757 NEW ORLEANS Moored at berth 16, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor undergoing engine repairs, receiving power and light from dock. Sighted enemy planes dive bombing Ford Island; sounded G. Q.
- 0757 PENNSYLVANIA In dry dock #1. 3 propeller shafts removed. Destroyers CASSIN and DOWNES in dock ahead of PENNSYLVANIA. Floating dock west of new dry dock adjoining PENNSYLVANIA occupied by SHAW.

- Cruiser HELENA and OGLALA at Berth B-2, (PENNSYLVANIA normal berth). CALIFORNIA in F-3, MD F-4 inboard, OKLAHOMA outboard; Berth F-6 TENNESSEE inboard WEST VIRGINIA outboard, F7 ARIZONA, F8 NEVADA. Machine guns in foremast manned and condition watch of A. A. personnel available. Ship receiving steam water and power from yard. Heard explosions on end of Ford Is. and realized an air raid in progress after 2nd explosion. Air defense sounded, followed by Gen. Qtrs. Set Condition YOKE.
- 0757 SUMNER Signal watch and quartermaster on bridge sighted ten dive bombers attacking Navy Yard. Observed two explosions in Navy Yard. Sounded alarm.
- 0757 TREVER Mine Division FOUR moored at buoys D-7, bows towards Pearl City, in order from north: TREVER, WASMUTH, ZANE, and PERRY. Sounded general quarters at time when first bomb was dropped by Japanese on north side of Ford Island.
- 0757 WASMUTH WASMUTH reports first Japanese planes attacked. Went to General Quarters at once with all guns in action within 3 minutes. However, as ship was inside nest of four only two after guns could bear. Made all preparations for getting underway.
- 0757 PATRON 21 First bomb dropped near VP-22 hangar. Message order broadcast to all ships present "AIR RAID P. H. X THIS IS NOT DRILL" (a similar message was sent by CinCPac).
- 0757 ZANE ZANE moored bow and stern in nest with Mine Division Four at buoys D-7; order from port to starboard; TREVER, WASMUTH, ZANE and PERRY. First call to standby colors sounded. Signalmen on watch observed single Jap plane drop bomb from about 10000 feet on southern end Ford Island after approach from Northward. Sounded General Quarters; manned A. A. battery. Commenced firing with A. A. battery at all planes passing within reasonable distances. Made all preparations to get underway.
- 0758 ANTARES ANTARES heard explosion in P. H. and observed Japanese planes delivering attack.
- 0758 BAGLEY BAGLEY observed torpedo plane come in from direction of Merry Point between Navy Yard and Kuahua Island, 30 or 40 feet altitude, headed for OKLAHOMA. About 2 to 3 hundred yards from OKLAHOMA, plane dropped its torpedo and hit OKLAHOMA amidships. Sounded General Quarters and commenced firing. Hit fourth plane coming in which was seen to crash in channel off Officers Club landing. Machine gun fire on 8th plane made it swerve to left causing torpedo to drop and explode in bank about 30 feet ahead of BAGLEY. Number one machine gun downed plane in Navy Yard channel. Third torpedo plane hit by BAGLEY was observed headed for light cruisers HONOLULU and ST. LOUIS astern of BAGLEY. Plane went out of control, dropped its torpedo and seemed to hit I-head crane in Navy Yard. This was about the eleventh plane to come in. Next plane hit by BAGLEY came over dock but was downed with a short burst. Torpedo dropped in lumber pile and plane believed to have crashed on dock. Fifth plane brought down by BAGLEY came down on starboard side, nose directly up into air and spun into crash losing its torpedo. Sixth plane brought down by BAGLEY was a dive bomber during second phase of attack and after torpedo attack. This plane was shot down by 5" gun and those from other ships.

- 0758 CUMMINGS CUMMINGS observed enemy planes making torpedo attack on BBs moored to East side Ford Island. Sounded General Quarters.
- 0758 GAMBLE Went to General Quarters, opened fire with .50 cal. machine guns on planes passing over nest at about 800 feet altitude. Set material condition affirm except for certain protected ammunition passages.
- 0758 JARVIS General Quarters sounded on JARVIS.
- 0758 HULBERT HULBERT sounded general quarters. Torpedo plane sighted heading west over east lock preparing to launch torpedo against battleship off Ford Island. HULBERT reports bringing down 1 Japanese torpedo plane by .50 cal. A. A. fire from berth S-3, Submarine Base.
- 0758 HULL Gangway watch opened fire with .45 caliber pistol on two (2) planes crossing bow within 50 yards.
- 0758 MUGFORD Moored port side to the U. S. S. SACRAMENTO, berth No. 6, Navy Yard. U. S. S. JARVIS moored port side to MUGFORD. Attack started. Japanese planes dive on Ford Island. Several large bombs struck the sea plane landing ramps followed by explosions near hangars. Several Japanese planes came in low from southwest and released torpedoes which struck OKLAHOMA and WEST VIRGINIA. Enemy torpedo planes came in continuously from same direction and fired torpedoes at the BBs.
- 0758 REID REID went to General Quarters.
- 0758 RIGEI Ford Island attack by 10 dive bombers from North at 10,000 feet.
- 0758 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE attacked by enemy planes (Japanese), Oily water around stern burning. Canvas awning on stern on fire, Turret III. Smoke pouring into Repair I. Smoke so thick, cannot see. Repair I have man standby magazine flood, Turret III. All boats on fire. Fire in maintop, secondary aft. Fire in maintop seems to be out. WEST VIRGINIA's quarterdeck and planes on fire. Fire on Turret III. Could not get morphine out of doctor's room because it was unsafe; men report that room was too hot to go in and cut safe open. D-310 excessively hot—investigate. Squadron of planes diving on Navy Yard. Repair I, unit 3, abandoned station—too hot. Fire on topside seems to be under control. D-310-A is all right. Set Condition ZED in lower handling room of Turret III. OKLAHOMA seems to be capsizing. CALIFORNIA down by the stern. WEST VIRGINIA has pretty bad fire below Signal Bridge. TENNESSEE was hit twice, soon after attack began; one hit (bomb) on face of Turret II, and bomb hit on top of Turret III, penetrating.
- 0758 THORNTON THORNTON commenced firing with .50 cal. machine gun battery followed immediately by .30 cal. machine guns and .30 cal. rifles.
- 0759 GAMBLE GAMBLE opened fire with 3"/23 cal. AA guns, firing as planes came within range, fuses set 3 to 8 secs.
- 0759 HELM First enemy plane sighted in shallow dive over Ford Island, headed Northwest. Observed first bomb hit on hangar at southwest end of Ford Island. Called crew to General Quarters. Opened magazines and got ammunition to guns.
- 0759 JARVIS Lieut. Ford and Lieut. Johansen of JARVIS reach bridge. Jap torpedo planes coming in at 30 to 60 second intervals, approaching from Merry Point direction and attacking BBs.
- 0759 SUMNER Observed torpedo planes approach over S. E. Loch attacking BBs, circling Ford Island and flying off to south west.

- 0759 WHITNEY Observed air raid attack by Japanese air force and explosions on Ford Island. WHITNEY moored bow and stern to buoys X-8 and X-8x, 6 fathoms of water, supplying steam, electricity, fresh and flushing water to CONNYNGHAM, REID, TUCKER, CASE, and SELFRIDGE, moored alongside to port.
- 0759 PELIAS PELIAS reports 9 dive bombers attacked out of direction of sun the Battleships. One broke off and dive bombed PENNSYLVANIA.
- 0800 - - - Two officers from ship hiking in back of Alea witnessed attack. They stated later that 3 separate flights of planes appeared at 3 levels: low, medium and high from the north.
- 0800 VIERO C. O. VIERO heard an explosion. Immediately Japanese planes were seen, and General Quarters sounded.
- 0800 ANTARES ANTARES under machine gun fire. Topside hit by machine gun bullets. Bomb and shell fragments. Being unarmed no offensive tactics were possible. In order to avoid placing ship and personnel in jeopardy, authority was requested to enter Honolulu harbor.
- 0800 COMINBATFOR Cominacraft in OGLALA observed enemy bomb fall seaward and Ford Island; no damage. The next bomb caused fires near waters. Flames flared up from structures southend of island. Next bomb fell alongside or on board 7 battleships moored at F-1 eastside of Ford Island. Jap planes flew between fifty and 100 feet of water, dropping 3 torpedos or mines in channel on line between OGLALA and seaward end of Ford Island. Torpedo hit OGLALA and HELENA simultaneously. These ships were moored abreast of B-2 of ten ten dock OGLALA outboard. Both ships opened fire with A.A. battery. OGLALA signalled C-C possibility that mines had been dropped. Two contract tugs were hailed to haul OGLALA aft of HELENA. Submersible pumps for OGLALA were obtained from HELENA, but could not be used as no power was available. Observed one Jap plane shot down. Planes were strafing as well as bombing. Observed 4 battleships hit with bombs, fires broke out, and one battleship tured over. Enemy planes appeared to fly in groups of 6 to 10. NEVADA underway to clear channel, but apparently was struck by torpedo or mine. A minute later 2 bombs fell only one hit in the NEVADA. On 2nd attack observed bomb dropped on fwd part of PENNSYLVANIA in dry-dock. Flames appeared from two destroyers in the same dock. Observed another Jap plane fall in water. Observed bomb fall close to destroyers in floating drydock. Destroyer later caught on fire.
- 0800 CASSIN CASSIN saw another plane come down to about 75 feet on parallel course drydock #1. Plane dropped torpedo aimed at CALIFORNIA at range 200 yards.
- 0800 CASTOR CASTOR 3" A. A. and .30 cal. machine guns commenced firing against enemy torpedo planes, low and close aboard, and against dive bombers. Observed one enemy torpedo plane at about 500 to 700 yards range and 500 ft. altitude due aft of ship and heading across to Ford Island with parts of fuselage shot away. Plane grounded either on Ford Island or beyond. Removed covered lighter alongside with 450 aerial depth charges.
- 0800 DOLPHIN Machine guns and rifles manned and fired at enemy aircraft which were flying very low. Ready identification could be made by the large red balls on each

- wing. Report received plane had been shot down and dove into channel off pier 3.
- 0800 BLUE UTAH torpedoed. General alarm was sounded, and word passed throughout the ship to man battle stations and prepare to get underway immediately.
- 0800 RIGEL RIGEL vicinity #1 dry dock and ten ten dock strafed and bombed by 15 dive bombers from South. Altitude 600 to 100 feet.
- 0800 WHITNEY WHITNEY sounded general quarters. First plane passed over ship low altitude, strafing with machine guns.
- 0800 HELM Torpedo planes sighted approaching from direction of Barber's Point. They passed over West Loch channel and dropped torpedoes either in North Channel or across the island. Targets for these planes appeared to be ships in berths F-9 to F-13. The planes came in low, and several strafed the ship. All bullets missed the ship by a few feet. No fire was opened, since the forward machine guns, which could bear, were covered with preservative grease and had to be cleaned before they could fire.
- 0800 HELM Backed engines and commenced maneuvering ship out of West Loch channel to head for entrance.
- 0800 JARVIS Ensign Greene OOD of JARVIS reported on bridge. Prior to this he had been directing activities around the quarterdeck. He was told to go to the after firing battery. Ensign Chiles was actively organizing the forward battery without orders. Ensign Fleece already on the director. Orders given to open fire.
- 0800 MUGFORD Commenced assembly of engineering plant which had been placed out of commission for yard overhaul. Connected fuel oil hose to yard line. 8,000 gallons total on board.
- 0800 PHOENIX Bombing attack on BBs. Plane markings, varied U. S. swastikas, and rising sun painted on fuselage.
- 0800 RALEIGH Opened fire with AA battery of 3"/50 cal. 1.1" and .50 cal. guns. Ship started to heel to port and received report that torpedo had struck #2 fireroom. #1 and 2 firerooms and forward engine-room completely flooded. Fire in #3 went out. Directed counter-flooding. As it appeared that ship would capsize, orders were given to jettison topside.
- 0800 RALEIGH Both planes successfully hoisted out by hand. Doctor was directed to report to SOLACE. Damage repair party was sent to capsized UTAH-to cut men out of hull. Sent signal to send pontoons and lighter from alongside BALTIMORE to RALEIGH. These were delivered and secured to port quarter and acted as outrigger. Torpedoes minus warheads were beached at Ford Island. All stanchions, boat skids, and life rafts and booms were jettisoned. Anchors were let go.
- Attacked by torpedo plane and bombing plane. Sounded General Quarters. Received severe underwater hit frame 84, portside. Followed by another hit which caused ship to list 15°. Passed word "all hands on deck". Not possible to repel attack as all ammunition was in magazines and secured. 5" and 1.1 guns covered with steel housing; .50 and .30 caliber machine guns dismantled and stowed below decks. Ship covered with two layers 6 by 12 timbers. Above conditions necessitated by UTAH being used by ships as bombing target during current operations. Received bomb explosion in port aircastle.

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- 0801 PRUITT Reported OKLAHOMA and ARIZONA attacked from southerly direction. Number of torpedo planes attacked from southeast.
- 0801 NEVADA Observed enemy air attack. Sounded general quarters. Two machine guns forward and two aft had been already on continuous watch under the alert program.
- 0801 MUGFORD Sounded General Quarters.
- 0801 SUMNER Saw dense smoke rising behind Kuaahuai Peninsula believed from ARIZONA, blazing oil floating down from line of BBs. Opened fire—#3 gun manned and commenced firing four minutes after the attack on Navy Yard was observed, and before any other gun in the vicinity had commenced firing. Made direct hit on and destroyed torpedo plane making approach on BBs.
- 0801 HELENA Opened fire. Hit by torpedo, range 500 yds., starboard side, approximately frame 75, 18 feet below water line. Four near misses from bombs received and one strafing attack with little damaged. Issued gas masks and protective clothing. Once gun opposition was in full swing, Japanese planes were noted to turn away from gunfire or keep at respectable altitude.
- 0802 DEWEY Four .50 caliber machine guns fired at planes attacking battleships and Ford Island.
- 0802 TREVER Opened fire with .50 caliber machine guns.
- 0802 NEVADA Opened fire with machine guns on enemy planes approaching on port beam. One plane brought down 100 yards of NEVADA's port quarter; one plane dropped torpedo which struck the NEVADA on port bow.
- 0802 PENNA. Attack by Torpedo planes from west and south, about 12 or 15. PENNA. reported as first ship opening fire on plane. After release of torpedoes three planes came in low from port beam strafing PENNA., though not affected. Bearing of torpedo attack and one enemy plane observed to burst into flames 2000 yds on stbd bow. Dive bombing attacks and torpedo attacks on Pearl Harbor, and dive bombing attacks on Hickam Field.
- 0803 CUMMINGS After Machine Guns opened fire on Japanese torpedo planes.
- 0803 CALIFORNIA Opened fire with machine guns and ready guns, on torpedo planes.
- 0803 SWAN Opened fire with 3' A. A. guns. All sea valves and hatches closed and commenced placing boilers in commission. Observed one direct hit with 3' gun—plane crashed beyond drydock area. No material damage suffered.
- 0803 CACHELOT Enemy planes passed within range and arc of guns. Opened up with .30 and .50 caliber machine guns.
- 0803 NEVADA NEVADA opened fire with 5' A. A. Members of crew claim both broadside scored direct hit on torpedo plane which disintegrated in midair.
- 0804 JARVIS Machine guns opened fire.
- 0804 WHITNEY Commenced firing with .50 cal. AA guns. Received signal to get underway.

- 0805 MUGFORD Opened fire with .50 caliber MG's. Shot down Japanese plane, altitude 800 feet on the stbd. quarter, passing aft on stbd. hand. This plane had fired a torpedo at the U. S. S. OGLALA.
- 0805 TRACY Observed torpedo planes coming in from easterly direction and launching torpedoes at BBs at Ford Is. At first attack ship closed up as much as possible and broke out fighting equipment.
- 0805 NEW ORLEANS Sighted enemy torpedo planes on port quarter, flying low across stern. Rifle fire and pistol fire opened from fantail as first planes flew by to launch torpedoes at battleships. Manned 1.1 battery and machine guns aft in time to fire at three or four enemy planes.
- 0805 VESTAL Struck by two bombs. VESTAL moored to port side of ARIZONA B-F7. One bomb struck stbd. side fr. 44. Penetrated 3 decks, exploding in GSK stores, cutting fire main and electric cables in crew space. Hold set on fire and wrecked. Another bomb struck at fr. 110 on port side, passed through the shops and fuel oil tank. Bomb explosion forward damaged practically all stores. Heat of explosion necessitated flooding fwd. magazines. Material damaged consisted of 3 life rafts, 6 mooring lines, one gangway, port lenses and windows broken.
- 0805 VESTAL Opened fire, and shortly after A. A. breach jammed, blast from ARIZONA cleared gun station, killing one man. Fired with machine guns on enemy planes until they were withdrawn. Fired at torpedo plane which was seen to burst into flame and disappear over Ford Island. Following personnel damage was done: 9 dead, 7 missing, 19 in hospital.
- 0805 RIGEL BBs attacked from altitude 185 feet from southeast by 12 torpedo planes, 300 to 500 yard range.
- 0805 HELM Opened fire with after machine guns at planes over main channel, followed shortly by forward machine guns firing at passing torpedo planes.
- 0805 HULL #4 machine gun opened fire.
- 0805 CURTISS Firing with 5' local control and .50 cal. machine guns. Lighted off boilers 1, 2 and 4.
- 0805 UTAH Listed about 40° to port. Attacking planes strafed crew as ship was abandoned.
- 0805 SUMNER Torpedo plane passed close aboard within 100 yards of SUMNER, stern on West course, altitude 75'. Levelled off for launching torpedo at BB. Struck by direct hit from sunner's #3 A. A. gun, range 300 yards. Plane disintegrated in smoke and sank in fragments. Torpedo believed sunk without exploding.
- 0805 JARVIS 5' opened fire. #3 gun believed to be the first 5' gun in harbor to open fire.
- 0805 BREESE Opened fire with 3' A. A. guns.
- 0805 RAMSAY Sounded general quarters and opened fire with .50 cal and 3' cal guns. RAMSAY liberty party returning in MONTGOMERY boat was strafed by torpedo planes which were observed to fire 3 torpedoes into UTAH and RALEIGH.
- 0805 GAMBLE Mounted and commenced firing with .30 cal. machine guns on galley deck house.
- 0805 BLUE Opened fire with .50 caliber machine guns on Japanese planes diving on ships in harbor.
- 0805 CASSIN Observed HELENA open fire followed by PENNSYLVANIA.
- 0805 CALIFORNIA Reported two torpedoes struck port side, frame 100, making 40 ft. long hole extending from first seam below armor belt to bilge keel.
- 0806 PHOENIX Made radio signal to ships of sector four "prepare to get underway".

- 0806 PRUITT Observed Jap bomber shot down. ARIZONA listed sharply, smoke and flames.
- 0806 BOBOLINK and TURKEY commenced firing. Directed other boats in next to tie up to destroyer buoys adjacent to battle rafts in order to disperse.
- 0807 BLUE Opened fire with 5"/38 caliber guns on Japanese planes. The engine room was ordered immediately to light off No. 2 boiler (#1 already steaming) and made all preparations for getting underway. Repair party cleared the ship for action, and made all preparations for slipping quickly from the mooring.
- 0807 HELM Opened fire with 5" battery. No hits observed.
- 0807 HULL #1 5"/38 cal. opened fire.
- 0808 CURTISS Sent Engine Room emergency underway signal.
- 0807 PHOENIX One plane burning in water at end of pipe—line astern of berth F-8.
- 0808 CUMMINGS Opened fire on horizontal bombers approaching over Navy Yard from southerly direction.
- 0808 CONYNGHAM Opened fire with 5" gun and machine guns on attacking planes.
- 0808 MUGFORD U. S. S. OKLAHOMA had capsized. W. VA. listed heavily to port, ARIZONA blew up.
- 0809 WHITNEY Making preparations for getting underway. Supplies issued to destroyers alongside.
- 0809 HULL #5 gun, 5"/38 cal. opened fire, followed by guns #2, #3, and #4.
- 0810 THORNTON First dive bombing attack ended.
- 0810 CUMMINGS Commenced preparations for getting underway in accordance general signal. Opened fire main battery on dive bombers over BBs.
- 0810 Enemy aircraft bomb struck hangar and aircraft parking space adjacent to VP-24 parking area. Ready plane suffered a severed wing spar. Plane was then machine gunned and caught fire. Fire was extinguished and plane has been repaired and is in service. Plane undergoing structural changes not damaged and is now operating. Personnel present mounted machine guns in available planes and opened fire on attacking planes. One low-winged biplane flying from across hangar 54 on course about 250 lost both wings.
- 0810 NEW ORLEANS All batteries NEW ORLEANS except 8" battery in action. Area around berths 14-19 incl, subjected to dive bombing attack by approximately ten enemy planes. Attack turned away by combined fire of HONOLULU and NEW ORLEANS. Observed three bombs drop; one falling ahead of and another falling astern of the RIGEL. These failed to explode. Third bomb landed midway between RIGEL and NEW ORLEANS exploding and causing damage from flying fragments. During raid yard power failed or was cut off leaving vessel in darkness without power except auxiliary battery power. Heavy drain of machinery raising steam for getting underway exhausted auxiliary batteries so much that lighting was very dim and of practically no use. All work in engineering spaces, magazines and ammunition passageways conducted by flashlight. Hoists and guns worked by hand with consequent reduction of volume of fire. AA directors were off ship.
- 0810 UTAH Listed 80° to port mooring lines parting and two minutes later ship capsized. Ship abandoned.
- 0810 UTAH Capsized. Salvage operations undertaken immediately in order to rescue entrapped personnel. 32 men thus rescued. Estimated number of torpedoes to hit ship about 5; no bombs were observed to have hit.

- 0810 PHOENIX MG battery opened fire on attacking planes.
 0810 DEWEY Guns 1-2-3 and 5.5", no power on ship.
 0810 HELM Fire from port machine gun hit plane approaching from South. Plane observed to veer sharply, catch on fire and crash behind trees near Hickam Field. Damage to enemy:—1 plane shot down by machine gun fire.
- 0810 CASSIN Observed Japanese plane crash over tree near hospital. Five high altitude, 12,000 ft, bombers passed overhead from forward aft and dropped large bombs.
- 0810 PRUITT Observed OKLAHOMA roll over.
 0810 GAMBIE Commenced making preparations to get underway. Lighted off four boilers.
- 0810 CALIFORNIA Opened fire with 5" guns on dive bombers.
 0810 W. VIRGINIA Commanding Officer, Captain M. S. Bennion mortally wounded.
- 0810 WHITNEY Set condition affirm. Commenced firing with 3" A. A. guns.
- 0810 JARVIS Counted 6 or 7 torpedoes in OKLAHOMA. NEVADA, WEST VIRGINIA, and ARIZONA also torpedoed. Apparently, ARIZONA forward magazine exploded. Noted OGLALA torpedoed alongside HELENA at 10-10 dock.
- 0610 REID Opened fire with after machine guns.
 0810 WHITNEY No material or personnel damage.
 0810 PELIAS Reports formation of high altitude planes came in from S. W. attacking battleships and Ford Island followed by another wave from the same direction. Torpedo planes were small and carried only one bomb. Dive bombers also small and carried but one bomb.
- 0810 RAIL At coal docks nested with 4 minesweepers. Opened fire with 3" A. A. 15 minutes after first bomb dropped on Pearl. Opened fire with .30 machine guns, rifles and pistols 20 minutes after first attack. A string of 20 bombs fell in channel astern. Shrapnel fell through-out ship. No material or personnel damage.
- 0812 MUGFORD OGLALA listing to port. Attack started again. Heavy A. A. fire.
- 9812 Outgoing Hostilities with Japan commenced with air raid on Pearl.
- 0812 COMSECTOR FOUR; Sector 4 Prepare to get underway
 0812 HULL All machine guns plus two automatic rifles on the bridge and one on after deck, firing.
- 0812 RIGEL Torpedo planes attacked from S. E. at 500 feet and attacked BBs from altitude 125 feet, range 300 to 500 yards.
- 0812 Task Force 8 received Message from CinC Air Raid on Pearl Harbor. This is no drill. This time about coincided with expected arrival ENTERPRISE planes at Pearl. Task Force Comdr. first concerned that planes were assumed to be unfriendly by harbor defenses. It was not until subsequent dispatches were received that it was realized hostilities with Japan had begun. TF-8 operated in area South Kaula Rock for air attack should enemy be located North or South of Oahu. No authentic information available regarding location. Maintained combat and inner air patrols.
- 0812 SIGARD Undergoing overhaul in Navy Yard stbd side to PRUIT Berth 18. Ship totally disabled as to main and auxiliary machinery and gun battery. Observed Squadron of Japanese planes coming in from Southwest, diving from 5,000 feet on Ford Island.
- 0813 CONYNGHAM Observed attacking plane shot down by fire from nest. Plane crashed near CURTISS.
- 0813 HELM Passed gate vessel.

- 0815 Aircraft in flight informed hostilities with Japan commenced with air raid on Pearl. VP-24 directed to search sector 240-280 for carriers. Ten miles south of Barbers Point plane 24-VP-4 sighted unidentified submarine near force consisting of INDIANAPOLIS and 4 Destroyers. Submarine made crash dive and spot marked by float lights. Completed search through 200 miles and returned to Pearl.
- 0815 PENNA Reports NEVADA underway and about on PENNA stbd qtr. Distance about 600 yds when dive bombing attack observed approaching PENNA on port bow. 10 or 15 planes coming in succession just before reaching PENNA $\frac{2}{3}$ planes appeared to swerve to left. Number of them dropping bombs at the NEV. 1 dive bomber dropped bomb on SHAW in floating dry dock and set it on fire. NEV observed to slowly swing around head to port broadside to channel, on fire fwd. Observed 2nd Group of enemy planes fly toward Hickam Field. VIREO opened fire expending 22 rounds 3" A. A. Ammunition.
- 0815 RIGEL Undergoing major repairs and conversion at Navy Yard. No motive power available. All power etc. from yard. Air attack began. As this vessel had no armament no offensive action could be taken. Accordingly rescue work was commenced on WEST VIRGINIA personnel. About 100 men (in track of burning oil) had been blown into the water. These were rescued first. The torpedo, bombing and machine gun assaults on the WEST VIRGINIA continued while the rescue operations progressed. One rescue boat was struck by bomb and sunk. Crew thrown into water. Moored B-13 Navy Yard undergoing major repairs. Services from Navy Yard.
- 0815 SICARD Set condition of readiness "AFFIRM". 2 fire parties were formed fore and aft.
- 0815 MUGFORD Shot down one enemy plane bearing astern making approach on battleship at altitude 20 feet off water. Plane crashed on Ford Island aflame, torpedo not launched.
- 0815 PHOENIX A. A. battery opened fire.
- 0815 CASSIN Observed another group of 5 high altitude bombers passed overhead and let loose bombs.
- 0815 PRUITT Observed 12 bombing planes in close "V" formation bombed (horizontal attack) from 10,000 feet from Southwest.
- 0815 JARVIS All guns and machine guns of JARVIS in action. MUGFORD noted to be delivering high volume of fire.
- 0815 SUMNER Checked fire.
- 0817 CINCPAC Directed Compatwing TWO locate enemy force.
- 0817 HELM Sighted conning tower of submarine to right of channel, Northward of buoy #1. Gave orders to open fire, pointer fire, but submarine submerged before guns could get on.
- 0818 CONYNGHAM Opened fire with remaining 5" guns at horizontal bombers passing overhead in direction of Schofield Barracks.
- 0820 TRACY Sent men to CUMMINGS to assist batteries and approximately 15 men to PENNA to fight fires.
- 0820 HELM Opened fire on submarine off Tripod Reef; no hits observed. Submarine appeared to be touching bottom on ledge of reef, and in line of breakers. Steering motor short circuited—bridge lost steering control.
- 0620 SICARD Was manned 2 .30 cal. M. G.s. Bombers began to attack ships at 1010 dock and battleships in vicinity of Ford Island. SICARD hits were observed on planes but no apparent damage was done.

- 0620 VESTAL Observed torpedo pass astern and hit ARIZONA. Simultaneously ARIZ received bomb hit followed by her forward magazine exploding. Latter started fires aft and amidship of VESTAL. Shortly after that, ARIZ observed to be settling and fuel oil between VESTAL and ARIZ ignited.
- 0820 PYRO Opened fire on planes.
- 0820 MUGFORD Opened fire with 5"/38 battery.
- 0820 SUMNER Ship ready for getting underway. Members of broad-side gun crew and available engineers were armed with rifles and BAR's and stationed in upper works to act as snipers.
- 0820 CALIFORNIA Torpedo struck port side, frame 47, making an irregular hole 27 x 32 ft., the top of which is 6 ft. below bottom of armor belt.
- 0820 SOLACE Reports boat loads of casualties began to arrive. By this time all hospital supplies and facilities had been prepared for maximum service.
- 0820 NEVADA Attack slackened.
- 0820 REID Opened fire with after 5"/38 caliber on high altitude and dive bombers.
- 0820 WHITNEY Observed Japanese plane fall in flames north channel vicinity X-5.
- 0820 CUMMINGS Lull in air attack; ceased firing. Lack of DC power prevented use of director. Sound powered telephone and local control used.
- 0820 HULBERT Claims share in bringing down a bomber.
- 0821 HELM Observed torpedo pass close under stern on a northerly course.
- 0825 TRACY Ready to open fire with 3.30 caliber.
- 0825 MUGFORD Signal received that parachutists or wrecked pilots were landing in Hickam Field.
- 0825 CALIFORNIA Opened fire on horizontal bombers at 10,000 ft. with 5" guns.
- 0825 BREESE Received signal to get underway but being inside nest could not do so.
- 0825 Outgoing To COMTASKGR 12 & COMTASKGR 8: Report position.
- 0825 SUMNER Opened fire on ten dive bombers attacking Navy Yard Dry Dock. These planes approached from cloud bank in South East. Heard terrific explosion in Navy Yard—vicinity of Dry Dock followed by dense cloud of smoke. Dive bomber passed 300 yards from SUMNER and DD's HULBERT and THORNTON, tail of plane ignited. Plane turned southward and disappeared over Halawa district. Observed six horizontal bombers approaching from southeast at 8,000 feet. Planes circled and approached Ford Island from Southwest and dropped bombs over DD's. Planes then circled to Southeast. One plane left it's formation, turned towards Navy Yard loosing altitude rapidly, passed SUMNER at 400 feet altitude range 500 yards; was fired on by SUMNER. When over center Southeast Loch, plane began smoking and was lost in thick smoke over Navy Yard. It was a two-seater monoplane, gunner in rear seat protected by shield, orange disk on side just abaft rear cockpit. Planes crossing low ahead of nest to Northeast were taken under fire by CONYNGHAM and nest. One burst into flame and exploded in clump of trees in Aiea Hights.
- 0826 BREESE Received report submarine was in harbor.
- 0827 SICARD Cease firing, expended 300 rounds .30 cal. M.G. ammunition.
- 0830 PENNSY Lighted fires under #4 boiler.
- 0830 CONYNGHAM Reports another plane diving toward Ford Island from Northeast shutdown by combined fire of the nest.

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0830	PENNA	Reports about 5 high bombing attacks obs. to have passed over PENNA. one from port bow one from ahead one from ahead to stbd 2 from astern. Altitude about 2000 feet.
0830	VIREO	Brought down one enemy plane which landed in vicinity of Hickam Field. 400 rounds of .30 cal. M.G. ammunition expended. One personnel casualty to PRICE, Radioman, on telephone watch astern of vessel. PRICE returned to duty 10 December. No damage to vessel. Made ready to get underway.
0830	VESTAL	Prepared to get underway.
0830	MUGFORD	Five enemy planes in V formation passed directly overhead, making horizontal bombing attack.
0830	SUMNER	Checked fire.
0830	RIGEL	15 Heavy bombers in 3-V formation 8 to 10 thousand feet from S. E. bombed BB's.
0830	WHITNEY	Issued ammunition and ordnance stores to destroyers alongside. Secured steam to destroyers.
0830	HELM	Fired at enemy plane with forward machine guns. May have hit plane.
0830	NEVADA	Heavy bombing attack received.
0830	HULL	Two Vee's high level bombers (10,000 feet) directly overhead seen intermittently through the clouds. Opened fire with all guns. Formations broke up and dropped their bombs in cane field.
0830	CALIFORNIA	Opened fire on Dive bombers with 5'' and forward machine guns; shot down one enemy dive bomber which crashed in flames.
0830	BREESE	Sighted conning towers of two submarines in North channel but could not open fire because of interior berth. Observed MONAGHAN proceed down channel at full speed to ram leading submarine which had just fired torpedo at U. S. S. CURTIS but missed. U. S. S. MONAGHAN dropped 2 depth charges and submarine, about 250 ton type arose upside down and sank.
0830	ZANE	Sighted strange submarine 200 yards astern of MEDUSA moored in K-23. Guns would not bear as ZANE was inboard ship.
0830	CASSIN	Received signal from PENNSYLVANIA, Senior destroyer officer report on board.
0830	HENLEY	Underway from buoy X-11. Large bomb struck water 150 yards from port bow. Received signal "submarine in harbor". MACDONOUGH directly ahead made depth charge attack and cleared at high speed. HENLEY was third ship in sortie. After rounding Hospital Point, subjected to straffing attack by light bomber, coming up from astern and showing five distinct sources of machine gun fire from plane as plane passed ship. It was seen to crash offshore in a few minutes. Another light bomber approached from starboard at 2,000 feet and was taken under fire with another destroyer. Close burst forces plane to dive and it crashed into sea.
0830	DOWNES	Open fire with 5-inch, on blocks. DOWNES struck on after deck house by bombs.
0830	RIGEL	Captain returned on board. Bomb struck astern and midway between piers 13 & 14. 150 small holes were blown into port quarter RIGEL. Above waterline.
0835	CURTIS	Ready to get underway. Sighted submarine periscope on starboard quarter, distance 700 yards. Opened fire on submarine.
0830	REID	First group of enemy planes taken under fire of REID with forward 5'' and .50 caliber machine guns.
0830	Outgoing	To MPL RDO SAN DIEGO & MPM RDO WALLUPE : I must have instantaneous relay for my dispatches.

- 0830 COM-14 To NAS Pearl: Hostile Japanese air attack x Hickham Field bombed x stay clear this area as long as gas permits x keep in contact this station.
- 0832 CALIFORNIA Reported one enemy plane shot down over Ford Island.
- 0832 SICARD observed 4 flights horizontal bombers attacking battleships, followed by 8 torpedo bombers. OKLA-HOMA struck by several torpedoes, took heavy list to Stbd and capsized. ARIZONA struck by torpedoes and heavy bomb.
- 0832 PYRO Observed enemy planes crash and burst into flame towards Barbers Point. Pilots bailed out. Observed damage to ship which consisted of broken steam line; repaired by ship's force.
- 0835 SICARD Sent working party 20 men to CUMMINGS to handle ammunition, and 4 gunner's mates to NEW ORLEANS to assist her battery. 10 men previously detailed to PENNSYLVANIA to assist damage control.
- 0835 BOBOLINK Moved out of next and to first buoy. Observed Japanese plane crash near Hickam Field. Believe it result of minesweeper firing.
- 0835 PREBLE Reports first phase of attack completed.
- 0836 COM-14 To SHIPS PRESENT: Send boats to Ford Island.
- 0838 MUGFORD W. VA burning. ARIZONA on fire. Tugs trying to pull overturned OKLA clear. U. S. S. VESTAL clearing NEVADA.
- 0840 CALIFORNIA Shaken by 4 near bomb hits and splintered considerably by fragments.
- 0840 CURTIS Submarine surfaced and fired one torpedo up North channel toward destroyers. Conning tower hit twice by gun #3.
- 0843 CURTIS Ceased firing on submarine and observed MONAGHAN drop 2 depth charges. Air bubbles and slick appeared.
- 0840 CUMMINGS Opened fire to repel straffing attack. Glide bomber observed to veer away from ship with smoke trailing, passed over new boiler shop and disappeared in smoke.
- 0840 JARVIS Noted NEVADA underway and standing out. Dive bombed, hit several times and beached. SHAW hit and caught on fire in drydock. Two destroyers in drydock with PENNSYLVANIA hit.
- 0840 TREVER Ready for getting underway. TREVER could not clear because other ships astern were clearing buoys D-3 and D-4. Enemy plane brought down vicinity of Pearl City. Second plane brought down 200 yards off Beckoning Point.
- 0842 MUGFORD U. S. S. VESTAL clear of NEVADA.
- 0845 PHOENIX Ship ready to get underway.
- 0845 SICARD Observed attack broken off.
- 0845 VESTAL Observed ARIZONA quarterdeck awashed. With no steering gear VESTAL got underway while tug pulled her bow away from ARIZONA. Starting to list to Stbd VESTAL was maneuvered into position with South end of MCrews Point bearing 30° distance 910 yds.
- 0845 MUGFORD Executed signal to get underway to Task Forces One and Two. Tugs pulled OGLALA clear of HELENA.
- 0845 CALIFORNIA Commander Stone, executive officer, arrived and assumed command of CALIFORNIA. Combatfor returned on board.
- 0845 CACHALOT Dive bomb and straffing attacks made by enemy.

0845	HULL	Second Attack. All attacks except one was broken up. One formation of three planes continued on. Two of these were shot down; one by USS DOBBIN and one by the next of ships. Two bombs landed astern of next; close to side of DOBBIN.
0845	CASTOR	Ready to get underway.
0847	BLUE	Underway upon execution of signal to get underway from berth X-7. Maintained fire on enemy planes with main battery and machine guns while steaming out of harbor. Four planes fired on with main battery were later seen to go down in smoke. It is claimed that two of these planes were definitely shot down by this vessel. One was seen to crash in field on Waipio Pena., and the second crashed into crane on stern of USS CURTISS. Two planes that dove over the ship were fired on by the .50 caliber machine guns. It is claimed that one of these planes, seen to crash near Pan American Dock, was shot down by this vessel.
0850	MUGFORD	W. VA. listed heavily to port.
0850	ZANE	Reports MONAGHAN approached and depth charged submarine. Enemy plane brought down flying over nest, struck deperming station.
0850	SUMNER	Dispatched ship's boats to Ford Island to assist in hauling ammunition.
0850	DOWNES	Hit again by bombs and set on fire. Abandoned ship.
0850	COMDESFL0T 1	To DESFL0T 1: Desdiv TWO establish Offshore patrol.
0851	MUGFORD	Executed signal to get underway and sortie according to plan E-S.
0851	COM-14	to Cincpac. Submarine reported in Pearl Harbor for Sector Commdrs.
0854	MUGFORD	Attacked started again from North.
0855	CONYNGHAM	Fired at plane straffing ahead and astern.
0855-		Underway from Buoy D-3 Middle Lock RAMSEY, BREESE, GAMBLE, and MONTGOMERY. Opened fire with AA.
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0855	MUGFORD	NEVADA Underway. Dense smoke over Ford Island. A tanker was towed clear of Ford Island.
0855	PRUITT	Observed about 10 planes made high altitude horizontal bombing.
0855	WHITNEY	Observed second air attack by Japanese bombing planes.
0855	USS RALPH TALBOT	Was moored bow to southward to buoy X-11 with PATTERSON to port and HENLEY to starboard.
0855	RAMSAY	Underway proceeding out of harbor. Believe RAMSAY is responsible for shooting down plane with .50 cal. Assumed anti-submarine patrol on clearing channel.
0857	CTF 2	To all ships: Enemy submarine in North Channel.
0859	UNKNOWN	To Cincpac: Ten aircraft approaching Pearl Harbor from Southwest.
0900	TRACY	Reports high altitude bombers passed overhead in several waves. One bomb fell in slip between stern of RIGEL and CUMMINGS at Berth 15.
0900	MUGFORD	Attack started again from the South. Army planes taking off from HICKAM FIELD.
0900	RIGEL	Executive Officer returned on board. Traffic congestion delayed all hands. The one exception to all hands was Lt. H. E. Morgan who did not return until 0800 next morning. Lt. Morgan's behavior is being investigated.
0900	SICARD	Observed dive bombers from S. E. attack ships moored to Navy Yard docks, followed by waves of dive and horizontal bombers on ships at Ford Island and docks.

- 0900 OGLALA Approaching 40° list to port. Ordered all hands abandon ship. Only gun crews and Cominbatfor remained.
- 0900 PHOENIX Formation of 11 planes passed over fleet on heading 070. Approximate altitude 10,000 feet. Planes appeared to be painted silver. Expended fifty rounds of 5". No apparent damage to planes. There were two flights of this nature. Time of second cannot be approximated. Expended fifty rounds of 5".
- 0900 HONOLULU Enemy bomber sighted flying directly towards this ship from direction Merry Point with an altitude of 1,000 feet. Was seen to swerve to its left, pass over the Navy Yard, smoking, losing altitude and appeared to crash near Naval Hospital. This plane was under the fire of several ships, including the port 5" and machine gun batteries of the HONOLULU. Damage to enemy observed, one torpedo plane shot down between berth 21, Submarine Base, one torpedo plane shot down between berth 21 BB. (Note: Damage listed above is at unknown times).
- 0900 TAUTOG Observed planes approaching in direction Hickam Field high in southwest and mostly obscured by clouds. App. 18 planes turned left over Hickam Field and made dive bombing attacks on ships in yard. Dive appeared slow and bombs released were very low. One plane observed out of control in flames. Scattered enemy planes observed until 1130. Most dive bombers appeared to drop two bombs each.
- 0900 CALIFORNIA One bomb, possibly 15" projectile with tail vanes, struck CALIFORNIA abreast casemate one, frame 59, penetrated to second deck and exploded rupturing forward and after bulkheads of A-611 and overhead into A-705. Armored hatch to machine shop badly sprung and couldn't be closed, resulting in serious fire.
- 0900 BREESE Projectile from BREESE 3" AA battery struck dive bomber which had just attacked CURTISS. Forward section of plane with motor landed on North side of Waipie Peninsula.
- 0900 RALPH TALBOT Underway. While enroute to entrance expended 150 rounds 5"/38 cal. and 1500 rounds .50 cal. Observed two planes crash and another start to smoke badly. Two enemy planes dove low over bridge and was hit by our .50 cal machine guns. Plane crashed along shore Pearl City abeam of us. Used after 5" guns to fire on plane attacking CURTISS.
- 0900 DEWEY Second wave attack started by light bombers lasting 10 minutes under fire by DWEY throughout attack.
- 0900 PATTERSON Underway and stood out of harbor. No damage sustained by PATTERSON.
- 0900 SOLACE Ship underway and shifted from Berth X4 to Berth X13. No material or personnel damage to ship proper.
- 0900 BOBOLINK Observed suspicious sign of Japanese submarine and signalled to destroyers, but signal apparently not seen.
- 0900 BOBOLINK Observed three flights of high altitude bombers approaching from due south to north. 7 planes in each flight, altitude about 17,000 feet. One flight dropped bombs on Hickam, second flight passed directly over coal docks and dropped bombs further up in yard; third flight passed over West Lock, one plane dropping bombs near entrance while others maintained course and dropped them beyond Ford Island.

- 0900 RALEIGH Dive bomber attack came in which was met with warm reception. One bomb hit ship a glancing blow going through carpenter shop and oil tank, piercing the skin below water line and finally detonating on bottom of harbor. Plane machine gunned ship also. Steam raised in 3 and 4 firerooms and pumps started. Five bombing planes under fire were observed to crash close aboard.
- 0900 HONOLULU 5 high altitude bombers, 12 to 15,000 feet appeared. 5 high altitude bombers from South, 12 to 15,000 feet. All bombed Pearl Harbor and Ford Island Area.
- 0900 RIGEL 15 dive bombers 6 to 10 thousand feet from N. attacked DDs and NEVADA.
- 0900 SOLACE Got underway and shifted from Berth X-4, near BOBBIN and destroyers to berth X-13 in the clear. Made boat trips to WEST VIRGINIA to bring back casualties.
- 0900 DOBBIN Fired upon enemy plane headed astern of ship. Plane crashed upon trees in Navy Yard.
- 0900 OGLALA Capsized along 10-10 deck.
- 0900-0905 PHOENIX Dive bombing attack on ships berth northern side of Ford Island. Attack was made at about 30° angle, opposed with AA and MG batteries. Expended 20 rounds of 5". One plane disintegrated by DD fire.
- 0900-0930 PHOENIX Effected periodic fire on planes delivering low-level bombing attack on navy yard and ships berth there.
- 0901 CUMMINGS Observed twelve scattered planes over Ford Island; air raid resumed. Opened fire with main battery on horizontal bombers approaching over Navy Yard industrial section.
- 0902 MUGFORD Formation of planes sighted to South. Decks of ARIZONA and W. VA. level with water. Dense smoke pouring from NEVADA.
- 0903 DOLPHIN Reports another attack from higher altitude.
- 0903 Outgoing To MIDWAY: Pearl Harbor bombed no indication direction attack take off attempt locate Japanese Forces.
- 0903 Outgoing To WAKE: Pearl bombed by Japanese be on alert.
- 0905 CURTISS Obs. 1 of 3 planes pulling out of dive was hit by CURTISS and crashed into #1 crane. Tank exploded and plane burned on Boat Deck.
- 0905 SUMNER Fired on wave of dive bombers approaching, Navy Yard. Dive bombers also attacked HICKAM FIELD and BB. No hits, when firing on latter planes. Observed light dive bomber with conspicuous red tail zig-zag over Navy Yard as if observing casualties at end of phase.
- 0905 TRACY Attack by approximately 10 dive bombers from direction of the sun, which indicated drydock as objective. Group of 6, 3, and 9 planes observed at altitude of 8 to 10,000 feet. Bomb seen to fall between berths 13 and 15 in slip. TRACY gig damaged by fragmentation; no casualties.
- 0905 PRIEBLE Observed about 30 dive bombers make second attack in twin-motored monoplanes. Observed one bomb fall in slip 25 yards on starboard quarter. Observed a bomb fall astern of HONOLULU in berth B-21. Observed numerous bombs fall in vicinity of drydock area.
- 0905 WHITNEY Observed one Japanese plane fall down in flames on hilltop, bearing northeast, true.
- 0906 PENNSYLVANIA The second attack coming in slightly on port bow dropped bombs on ships in drydock. One heavy bomb hit the destroyer DOWNES in dock ahead of PENNSYLVANIA, and one hit dock approximately

- abreast frame 20 while one hit the boat deck of the PENNSYLVANIA a few feet abaft gun #7. This bomb passed through boat deck and detonated in #5 gun #9 casemate. Fifth bomb believed to have struck water outside of dock. Observed plane crash in hospital grounds. Observers claim to have destroyed six enemy planes. Consider two hit by PENNSYLVANIA.
- 0906 MUGFORD Japanese planes diving at Ford Island from south-east. NEVADA standing down south channel.
- 0907 PRUITT Observed strafing and light bombing attack, plus heavy horizontal bombing attack from about 10,000 feet made on ships and Ford Island. One bomb hit close to stern of RIGEL.
- 0907 PENNSYLVANIA Bomb hit on dock and cut yard power, subsequently power on the ship was taken from storage batteries, meanwhile, firemain pressure cut off.
- 0907 Outgoing ALL HANDS: Cease firing on B17's attempting to land at Hickam.
- 0908 CONYNGHAM Reports one plane attacking on starboard bow shot down by nest and crashed in Pearl City.
- 0908 Com 14 to ASP Do not fire on our planes coming in.
- 0908 NEVADA Attack slackened.
- 0909 MUGFORD Bomb dropped some 400 yards on MUGFORD port bow. Ship in repair basin hit.
- 0910 PERRY Mine Division FOUR underway at intervals and stood out to take off shore patrol duty.
- 0910 SecNav to Alnav Execute WPL FORTY SIX against Japan.
- 0910 Dive bombers attacked ships at Pier 19; bombs fell in water ahead and astern within 25 yds. of CUMMINGS.
- 0910 DOBBIN Attacked by 3 enemy planes. 3 bombs dropped—all near misses. Fragments struck stern of ship injuring #4 3'' AA gun crew. 3 killed, 2 injured. Damage: small holes through decks, bulkheads, booms, #1 MWB hull damaged beyond repair.
- 0910 BLUE Passed channel entrance buoys, and set course 120 true. Proceeded to sector three to patrol station.
- 0910 RIGEL 10 to 12 dive bombers from S. attacked ships in Repair Basin with bombs and mach. guns.
- 0910 PHOENIX Second bombing attack on BB. Expended sixty rounds of 5''. After planes came out of dive and turned towards berth C-6, planes were brought under fire of MG battery.
- 0910 VESTAL Anchored in 35' of water. Soundings and draft readings showed ship settling at and listing to stbd. Draft aft increased to 27', list 6½°. C. O. Vestal decided to ground ship.
- 0912 CURTISS Reports group of planes under heavy fire attacked. During attack one bomb hit stern mooring buoy. 1 fell short, one over, one hit ship starboard side of boat deck, passed through Carpenter Shop and Radio Repair Shop, entered Hangar and detonated on Main Deck. Explosion destroyed bulk heads, deck, etc., within radius of 30 feet. Equipment destroyed in Hangar, Handling Room etc. One plane shot down 1000 yards on port bow and 1 500 yards on port beam. Another plane shot on port beam landing in water off Pan-Air dock. One plane reported crashed in cane field astern and one forward of ship.
- 0910 CONYNGHAM Opened fire on horizontal bombers approaching from ahead and from direction of Schofield.
- 0910 THORNTON Second wave dive bombing attack commenced and ended at 0917. Throughout the entire period there was horizontal bombing in various Pearl Harbor areas.

0911	MUGFORD	Horizontal Japanese bombers passed overhead.
0912	PYRO	Observed dive bombers approach from port bow, altitude 5,000 feet and release bombs. Bombs landed on concrete dock 12' from ship's side amidships. Penetrated dock exploding underneath and jarring ship.
0912	MUGFORD	Heavy black smoke coming from SHAW in floating drydock.
0913	MUGFORD	NEVADA stopped south side of south channel.
0913	PREBLE	Attack completed. No damage. No casualties sustained by this ship.
0915		Large explosion on DOWNES.
0915	HELM	Small enemy fighter approached ship from astern in medium glide and dropped two bombs, which exploded in water about 50 yards off port bow and 20 yards of starboard bow. After machine guns opened fire but did not hit plane. Shock shorted relay to steering (which had just been repaired) and damaged gyro rotor. Choke coils, tubes and resistors in sound gear burned out, echo ranging inoperative. Seems below waterline on starboard side forward sprung. A-15, A-301, A-401, and A-402 flooded. These compartments closed off and pumped out during afternoon. FS smoke generators jumped track, breaking air line connection.
0915		Captain Bunkley returned to CALIFORNIA and assumed command.
0915	NEVADA	5" AA battery fired on enemy planes to eastward. NEVADA suffered at least 6 bomb hits and one torpedo hit.
0915	MUGFORD	Thick black smoke coming from drydock.
0915	TRACY	Commanding Officer returned aboard and found 2 .50 cal. mach. guns mounted and ready. 2 dive bombers attacked out of the sun. 1 plane pulling out over sub. base and flying low over building 155 crashed in flames in vicinity of hospital point after salvo by CUMMINGS. Plane appeared to be a type 95 dive bomber, planes appeared to be at about 3,000 feet to seaward of Hickam, were 18 planes in formation type V.
0917	PRUITT	Observed low flying pursuit planes strafing with machine gun fire on ships moored in the vicinity of Berth 18. Observers on this ship believe many high altitude horizontal bombs either failed to explode or landed outside the harbor area where they could not be observed. An indeterminate number of fighters took part in the raid, with approximately 30 bombers. Approaches were made on a steady course and all horizontal bombing was made in close formation at about 10,000 feet. The four cruisers and light minelayers in the Navy Yard were strafed several times by low flying planes but not a single bomb appeared to have been aimed at those ships. Small caliber fire of minelayers brought down one Japanese plane.
0917	BREESE	Cleared nest and proceeded down channel.
0920		CUMMINGS fired on a light bomber. Plane observed smoking heavily as it flew out of sight to southwestward.
0920	HONOLULU	Observed low winged dive bombers from South to Southeast, 400 feet pullout. Two bombers bombed industrial and drydock areas. One bomb, (clearly visible on its descent, 250 lbs), passed through edge of concrete dock, angle of descent 45°, and exploded underwater between ship and dock.
0920		Damage to HONOLULU: oil tanks various, decks bulged in magazines, various leaks sprung and decks slightly fukled, power lease to turret #2 grounded, turret #1 partially grounded, mercury thrown out of gyros, fore and aft, range finders, main battery de-ranged fore and aft.

0920		More Japanese planes from northwest.
0920	CONINGHAM	Opened fire on plane diving from port side of nest. No personnel or material damage.
0920	PENNSYLVANIA	Flooding of drydock commenced. Both destroyers heavily on fire. Fire being transmitted to fire on water and dock which set fire to paint on starboard side of PENNSYLVANIA. No hose available for fighting fire on DOWNES, available hose being used on CASSIN.
0921	Outgoing	ALL HANDS: Reported that enemy ships have red dot on bottom of fuselage.
0921	Outgoing	COMBATFOR: TO ALL SHIPS PRESENT: Get underway immediately.
0923	MUGFORD	PATTERSON standing out.
0923	Outgoing	COMBATFOR TO COMCRUBATFOR: Cruisers proceeded as soon as possible.
	Landline	Send over boats to capsized battleship.
0924	Received	COMSUBSCOFOR TO COMSUBDIV 43: Assume service ammunition readiness condition ONE be prepared to attack on information furnished later.
0924	Received	Com 14: All planes approaching from Fox George and Easy.
0925	CALIFORNIA	plane 205 capsized and sunk while being removed to avoid gasoline fire hazard.
0925	WASMUTH	Reports second phase of attack as glide bombers and torpedo planes approached from westerly direction. Scored hits on several planes and shot down one plane which crashed on Waipio Peninsula near Middle Loch. This plane should be credited to James Patrick Hannon, seaman first class, U. S. Navy.
0925	GAMBLE	One Japanese plane shot down by AA fire, falling in water on port beam about 1,000 yards away from ship. Believed shot down by ROBERTS, W. L., BM-2c, USS GAMBLE port machine gunner (#2 machine gun) .50 cal., and JOOS, H. W., GM-3c., USS GAMBLE (#1 machine gun) starboard.
0925	MUGFORD	White smoke pouring from amidships on ARIZONA.
0926	Outgoing	CTF 1: Battleships remain in port until further orders. Send all destroyers to sea and destroy enemy submarines. Follow them by all cruisers to join Halsey.
Unknown		Fire at will.
0927	Received	COM 14: Aircraft coming from Barbers Point 20 or 30 miles. Flash: Enemy planes appear to be massing around Easy. Enemy planes coming from Wheeler Field.
0927	CURTISS	After engine room out of commission and evacuated.
0927	Received	RDO SANFRANCISCO to AS: USAT CYNTHIA OLSEN sent distress reports enemy submarine Lat. 33 R 42 N Long 145 R 29 W.
0928	MUGFORD	Shot down enemy plane after it pulled out from dive on port bow. Altitude 200 feet. With forward 50 caliber M. G. The plane was a dive bomber.
0928	Received	COMAIRBATFOR TO CINCPAC: 220P planes to arrive Pearl about 0820.
0930	MUGFORD	OGLALA going over to port. Personnel abandoned ship and getting on dock.
0930	Received	COMSUBSCOFOR TO THRESHER, GUDGEON & LITCHFIELD: Assume service ammunition readiness condition ONE x remain in present position x report position.
0930	Received	CURTISS TO CINCPAC: Unable to sortie because of damage. After OGLALA sank her crew were pooled out and sent to various units of the Fleet to assist ships in maintaining their batteries.

0930 GAMBLE Got underway and cleared mooring buoy. Reports Division commenced getting underway. U. S. S. BREESE underway.

0930 Enemy planes strafed CASTOR and NEOSHO. Detailed men to handle NEOSHO lines astern of CASTOR.

0930 TREVER Underway, standing out of entrance. Observed PERRY fire at submarine and MONAGHAN raming and dropping depth charge.

0930 TENNESSEE Observed enemy planes coming in on port beam. WEST VIRGINIA gangway still burning.

0930 HELM Shifted steering motor power to diesel generator; regained bridge control of steering.

0930 CALIFORNIA Fire broke out on main deck, starboard side of "F" Division compartment and casemates 3, 5, and 7.

0930 BREESE Lookout reported periscope off Coal Docks but could not be observed from bridge, or pickup by supersonics.

0930 DOBBIN Reports attacks appeared to have been discontinued.

0930 WHITNEY Reports second air attack completed.

0930 PENNSYLVANIA Explosions on destroyers commenced, in floating drydock ahead of PENNSYLVANIA.

0932 WASMUTH Underway following TREVER on orders from Lt. Comdr. L. M. LeHardy, CO ZANE and S. O. P. Min-div 4.

0933 Received COM 14: Flash: planes coming in from George.

0935 Received RALEIGH TO CINCPAC: Two fire rooms and engine room and stern compt. flooded x damage under control at present x unable to get underway.

0935 Received CHICAGO to CRUSOFOR: Japanese submarines reported inside and outside Pearl.

0935 Received ARMY HDQTRS: Flash: Fishing boat 1 mile off Hanakuli.

0936 Received CPW 2 to CPW 1: We are being attacked by 15 Japanese planes.

0936 CURTISS Fire under control.

0937 WASMUTH Lieut. J. W. Leverton, Jr., USN, Executive Officer, reported aboard and relieved Lt. (jg) J. R. Grey, USN, who had been in command until this time.

0937 Received ARMY HDQTRS REPORTS: Friendly aircraft coming from toward Barbers Point 20 or 30 planes.

0937 GAMBLE Japanese planes attacked near main channel entrance.

0937 MUGFORD Explosion on destroyer ahead of the U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA in drydock.

0938 MUGFORD Japanese subs reported inside and outside of Pearl Harbor.

0940 WASMUTH Lt. Comdr. D. M. Agnew, USN, CO U. S. S. TREVER reported aboard. Proceeded out of Pearl Harbor and took up patrol off entrance.

0940 BAGLEY Ship underway from dock. Material damage: Broken windows and light globes and glasses on reduction gears causing loss of lubricating oil. Personnel damage: 4 men slightly injured.

0940 TENNESSEE Reports wounded being removed from the WEST VIRGINIA. OKLAHOMA upside down. Bow blown away on ARIZONA. Destroyers getting underway on other side of Ford Island. Fire either on ARGONNE or dock. Air attack coming in on starboard bow. WEST VIRGINIA on fire from turret 1 to bow. Flames up as high as foretop. Fire on port quarter (oil on water).

0940 BAGLEY Underway from dock and proceeded around north side Ford Island under belief that other channel was blocked. Because of defective bilge keel, ship was ordered to patrol off shore area and did not accompany Task Force 8. No damage to ship.

- 0940 NEVADA Grounded off Hospital Point.
- 0941 PENNSYLVANIA Observed warheads on DOWNES explode covering area with debris. Section of torpedo tube, weighing about 1,000 lbs. landed on PENNSYLVANIA forecastle. Fire brought under control before serious damage resulted. CASSIN rolled over on DOWNES. It was noted by everyone participating in action that after an hour or more heavy thirst was experienced requiring considerable drinking water. This confirms the necessity of having water at all battle stations.
- 0942 BREESE Cleared channel entrance with degaussing gear cut in and took station as offshore patrol in section 3.
- 0942 Received COM 14 To ASP & NAVSHORE ACTIVITIES: Brief concentrations reported 25 miles south by south east of Barbers Point x not definite.
- 0942 MUGFORD BAGLEY underway.
- 0943 TERN Underway from alongside deck to pick up survivors in harbor. Received 47 survivors.
- 0945 DEWEY Third wave of attack started by dive bombers. DOBBIN and Desdiv One were target with 3 or 4 planes attacking. One bomb hit close aboard starboard quarter and one hit water between HULL and DEWEY astern. No damage, Guns 1 and 2 firing when not blanked by DOBBIN. It is believed that Desdiv ONE destroyed two planes. Ammunition expended: 76 rounds 5", 1300 rounds .50 cal.
- 0945 CACHALOT Joined in fire against enemy bombers. No damage received. Nearest enemy bomb dropped 20' off starboard quarter and did not explode. Nearest torpedo passed 100 yards astern.
- 0945 MUGFORD OGALA capsized to port.
- 0946 MUGFORD Japanese planes in from SW low.
- 0947 MUGFORD HONOLULU underway.
- 0948 TENNESSEE Observed planes coming in on starboard bow; did not know whether enemy or friendly. Ship will not get underway until further orders. Engineering Department, stand by. Destroyer, from Navy Yard, getting underway. Unidentified ship in Pearl Harbor down by stern.
- 0950 VESTAL Grounded.
- 0950 BLUE Good sound contact on submarine. Maneuvered to attack and dropped four depth charges. Regained sound contact on same submarine. Dropped two depth charges. Investigated and observed large oil slick and air bubbles rising to surface. It is felt that this submarine was definitely sunk. Obtained third contact on a submarine that was apparently headed for ST. LOUIS, which was at the time heading out on course approximately 150 true, at high speed. Two depth charges dropped, and upon return noticed large oil slick on surface. It is claimed that one, and possibly two, submarines were sunk.
- 0950 Outgoing Two enemy carriers reported 30 miles southwest Barbers Point. (Sent to CTF 8).
- 0951 TENNESSEE Reports lighter alongside starboard beam on fire (ammunition lighter, top blown out, can see no ammunition on it).
- 0951 Received COM 14 TO ASP: Two planes seen dropping heavy charges off harbor entrance which did not explode; think they are mines.
- 0952 Outgoing Battleships remain in port probable channel mined.
- 0954 TENNESSEE Observed bow of MARYLAND on fire.
- 0954 Received SOPA SANDIEGO TO ASP HAWAIIAN AREA: Los Angeles Harbor Air Defense Plan Number ONE effective.

Unknown	SIGNAL TOWER	The following ships have left Pearl Harbor DALE ST LOUIS HENLEY PHELPS RAMSEY WASMUTH PATERSON MONTGOMERY
0955	GAMBLE	Temporarily anchored, astern of USS MEDUSA.
0955	TENNESSEE	Still playing fire hose on ammunition lighter. Fire seems to be under control.
0955	MUGFORD	Commenced receiving fuel oil from the yard line. PERRY and GAMBLE standing out.
0956	TENNESSEE	Observed SOLACE getting underway.
0957	MUGFORD	CALIFORNIA listing to port.
0958	MUGFORD	BB's order to remain in port.
0958	TENNESSEE	Observed fire on bow of MARYLAND was under control. Superstructure on WEST VIRGINIA on fire—4 or 5 men trapped, trying to escape by crane. Fire (oil and water) at stern of TENNESSEE was out. Fire very close to D-310-M.
1000	CUMMINGS	Opened fire to repel horizontal bombing attack from the southward. One horizontal bomber observed to lose its wing. CUMMINGS gun captain #4 claimed a hit.
1000	WHITNEY	WHITNEY reports REID and SELFRIDGE underway.
1002	CALIFORNIA	Oil fire on surface of water enveloped ship starting many fires, particularly intense one on forecandle. Captain Bunkley, with approval of Commander Battle Force ordered ship to be abandoned temporarily due to enveloping oil fire on surface of water.
1002	TENNESSEE	Flood D-310-M (D-306-M and D-312-M also flooded, not isolated).
1003	MUGFORD	Japanese planes reported dropping mines in channel.
1005	GAMBLE	Underway proceeding out of channel.
1005	FT. SHAFTER	Some heavy bombs dropped at entrance of Pearl Harbor did not explode. Think they are mines.
1005	SOPA San Diego	To ASP SAN DIEGO: San Diego Harbor Air Defense Plan Number ONE effective.
1005	MUGFORD	U. S. S. SHAW in floating dry-dock exploded. Main engines and two boilers of MUGFORD ready to get underway.
1008	TENNESSEE	Observed ARIZONA aflame all over.
1010	UNKNOWN	To RDO WAILUPE: This vessel and 4 DM in Southwest S2 two enemy carriers in sight. (Rec'd by phone.)
1010	REID	REID got underway on 4 boilers. No damage or casualties.
1010	PHOENIX	Got underway, but returned to Berth C-6 on receiving orders not to sortie.
1010	SUMNER	Fired two rounds at bomber on port beam, altitude 8,000—no hits. Also fired 50-caliber machine guns, two and four.
1010	TENNESSEE	Observed planes approaching from starboard beam; did not come in.
1011	OPW 2	To DENT: Report CPW 2 for duty.
1013	MUGFORD	U. S. B. SCHLEY and ALLEN ready to get underway.
UNKNOWN	VP-24	To CPW 2: Right man of war Lat. 21.10 Long 160. 16 course 090 degrees.
UNKNOWN	USCG 400	To OG RDO STATION: Report immediately to Commander Honolulu Base.
1014	Com 14	Was Luualualei NAD damaged.
1015	GTF 9	To COMPATRON 21: Seareu Sector 000 to 300 Japanese Carriers.
1015	GAMBLE	Shifted .30 cal. A. A. machine guns to top of pilot house on fire control platform.

- 1018 CINCPAC To CTF 8, 12, 3: Search from Pearl very limited account maximum twelve VP searching X Some indication enemy force northwest Oahu X Addressees operate as directed Com Task Force 8 to intercept and attack enemy composition enemy force unknown.
- 1018 CTF 8 Is Ford Island available reserve and rearm carrier planes in case necessity.
- 1020 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE reports ARIZONA looks as if she is on the bottom. Word passed for the 5th division to lay aft to relieve fire party.
- 1020 Ginspac To CTF One: Do not send any more cruisers to Sea.
- 1020 CTG 1.9 To All Air Coms Patwing 1 & 2. Observe approach Doctrine when near Oahu.
- 1020 MUGFORD U. S. S. JARVIS cleared starboard side.
- 1020 Attack group of 15 VSB's with 1,000 lb. bombs each dispatched to position 30 miles south Barber's Point where numerous reports had been received of enemy carriers and other forces; no contact. CinC informed Comtaskfor EIGHT depended on Pearl Harbor for scouting information. This in order maintain carrier striking group in readiness.
- 1021 GAMBLE Cleared channel entrance. Eight depth charges were armed and the ship commenced offshore and anti-submarine patrol off Pear Harbor entrance.
- 1022 MUGFORD Navy MTB standing out.
- 1023 WASMUTH Dropped one depth charge on suspicious water, setting 200 feet, results negative.
- 1023 MUGFORD Floating dry-dock sinking.
- 1024 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE reports Torpedo boats leaving harbor.
- 1027 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE reports people coming from WEST VIRGINIA on board TENNESSEE by way of a five inch gun.
- 1027 MUGFORD A transport and CUMMINGS underway standing out.
- 1028 NAS PEARL To CTF 8: Your 2023 Affirmative. (Ref: Is Ford Island available reserve and rearm carrier planes in case necessity).
- 1028 PENNSYLVANIA Power on ship taken on two generators.
- 1030 CASTOR CASTOR transferred ammunition to NEOSHO for use of that vessel.
- 1030 ARMY HDQTS Two enemy coming in 30 miles south of affirm 28.
- 1030 HENLEY Visual signal from TREVER reported the HENLEY'S captain and executive officer on board that vessel.
- 1030 BLUE Upon completion, of attacks, BLUE screened ST. LOUIS.
- 1030 SIGARD SIGARD observed attack break off. Mustered crew, no injuries or casualties.
- 1030 PHOENIX Got underway and started out north of channel. Received message from TENNESSEE from CINCPAC "Do not Sortie". Turned around in channel and started back to berth C-6. On receipt of orders from Comcrubatfor proceeded via south channel and completed sortie and joined Comtaskfor ONE.
- 1030 MUGFORD Fuel oil barge moored starboard quarter.
- 1030 PENNSYLVANIA Sent motor launches to West Lock for more ammunition.
- 1031 UNKNOWN This vessel and 4 DM in southwest S2 NO enemy carriers in sight.
- 1032 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE observes ARIZONA abandoning ship. Repair II reports all C&R soundings normal. Repair IV reports all soundings normal. Repair III reports all soundings normal. Pull circuit L28 at aft. Distribution Board. Mr. Teague says hatches cannot be opened from inside wardroom country—too hot.

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- 1032 SIGNAL TOWER To CINCPAC: These ships underway but have not cleared the entrance yet: DETROIT—JARVIS—PERRY—NEW ORLEANS—GAMBLE—CHEW.
- 1033 COMBATSHIPS Be ready to repel repeated air attacks.
- 1033 CTF3, CTFS To ASP: Submarines reported 10 miles south Barber's Point.
- 1033 TENNESSEE TENNESSEE 6° down by stern from flooding of D-306, D-312-M.
- 1036 TENNESSEE Unit 2, Repair 1, combatting fire in W. R. Country. Dead men forward of conning tower, sent stretcher party.
- 1036 WASMUTH Dropped sound depth charge on suspicious water, setting 200 feet, bearing 217°, distance 3.4 miles from Pearl Harbor entrance buoys. Brought up large quantities of oil, but no wreckage.
- 1040 June 8 bearing (bilateral) 357° or 178° T from HEEIA. June 8 in COMCARDIVS (AKAGI).
- 1040 Comdesron 3 Underway accordance signal from tower, and oral orders. Joined antisub patrol operating off entrance. Made two sound contacts; dropped 3 and 2 depth charges. Oil observed on water but no conclusive evidence of submarine loss.
- 1040 COMBASEFOR To Cominron 2: Sweep South channel from East Loch to entrance magnetic and moored mines.
- 1040 MUGFORD Commenced receiving fuel from oil barge in addition to oil from yard line.
- 1040 TRACY TRACY reported CUMMINGS underway after returning all TRACY men. 10 men sent to help fight fire in CALIFORNIA.
- 1042 Combatfor To Cap't. NYD: The CALIFORNIA is on fire inside. Probably two tugs with fire equipment could save her.
- 1045 DOWNES Fire on CASSIN brought under control.
- 1046 COMBATSHIPS To BATSHIPS IN COMPANY: All battleships send pilots and aviation personnel to Ford Island immediately.
- 1046 CTF8 DF bearings indicate enemy carrier bearing 178 from Barber's Point.
- 1048 TENNESSEE To CINCPAC: TENNESSEE 30% damage. CALIFORNIA has been sunk. Doubtful—checking.
- 1050 TERN Proceeded to put out fire on USS ARIZONA. Shifted over to WEST VIRGINIA by orders from MARYLAND.
- 1051 CPW 1 To Plane 2 VP14: Search sector 310 to 320. Take due caution.
- Unknown CTF 8 To CINCPAC: CINCPAC 2012 Acknowledge.
- 1053 MINNEAPOLIS To CINCPAC: MINNEAPOLIS center area VICTOR ONE.
- 1055 CTF 8 To CINCPAC: Am depending on Pearl for scouting information.
- 1055 CTF 8 CTF 8 launched six VCS to search sector 000-045° to 150 miles.
- 1055 SUMNER Fired two rounds 3" at plane dead ahead, altitude 8,000. No hits. Fired all 50 caliber.
- 1056 MUGFORD Japanese planes attacking from North. (Note: These are apparently friendly planes.)
- 1058 MUGFORD Numerous explosions from WEST VIRGINIA and ARIZONA.
- 1058 TENNESSEE Observed Naval Air Station planes in air.
- 1058 PATRON 23 To CPW ONE: Investigating suspicious vessel 21 00, 159 59.
- 1100 TRACY Japanese have definitely withdrawn.
- 1100 COM 14 To NAS PEARL, CPW2: Hawaiian Air Force contemplates moving headquarters. MUX lines will be kept in commission.

- UNKNOWN COMBASKFOR, COMINRON TWO to COM 14: Sweep South channel from East Loch to entrance magnetic and moored mines.
- 1100 TENNESSEE Repair II told to open drain valve and core valves in GSK. Valves to Sick Bay. Enemy plane coming in on bow. All hands not engaged in fighting fire, seek cover.
- 1100 HELM Sound listening watch heard screws on starboard quarter. Ship circled for attack but lost contact. No depth charges dropped.
- 1100 SIGARD Observed horizontal bombing attack.
- 1100 MUGFORD Fire appeared to be under control on NEVADA.
- 1103 TENNESSEE Observed destroyer putting to sea, (other side of Ford Island). Gasoline stowage filled with CO₂.
- 1103 VP23 #11 To CPW2: Ships investigated 2 subs unknown nationality course 271 submerged on my approach.
- 1105 NAS Kaneohe To CINCPAC: Ship nationality unknown 10 miles off Kahana Point.
- 1105 To ASP: Info CTFS: All ships departing Pearl organize as TASKFORCE ONE UNDIVIDED Comdesbatfor assume comand report CTF 8.
- 1105 To ASP this Circuit: Enemy planes coming for Pearl Harbor from South.
- 1108 BREESE Received report Motor Torpedo Boat sighted periscope.
- 1108 ST. LOUIS To CINCPAC: Formed attack group ST. LOUIS, LAMSON, PHELPS, I am proceeding to locate ENEMY.
- 1108 CPW 2 To PATRON 23: Empty tanker no guns showing identity unknown lat. 21 00, Long. 259 59.
- 1110 NYD OPERATIONS To CINCPAC: NYD Operations reports another air raid expected within twenty minutes.
- 1110 SICARD Observed horizontal diving attack completed.
- 1115 NORTHAMPTON Two NORTHAMPTON planes launched to conduct search 150 miles to the north.
- 1115 BREESE BREESE dropped 2 depth charges on spot indicated with no apparent results. Bearings: Barber's Point 297° (t), and Hickam Tower 357° (t).
- 1118 NAS Kaneohe Bay to CINCPAC: Ship nationality unknown 10 miles off Kahana Point.
- 1121 TENNESSEE 2° list to port.
- 1121 TENNESSEE To CINCPAC: Damage 00% to TENNESSEE: WEST VIRGINIA sunk. Note: Correction WEST VIRGINIA for CALIFORNIA. Correction 00% instead of 30% for TENNESSEE.
- 1125 SUMNER. Fired four rounds 3'' at plane crossing ahead from starboard, altitude 6,000 feet, no hits. Fired 50 caliber machine guns No. 1 and 2.
- 1128 CPW 2 TO VP 14 #1, VF14 # 3: STAY OUT.
- 1130 WHITNEY Received orders to remain at anchor.
- 1130 HENLEY Picked up captain and executive officer from TREVER. No losses or damage experienced by HENLEY.
- 1130 PATRON 24, CPW 2 to CPW 2, CTF 3: Eight men of war Lat. 21 10, Long. 160 16, course 090 degrees.
- 1130 TENNESSEE Bridge steering telegraph out (being repaired). Sending planes from Hickam Field.
- 1132 MUGFORD Horizontal bombers approaching from port (Jap).
- 1132 ST. LOUIS To COMDESRON 1: What is your position?
- 1133 SIGARD Observed another horizontal bombing raid.
- 1135 SIGARD Observed bombers withdrawal. No material damaged and no personnel casualties.
- 1135 SUMNER Fired 11 rounds 3'' at formation of five bombers crossing ahead from port—no hits. Fired all machine guns.
- 1135 CSD 43 To Comsubsoofor: Point 21 54—Point 56 12.

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1135 TENNESSEE Sighted two planes bearing 270°.
 1135 BREESE Picked up sound of submarine in same vicinity. Dropped 2 depth charges and oil slick with debris appeared. 2nd attack was made with 4 deep-set charges to make certain but no additional results appeared. Meanwhile destroyers in vicinity dropped additional charges.

1135 NORTHAMPTON Approximately 15 miles west of Kauai. Section attacked by enemy single seat monoplane, engagement lasting about 20 minutes. Enemy plane made total of seven attacks diving from above and side; all recoveries were made above or to the side of the scouting section. On all diving attacks presented an exceptionally good target as he squashed down toward the section. Apparent enemy speed 275 miles or better. Enemy plane broke out in smoke and departed. Search continued until completed.

1136 MUGFORD U. S. Navy planes taking off from Ford Island.
 1136 TENNESSEE Observed light cruiser putting out to sea. Turning engines over to keep fire on water away from ship.

1137 COMBATSHIPS To CTF1: MINNEAPOLIS 2DMs center southern boundary. VICTOR ONE Course 105 speed 15/UKX CAB6.

1139 OTF 9 TO VP24 Planes #1, #2, #3, #5, #11, CPW2: Search to 200 miles.

1139 CTF8 TO CINCPAC: TFS flying colors bearing 184 distance 22 from Kaula Rock at 1115.

1140 MUGFORD Japanese planes on starboard beam.
 1140 RDG Wailupe To all Stations This Circuit: Guam attacked.
 1140 DESBATFOR To CTF8: Int posit desig zero George eight.
 1140 NORTHAMPTON NORTHAMPTON plane engaged enemy fighter. This was not known to Comtaskfor 8 until 8 December.

1141 COMBATFOR To COMBATSHIPS: Prepare available battleship planes for search and report to subbase when ready and number. 2 CALIFORNIA planes at Ford Island probably ready.

1142 Com 14 To Cinpas: Submarine due south Aloha Tower 4 miles has been bombed. Surface covered with oil slick.

1144 COMBASEFOR To COMINRON 2: Designate two DMs sweep approaches to Pearl magnetic mines.

1145 COMCRUBATFOR To CINCPAC: Have no ships in sector 4.
 1146 ANTARES moored to B-5A Honolulu.
 1146 PATWING To Unknown: Enemy troops landing on north shore, Blue coveralls with red emblems.

1150 COM 14 To Cinopas: Parachutists are landing at Barber's Point.

1152 CPW 1 To Cinopas, CPW2: 3 planes security patrol patrol 14 are searching assigned sector. All planes have depth charges aboard.

1153 COMCARDIV 1 To Cinopas: SARATOGA ready depart San Diego 0900 tomorrow Monday x escorting ships so far as known have not been designated. Request instructions.

1155 To ASP: All cruisers and destroyers depart Pearl as soon as practicable x report OTF 1 in DETROIT.

1156 TENNESSEE Observed Army fortresses in the air. Believe enemy planes and submarines lying in channel.

1159 MUGFORD The end of period during which ship maintained 50 caliber and 5" fire.

1200 *Location of Forces 1200, 7 December, 1941.*
 T. F. 8 ENTERPRISE 21-30, 160-55.
 T. F. 12 LEXINGTON 23-50, 171-15.
 Subdiv 43 (3 SS) 80 Miles East, coming ready.
 GUDEON C-5 Ready.
 THRESHER & LITCHFIELD 80 Miles West empty.

- T. F. 1 and 2 less 8 in Pearl.
 T. F. 3 less 12 areas.
 Task F 3 rendezvousing with MINNEAPOLIS and 20Ms southern boundary V1 Course 105.
- 1200 GWIN To Comdesbatfor: Reporting for duty with LAMSON and PHELPS. I am proceeding to South to locate and attack enemy carrier.
- 1200 BOBOLINK Received orders from Combasefor to sweep Pearl Harbor with TURKEY.
- 1200 ST. LOUIS To Comersuoofor: Reporting for duty with LAMSON and PHELPS. I am proceeding south to locate and attack enemy carrier.
- 1201 COMPATWING To Compatron 24: Have search for assign sector 300 miles am returning.
- 1202 CTF 8 To CINCPAC: Your 2100 refers Task Force 8 with 13 ships x request all units be notified.
- 1204 BAMBLE Established sound contact with submarine and dropped three depth charges. Position bearing 168 T from Diamond Head light, distance 2.5 miles.
- 1205 MUGFORD Discontinued fueling. 115000 gallons on board.
- 1205 Comdesbatfor To Comdesflot ONE: About nine thirty witnessed MONAGHAN sink enemy submarine by ramming and depth charges. Excellent piece of work.
- 1205 SIGNAL TOWER About 0930 witnessed MONAGHAN sink enemy sub. by ramming and depth charges. Excellent piece of work. Believe RALEIGH accounted for three planes.
- 1205 Com 11 To KENNISON: Submarine reported twenty miles bearing 235 from Pt. Loma investigate.
- 1205 Com 14 All lights extinguished except control lights.
- 1209 MUGFORD Oil barge cleared starboard side.
- 1209 COMBATSHIPS To Cincpac: Design cast desig king baker jig.
- 1209 Combatships To Cruisers and Destroyers: Sortie in accordance until plan indicated.
- 1210 TENNESSEE Draft of ship (internal): Fwd. 34'6"; Aft. 35'10¹/₄"; Mean, 35'4¹/₂". Enemy transport reported 40 miles off Barber's Point. Parachute troops landing on Barber's Point (later proved false). After Battle Dressing Station send stretcher party to left gun, turret III, and remove casualties. Three planes on starboard beam coming this way (do not know whether enemy or not). Said planes flying low; apparently, turning away. Organize a crew of about 30 men to relieve men of Turret IV who are fighting fire on water.
- 1213 SOLACE To Com 14: Expedite your boat all tannic acid, tannic acid jelly, pecric acid, tetanus antitoxin, gas gangrene combined serum, morphine sulphate, morphine syretts, sutures, needles, hypo needles and adhesive type can be spared.
- 1214 MUGFORD Underway. Standing out in channel.
- 1215 HELM Rejoined DETROIT. Ceased patrolling.
- 1217 CTF 9 To PW 24, 23, 19: Search to 300 miles.
- 1221 RDO WAILUPE To all stations: Nine unidentified aircraft over Guam.
- 1225 BOBOLINK Moored alongside coal dock to take wire aboard.
- 1228 CINCPAC To ASP Hawaiian Area: If NPM fox goes out guard harbor circuit.
- 1228 Combatships To Cincpac: PENNSYLVANIA dive bomb hit starboard side grame 86 drydock now flooded. MARYLAND down by the head forward, bomb hit, 50 caliber magazines flooded. TENNESSEE fire in wardroom country. OKLAHOMA capsized. WEST VIRGINIA sunk but upright. CALIFORNIA down by the head and heavy list to port—probably on bottom. ARIZONA sunk. NEVADA beached off Hospital Point.
- Unknown CPW 2 To VP23: Search to 200 miles any instructions.
- 1229 SIGNAL TOWER THORNTON is underway and standing out.

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1230 CURTISS To Cincpac: Unable to sortle because of damage.
 1230 MUGFORD Japanese plane crashed on beach of HICKAM FIELD.
 (Note) It is believed the ship observed this at this
 time; (wreckage). not that the crash occurred at this
 time.)

1216 SIGNAL TOWER These ships have cleared Pearl Harbor Channel:
 DALE WASMUTH MONTGOMERY
 HENLEY RAMSAY WORDEN
 PATTERSON ST LOUIS CUMMINGS
 PHOENIS DETROIT

1219 Combatships To Com 14: Serious oil fire alongside W. Va.-----
 TENNESSEE and MARYLAND send fire boats.

1223 CTF 8 To Cincpac: 21 VSB from ENTERPRISE should have
 landed Ford Island about 0830. Request informa-
 tion.

1223 Rdo Wailupe To ASP: Air alarm standby.
 1230 TENNESSEE Secure all fresh water, except galley and drinking.
 1230 --- While GAMBLE conducting depth charge attack off
 Diamond Head, received three despatches from CinC
 addressed to ASP. Ships ordered to attack transports
 reported four miles off Barber's Point. All vessels
 having departed Pearl Harbor organized as Task
 Force ONE to report to CTF 8 Task Force ONE or-
 dered to take course West after clearing harbor and
 to report position, composition, and speed. GAMBLE
 continued with depth charge attack until contact was
 lost then proceeded to Barber's Point where no trans-
 ports were found. Continued westward.

1232 CINCPAC To ASP: Enemy transports reported four miles off
 Barbers Point. Attack.

1235 CTF 12 To: CTF 3 & 8: Cancel Midway Marine flight.
 1240 MU* HE SARA HAHO on 4780 BRG 186 (Believed Submarine).
 1240 MU* HE SARA HAHO on 4580 BRG (Believed Submarine).
 1300 KANURE Appears to be O. T. C. on 6581 BRG. 183.
 1300 SISO On 7033 BRG 167½
 1300 KASO Seems to be Task Force Commander.
 1300 KANURE is probably Commander in the Air.
 1235 CTF 12 To Cincpac: Is Midway Marine flight cancelled.
 1235 MUGFORD Passed entrance to channel. Four 50 cal. and four
 5"/38 cal guns during the entire period 0809 to 1159
 whenever any planes came within range and bearing
 maintained fire.

1235 COMBATSHIPS To Combatfor: Combatships in Maryland.
 1235 RALEIGH To Cincpac: Two fire rooms and engine room and
 stern compt. flooded. Damage under control at pres-
 ent. Unable to get underway.

1244 Plane 12, VP23 To CPW2: Approaching 300 able to search more gas
 700 25 I request instructions.

1245 TENNESSEE Planes on port bow (do not know whether enemy or
 not)

1246 --- CALIFORNIA sinking fast, stern underwater. Close
 all topside hatches, as turrets will be fired. (Did
 not). Gun four port reported Hoist #22, 5"/51, in
 B-510 was damaged. Powder can be sent up, but is
 slowed. Draft of ship, FWD: 34'9". Magazine tem-
 perature of Turret I-84°

1246 WP OFF. 14ND High altitude bombing attack coming in over Diamond
 Head.

Unknown Cincpac To Rdo San Diego: Receive me on 26.1, transmit on
 30.6 (cable to Navy radio San Diego) Via Globe.

1247 CURTISS To CPW2: All of our transmitters are out.
 1247 Combatships To COLORADO: If vessels are not longer in service
 will furnish men and officers to ships in service to
 man complete anti-aircraft batteries for continuous
 watch.

1248 Combbasefor To Cominron TWO: Designate two DMs sweep ap-
 proach to Pearl magnetic mines.

- 1255 GAMBLE Proceeded on course 270T at 20 knots to join friendly forces upon receipt of orders from Cincpac.
- 1300 ST LOUIS To Comdesbatfor: ST LOUIS, BLUE, LAMBON, PHELPS posit Lat 20.51 Long 158, course 275, speed 25K.
- Unknown Cincpac
1256 MTB SQUAD To CTF 8: Your 2206 only nine arrived. Out guarding 3445 voice sqdn. Comdrs. PT20, PT22, PT23, PT24. At dock guarding 3445 voice PT21. On dock at crane no power PT26, PT28. Aboard RAMAPO underway PT27, PT29, PT30, PT42.
- 1258 Com 14
1300 RALEIGH Four Japanese transports off Barbers Point. Reports tugs SUNNADIN and AVOCET came alongside and furnished light and power. One torpedo ran between bow of RALEIGH and stern of DETROIT and apparently sank in shoal water at Ford Island without exploding. The following planes were destroyed, in which it is considered the RALEIGH contributed:
- 1--Bomber flying over stern stbd to port crashed on deck of CURTISS.
 - 2-- Plane flew over bow from stbd to port and crashed near Pearl City.
 - 3-- Plane flying north on our stbd beam crashed in water between DOBBIN and BALTIMORE.
 - 4-- Plane off our stern flying over air station was hit by 3" shell and blown to pieces in air.
 - 5-- Plane flying across our stern had tail blown off and fell over Pearl City.
- 1300 Comdesbatfor
1300 CTF 1 Own DD reports no enemy vessels off Barbers Point. At 1300 join DETROIT course 210 speed 18 from point 51. (Action to ST. LOUIS)
- 1300 RAMSEY Jap ship four miles from Barbers Point. Two sampans further out. Parachute troops landing on North shore. (reported by VJ plane)
- 1301 CPW 2 Search sector 220 to 230. Return. (Action to 12-VP23)
- Unknown Comtrainron
EIGHT ANTARES docked pier five afirm Honolulu. Struck by several machine gun bullets but no damage to material or personnel.
- 1302 Cincpac To CTF 8: Radio bearings indicate AKAGI bearing 183 from Pearl another unit bearing 167°.
- 1303 CPW 2 To Comscoron 6: Reported Jap rendezvous 223° 90 miles from Ford Island. Search to 200 miles sector 235 to 215.
- 1305 NAS Kanoche Captured enemy chart has marked positions bearing 223 distant 90 miles from Pearl Harbor.
- 1309 Signal Tower DETROIT and PHOENIX are near Barbers Point. Signal Tower sees no transports.
- 1310 Combasesfor To Comtrainron 6, Com 14, Cominron 2; Sweep channel from East Lock to entrance magnetic and moored mines.
- 1312 HULBERT Army reports that four enemy transports off Barbers Point.
- 1312 ST LOUIS Am proceeding with three destroyers to attack Barbers Point. Speed two five position lat. 21-57 long. 158-03.
- 1313 Combatships To NAS Pearl: For Capt. Bode CALIFORNIA urgently needs AA ammunition.
- 1317 Rdo Wailupe Signals intercepted and bearing true north believed to be enemy carrier by character of transmission.
- 1319 FRANK By phone: Enemy sampan about to land at Naval ammunition Depot.
- FRANK Enemy landing party off shore Nanakuli. Friendly planes firing at them.
- FRANK Op-1 Southeast enemy and friendly planes in dog-fight.
- 1322 -- Enemy naval attack coming in towards Barbers Point. Present position nine miles.

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1322 Opanav To Mardet Tientsin, Com15, Mardet AM Emb, Peiping Astnavatt Shanghai, Rdo Wake, Navatt Chungking, Jonnstonis, Rdo Guam, Palmyra, Com16, Rdo Tutuila, HOPKINS: This confirms air raid by Japan on Oahu at 1800 today followed by declaration of war by Japan against US and Great Britain

1323 HELENA To Comerubatfor: Due contamination feed water cannot maintain underway status longer than 8 hours. During this time speed limited to 10 kts. Ready this condition on one hour notice F power for fire control limited to two diesel generators. View condition and to effect repairs recommend letting fires under all boilers die out.

1324 CTF 8 UPSN Junction Task Force One and Eight. Propose send Crudiv FIVE to Pearl for fuel.

1328 MINNEAPOLIS Your 072234 (Cincpac's) complying. Ref. #12-299 Use plane to search sector 135 to 180 distance 154 miles from Pearl.

---- CINCPAC To CFT 8: DETROIT, PHOENIX, ST LOUIS, NEW ORLEANS fourteen destroyers and four minelayers have sortied and are proceeding to join you. Also MINNEAPOLIS and four minelayers ordered join from operating areas send ships to Pearl for fuel Reports—7632 kes (M) following calls:—SIME; SISO; KASHO; SUREMO; SAMORE; Sends following type of to . . .095.45 085.42

1330 Bearing on SISO—170 S5.

1337 Bearing on SAMORE—165

1341 Report following msg. . . KIBC to SIME Nr. 1 SIME 354.56

1344 Reports SISO (Good bearing) 7632 (M) 337

1345 BOBOLINK's orders to sweep channel changed to sweeping approaches to Pearl Harbor and Honolulu Harbor. Arriving off Pearl it appeared all ships there were engaged in sweeping.

1330 —

1331 CTF 1 To Cincpac: Task Force ONE proceeding off Barbers Point Notify Army.

1333 CPW 1 To OPW 2: Request instructions for dawn patrol upon their return.

1337 CTF 3 To CTF 8: My force INDIANAPOLIS and 5 DMS. INDIANAPOLIS proceeding from JOHNSTON Island course 054 speed 25. Dog Mike Sail directed proceed Pearl for fuel and rejoin later.

1340 TENNESSEE Plane coming in on starboard beam. (Proved to be friendly).

1345 — CTF 8 launched 9 VSB's to cover sector 110-200T to 175 miles. One of latter reported contact with surface forces believed enemy including a carrier in position Lat. 20-32 Long. 158-16 and cruiser Lat. 20-32 Long. 158-40. Scout reported being attacked by VF's. No further radio contact established with scout. Scout landed later at Kaneohe, reports believed to have been in error.

1348 VIREO Received orders to report to Combbasefor thence to West Loch to bring up 5", 3", and .50 M. G. Ammunition for CALIFORNIA.

1351 Reports SISO calling SAMORE S5 bearing 337 Very loud signal.

1353 Reports bearing SAREMU bearing 337.

1354 Reports bearing SUREMU 165.
Following bearings: 7632 kes (M) 0036—SUSU S5 340
7632 (M) 0040—SYME 336
Following bearings: 7632 (M) 0054—bearing SISO 338 S. 3
7050 (M) 0055—bearing SISO 338.5 S. 5

- KANURE KANURE sez at 1235 (Local Time) "I HAVE FUEL FOR 10 MINUTES"
- KANURE 1410 at 1240 "I WILL FLY AS LONG AS I HAVE FUEL". Someone on 7033 at 1247 said "HAVE NOT BE OPPOSED."
 SAME FREQUENCY BELIEVE SINIRE FROM "SISO" at 1250 "WHAT IS YOUR COURSE".
 RUS18 and YUNES believed to be Commander Carriers.
 SUT12 believed to be a Carrier.
 SISORE is either another Comdr in the Air or Comdr Transport Group.
 SISO is Boss of SISORE.
 No further bearings of radio intelligence of the Striking Force until following day 8 December 1941.
 TRANSMISSION:
 SIME 010.01 I—HA●NKIARIYA
 ANSWER:
 2 HA●NKAIARI
- 1410 — BEARINGS—SAREMU 338. S. 4 on 7632 kes (M) WASMUTH rigges twin, ship moored minesweep with USS ZANE, 400 fathoms of wire between ships, depressers at 5 fathoms, no floats. At 1547 entered Pearl Harbor entrance channel and swept up channel to gate vessel, where wire parted. At 1620 anchored off Coal Dock and retrieved sweep gear. At 1628 underway. At 1635 the Captain returned aboard, Lieutenant Commander Agnew, USN, left and joined TREVER. Returned off harbor entrance and resumed patrol in company with Mindiv 4.
- 1412 GAMBLE Sighted sampan bearing 320 T.
- 1415 TENNESSEE Set condition ZED from Turret III, second deck, aft. Repair I, Unit 2, leading out fire hose to play water on WEST VIRGINIA. Received report that one of our destroyers sank Jap submarine.
- 1426 BOBOLINK Passed sweep wire to TURKEY and commenced sweeping off Honolulu Harbor.
- 1435 GAMBLE Slowed to investigate but did not search. Sampan position approximately 4 miles south of Barbers Point.
- 1455 VIREO While waiting for arrival of ammunition, towed ammunition lighter with 14" powder away from deck to decrease menace of explosion. Delivered ammunition to ARGONNE.
- 1500 TENNESSEE Report states that Wake Island had been bombed by 30 bombers. Ens. Kable still alive. Hudgell dead; also Miller and Adams.
- 1600 MIDWAY Via Commercial Cable . . . "On 7073 - - - - SISO 246 . . . Fair - - - - SIME 245 Poor NAS Midway" Plane language SASO V SAREMU #3 . . . A FU"-KUMA YORI 150 to "30 MAIRU NEN 200 1115 . . . Underway and standing out of harbor.
- 1505 DEWEY Received orders from Commander Base Force to report 1010 dock immediately.
- 1550 BOBOLINK Repair 4.—All outboard voids normal. All soundings normal. Received report that PENNSYLVANIA had been hit while in drydock. No. 2 machine gun repaired and in commission again.
- 1551 TENNESSEE CTF 12 given orders by CTF 8 to intercept and destroy possible enemy carriers operating south coast of Oahu. It was assumed after attacks enemy carriers would withdraw via Jaulit.
- 1626 GAMBLE Sighted smoke bomb off port bow.

1628 TENNESSEE Open up wardroom country and sleepy hollow. Fire on WEST VIRGINIA seems to be under control. Repair I cut off # 32 vent system; smoke coming down. Task Force ONE just ordered by CTF 8 proceed and attack.

1630 n--- Reports submarine surfaced.

1631 GAMBLE Fired one shot 4" gun and missed, short and to the left. Submarine displayed U. S. Colors, and ceased firing. Submarine submerged and fired recognition red smoke bomb.

1632 GAMBLE

1640 BOBOLINK While off dock 1010, received orders to assist NEVADA. Orders changed to go alongside CALIFORNIA.

1642 --- Attack group of 16 VF, 18 VTB's and 4 VSB smokers launched by Comtaskforce EIGHT with no results. (VTB planes armed with torpedoes recovered after dark.) Six VF planes proceeded Pearl mistaken for unfriendly and four shot down.

1647 GAMBLE Proceed west.

1647 TENNESSEE Told forward Battle Dressing Station to send doctor and stretcher party to WEST VIRGINIA bridge to get Captain. Ship astern (ARIZONA) blew up. Two planes bearing 350°.

1655 WHITNEY Reports CASE left from alongside.

1659 TENNESSEE Engines ahead 1/3. Repairs 2 and 4; -- send 2 rescue breathers each, and spare oxygen bottles to starboard side of WEST VIRGINIA quarterdeck.

1703 TENNESSEE Word received to stop main engines. Delivered 6 gas masks to WEST VIRGINIA.

1705 WHITNEY Reports TUCKER left from alongside.

1730 BOBOLINK Moored alongside WIDGEON next to CALIFORNIA for salvage purposes.

1732 CAMBLE Sighted ENTERPRISE and exchanged calls. Instructed by Commander Aircraft, Battle Force to join ENTERPRISE.

1736 -- Comairbatfor ordered GAMBLE to join that vessel as part of AS Screen.

1740 BOBOLINK Commenced pumping to continue through the night.

1744 GAMBLE Joined ENTERPRISE and took station as third ship with two other plane guard destroyers.

0755 PELIAS Moored at Berths S-11 and 12, Submarine Base, reports first attack was indicated by sound of machine gun fire directed at single engine Jap torpedo plane flying low over ship's bow. The plane launched a torpedo at ARIZONA which seen later burst into flames.

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1755 TENNESSEE Plane bearing 345. Plane signalled with red light; did not understand meaning of signal.

1800 PENNSYLVANIA Reports complete replacement of ammunition effected.

1823 TENNESSEE Observed-plane bearing about 300.

1833 TENNESSEE Plane bearing about 345 (Running lights on; believed friendly).

1835 TENNESSEE Plane on port beam; running lights on.

1837 TENNESSEE Plane coming in from dead ahead; bright lights on it.

1838 TENNESSEE Plane bearing about 245.

1855 TENNESSEE ENTERPRISE planes approaching Cahu.

1900 TENNESSEE Plane bearing from dead ahead; running lights burning.

1953 TENNESSEE Word passed over loudspeaker "All men having hammocks in port hammock nettings remove them, and stow same inboard."

2100 TRACY Reports friendly planes with running lights were by AA batteries, but TRACY did not fire.

2100 TRACY Moored alongside CALIFORNIA and commenced salvage work.

2100 SICARD

Observed 3 lighted planes, altitude 5000 approaching FORD ISLAND from South NEW ORLEANS challenged without success and opened. Other ships followed too. SICARD checked fire considering planes were friendly. Other ships continued firing. Observed AA fire opened and planes shot down. Aviator fell astern of VIREO, was rescued and identified from ENTERPRISE. Dispatch was sent to inform control that ENTERPRISE planes were in air.

2110 VIREO

(Enclosure B)

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship
Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 12, 1941.

From: Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet.

To: The Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Damage to Ships of the Pacific Fleet resulting from Enemy Attacks at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941.

References:

- (a) Cincpac Secret Desp. 072244 of December 1941.
- (b) Cincpac Secret Desp. 081015 of December 1941.
- (c) Cincpac Secret Desp. 100220 of December 1941.
- (d) Cincpac Secret Desp. 102043 of December 1941.

1. The following report relative to damage sustained by ships of the Pacific Fleet resulting from enemy attacks on 7 December 1941 is submitted. This amplifies reports submitted by references (a) to (d) inclusive:

(a) *BATTLESHIPS.*

ARIZONA sunk at berth as result of aircraft torpedoes and heavy bombs which exploded forward magazines. Ship is considered to be a total wreck.

CALIFORNIA sunk at berth as a result of hits by two or more aircraft torpedoes; also received one large bomb hit amidships which caused serious fire. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded later.

NEVADA damaged by heavy bombs, possibly mine in the channel and aircraft torpedoes. Beached across from hospital point to prevent sinking after an attempt to sortie. Batteries intact and manned though no power is on the ship. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be made later.

OKLAHOMA capsized at berth as a result of receiving three or more hits by aircraft torpedoes. Recommendations regarding salvage will be made later.

PENNSYLVANIA slightly damaged by bomb hit, starboard side of boat deck while in drydock number 1, Navy Yard Pearl Harbor. Repairs have been completed and ship is ready for service.

MARYLAND damaged by bomb hit on forecastle and near miss. Ship was moved to the Navy Yard on 11 December and is expected to be fully ready for service 13 December.

TENNESSEE received one heavy bomb through turret top which did not explode, but put 8 rammers out of commission. Also one bomb hit aft which cracked one 14" gun. Heat from the *ARIZONA* fire melted and ignited paint in after portion of the second deck which was badly burned out. Ship is now heavily wedged to mooring by reason of the *WEST VIRGINIA* leaning against her. Steps are being taken to dynamite the mooring to permit the removal of the *TENNESSEE*. Repairs are proceeding and it is estimated that by 14 December ship will be ready for service less one 14" gun.

WEST VIRGINIA sunk at berth as result of four aircraft torpedoes and one bomb hit. There is considerable damage from fire. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be made later.

(b) *CRUISER.*

HELENA damaged by bomb hit at frame 50, starboard side, opening up side under armor belt for distance of about 30 feet. Number one and two fire rooms and forward engine room flooded. Ship is now in drydock #8, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, to effect repairs to make seaworthy. It is estimated that new shell and framing will be completed within two weeks and ship will be able to operate with two shafts and with all gun batteries in commission. It is recommended that ship proceed to Mare Island for completion of repairs to hull and machinery.

HONOLULU damaged by near miss at approximately frame 40 port side. Hole approximately 20 feet by 6 feet underwater. Ship being docked in drydock #1 today and it is estimated that work will be completed to make her fully effective by 16 December.

RALEIGH damaged by one aircraft torpedo which flooded forward half of machinery plant. Also hit by small bomb forward which penetrated three decks and went out ships' side and did not explode. It is proposed to dock the *RALEIGH* following completion of the *HONOLULU* to effect underwater repairs to make seaworthy. Recommendations as to whether all repairs to make the ship fully serviceable should be undertaken at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor or a mainland navy yard, will be forwarded later.

(c) *DESTROYERS.*

CASSIN and *DOWNES* damaged by bomb in number one drydock, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor ahead of *PENNSYLVANIA*. Bomb hit *DOWNES* exploding her torpedoes warheads and causing serious oil fire. *CASSIN* was damaged by fire and was knocked off drydock blocking and fell over on *DOWNES*. *DOWNES* appears to be total loss except for salvageable parts and materials. Recommendation regarding salvage and repairs to *CASSIN* will be forwarded later.

SHAW hit by bomb while docked on floating drydock. Forward part of ship and floating drydock badly damaged by fire resulting from oil and powder. After part of ship not seriously damaged. Recommendations regarding repairs will be forwarded later.

(d) *AUXILIARY VESSELS.*

OGLALA sunk by aircraft torpedo and near miss by bomb at ten-ten dock at Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded at a later date.

UTAH damaged and capsized as a result of hits by aircraft torpedoes. Recommendations regarding salvage and repairs will be forwarded later.

CURTISS damaged by enemy plane out of control which flew into crane mast and by bomb which exploded damaging hangar space causing fire which destroyed all radio equipment. Ship is entirely seaworthy. Repairs are proceeding and ship will be ready for operations less one midships crane by 18 December.

VESTAL damaged by a bomb hit aft while at berth at Pearl Harbor is undertaking repairs with one repair force. It is estimated that the ship will be fully ready as a repair ship by 17 December. Docking may not be required.

2. It is believed that the sinking of the *OKLAHOMA*, *NEVADA*, *CALIFORNIA* and *WEST VIRGINIA* is in large part due to the ships having been in condition *XRAY*. Had time been available to set condition *ZED* before receiving damage, progressive flooding might have been avoided.

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Cinepac File No.

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET,
U. S. S. *PENNSYLVANIA*, Flagship,
Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 21, 1941.

Summary of damage sustained by ships of Pacific Fleet from enemy attacks at Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941

Ship	Damage incurred and cause	Repairs proceeding and proposed
ARIZONA.....	Sunk at berth. Aircraft torpedoes and heavy bombs exploding forward magazines.	Propose caisson the ship and make recommendation thereafter.
CALIFORNIA.....	Sunk at berth. Two or more aircraft torpedoes and one large bomb hit amidships causing fire. Part of A. A. battery still manned and available.	Propose caisson ship, repair to make watertight and return to mainland for complete repairs. (Tow).
MARYLAND.....	Bomb hit frame 14, penetrated and exploded, holing shell, decks and bulkheads forward of fr. 24.	<i>NYPH</i> repairing shell to make seaworthy. Decks, bulkheads to be completed at <i>NYPS</i> .
NEVADA.....	Heavy bombs, aircraft torpedoes and possibly a mine in channel. Beached across from Hospital Pt. AA batteries still manned and available.	Propose float ship (caisson may not be required), repair to make watertight and return to mainland yard for complete repairs. (Tow).

Summary of damage sustained by ships of Pacific Fleet from enemy attacks at Pearl Harbor, December 1941—Continued

Ship	Damage incurred and cause	Repairs proceeding*and proposed
OKLAHOMA.....	Capsized at berth. Three or more aircraft torpedoes.	Propose right and float ship (caisson may not be required) repair to make watertight and return to mainland yard for complete repairs. (Two).
PENNSYLVANIA. TENNESSEE.....	Bomb hit starboard side boat deck..... One heavy bomb (dud) through turret top. One medium bomb aft cracked 14" gun. Fire aft 2nd deck due to heat from ARIZONA. Electrical circuits 2nd deck aft damaged by fire.	Repairs completed. NYPH repairing shell to make seaworthy and habitable. NYPH complete habilitation, renew 14" gun, and watertight integrity.
WEST VIRGINIA.	Sunk at berth. Four aircraft torpedoes and one heavy bomb hit. Considerable damage by fire.	Propose caisson ship. Repair to make watertight and return to mainland for complete repairs. (Tow).
HELENA.....	Forward fire and engine rooms flooded by aircraft torpedo. Some machinery badly damaged.	NYPH repairing shell to make seaworthy. Propose return to NYMI for complete repairs. (Two shafts).
HONOLULU.....	Bomb. Near miss frame 40, port. Flooded five magazines and handling room II turret. Damaged electrical circuits in flooded spaces.	NYPH proceeding with complete repairs.
RALEIGH.....	One aircraft torpedo, and small bomb (dud) which penetrated three decks and ship's side aft. Forward engine room and forward firerooms flooded and damaged.	NYPH to make repairs to make seaworthy when HONOLULU is undocked. Propose return to NYMI (on 2 shafts) for complete repairs.
CASSIN..... DOWNES.....	Drydock No. 1 ahead of PENNSYLVANIA. Bomb hit DOWNES exploding her torpedo warheads and causing serious fire. CASSIN knocked off blocks and fell over on DOWNES.	Propose upright, patch and float out CASSIN for possible repairs to return to full or limited service. Further recommendations later.
SHAW.....	Bombed while docked on floating drydock. Forward part of ship and floating dock badly damaged by fire.	Propose float and reconstruct forward part—return to mainland yard for complete repairs, possibly under own power.
UGLALA.....	Sunk by aircraft torpedo and possibly near miss by bomb.	Salvage doubtful. Recommendation later.
UTAH.....	Capsized and sunk by aircraft torpedoes.	Recommendations re salvage and repairs later.
CURTISS.....	Enemy plane out of control flew into crane mast. One bomb exploded in hangar space. All radio equipment destroyed. Ship entirely seaworthy.	NYPH, replace radio and effect necessary repairs to hangar space.
VESTAL.....	Bomb hit aft, holling shell. Beached....	Repairs proceeding by own repair force. May not require docking.

(Enclosure D)

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UNITED STATES FLEET,
U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship.
Pearl Harbor, T. H., December 20, 1941.

(A) DISPOSITION OF TASK FORCES

TASK FORCE ONE

Batdivs 2 and 4 (less COLORADO).....	5 BB
Crudiv 9 (less BOISE).....	4 CL
Desrons 1 and 3 (less CLARK).....	17 DD
RALEIGH.....	1 OCL
UGLALA.....	1 OCM
Mindiv 1 (overhaul).....	4 DM

Disposition: In port. Returned 11/28 to remain until 12/13.

TASK FORCE TWO

Batdiv 1.....	3 BB
Crudiv 5 (less PENSACOLA).....	3 CA
Desrons 4 and 6.....	18 DD
DETROIT.....	1 OCL
ENTERPRISE.....	1 CV
Mindiv 2.....	4 DM

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Disposition: At sea as Task Force EIGHT

ENTERPRISE	In Port
Desron 6	Batdiv 1
Crudiv 5	Desron 4
	DETROIT
	Mindiv 2

Position of Task Force EIGHT: 200 miles West of Pearl standing to eastward returning from landing VMP at Wake. Planes were in the air from 0618 to search sector 045 to 135 to 150 miles and then land at Ewa. These planes arrived during the attack and engaged the enemy aircraft.

TASK FORCE THREE

Crudivs 4 and 6 (less LOUISVILLE)-----	7 CA
Desron 5 (less Desdiv 10)-----	5 DD
Minron 2-----	13 DM
LEXINGTON-----	1 CV

Disposition: At sea as Task Force TWELVE

LEXINGTON

Gradiv 4 less INDIANAPOLIS and LOUISVILLE plus ASTORIA

Desron 5 less Desdiv 10

Position (estimated): 23-45 N, 171-15 W, about 425 miles southeast of Midway and 300 miles West of French Frigate Shoal on a westerly course to land Marine VMSB's on Midway. When attack was made the Task Force was ordered to turn toward Pearl and later directed to intercept the enemy and destroy enemy carriers. INDIANAPOLIS as Task Force THREE, Minron 2 less Mindivs 5 and 6 at Johnston exercising at landing exercises using landing boats, MINNEAPOLIS and Mindiv 5 at sea S.W. of Oahu—normal operations. Mindiv 6 in port, with NEW ORLEANS and SAN FRANCISCO under overhaul.

TASK FORCE SEVEN

At Midway-----	2SS
At Wake-----	2SS
At Mare Island-----	5SS
At San Diego-----	4SS
Eh route to Pearl-----	4SS
At pearl-----	5SS
PELIAS-----	1AS

TASK FORCE NINE

VP-21—At Midway. 7 searching 120-170, 450 miles. 4 on 10 minutes notice.	12
VP-11—4 hours notice-----	6
VP-12—30 minutes notice-----	5
4 hours notice-----	3
VP-14—In air (with depth charges)-----	3
30 minutes notice-----	3
4 hours notice-----	4
VP-22—4 hours notice-----	12
VP-23—4 hours notice-----	11
VP-24—4 in air conducting tactics with SS-----	4
On 30 minutes notice-----	1
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	72
Overhauling-----	9
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TANGIER—In port.

CURTISS—In port.

MCFARLAND

HULBERT

THORNTON

All planes on the ground on ready notice had been furnished with a search directive in the event that any contacts with surface forces were developed by the early morning search. This plan never became effective because damage to the planes prevented.

MARINE PLANES

VMF 221	—Wake	
VM3B 231	—Enroute Midway LEXINGTON	
VM3B 232	—Ewa 4 hours notice	18
VMJ 252	—Ewa	2

BASE FORCE

ARGONNE, plus auxiliaries and repair vessels, were in port.

Aircraft of Base Force

VJ-1—9	J2F	-----	Pearl
9	JRS	-----	Pearl
VJ-2—10	J2F	-----	Pearl
4	PBY-1	-----	(2 at Johnston)
VJ-3—1	J2V	-----	Pearl
4	JRB	-----	at Main
1	JRF		
2	BT		

In addition the tenders (destroyer) DOBBIN and WHITNEY were in port and the submarine tender PELLAS.

The Task Forces shown herein, except EIGHT and TWELVE which were on special missions to improve war readiness of Wake and Midway, were in accordance with the organization of the Pacific Fleet which had been effective since 30 April 1941, and revised on 31 October 1941. The Task Forces were operating in accordance with the approved employment schedule of the Fleet and the special tasks assigned. It will be noted that all combatant vessels were assigned to Task Forces. This assignment was in accordance with their war missions and all training was conducted with that in mind.

(b) The Fleet was operating under the "security plan" originally issued on 15 February and revised on 14 October 1941. This provided for the possibility of a declaration of war being preceded by:

- (a) A surprise attack on ships in Pearl Harbor,
- (b) A surprise submarine attack on ships in the operating area,
- (c) A combination of both.

The provisions of the security measures were always followed by ships in the operating areas, even to the point of having ready ammunition at the guns. Frequent surprise drills were held by ships in Pearl Harbor in coordination with Army and distant activities to test the provisions of the security measures against air and submarine attacks on ships in port. Since, however, the times in port had to be devoted to upkeep, and limited recreation periods, and since the intelligence information indicated complete security from any surprise air attack, the provisions of the air security plan were not fully effective in port. At the time of the attack, however, provisions had been made and were in effect to provide against sabotage on ships, docks and equipment, and all ships had armed patrols and careful routine inspections of the ships during the entire time in port. In the battleships, two machine guns were always manned and ready and two 5-/25 guns were manned with stand-by crews and 15 rounds of ammunition at each gun.

(c) In addition and as provided in the Security Plan, a daily search of all operating areas was conducted by planes of Patrol Wing TWO. This was an early morning search of about 200 miles to cover the general areas in which the Fleet would be operating during the day.

Such a search was being conducted on 7 December and planes on that search were in the air at the time of the attack. In addition, 4 planes were operating with the submarines in the training of intertype exercises for communication and recognition. They searched the area toward Lahaina Roads on that morning.

(d) The first indication of any enemy force in the area was the appearance of a submarine close aboard the ANTARES returning from Canton Island and preparing to enter Honolulu while towing a barge. This submarine was attacked by a destroyer of the off-shore patrol which was called by the ANTARES. This was at about 0645. In addition, plane one of VP-14 dropped a bomb on a submarine off the entrance to Pearl. In this connection numerous sonic contacts had been reported in the operating waters close to Pearl during the last six months but no actual visual contacts had been made. In addition, no attacks had been made on these suspected submarines because the Navy Department had

prohibited such attacks except within the 3 mile limit. When the international situation grew more tense, however, the Commander-in-Chief directed ships to attack submarines suspected to be operating this area, and it was on this authority that the WARD and VP-14 attacked on the morning of 7 December.

These submarine attacks were followed by a report from the Navy Signal Tower "Enemy air raid, this is not a drill" at about 0752. It will be noted that the attack occurred while the crews of ships were just finishing breakfast on Sunday morning.

The information regarding the air raid was sent to all Task Forces at 0800, followed by a despatch "Hostilities with Japan commenced with air raid on Pearl" at 0812.

The effect of the surprise attack and the damage inflicted with damage to communications made it practically impossible to organize an air search except by the 7 PBY's in the air at the time.

(e) At 0817 Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, directed Patrol Wing TWO to search for the enemy, and the PBY's in the air started to search. The 3 on the morning search started to search sector 310-000 to a distance of 300 miles. The first plane started out at once.

The 4 PBY's, operating with the submarines started search sector 245-285 to 300 miles out, the first plane of that search got away at about 0945.

No plane in these areas searched saw anything. At 0830 Commander-in-Chief advised Task Force THREE, EIGHT and TWELVE to rendezvous as directed by Commander Task Force EIGHT and stated that instructions would be issued as soon as enemy was located.

(f) While it appeared logical that the attack should come from the northward so that the planes would fly down wind with their loads, no such evidence was available from the nature of the attack. Certain information indicated that carriers or enemy forces were operating to the southward. A direction finder bearing of radio transmissions at 1046 was received to indicate that an enemy force bore 178 from Pearl. This was not a positive indication of an enemy position but did indicate the probability of an enemy carrier to the southward. A message was received from a ship with the MINNEAPOLIS call at 0950 stating that carrier had been sighted. The MINNEAPOLIS was then south of Oahu. At 1010 4 DM's sent a message that they were in area Sail 2 and that two carriers were in sight. This was later corrected to say the message should have been *NOT* in sight.

In addition, a message from Kaneohe received at 1000 stated "Captured enemy have marked positions, bearing 223-90 miles from Pearl Harbor". These marks in Japanese script were later found not pertinent to the attack.

This information was passed to Task Forces at sea as an indication of probable location of enemy forces. In addition, at 1018 the Task Force Commanders were advised that there were only 12 VP's available in Pearl for search and that there was some indication that the enemy was to the northward. They were directed to locate and attack the enemy of unknown composition. Search was instituted at once by Task Force EIGHT who was then somewhere west by south of Pearl. At 1020, 15 V-19 from ENTERPRISE loaded with 1000 lb. bombs were launched to search for and attack a reported group of 4 transports off Barbor's Point. The origin of the report about the transports is unknown and it probably was enemy deception because surface craft proceeding to attack them were attacked by enemy submarines in that area. Ships that could do so cleared the harbor by this time and were organized as a separate Task Force ONE at 1105 and directed to report to Commander Task Force EIGHT to assist in locating and destroying the enemy.

(g) It was not possible to start an organized search with aircraft with the forces on Oahu until the late morning. By about 1100, however, in addition to the 7PBY's which had started the search between 0815 and 0915, as the planes became serviceable they were started on the following searches:

Army—2 B-17
 2 A-20A
 3 B-18
 3 B-17, 095-165, 300 miles
 Navy—4 planes VP-24, 245-275, 300 miles.
 2 planes VJ, 355-005, 300 miles
 3 planes VP-14, 295-350, 200 miles
 4 planes VP-23, 215-245, 200 miles

Battleship & Cruiser Planes

6 VOS, 135-215, 200 miles
 9 SBD, 330-030, 200 miles
 6 J2F in westward sector

The concentrated air search was conducted to the northward and westward because of the belief that the major enemy attack force was in that direction. In addition, the disposition of Task Forces at sea was such that they were able to search to the southward.

At about 1345 one plane of the ENTERPRISE reported contact with surface forces in position 20-32 N and 158-40 W, and followed closely by a report that the patrol was being attacked by a VF plane. This report was apparently in error because the position is only about 60 miles from Pearl.

At 1330 a radio direction finder bearing on an enemy frequency and by a ship using the "AKAGI" call was picked up and gave a bearing of 189° from Pearl and another unidentified unit was found to be on bearing 167 from Pearl. This information was passed to the Task Forces at sea and on that information and the supposition that any enemy forces in the area south of Oahu would retire, toward Jalint, the senior Task Force Commander at sea directed Task Force Twelve at 1552, to intercept and destroy the enemy. In addition, Task Force ONE which had joined Task Force EIGHT was directed to proceed to search with surface force and attack. The surface force search was also based on a retirement toward Jalint.

No contacts were made and the enemy was not located, except that 2 planes from the cruiser NORTHAMPTON made contact with an enemy fighter at 1120 just north of NIIHAU and after 20 minutes in spite of the enemy superior speed and gun power succeeded in shooting him down. No report of this attack ever reached the Commander-in-Chief.

From the chart later discovered from enemy planes shot down there is no indication that any carriers operated to the southward of Oahu. The charts do indicate, however, that the attack was launched from a point about 200 miles to the northward and that the carrier retired to the northward at full speed while waiting planes to return from the attack. (It appears then that the enemy carriers in this area were well beyond the daylight search curve of the planes sent out to find them and therefore were successful in evading all contacts with our air forces in the area).

The search by surface craft, carrier aircraft and their ship-based planes to the southward was not successful. It appears probable that the enemy used radio deception by placing a ship to the southward to use deceptive radio calls, to indicate the presence of enemy forces in that area. It may be possible too that if enemy forces were in that area that they retired at high speed to the southward beyond the range of our ships and aircraft.

(h) At 0800 the positions of the ships at sea were approximately as follows:

Task Force TWELVE—18-30N, 163-40 W.

Task Force EIGHT—20-50 N, 158-50 W.

Task Force ONE—20-32 N, 159-45 W.

Task Force TWELVE was proceeding on course 170 at 17 knots. His position was in the area to the northwestern of Johnston Island. The cruiser planes searched to the northward of the island and the carrier planes in a southeasterly direction to a distance of 200 miles for the 0800 position.

In addition, the planes of VP-21 departed Midway and searched the area from Midway to Johnston and then from Johnston to Pearl Harbor. Six planes of Patwing TWO searched the sector with the median of 220° from Pearl Harbor to a distance of 550 miles. The planes from the ENTERPRISE searched the sector 315 to 270 from the carrier's daylight position.

By these searches practically the entire area in the Oahu-Midway-Johnston Island triangle was completely covered.

In addition, the available planes of Patwing TWO searched an area of 200 miles all around Oahu. It was not possible to extend this search further to seaward because of the small number of available planes.

(i) Because Task Force EIGHT was low in fuel, that Force entered Pearl Harbor after dark on 8 December, fueled, provisioned and took on ammunition and departed for sea before daylight on 9 December.

9 December

On 9 December the position of Task Force TWELVE was about 600 miles S.S.W. of Oahu proceeding toward the island. A 200 mile search was being conducted

in the morning all around the carrier position during the morning and a 150-mile search along the line of the carrier course during the afternoon.

After departure from Pearl Harbor Task Force EIGHT proceeded to the northeastward from Oahu for search operations in that area.

Task Force ONE returned to port on 9 December.

U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, Flagship

Using Oahu based planes the following search was conducted starting in the morning of 9 December:

300-010 500 miles 10 VP
 010-060 300 miles 10 B-18
 060-210 200 miles 18 VSO
 210-030 300 miles 6 VJ-
 and in the afternoon
 330-020 4 Army B-20

The sector to the southwest of Oahu was covered by the LEXINGTON planes as mentioned before.

No contact with enemy or surface forces were made. Numerous submarines were reported, probably many false contacts, but all were attacked by planes.

HAWAII INQUIRY EXHIBIT No. 74

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT,
 FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT,
 Pearl Harbor, T. H., 3 February, 1942.

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From: Commandant, Fourteenth Naval District.

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

Subject: War Diary for period 7 December to 1 January.

Reference: (a) Comd. Insp. (CINCPAC) dated 2 January, 1942 from CINCPAC to Com14.

Enclosure: (A) Three copies of subject diary.

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith. This diary has been compiled from the logs and reports submitted by various district activities. In certain instances, reports of individuals have been quoted not because their opinions or remarks are considered of special value, but in order to give an insight to the reactions of the personnel concerned.

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WAR DIARY OF FOURTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT FOR PERIOD 7 DECEMBER TO 1 JANUARY

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