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Pearl Harbor: Surprise Attack 808

The Six-Minute Solution, Sopris West

On the early morning of December 7, 1941, most of Pearl Harbor was sleeping. Only a few sailors were on **(Sunday)** duty. Seven of the United States **(fleet)**'s great battleships were floating in **(the)** harbor. Another ship was in dry-dock. **(Eight)** cruisers, forty-one destroyers, and five submarines **(were)** also present. All three of the **(fleet)**'s aircraft carriers were away from **(Pearl)** Harbor on other duties. The United **(States)** naval forces were not on any **(type)** of alert. The United States had **(not)** yet entered World War II.

Quietly **(in)** the early morning darkness, the Japanese **(task)** force approached the U.S. fleet. **(At)** 6 a.m. Hawaiian time, 189 Japanese warplanes **(were)** flown off the carrier decks. They **(headed)** toward the north point of Oahu **(at)** 7:50 a.m. and then separated. Dive-bombers **(turned)** toward the airbases where the American **(planes)** sat neatly on the ground. Meanwhile, **(forty)** torpedo planes, followed by fifty horizontal **(bombers)**, attacked the sitting fleet. Behind them **(came)** fifty Japanese fighters. These fighters were **(prepared)** to stop any American air defense. **(One)** hour later came the second wave **(of)** Japanese aircraft. Fifty-four horizontal bombers, eighty-one **(dive-bombers)**, and thirty-six fighters were ready to **(reinforce)** the initial attack and destroy whatever **(had)** been missed.

In one hour and **(forty-five)** minutes, the Japanese had knocked the **(heart)** out of the American fleet. They **(were)** successful due to their attack being **(a)** total surprise. The attack on Pearl **(Harbor)** was enough to give Japan an **(initial)** overwhelming advantage. Americans were at first **(completely)** shocked and then enraged. Less than 24 **(hours)** after the first bomb was dropped, **(the)** United States Congress voted to declare **(war)** on Japan.



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