



For our warriors and the peace they serve to protect and defend. As I hold in my hands this poignant edition of The Miami Herald published 75 years ago today (another one of Mom's archived treasures), I cringe at the reminder of the countless souls lost to war, past and present, and of the brave men and women putting their lives at risk for me every day.

It is my prayer that this great nation of ours works together for peace, democracy, and freedom around the world, so that the bleeding stops and we never again find ourselves facing a newspaper cover like this one, or live through another date which would live in infamy.

For our warriors and the peace they serve to protect and defend, I am grateful.

What are you thankful for?

"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."

-Albert Einstein

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

-G.K. Chesterton

"A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."

-Ecclesiastes 3:8

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WAR!

Hawaii and Manila Hit; Navies Fight

Bulletin

Japan attacked the United States Sunday, striking by air at the great Pearl Harbor naval base at Honolulu and at Manila, and latest reports indicated that the United States had won the first battle in the new World war.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Japanese airplanes Sunday attacked American defense bases at Hawaii and Manila, and President Roosevelt ordered the army and navy to carry out undisclosed orders prepared for the defense of the United States.

The White House said that Japan had attacked America's vital outposts in the Pacific—Hawaii and Manila—at 8:20 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) and that so far as was known the attacks were still in progress.

Announcing the President's action for the protection of American territory, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early declared that so far as was known the attacks were "wholly without warning," and that the attacks were "delivered within an hour or so of the time that the Japanese ambassadors had come to the state department to hand to the secretary of state Japan's reply to the secretary's memorandum of the 26th.

And within a few minutes, the War Department ordered all military personnel in this country into uniform.

Promptly, many officers said that long prepared counter measures against Japanese surprise attacks had been ordered into operation and were "working smoothly."

There was a disposition in some quarters here to wonder whether the attacks had not been ordered by the Japanese military authorities because they feared the President's direct negotiations with the emperor might lead to an about-face in Japanese policy and the consequent loss of face by the present ruling faction in Japan.

A little later, the White House reported that an army transport loaded with lumber had been torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco.

This is well east of Hawaii.

The first announcement did not say whether the ship was sunk or whether there was loss of life.

War Spreading Over World

No official word was given in reporting any of the developments, but with the series of events there could be no doubt that the Far Eastern situation had at last exploded, that the United States was at war, and that the conflict which began in Europe was spreading over the entire world.

A brief presidential statement disclosing the attacks was dictated to news agencies and press associations by Early. It said:

"The Japanese have attacked Pearl Harbor (in Hawaii) from the air and all naval and military activities on the island of Oahu, the principal base in the Hawaiian Islands."

Then, a few minutes later, he dictated this:

"A second air attack has been reported. This one has been made on the army and navy bases in Manila."

The news quickly spread over Washington and brought expressions of incredulity from many members of Congress.

FDR Sent Message

Only Saturday night the state department had disclosed that President Roosevelt had dispatched a personal message to Emperor Hirohito of Japan in

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Manchurian Plunge Started Campaign Program Which

Assured Abolished

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U. S. Far East Commander and Japan's Premier



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Targeted to Prevent

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