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December 7th, Pearl Harbor Attack



The picture above is of the pearl harbor attack. Two Japanese planes on fire as a US naval ship shoots them down.

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This week inside The Diggity Dirt we will be covering the recent Pearl Harbor attack. We will be answering the many questions of who, what, when, where, and how's as well as showing some never before seen letters, diary entries, interviews, and even pictures.

On Decemeber 7th, Japan had sent a fleet of planes to attack The Pearl Harbor Naval Base. Little did they know that the base had been preparing for this attack. How? you may ask. Japan had been planning this attack for awhile deciding how they were going to manage to attack Pearl Harbor and in which way. The day

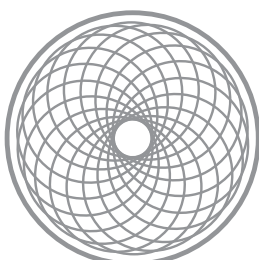
before Pearl Harbor was attacked a message from Japan had been intercepted by Washington D.C. They translated the message and read how Japan was planning on attacking Pearl Harbor they intercepted another message that confirmed it as well.

The men at D.C quickly radioed the Pearl Harbor base and warned them about the attack. Upon hearing this news Pearl Harbor quickly got theirs ships and aircrafts ready for any such attack. When Japan finally attacked, Pearl Harbor had it's ships and fleet ready to fight back. Which led to Japan's defeat.

But why would Japan just come out of nowhere and attack the Naval Base? The U.S had recently cut off Japan from certain

resources they were getting before, the biggest being oil, and Japan was not happy. Japan then started to come up with a plan to surprise attack the U.S. They decided the best place would be Pearl Harbor which would cripple the U.S leaving Japan to take over more of the pacific the oil resources, and also starting a War in the Pacific.

Since Japan had failed with their surprise attack the U.S was able to stay in control of the oil resources as well as keep a War out of the Pacific.



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LETTERS

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Staff Writer

This is the part where we post letters which we have found or was written to us and share them with you guys. Since this event has happen very

recently we were not able to find anything because the letters had been sent out to the families.

We decided to find some families who have family in the naval base and asked if we would be able to share one of

their letters they were given in the newspaper. The Wright family was kind enough to let us.

This letter was written by Paul Wright a couple days after the attack happened, to his family.

Dear Lauren,

Hello my love, I miss you so much. How are the kids? I hope everything is well. But that is not why I wrote you this. I know you must of heard about the attack. And I just wanted to let you know that I am okay. Actually everything around here is alright. W have a few ships to fix up from the attack but nothing severe. We are so lucky we got the warning. I can;t imagine what would of happened if we didn't. I wasn't told to much about why we were attacked. But we are pretty sure it's about us recently closing off Japan's resources like oil. We believe they attacked us so they could take control of the Pacific and the oil. But I am not sure if that was the only reason. But the good news is we are all safe. I am not sure when I will be able to write back again but when I do I will let you know how everything is. I miss you guys dearly. And Bill says hi by the way, he's still a lunatic. Miss you all so much and will write as soon as I can. I love you. Send the kids my love.

Love,
Paul



Diary Entries

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This is the part where we post diary entries from diaries we may find, people of history, that applies to our main topic, or of people who send them in wanting us to share.

We were recently sent a diary entry from one of the navy soldiers who was

at the Pearl Harbor base when they has received the warning of an attack.

He kindly sent us this part of the diary to share to you all. But asked that it would be anonymous. It does not reveal anything huge but does confirm the reason japan attacked in the first place.

December 7th, 1941

We recently just got a message that Japan is going to attack. Our ships, aircrafts, and soldiers are preparing. We are not 100% sure what to expect. We know we are going to be ambushed with planes but we are not sure how many. We have everything ready to attack just in case. We are expecting a win, the chance of them winning is slim with all the ammunition we have. The supplies we cut off from them will still stay cut off and keep them from creating a war in the Pacific. Even though we are ready, we are still nervous about the outcome. May God watch over us.

Interviews

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This is the part we post interviews which our lovely journalism team goes out and gathers themselves. We try and find some inside sources that can really get the deep dish on whats cookin' behind the scenes.

For this one our worker is interviewing a cook, Joe Jenkins, who was on base at the time of the attack.

Interview: December 10, 1941

Interviewer: Hello thank you for being here today.

Cook: No problem.

Interviewer: So lets get on with the questions, what do you do at the base?

Cook: I work in the kitchen.

Interviewer: Interesting, so what happened December 7th?

Cook: Well it started as just a regular hot day in Pearl Harbor. It was a Sunday so everyone was kind of relaxing. We were on high alert though because of the warning message we got the day before. But us cooks were just doing our normal day routine, we woke up early and headed to the kitchen to start breakfast for the men at the base. In the middle of making the breakfast we got a call saying that we had to get something out fast, so the men could get something in their stomachs and go.

Interviewer: So did you know what was happening?

Cook: We had a feeling the attack was approaching because we don't usually get calls telling us to hurry up in the kitchen. So me and my men started whipping up some quick food they could grab and go, most of the men were already gone by the time everything was out. So making the food was basically a waste of time but we did it.

Interviewer: So when were you defiantly sure you guys were being attacked?

Cook: Well everything was really loud so you really couldn't miss it at all.

Interviewer: Makes sense, so how was it in the kitchen? Did anything get hit? Was everything ok?

Cook: Nothing or nobody got hit, luckily. We didn't stay in the kitchen because we knew it wasn't safe so when we heard the sirens and everything we left the kitchen and made our way to our bunkers.

Interviewer: How was everything afterward?

Cook: Some people were a bit shook up, even though we knew about the attack it still hit us hard. We lost some lives that day but defiantly less then we would of if we would not of known. Some of our ships and different areas on the base were hit but nothing we can't fix up. We were just happy we were alright and everything wasn't to bad. It could have been much worse.

Interviewer: Very true. Well we are happy to hear everything isn't to bad and it was a pleasure having you here today.

Cook: Thank you very much.

POLITICAL CARTOON

