

# • Pearl Harbor

## Attack - 12/7/41

— day of surprise Japanese  
attack on American armed forces  
at Pearl Harbor, Oahu

• - Hawaii was an American territory, not a state

- attack on a Sunday, 8am

• - Amer. forces totally unprepared

— Japanese point of view...

- as an island nation,  
it had/has limited resources

- Japan did not feel respected  
as a nation by US or Europe

- Japan became militarily  
aggressive, to gain resources,  
in China, SE Asia, & South  
Pacific

- wanted a unification  
of all Asian people,  
w/ themselves in charge

- American interests,  
especially in the  
Philippines, threatened

that idea

- believed a quick strike against US navy could "knock out" US threat in the Pacific & demoralize US public against war
- grand planner was Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto
- not all parts of Japan's military favored an attack on Pearl Harbor
- main goal was US aircraft carriers (3 total)

# - Attack itself

- - 6 Japanese aircraft carriers attacked from north, got w/in 230 miles of Oahu
- 400 planes, 5 mini subs
- element of surprise was achieved
- led by Captain Mitsuo Fuchida in a specially marked plane
- - done in 2 waves
- Fuchida's request for a

3rd wave turned down  
importance

A) short term goals achieved

B) long term goals failed

- attack united US public

- of 80 ships hit, only

3 never returned to  
action

C) US anti-aircraft fire was  
not co-ordinated, many  
US shells & bullets  
landed in Honolulu

D) Japanese-Americans  
suffered reprisals (revenge)  
by US, including  
detainment camps

E) 3 Japanese mistakes  
1- attacking on Sunday  
(-too many sailors on leave)  
2- land based fuel supply  
tanks untouched  
(-a single Japanese fighter  
could have destroyed all  
the American fuel supply)

Akagi	Hiryu
Soryu	Zuikaku
Kaga	Shokaku

3- Japanese don't destroy  
the "dry docks"

(-allows repairable ships  
to be fixed in Hawaii, not  
towed to US mainland for  
repairs)

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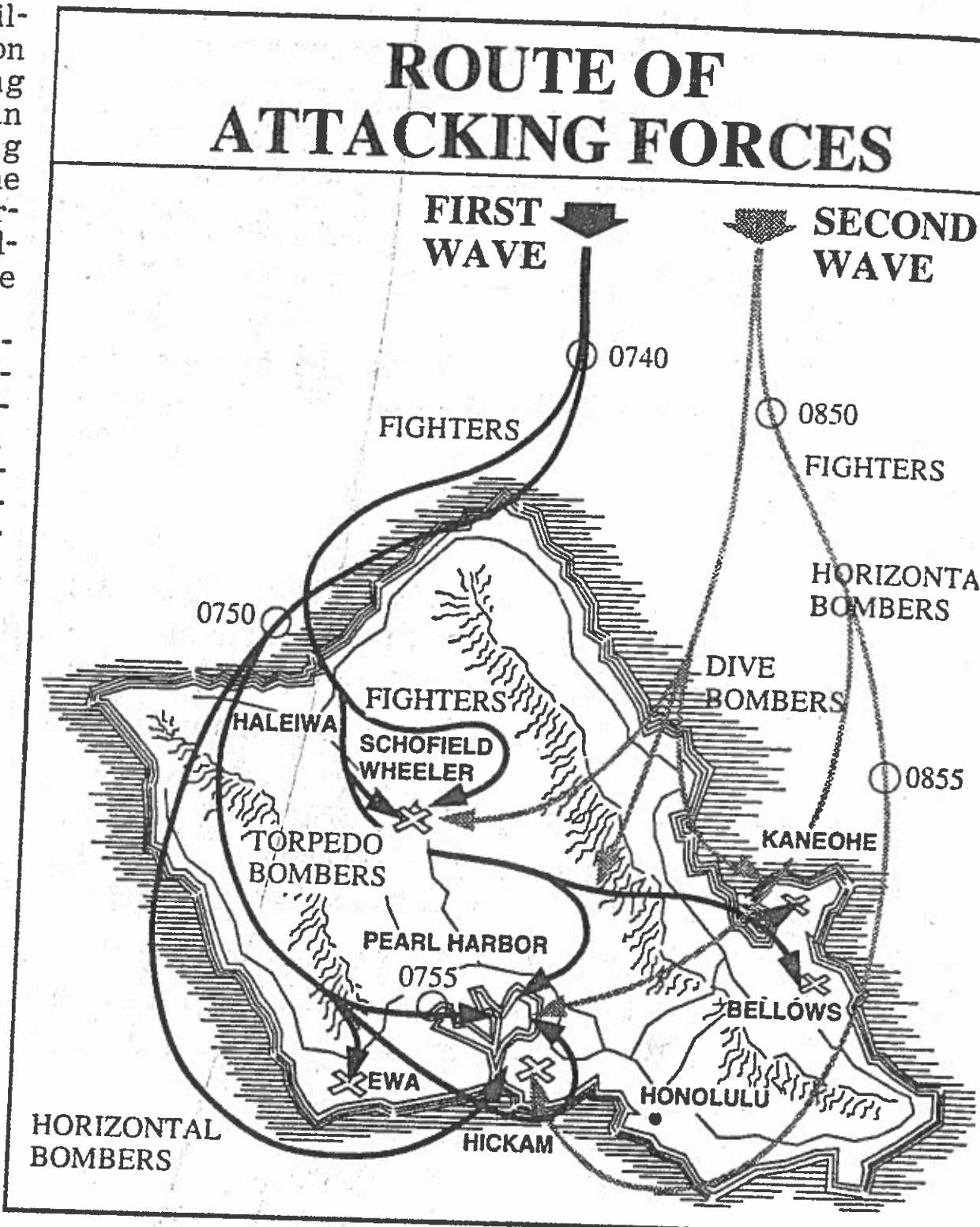
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