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Photograph of Pearl Harbor taken from a Japanese Navy Plane just after launching the first attack on the battleships of the US Pacific Fleet. In the center Ford Island with the Navy airdrome (Compare Map II, p. 25)

These sensational photographs, reproduced by kind permission of the Japanese Ministry of Navy, show the dramatic curtain raiser of the Pacific war. They are historic documents of one of the decisive moments of the present world conflagration

With Hickam Field aflame on the horizon, the fleet of US battleships is shown taking a merciless pounding from Japanese war planes. The third vessel on the outside, with oil gushing from her hull, is already listing heavily



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The largest units of the United States fleet peacefully moored close together off Ford Island, seen in the midst of the attack. The foremost (to extreme left), of the *Oklahoma* class, is already sinking with a dark blotch of oil surrounding her. The last two outside ships, one of the *Maryland* class and the other of the *Pennsylvania* class, are listing far to the starboard, hit by torpedoes. The first and third inside ships (from left) are badly damaged by direct bomb hits from Japanese warplanes

Dense columns of smoke billow skyward from Wheeler Field, US Army airdrome. Having no chance to take to the air because of the swiftness of the Japanese attack, grounded bombers and pursuit ships are being destroyed. The picture also shows (upper half) the pleasant officers' quarters of the Army's Schofield Barracks

