

# The Attack on Pearl Harbor: A Comprehensive Historical Account



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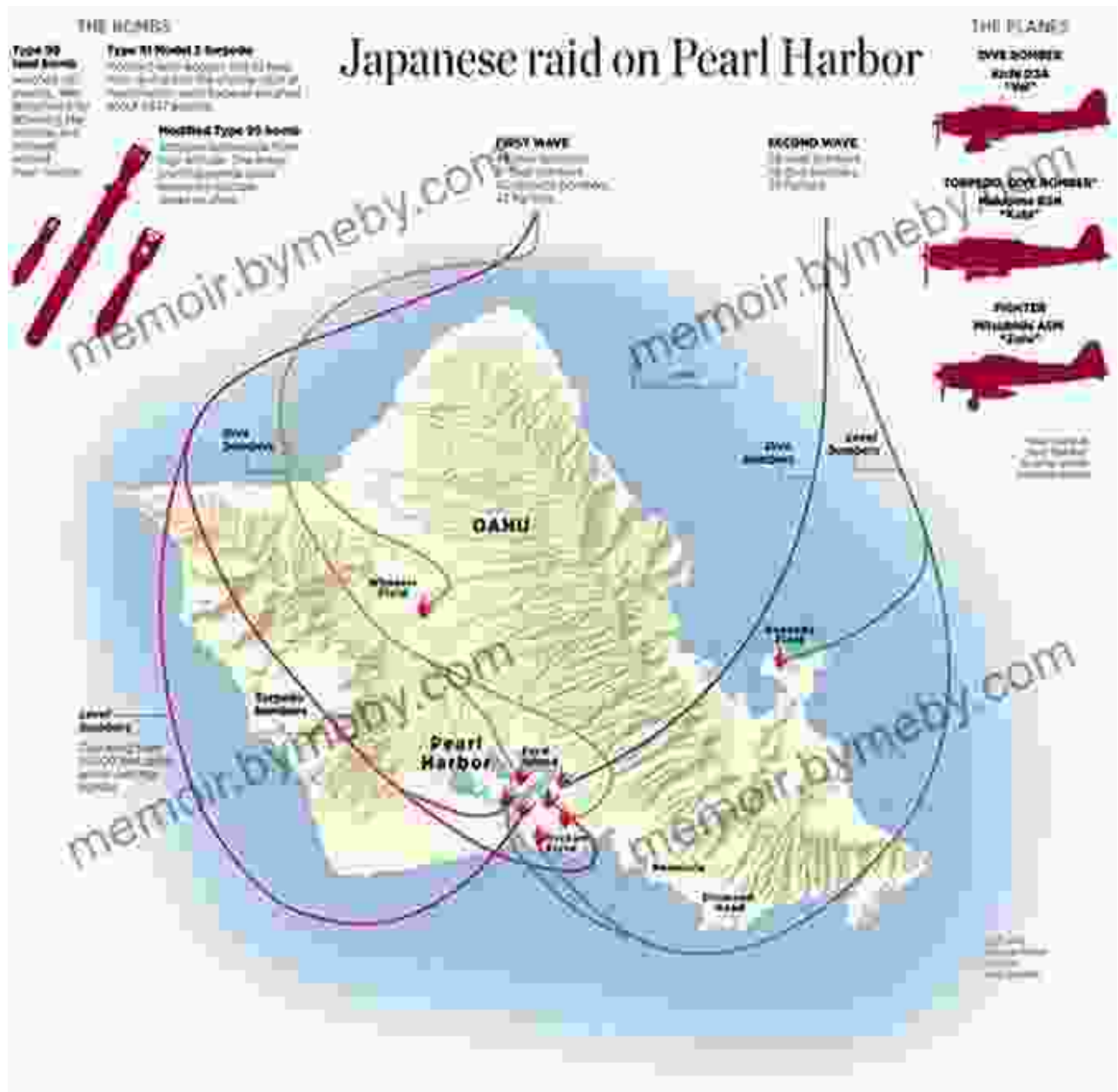


## Prelude to War

The attack on Pearl Harbor did not come out of nowhere. Tensions between Japan and the United States had been building for years. Japan was an aggressive imperial power, and it saw the United States as a threat to its ambitions in East Asia. The United States, on the other hand, was determined to stop Japan from expanding its empire.

In 1940, Japan signed a pact with Germany and Italy, the Axis powers. This pact alarmed the United States, and it led to a freeze on American exports to Japan. Japan responded by invading French Indochina (now Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos) in 1941.

In response to Japan's aggression, the United States began to prepare for war. In July 1941, the United States imposed an embargo on oil and other vital resources to Japan. This embargo angered Japan, and it led to the decision to attack Pearl Harbor.



## The Attack

The attack on Pearl Harbor began at 7:55 AM on December 7, 1941. A wave of Japanese aircraft attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The attack lasted for two hours, and it caused extensive damage to the U.S. fleet.

The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor with two waves of aircraft. The first wave consisted of 183 planes, and the second wave consisted of 167 planes. The planes were a mix of fighters, bombers, and torpedo bombers.

The Japanese planes attacked the U.S. fleet in a coordinated attack. The fighters strafed the ships, the bombers dropped bombs, and the torpedo bombers launched torpedoes. The attack was devastating.

The attack on Pearl Harbor killed 2,403 Americans and wounded 1,178. It also destroyed or damaged 19 U.S. ships, including eight battleships.



## Aftermath

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a turning point in World War II. It brought the United States into the war, and it led to the eventual defeat of Japan.

The attack on Pearl Harbor also had a profound impact on American society. It led to a wave of patriotism and a renewed determination to win the war. It also led to the creation of the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb.

The attack on Pearl Harbor is a reminder of the importance of vigilance and preparedness. It is also a reminder of the resilience of the American people.

### **The Attack on Pearl Harbor Today**

The attack on Pearl Harbor is still remembered today. There is a memorial at Pearl Harbor that commemorates the attack and the lives of those who were lost. There is also a museum at Pearl Harbor that tells the story of the attack.

The attack on Pearl Harbor is a reminder of the importance of peace and reconciliation. It is also a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made to protect our freedom.



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