

伊号潜水艦と特殊潜航艇

358 Feet
I-CLASS SUBMARINE WITH MIDGET SUB



368 Feet
DESTROYER SAZANAMI

軽巡洋艦 香取



425 Feet
LIGHT CRUISER KATORI

給油船 健洋丸



520 Feet
OILER KENYO MARU

重巡洋艦 筑摩



661 Feet
HEAVY CRUISER CHIKUMA

高速戦艦 霧島



730 Feet
BATTLESHIP KIRISHIMA

航空母艦 赤城



855 Feet
AIRCRAFT CARRIER AKAGI

機動部隊 Kido Butai (Strike Force)



JAPANESE TASK FORCE:

- 6 - Aircraft Carriers with 432 Aircraft
- 2 - Battleships
- 2 - Heavy Cruisers
- 2 - Light Cruiser
- 11 - Destroyers
- 9 - Oilers

SPECIAL ADVANCE FORCE:

- 30 - I-Class Submarines
- 5 - Midget Submarines

JAPANESE ATTACK POSITION:

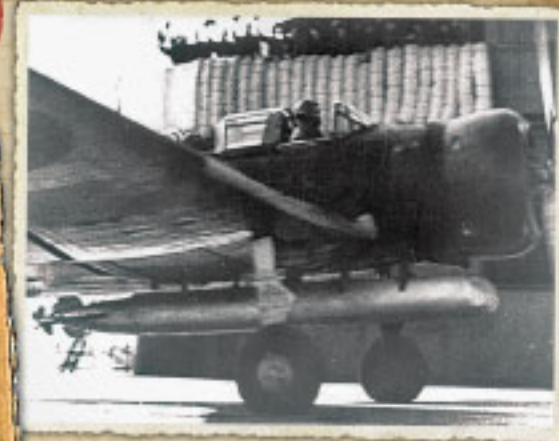
230 miles North of Oahu

TARGET:

U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor



No. 9



"KATE" torpedo bomber taking off from SHOAKU



The crew readies a "ZERO" fighter for launch

DECEMBER 7, 1941

It was a quiet, sunny Sunday morning with American forces going about their normal weekend routines. Kido Butai, the Japanese strike force of six aircraft carriers with 432 aircraft aboard, two battleships, two heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, nine destroyers and three I-Class submarines had taken up its position 230 miles north of Oahu.

The first wave of attack aircraft - 183 planes in all, rolled off the decks of the Japanese aircraft carriers at 6:00 a.m. This first wave sped towards Pearl Harbor led by Commander Fuchida. Immediately, the carrier crews readied for the second wave. 167 aircraft began launching from their carriers. It was a little after 7:00 a.m. The Nakajima B5N2 "KATES" were followed by the Aichi D3A1 "VAL" dive bombers and the Mitsubishi A6M2 Reisen "ZERO" fighters.



*Aircraft carrier SORYU-- stern

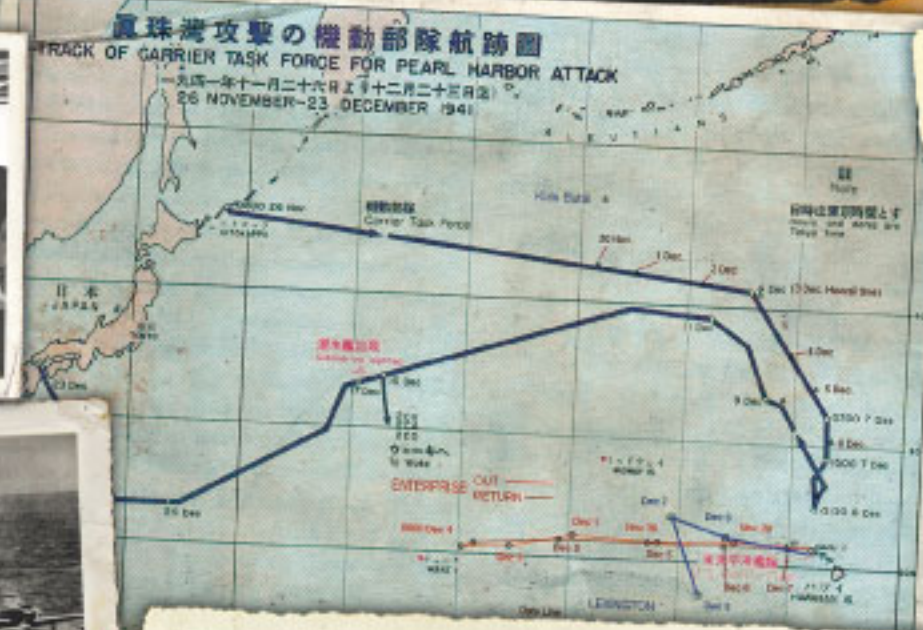


Second wave of Japanese planes prior to takeoff



2nd wave -- 167 aircraft -- 7:00am... a "ZERO" fighter

departs aircraft carrier SORYU



Commander Mitsuo Fuchida (center) was chosen to train the Japanese pilots and organize the air strike against Pearl Harbor. Flying as an observer in a Nakajima "KATE" bomber (piloted by Lt. Mutsuzaki), Cdr. Fuchida led the first wave of 183 planes to attack the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

TWO WARNINGS MISSED

On Oahu, two warnings of the impending attack were missed. The first occurred in the waters just outside the entrance to Pearl Harbor at 6:45 a.m. The destroyer *Ward* fired on, depth-charged and sank an unidentified submarine within the defensive sea area. The second warning occurred at 7:02 a.m. when two Army radar operators at the Opana station above Kahuku Point on Oahu's North Shore picked up a large formation of planes on their radar screens. After checking their equipment, they notified the watch officer at Fort Shafter. No action was taken because the officer believed the planes to be a flight of American B-17's flying in from California.

