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It was a day that would always be remembered.

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December 7th, 1941, a date which will live in infamy.

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It's yet in motion a terrible war, a war that devastated both Victor and vanquished.

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I don't know what hell is, but I think I was on the edge of hell at that time.

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It has become synonymous with treachery and deceit.

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Yet some say the defenders knew when and from where the attack would come.

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Earl Harbour.

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Beyond what is known as an unexplored world of shadows and phantoms.

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A land that knows no limits of time or space.

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From the dawn of discovery to the nightfall of catastrophe.

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A journey to a universe of the unexplained.

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The unforeseen, the unbelievable.

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A place beyond reality where no question will go unanswered.

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A place where myth and legend are all superstition aside.

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A travel to a world of secrets and mysteries.

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It's time for our journey to begin.

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Today it's a peaceful place, but only yesterday blood stained these waters.

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Earl Harbour Hawaii.

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A paradise defiled by violence.

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Knowledge surrounds these library walls, and with these instruments, that knowledge can be ours.

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It was one of history's most notorious Sundays.

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At 7.53 on the morning of December 7th, 1941, the naval air forces of Japan

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launched a brilliantly planned attack on the Pacific Fleet of the United States.

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It began with a rising sun in early morning.

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At 230 miles away, the men who were just waking up in Earl Harbour

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remember what it was like when that sun burst over the horizon.

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I was in bed asleep. Being a Sunday morning, I wasn't even going to get up and go to breakfast.

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Moreover, that changed very quickly.

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Shortly before 8 o'clock in the morning, I looked over the side and observed a torpedo plane coming in.

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The first thing that popped in my mind was what in the world is the army doing up on Sunday morning holding drills.

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We thought it was our own planes, and it wasn't until one of the planes pulled up

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and we could see the meatball we called it, the red sun on the bottom of the wing, that we knew that it was Japanese.

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And I kind of stuck my head around the corner of the bulkhead and watched the torpedo go in on one side and one on the battleships.

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We started cussing out the Marines for being out there so early on a Sunday morning.

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It turned out it wasn't the Marines after all.

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About that time, another torpedo plane went by and I saw the big red ball and immediately came to conclusion that the Japanese were attacking Earl Harbour.

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America was shocked beyond words at this seemingly unprovoked attack.

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A declaration of war followed immediately as President Roosevelt addressed his nation.

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The United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked.

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By naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

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Not only was the raid a complete surprise, it was also a brilliant piece of military planning.

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A plan conceived by a gifted naval officer named Soroko Yamamoto.

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Yamamoto's plan was audacious and unprecedented.

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Under a cloak of secrecy, a huge task force was to proceed from northern Japan to a point north of

Hawaii.

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Six aircraft carriers were to transport the elite naval air forces along with 28 submarines, some that were to penetrate the harbour itself.

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In the early morning, immediately after the Japanese declaration of war, two waves of attack planes were to engage the American defenders.

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That declaration of war was tragically delayed and Pearl Harbour became history's most notorious sneak attack.

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The bombs began to fall at 7.55 am and on the morning of the war, the Japanese were forced to attack the harbour.

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The bombs began to fall at 7.55 am.

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I don't know how hell it would be, but I think I was in the middle of it.

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I was watching this one airplane that was in my check site and it started to smoke and started to fall out of the sky.

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It took us about 10 minutes, I would say, before we actually got a round of anti-aircraft gunfire back at those tree-fing aircraft.

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While I was behind that gun and feeling that I was being shot at and I was shooting at someone else, I knew then that I was not where God wanted me to be at the time.

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My fear was that right next to our hangar was a high explosive magazine and if that thing was hit, I knew it would be gone.

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About 15 minutes after it, we saw another bomb come down quite the size of a freight train and that bomb hit the USS Arizona.

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When she exploded, it blew all of us forward to the front part of the bridge and it just looked like the Arizona was completely engulfed in flame.

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We found out later that out of a crew of a little over 1,400, only 289 actually survived and most of those survived.

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They were blown off the ship.

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2,403 Americans were killed that morning, almost half on board the Arizona.

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The Army and the Navy commanders were sacked immediately, but was Pearl Harbor such a complete surprise?

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Author John Tolan doesn't think so.

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About December 2nd or 3rd, American Navy intelligence discovered two carriers very close to Pearl Harbor.

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Now, this information must have gone to Roosevelt.

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I know some people argue that they didn't pass it on.

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That is impossible for anybody knows the situation in the Navy.

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They would not have dared to do it and it would have been a dishonor to not to tell the President.

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Ever since that day of infamy, these rumors have persisted.

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Could such an incredible plot have existed?

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There's evidence to suggest that it did.

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The war of battle has ceased.

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The Second World War is history.

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Recently, information has come to light that tells a very different story from the one recorded in most history books.

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And these startling facts require closer examination.

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The attack on Pearl Harbor didn't take the defenders completely by surprise.

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Two Army privates, manning a Hawaiian radar station, detected the airborne Armada at 6.45, a full hour before the first bombs fell.

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Twice, they informed their commanding officers, but they were told not to worry.

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At 7.39, the planes of Brooklyn vanished behind a mountain top and the radar was promptly switched off.

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The two privates went to breakfast, a meal interrupted by the falling of bombs.

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The bombs fell with unhearing accuracy.

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Partly due to the prior intelligence from the Japanese spy who observed the harbor from a hilltop-founded point.

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This spy, Takei Ayashikura, hid his identity by working at the Japanese consulate in Honolulu.

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He was immediately arrested after the attack, but his legacy remained in the smoking wreckage of the Shattered USS Arizona.

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It is widely believed by many visitors and even written in some books that a bomb penetrated the smokestack of the Arizona

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and plunged down through our decks and exploded, thus causing the sinking of the ship.

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We have found that the actual destruction of the ship occurred when a bomb crashed down through four to six decks of steel

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and exploded in the forward magazines.

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That area, 1,800,000 pounds of ammunition was stored.

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A chain reaction explosion ripped the ship apart.

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She said that she lifted out of the water, broken two near the vial, and found it in nine minutes.

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Those bombs that arrived with the Japanese attack force came by a different path than popularly believed at the time,

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and this route is still widely misinterpreted.

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One of the enduring legends here at Pearl Harbor, in particular the story of the attack, concerns itself with a koi-koi pass.

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Tour guides sometimes unscrupulously will take visitors to Hawaii out to this area and show them how the planes flew through the past to attack Pearl Harbor.

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But actual examination of the evidence found that the koi-koi pass story just doesn't fit in with the historical documents that the Japanese put together just after the attack.

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These historical misconceptions pale before the shocking charges that the attack on Pearl Harbor was known in advance by the American president.

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One of the growing controversies that we deal with here is revisionist history, in particular the question of did Roosevelt know, did Washington allow this to happen?

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Would the American government have known about the attack? Was America warned in advance? If so, why was nothing done?

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In the first week of December 1941, as the Japanese fleet near the Hawaiian coast, their radio signals were detected and reported by a member of Naval Intelligence working in San Francisco.

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It was on the 6th of December that my tracking indicated that the fleet appeared to be 500 miles north of Oahu.

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I certainly never expected that they, at the time, would do anything with the information that I had but pass it through to Roosevelt.

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That information went to the head of the captain in charge of the naval district in San Francisco.

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He, in turn, told Siemens Z and these other people in this office that he had sent the message and transmitted it privately on a phone to Franklin Roosevelt.

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I think the president risked his nation's security and risked crippling his Pacific fleet.

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The answer, once again, can be found in history if one knows where to look.

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In 1941 the world was caught in the grip of barbarism. Franklin Roosevelt felt that war with Nazi Germany was a necessity, war with Japan and inevitability.

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But few believed that Roosevelt would deliberately risk the lives of his countrymen, no matter what the cause.

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There will be people that think that Franklin Roosevelt sat in the White House and had advance notice and allowed the Japanese to attack the Pacific fleet.

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In nearly 20 years of research I have never found a single shred of evidence that would indicate that.

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The dispatches that were forwarded to Roosevelt said show this to the president but there is no initials on it.

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And there is still some indications that someone, perhaps in the United States Navy, the Office of Naval Operations, withheld this and did not let the president see this.

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If you say that Franklin Roosevelt knew the Japanese were going to attack and he allowed our Pacific fleet, a good part of it to be sunk and over 2,000 men to be killed, you would have to think him the worst traitor in history.

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The information was there, the question is did it go to Roosevelt or was it bottled up in the Navy Department?

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No evidence exists to prove that Roosevelt knew of the attack in advance, but World War II had begun and America was dedicated to the destruction of the Japanese Empire.

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But they too were committed to their aggressive destiny and amazingly enough the Japanese would attack Pearl Harbor again.

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Only this time the American government would keep the attack a secret, a secret that has now been uncovered.

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In the months after the Pearl Harbor attack Hawaii bristled with defenses. America would not be surprised again.

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But on March 4th, 1942 the Japanese returned to Hawaii only this time luck was with the defenders.

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In a bold attempt the Japanese sent a huge flying boat called an Emily back to bomb Pearl Harbor.

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It arrived to find its target obscured by clouds.

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Changing direction it dropped a load of bombs near Honolulu on the side of this mountain called Mount Tantalus where they exploded harmlessly.

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As the bombs were falling back in Washington congressional inquiries were being held to find out what had happened on December 7th.

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And the admiral in charge of Pearl Harbor, husband Kimmel, argued to the dev his death that he was not to blame.

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I cannot understand now. I have never understood. I may never understand why I was deprived of the information available in the Navy Department in Weissland on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

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One reason Washington did not send the messages of warning to Pearl Harbor was that we had broken the two most important Japanese codes.

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The excuse was that if we sent these messages to Hawaii it would indicate to the Japanese that their code had been broken.

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Even the Japanese diplomats in Washington were kept in the dark about their countries impending attack and they were as shocked as Admiral Kimmel when the bombs began to fall.

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The Pacific Fleet deserved a fighting chance. It was entitled to receive from the Navy Department the best information available.

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Such information had been urgently requested. This information was not supplied to me prior to the attack.

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If this investigation succeeds in preserving for the future the pertinent facts about Pearl Harbor I shall be content.

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History with the perspective of the long tomorrow will enter the final directive in my case. I am confident of that verdict.

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There are lessons to be learned from the last global war. Lessons that cost millions of lives.

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Many of the American dead from this terrible war are buried here in a cemetery innocently called the Punchbowl.

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And though not forgotten some of the dead remain unknown. They lie here near the place where

America's war began.

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There's one serious lesson out of World War II I think in that the American fleet at Pearl Harbor that was supposed to be a deterrent to attack on the United States

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and in the end wound up as attracting the attack and being at least the immediate cause for it.

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I think there was an idea in America that we could defeat Japan in six months. We learned better. There was a tragedy on both sides.

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The attack itself took ten and a half months to plan. It took two hours for it to unfold here at Pearl Harbor and it's taken over 46 years to understand.

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There will always be the theory that appeasement would have carried the day with Japan. I don't believe that.

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Hostility between Japan and America goes back to the turn of the century.

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One of the misconceptions that was common at the time and maybe still is I don't know was that the Japanese had really enormous expansionist goals.

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That they were really after American territory.

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The reality of war still exists. The memorials are built to remind us not to repeat our past.

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The men of the Arizona who lost their lives on that Sunday morning are remembered here.

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Under water their final resting place remains marked by rust and an occasional oil droplet.

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Still leaking after all these decades.

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Near the Arizona, practically hidden from visitors, the rusted hulk of the Utah can be found.

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Almost completely forgotten today, it too symbolizes this human tragedy.

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Or inside as many as 63 sailors still lion-tuned.

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A mute symbol of the bloodshed between two great nations, two cultures, that should never have collided in such a bloody fashion.

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As Japanese visitors leave here, they leave some memories of a war that they started on a quiet Sunday morning.

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But they also ask sometimes forgiveness for what happened.

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They leave behind flowers and they leave behind a legacy for all of us to understand that the price of war for all sides is very dear.

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And the understanding and the forgiveness takes years.

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Pearl Harbor was a tragedy. A case of the best in men being turned inside out.

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In combat there are never any absolute winners or losers.

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And the Japanese victory at Pearl Harbor only led to the destruction of their empire.

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That Sunday ignited the last global war, fought to an uneasy peace.

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We may not be so lucky again.

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Secrets and mysteries presents information based in part on theories and opinions, some of which are controversial.

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The producer's purpose is not to validate any side of an issue,

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but through the use of actualities and dramatic recreation relate a possible answer, but not the only answer to this material.

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Air transportation provided by Delta Airlines.

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While in Hawaii on Oahu, the production staff of Secrets and Mysteries stayed at the Outrigger Reef Hotel on beautiful Waikiki.

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Thank you for watching.