

Pearl Harbor, T.H.

EXTRACT FROM LOG, U.S.S. SICARD.

December 7, 1941.

8-12 0812 Hostilities with Japan commenced, when we sighted a squadron of Japanese planes dive bombing Ford Island, followed immediately by waves of horizontal and dive bombers coming from southwest at about five thousand feet elevation. Main objectives Ford Island, ships moored at 1010 dock and battleships moored in vicinity of Ford Island. 0815 Set condition afirm, broke out helmets and gas masks for all hands, broke out available supply of .30 caliber rifles, machine guns and ammunition, laid out fire hoses, and put ship in readiness to combat damage. 0820 Opened fire on enemy planes with .30 caliber machine gun. 0827 Ceased firing .30 caliber machine gun having expended approximately 300 rounds. 0832 Four flights of 5 planes (horizontal bombers) attacked battleships moored in vicinity of Ford Island, followed by eight torpedo planes. OKLAHOMA struck by several torpedoes, and taking heavy list to starboard, capsized, ARIZONA struck by torpedoes and bombs. 0835 Sent working party to CUMMINGS to handle ammunition and aid as necessary. Sent party of Gunners Mates to aid NEW ORLEANS. 0845 Attack broken off. 0900 Dive bombers attacked ships moored to docks in Navy Yard. This attack continued in waves of dive bombers and horizontal bombers. 1030 Attack broken off. Mustered crew at quarters, no casualties or injured, absentees: HICKOK, Warren Paul, #311 57 25, S2c, USN., who was believed aboard CUMMINGS. Working parties returned from CUMMINGS and NEW ORLEANS. Sent four miner's mates to West Lock to aid in preparation of service mines. 1100 Horizontal bombing attack commenced on battleships. 1110 Attack ended. 1133 Horizontal bombing attacked heavy ships. 1135 Bombers withdrew, followed at short intervals by single attacks of five planes each, horizontal bombers, keeping high.

12-16 1300 Set up .50 cal machine gun, having received ammunition from West Lock.

16-20 1700 Gunner's mates returned form West Lock.

20-24 2100 Three lighted planes coming in from south at altitude of 5,000 feet, were challenged and fired on by NEW ORLEANS and battleships, followed by ships present. 2100.30 SICARD ceased firing although other ships continued firing, as planes were believed friendly. Expended 150 rounds of .50 cal ammunition. Test firings of machine guns at various stations throughout yard continued during watch.

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December 8, 1941.

0-4 Moored Starboard side to PRUITT, berth 18, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, T.H.

4-8 0435 Having received warning of possible enemy air attack at daybreak, called all hands to General Quarters. 0545 Observed friendly planes taking off. 0615 Ships present less Mine Division One fired on plane heading west at 4,000 ft. Mine Division One identified plane as friendly.

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