

FROM PEARL HARBOR TO OKINAWA

The War in the Pacific: 1941-1945
by BRUCE BLIVEN, JR.

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date that will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. . . ."

With these now-historic words President Franklin D. Roosevelt began his message asking the joint session of Congress for a declaration of war. This country's Pacific battle fleet at Pearl Harbor had already been devastated. On a dozen different fronts, from Hawaii to Malaya, the stunning Japanese offensive was advancing at an appalling rate. Unless stopped, the Japanese threatened to achieve military domination of the entire Far East.

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