

## Rising Sun!

The Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor



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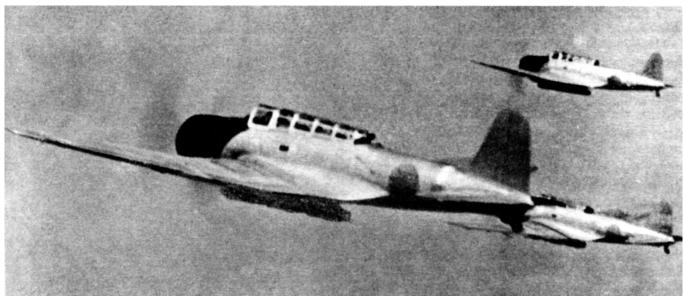


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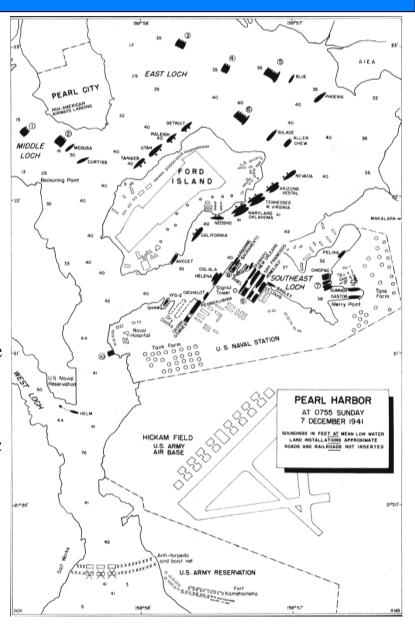


Navy Type 97 Carrier Attack Bomber, B5N2 KATE



## Target: Pearl Harbor

- Became a major naval base in the early summer of 1940
- Diplomatic decision to move the fleet
  - Hoped the move would be a restraining influence on Japanese aggression
- Militarily it was a poor choice
  - Restricted access to sea: single channel
  - At the end of a long supply chain
  - Transportation from West Coast inadequate
  - Inadequate housing and facilities
  - Defense were almost non-existent
- Home for Commander in Chief, US Pacific
   Fleet
  - Task Force I, II, III
    - 9 x BBs, 3 x CVs, 12 x CAs, 5 x CLs, 45 x DDs
    - About half the fleet was in port on 7 December
    - No CVs, but eight battleships





## Japanese Naval Strike Force

- Pearl Harbor Strike Force
  - Air Attack Force
    - Carrier Division 1
      - Akagi, Kaga
    - Carrier Division 2
      - Hiryu, Soryu
    - Carrier Division 5
      - Shokaku. Zuikaku
  - Support Force
    - Battleship Division 3
      - Hiei, Kirishima
    - Cruiser Division 8
      - Tone, Chikuma
  - Screen Force
    - Destroyer Squadron 1
      - Nine destroyers
  - Logistics Force
    - Eight tankers
  - Advanced Expeditionary Force
    - 27 submarines
    - 5 midget submarines

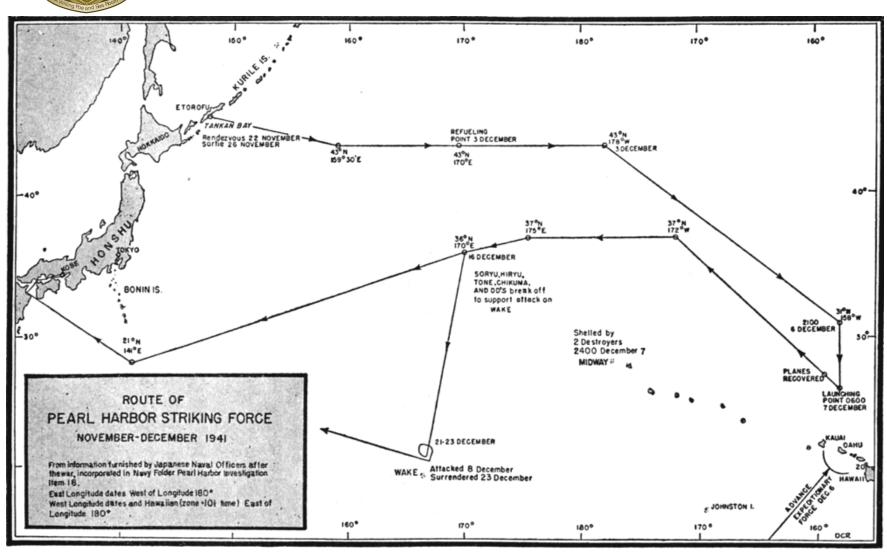
- Air Assets
  - 423 carrier-based aircraft
    - 360 assigned to Pearl Harbor attack
      - 81 Type Zero [ZEKE] fighters
      - 144 Type 97 [KATE] torpedo bombers
      - 135 Type 99 [VAL] dive-bombers
    - 54 Type Zero [ZEKE] fighters on CAP
  - 13 recon float planes on BBs and CAs



Japanese B5N2 KATEs preparing to takeoff.

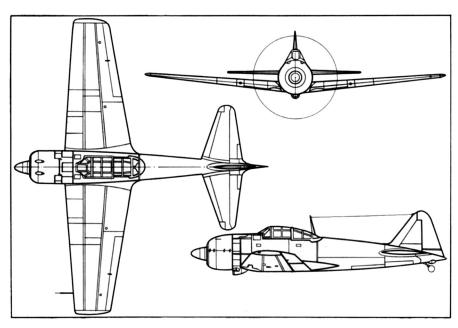


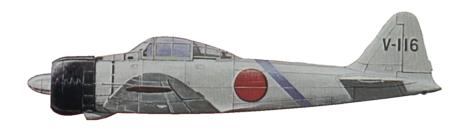
## Japanese Naval Strike Force Track





## Japanese Carrier Aircraft





#### Type Zero fighter

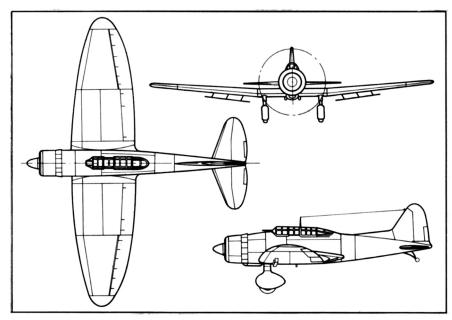
- Mitsubishi A6M2 Model 21
- Maximum Speed: 288 knots
- Combat Range: 1,010 NM
- Weapons:
  - 2 x Type 97 7.7 mm MG
  - 2 x Type 99 20 mm cannon
  - 2 x 30 kg or 60 kg bombs

#### Disposition on December 7th

- First attack wave: 45
- Second attack wave: 36
- Combat air patrol: 54



## Japanese Carrier Aircraft

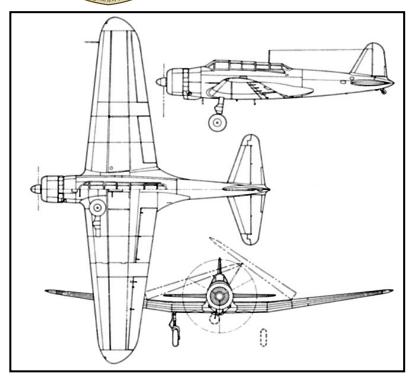




- → Type 99 Model 11 dive bomber
  - Aichi D3A1
  - Maximum Speed: 244 knots
  - Combat Range: 795 NM
  - Weapons:
    - 2 x Type 97 7.7 mm MG
    - 1 x Type 92 7.7 mm flex MG
    - 1 x 250 kg and 2 x 30 kg bombs
- Disposition on December 7th
  - First attack wave: 54
  - Second attack wave: 81

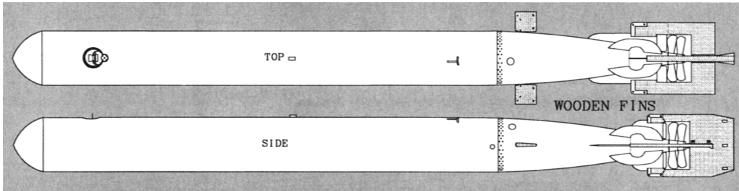


## Japanese Carrier Aircraft



- Type 97 Model 2 torpedo bomber
  - Nakajima B5N2
  - Maximum Speed: 204 knots
  - Combat Range: 590 NM
  - Weapons:
    - 2 x Type 97 7.7 mm MG
    - 1 x Type 92 7.7 mm flex MG
    - 1 x Type 91 torpedo
    - 1 x 800 kg AP bomb
    - 1 x 250 kg and 6 x 60 kg bombs
- Disposition on December 7th
  - First attack wave: 90
  - Second attack wave: 54





#### → Type 91 Mod 2 aerial torpedo

- Weight: 935 kg

- Warhead: 205 kg HE

CaS Damage Points: 51

Speed: 42 knots

Range: 2,200 yards

- Specially modified for use in the very shallow waters of Pearl Harbor. Breakaway wooden fins added to help prevent the torpedo from diving too deep upon release.
- Strict release criteria: 20 meter altitude, 160 knots air speed
- Carried by 40 B5N2 KATEs in the first wave.



#### ◆ Type 99 No. 80 Mk 5

Ordnance Type: Armor-piercing bomb

- Weight: 797 kg

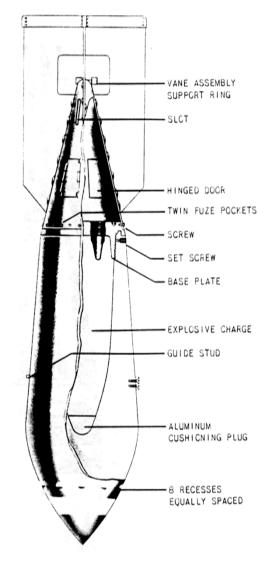
Warhead: 30 kg HE

CaS Damage Points: 10

Armor Penetration DB: 8/10

Armor Penetration LB: 8/15/17

- Modified 16 inch armor-piercing shell. Very low explosive loading.
- Carried by 50 B5N2 KATEs in the first wave

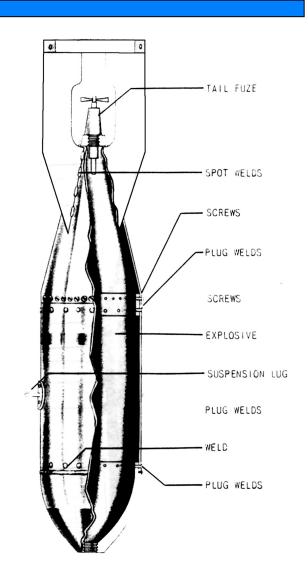


Type 99 No. 80 Mk 5 Bomb.



#### No. 25 Land Bomb

- Ordnance Type: General purpose bomb
- Weight: 250 kg
- Warhead: 150 kg HE
- CaS Damage Points: 30
- Armor Penetration DB: NA
- Armor Penetration LB: 3/3/3
- Probably carried by 54 D3A1 VALs in the first wave.
- Probably carried by 54 B5N2 KATEs in the second wave.
- Less likely option is the Type 98 No. 25.





→ Type 99 No. 25 Model 1 Ordinary Bomb

Ordnance Type: Semi-armor piercing bomb

- Weight: 250 kg

Warhead: 60 kg HE

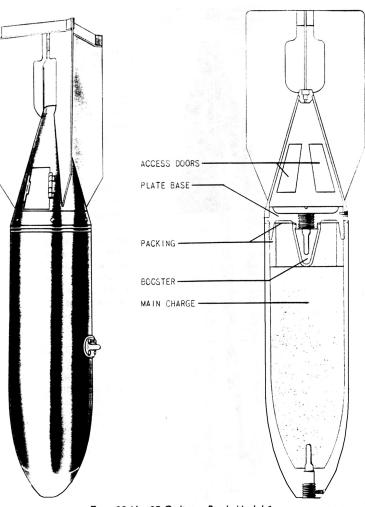
CaS Damage Points: 20

Armor Penetration DB: 6/7

Armor Penetration LB: 6/9/9

 Probably carried by 81 D3A1 VALs in the second wave.

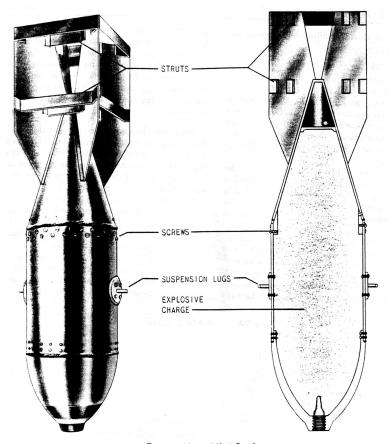
 Less likely option is the No. 25 Ordinary Bomb Model 2.



Type 99 No. 25 Ordinary Bomb Model 1.



- ◆ Type 99 No. 6 Mk 2 Ordinary Bomb
  - Ordnance Type: Anti-ship bomb
  - Weight: 69 kg
  - Warhead: 39 kg HE
  - CaS Damage Points: 7
  - Armor Penetration DB: NA
  - Armor Penetration LB: 2/2/2
  - Possibly carried by 54 B5N2 KATEs in the second wave.
  - Other option is the No. 6 Ordinary Bomb Model 2.



Type 99 No. 6 Mk 2 Bomb.



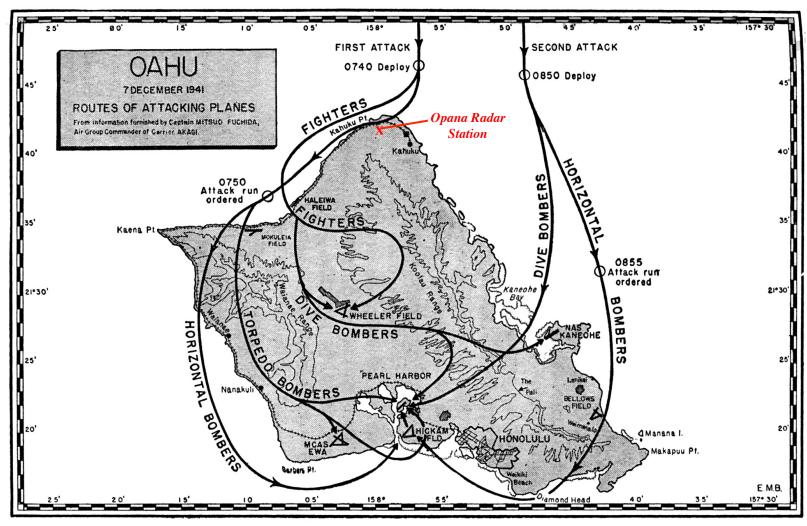
## Japanese Strike Organization

#### AIRCRAFT ATTACK ORGANIZATION

| UNIT                     |                   |                         |                                 | COMMANDER |                           | TYPE OF AIRPLANE                      | NUMBER OF<br>AIRPLANES     |    |     |     | TYPE OF<br>ATTACK                        | ARMAMENT<br>EACH AIRPLANE                 | TARGET   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----|-----|-----|--|---|--|
| FIRST<br>ATTACK<br>LINIT | GROUP<br>ISHUDANO | I ATTACK UNIT           | COMDR.<br>FU-<br>CHIDA          | co        | MDR. FUCHIDA              | TYPE<br>97<br>CARRIER                 | 15<br>10<br>10<br>12<br>12 |    |     |     | HORIZONTAL<br>BOMBING<br>ATTACK          | ONE 800-KG.<br>ARMOR PIERCING<br>BOMB     | BATTLESHIPS  |
|                          |                   | 2 ATTACK UNIT           |                                 |           | LT. COMDR.<br>HASHI GUCHI |                                       |                            | 50 |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 3 ATTACK UNIT           |                                 |           | LT.<br>ABE                |                                       |                            | ]" |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 4 ATTACK UNIT           |                                 |           | LT. COMBR.<br>Kusumi      |                                       |                            | 40 |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | I SPECIAL ATTACK UNIT   |                                 |           | LT. COMDR.<br>MURATA      |                                       |                            |    |     |     |  | ONE 800- KG.                              | BATTLESHIPS<br>AIRCRAFT<br>CARRIERS  |
|                          |                   | 2 SPECIAL ATTACK UNIT   |                                 |           | LT. KITAJIMA              |                                       |                            |    |     |     | ATTACK                                   | AERIAL<br>TORPEDO                         |  |
|                          |                   | 3 SPECIAL ATTACK UNIT   |                                 |           | LT. NAGAI                 |                                       |                            |    |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 4 SPECIAL ATTACK UNIT   |                                 | Ш         | LT. MATSUMURA             |                                       | 8                          |    | 185 |     |  |   |  |
|                          | 2<br>GROUP        | IS ATTACK UNIT          |                                 | LT.       | COMDR. TAKAHASHI          | TYPE<br>99<br>CARRIER<br>BOMBER       | 27                         |    | 1   |     | DIVE<br>BOMBING<br>ATTACK                | 250-KG LAND<br>BOMB                       | AIR BASES<br>FORD ISLAND<br>WHEELER  |
|                          |                   | 16 ATTACK UNIT          |                                 |           | LT. SAKAMOTO              |                                       | 27                         | 54 | 1   | 360 |  |   |  |
|                          | 3<br>GROUP        | I FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 | LT        | COMDR. ITAYA              | TYPE<br>ZERO<br>CARRIER<br>FIGHTER    | 9                          |    | 1   |     | AIR CONTROL<br>AND<br>STRAFING<br>ATTACK | TWO 20-MM,<br>MGS.<br>TWO 7.7-MM.<br>MGS. | I. AIRBORNE  |
|                          |                   | 2 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. SHIGA                 |                                       | 9                          |    |     |     |  |   | AIRPLANES 2 STRAFING OF GROUNDED PLANES. FORD ISLAND HICKHAM WHEELER EWA KANEOHE |
|                          |                   | 3 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. SUGANAMI              |                                       | 9                          | 1  |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 4 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. OKAJIMA               |                                       | 6                          | 45 | ľ   |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 6 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. KANEKO                |                                       | 6                          | 1  | 1   |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 5 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. SATO                  |                                       | 6                          |    |     |     |  |   |  |
| SECOND<br>ATTACK<br>UNIT | g ROUP            | 6 ATTACK UNIT           | LT.<br>COMDR.<br>SHIMA-<br>ZAKI | LT.       | LT. COMDR. SHIMAZAKI      | TYPE<br>97<br>CARRIER<br>ATTACK PLANE | 27                         | 54 | T   | 1   | HORIZONTAL<br>BOMBING                    | ONE 250 KG LAND<br>BOMB, SIX 60 KG        | AIR BASES<br>HIGKHAM<br>KANEHOE  |
|                          |                   | 5 ATTACK UNIT           |                                 |           | LT ICHIHARA               |                                       | 27                         | 1  |     |     | ATTACK                                   | ORDINARY BOMBS                            | FORD ISLAND  |
|                          | 2<br>GROUP        | 13 ATTACK UNIT          |                                 | LT.       | COMDR. EGUSA              | TYPE<br>99<br>CARRIER<br>BOMBER       | 18                         |    |     |     | DIVE                                     | ONE 250-KG.                               | AIRCRAFT   |
|                          |                   | 14 ATTACK UNIT          |                                 |           | LT. KOBAYASHI             |                                       | 18                         | 1  |     |     | BOMBING                                  | BOMB                                      | CARRIERS   |
|                          |                   | II ATTACK UNIT          |                                 |           | LT. CHIHAYA               |                                       | 18                         | ]  | 171 |     |  |   |  |
|                          |                   | 12 AT TACK UNIT         |                                 |           | LT MAKINO                 |                                       | 27                         |    |     |     |  |   |  |
|                          | 3<br>GROUP        | I FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 | LT        | SHINDO                    | TYPE<br>ZERO<br>CARRIER<br>FIGHTER    | 9                          | Г  |     |     | AIR CONTROL<br>AND<br>STRAFING<br>ATTACK | TWO 20-MM<br>MGS.<br>TWO 7.7-MM<br>MGS.   | LAIRBORNE<br>AIRPLANES   |
|                          |                   | 2 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. NIKAIDÕ               |                                       | 9                          | ], |     |     |  |   | 2.STRAFING OF  |
|                          |                   | 3 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT. IIDA                  |                                       | 9                          | 36 | 1   |     |  |   | GROUNDED<br>AIRPLANES  |
|                          |                   | 4 FIGHTER STRIKING UNIT |                                 |           | LT NONO                   |                                       | 9                          |    |     |     |  |   | HICKHAM<br>FORD ISLAND<br>WHEELER  |
|                          |                   |                         |                                 | L         |                           |                                       | L                          | L  |     |     |  |   | KANEOHE  |



## Strike Wave Routes



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### **Attack Results**

- Japanese strike had complete surprise
- Little resistance from US forces
- US Losses
  - 4 x BBs sunk
  - 3 x BBs heavily damaged
  - 1 x BB damaged
  - 3 x CLs damaged
  - 3 x DDs sunk
  - 155 aircraft
  - 2,403 killed
  - 1,178 wounded
- Japanese Losses
  - 29 aircraft
  - 1 I-Type submarine
  - 5 midget submarines



USS West Virginia and USS Tennessee burning after the attack



### Alternative Scenario

- The attack on Pearl Harbor allows for a number of "what if" scenarios
  - What if the US forces were ready for the Japanese attack
  - Numerous indications and warning of an impending attack
  - Better defenses vs almost none
    - US ships at General Quarters with 100% AA guns manned and Condition Z set, preparations to get underway
    - US Army AA batteries deployed and manned
    - Land-based fighter opposition



SCR-270-B radar antenna



## Alternative Scenario Assumptions

#### **Pearl Harbor Timeline:**

- 0600 Japanese striking force begins launching the first wave (230 nm north of Oahu).
- 0620 1<sup>st</sup> wave starts on its way to Oahu.
- 0626 Civil Twilight
- 0633 A PATWING TWO PBY-5 detects a midget submarine trailing USS Antares, drops smoke markers.
- 0637 USS Ward spots midget submarine.
- 0645 USS Ward engages midget submarine.
- 0654 USS Ward notifies Commander, 14th Naval District.
- 0656 Sunrise
- 0702 Army SCR-270 radar at Opana Station, Kahuku Point detects a large echo bearing approximately north at a range of 118 nm.
- 0712 *Ward* report reaches Commander, 14<sup>th</sup> Naval District Duty Officer. Requests confirmation.
- 0715 Japanese striking force begins launching the second wave.
- 0730 Japanese striking force arrives at its holding area 200 nm North of Oahu.
- 0732 PATWING TWO confirms the sighting of a midget submarine.
- 0740 1<sup>st</sup> wave sights coast of Oahu and begins deploying the attack groups.

  Opana radar station looses 1<sup>st</sup> wave due to ground clutter interference.
- 0750 1<sup>st</sup> wave begin attack runs.
- 0755 1<sup>st</sup> wave begins attack on Ford Island. (Phase I)
- 0756 1<sup>st</sup> wave torpedo bombers begin runs on battleship row.
- 0758 First alert message sent from Pearl Harbor "Air Raid, Pearl Harbor This is no drill."
- 0825 Phase I ends (torpedo attacks and attacks against airfields).
- 0825 0840 Phase II: Lull in the action.
- 0840 Phase III attacks begin (high-level bombing attacks on Pearl Harbor)
- 0850 2<sup>nd</sup> wave sights coast of Oahu and begins deploying the attack groups.
- 0855 2nd wave begin attack runs.
- 0915 Phase III ends and Phase IV begins (high-level and dive bombing attacks on Pearl Harbor.
- 0945 Phase IV attacks end.

- Stark issues another warning on 6 Dec, instead of vacillating
- Kimmel and Short keep their staffs alert, rather than growing complacent with the numerous alerts and warnings
- The PATWING TWO PBY-5 reports the presence of a submarine expeditiously
- USS Ward reports sighting its submarine expeditiously
- 14th Naval District Staff is more competent in turning the reports around into warning orders
- The Opana radar station report is believed and acted on