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Pearl Harbor

It was Sunday December 7, 1941...

I woke up just before six o'clock a.m on Ford Island, Hawaii. I went to breakfast thinking about what I had to do today. I had to watch the base today with a soldier named Ben.

When I was done I went to my dorm and put on my uniform. Suddenly, Ben opened the door and said "Mason, we have to guard the base in 15 minutes." I responded " Okay."

As I was walking down the hallway, I wondered if there would be any action today or something would happen. Ben welcomed me when I got to the guard station. When I looked out the window, immediately I saw a ship in the open sea and I told Ben to go contact the General. About a minute after Ben contacted the General, we heard gunshots. The gunshots were very loud, so we knew the action was close. Ben and I don't know if the ship was shooting at us or we were shooting at the ship but when we looked out the window we saw the ship sinking. Ben and I slowly watched it sink.

Ben and I thought that nothing else was going to happen but when we looked out the windows we see hundreds of Japanese planes flying everywhere. Ben contacted the General and the General said to come down and start shooting at the planes. As

Ben lead the way to where we were going to go I was hoping I wasn't going to get shot by one of the planes.

Right away the General gave me a gun and told me to start shooting at the planes. 5 minutes later the first bomb dropped, there was tons of gunfire, and tons of explosions. It was so loud that I couldn't hear myself think. As planes were coming into my shooting range I started to fire my gun and hope I wouldn't get shot.

After a little bit I hit a few planes and made the lose control. They still had too much aircraft and we were being overpowered. One of our biggest battleships called Arizona sunk; there were about 1,800 people on it!

Suddenly the General showed up next to me and yelled " Mason you need to come with me and get in a plane so we can attack the Japanese from the air." So I followed the General with some other soldiers and he took me to where the planes took off. But when we got there all the runway was blocked off and the planes were broke. That meant that that we would have no air attack.

Now I was really scared that I was going to die because when could not attack through the air, and on of our biggest battleships had sunk. After about a minute of looking at the planes,the General told me to go find a new place to go find a new place to go and try to shoot the planes.

One of the Japanese planes flew straight at straight me and I quickly shot my gun while yelling. When I looked up I saw the plane with a big hole in one of it's wings flying out of control. " Are you okay?" Ben asked. Ya, I'm okay." I responded.

Later Ben yelled at me “ Mason I have a secret hiding place where all the planes fly by, do you want to come?” I yelled back “Okay.” So I followed Ben to his secret hiding place. It had bullet proof walls and had enough food for 5 people to survive 2 weeks. On the walls were bullet proof windows that we could hardly see out of and shooting holes on the walls.

Next I waited for the planes to come so I could try to shoot them. I started firing away when I saw a plane come by. Mason complimented me when I hit a plane and make it go out of control. About 5 minutes the later the General called me and told me he had something special for me to do.

I was careful to not let the Japanese see me so I stayed close to the half destroyed buildings and try to be camouflauge. But when I was 50 feet away from the General he got shot by one of the Japanese planes. I ran to the General seeing blood gushing out of his body.

“ Are you okay sir.” I weeped. He said no as he was dying.

I held him in my arms tell the second he died. But I knew I had to move on and help defend our homeland. Finally I left him lay there and go find a new place to hide.

I finally noticed that all the Japanese planes were gone and I didn't have to hide anymore. We had lost the battle but, I still lived. Some of my friends had lived to like Ben but the General had died.

The next day the U.S.A. declared war on Japan and entered World War II.