

HICKAM REPORT

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10/9/3 Dec 41?

1. Believing that a brief narrative report of the last week might be interesting, the following is offered.

a. The Maintenance Command opened at 6:00 A.M. Sunday morning the 7th December to receive the B-17s coming in from the east. It has not closed for one single moment since.

b. During the raid the following were killed and injured: 35 dead and 38 injured in the Hickam Field sub-depot, 1 dead and 2 injured in the Hawaiian Air Depot, 0 dead 0 injured in the Bellows Field sub-depot, 0 dead and 3 injured in the Wheeler Field sub-depot. During the raid supplies and mobile units were continually being dispersed.

c. As soon as the wreckage was cool enough to approach, cleaning of debris was started. Hickam Field sub-depot and the Hawaiian Air Depot struggled to extinguish fires through most of Sunday night.

d. Salvaging of equipment and machinery came next. This included fixed machinery, hand tools, supplies and airplanes on the field.

e. Commencing the following day, Monday, all sub-depots and the Hawaiian Air Depot actually began turning out work.

f. The Hickam Field sub-depot has also performed considerable 1st echelon work, such as servicing planes, removing bomb bay tanks, working on turret guns, etc.

g. During Sunday P.M. and part of Monday, we seemed to be about the only unit on Hickam Field that could be reached and consequently did considerable messenger work and relaying of messages.

2. Machinery is now running in the Hawaiian Air Depot and some sections are operating at Wheeler Field sub-depot and even the Hickam Field sub-depot is ready just as soon as electricity is turned on.

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Bombs dropped on the Depot building areas seem to have been about 100 lbs. bombs.

Bombs dropped from horizontal on Hickam were apparently about 300 lbs. bombs.

Bombs dropped on Pearl Harbor appeared to have been much heavier caliber.

Dive bomber attacks appeared to have been beautifully coordinated and came from many directions.

All planes were single-engine airplanes.

Bombs dropped appeared to have been dropped with high standards of accuracy although the altitude from which they were dropped was a particularly favorable one.

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