

# United States Seamen Show Great Heroism In Pearl Harbor Battle

## Secretary Knox Tells Story Of Attack

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Remember Pearl Harbor?

Then remember a battleship captain, his stomach torn open in a shrapnel burst, fighting his ship from the bridge until he died on the deck.

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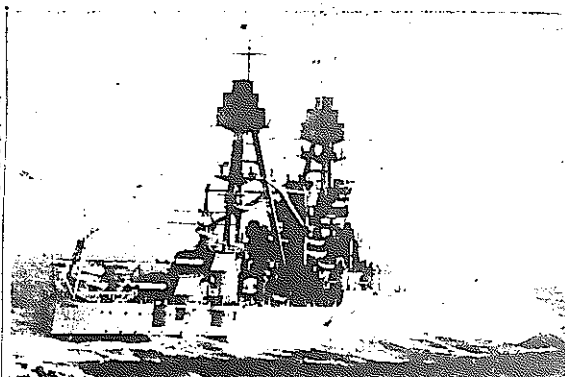
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These men and their mates saw Pearl Harbor through what Secretary Knox calls the "greatest hour of our history."

They told part of their story in a report yesterday—no one probably will ever be in the same—and it was a story of heroism, sacrifice and courage which, as Knox said, "the American nation may well be proud."



**SUNK IN ATTACK ON HAWAII**—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced officially that the U.S. Arizona had been sunk by the Japanese during the attack on Pearl Harbor along with five other crafts. The battleship is shown in action.

## U. S. Strikes Blows At Japan's Navy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Despite Japan's head start in the battle of the Pacific, the services of the United States Army and Navy moving up fast toward equality in number and tonnage of fleet losses inflicted.

The U. S. Navy contends the sinking of the battleship Arizona, destroyers Oglala, Shaw and Downes, the target ship Utah and the mine layer Oglala, all in the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, the loss by capture of the submarine Waka in Chinese waters—a total of seven crafts.

The U. S. Navy and Army between them claim to return the sinking of Japanese battleships of the Kongō class, one light cruiser, one destroyer and two submarines and the capture of a third submarine—a total of six.

Counting transports of which the Army claims to have sunk four, the awarded Japanese ship list is less and that of the United States Navy. The Japanese torpedoes an Army transport carrying lumber the first day of the war and veered the liner President Harrison which had been sent to China to remove Marine forces and American civilians.

Our Navy admits in addition that the Pearl Harbor attack left the battleship Oklahoma severely damaged but the Army balances this with a claim of heavy damage by aerial attack to another battleship of the Kongō class.

The recapitulation:

UNITED STATES	BATTLESHIPS	JAPAN
Arizona, 32,000 tons	One of Kongō class, 23,330 tons	
Cassin, Shaw, Downes, 1,500 tons each	DESTROYERS	One, tonnage unstated
None	CRUISERS	None
None	SUBMARINES	One, tonnage unstated
Utah, 18,000 tons	TARGET SHIPS	Three, tonnage unstated
Oglala, 4,500 tons	MINESLAYERS	None
Waka, 370 tons	GUINBOATS	None
One, tonnage unstated	TRANSPORTS	Four, tonnage unstated
President Harrison, 10,500 tons	DAMAGED BATTLESHIPS	One of Kongō class, 23,330 tons
Oklahoma, 29,000 tons	TRANSPORTS	Several unnamed small vessels
None	None	Five, tonnage unstated

## HEROES ARISE

The Secretary of the Navy told in some detail of many individual actions of outstanding courage.

In the Navy's greatest hour of peril, the officers and men of the first exhibited magnificent courage and resourcefulness against the treacherous Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor. The real story of Pearl Harbor is not one of individual heroism, although there were many such cases. It lies in the epic manner in which all hands did their job as long as they were able, not only under fire but under the most trying conditions, and immediately following salvage work and reorganization.

"Prompt action saved many lives and a vast amount of material. Without exception, all ships displayed the same courage and heroism. Less than four minutes after the first alarm, many of the fleet went into action against enemy aircraft. Seconds later the first Japanese plane was shot down.

"A seaman aboard a battleship probably saved the honor of striking the first telling blow in the fiercest defense. Even before general quarters sounded, the younger single handedly manned a machine-gun and blasted an attacking torpedo plane as it leveled against his ship.

**WOUNDED CAPTAIN BRAVE**

The dying captain of a battleship displayed the same individual heroism of the day. As he emerged from the conning tower of the bridge, he was hit by a shell from the enemy.

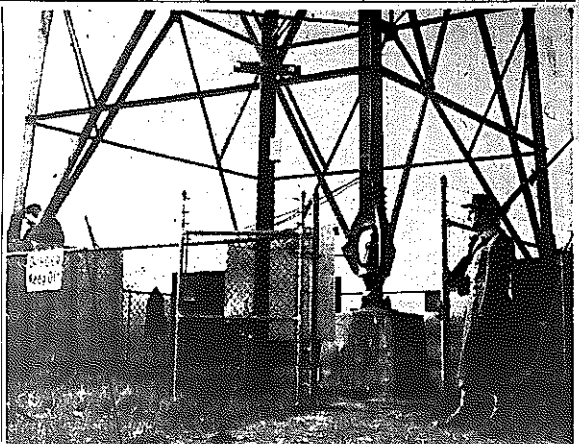
completely open by a shrapnel burst. He fell to the deck, hemorrhaging from his chest. He continued to direct the action. When the bridge became a blazing inferno, he did not flinch. He removed him. But he ordered them to abandon him and save themselves. He later found himself, unharmed by the flames only by the heroic efforts of a third officer. He was later found, still conscious, under the fire to a higher level from which he passed one line after another to his trapped shipmates. By this fruitless means they were able to escape.

"Enter ships companies showed exemplary valor and coordination. Then they settled into the complex business of transmitting the scores of orders to the ships that were being ordered to fight their battle, or prepared to stand out to sea.

"Men from ships out of action managed at any cost to get ashore. They were the survivors of the captured ships who swam through blazing oil to get back aboard other ships and join gun crews. Crews from another disabled submarine swam to the beach where they were hoisted aboard a mine layer bound destroyers. Two destroyers, one of them a battle loss precedence over their own lives was the fact that the comparative safety of

the shore was only a few yards away. Lying in hospital bed when the first air raid alarm sounded, one officer leaped up, grabbed a machine gun and ran across the Navy Yard to his ship. He fought with such gallantry and valour that his captain recommended him for promotion.

There was the case of the destroyer tender which by almost a dock undergoing major overhaul, powerless and without armament, unable to assume an active defense role, she concentrated herself with the vital task of repairing the available ships' boats. One naval reserve engine volunteered as skipper of a motor launch with four men to proceed across Pearl Harbor's reverberating channel through a hail of enemy machine gun fire and shrapnel. They saved almost 100 men from destruction. Many of them were killed. The attack on the oil-layers was at its height as these rescue operations proceeded. Suddenly the lightning came as flames leaped from the ship's deck, almost completely enveloping the launch. The men were killed. The launch was destroyed. The men were killed. The launch was destroyed.



**FIFTH COLUMNISTS BEWARE**—One of Uncle Sam's soldiers is shown standing guard at the WSOO transmitting tower to ward off any attempts at sabotage. Wood frames are being erected at the four corners which will contain loose-packed sand to protect the structure against bombs.

## The Reviewing Stand: New Books By R. B. House And H. C. Nixon Have Similarities

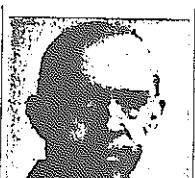
By REED SARRETT  
News Book Editor

The recent books about the South have much in common. One of them is "Position That Rural Community South by H. C. Nixon" and the other is "The Sheriff" by R. B. House.

One thing they have in common is that they are published by university presses. The former by the University of Oklahoma Press and the latter by the University of North Carolina Press. Another, and more important, common denominator is that each of the authors has held of specific people and communities and in the latter has characterized an entire region.

**SIMILARITIES**

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H. C. NIXON

with them as a study of the South. He wrote them as the notable members of a bookshop agent in an Eastern North Carolina rural community. His purpose, I imagine, was to give the members of persons whose experiences were similar.

While Bob House now occupies the classified position of dean at the University, I hope he will forgive me if I say that he still a country boy. To this day whenever he makes a speech in his own words, his audience by giving a manly selection on one of his many large mountains. And he tells a manly tale.

Dean House and Mr. Nixon wrote with different purposes, yet have achieved somewhat the same result. The character on which Mr. Nixon elaborates most is his father, the sheriff of the county. The other author intended from the start to give the South in general. The other study was originally written for a publication in the Raleigh News and Observer. Dean House did not

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Robert Burton House, is known to thousands of North Carolina men as dean of administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Those of them who read "Miss Sue and the Sheriff" will find in this book a more personal impression. They will hear Bob House telling these stories of the individualizing to the reader.

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## 'Stonewall' Is Well Represented In War

The shade of many a smoke-breathing Southern cavalier, the Stonewall Jacksons, must feel pretty contented after the Japanese war heroism developed. Several women of Japanese ancestry revealed their heroism in the defense of the island.

Alfred is her son-in-law, Mrs. Preston of Charlotte, and Stonewall Jackson's granddaughters. Mr. Preston is a former Judge of the State Commission on the Japanese War. He has made their home in Washington for several years.

**Defense Workers' Day Can Be Lengthened**

RALEIGH—(AP)—State Labor Commissioner Forrest H. Buford said today that employers must have no difficulty in obtaining permits to extend the work week of their employees beyond the eight-hour day if the labor was needed for defense production.

Buford, he said, the 48-hour work week for women cannot be extended beyond the 48-hour limit by special permit from the State Labor Department, provided overtime is paid.

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