

White Pearl, Red Sea



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So here we are on a bus with a bunch of soldiers from Fort Shafter and I am sitting alongside a old time sergeant. We left Fort Shafter at about 7:35 and we were on our way to Honolulu. But before that we had to stop at Hickam Field and that's when the Japanese came in. While we were in this bus the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor.

There were MP's trying to get things organized. The Japanese just bombed Schofield Barracks. And none of us saw it and we didn't believe it. OK — While we were sitting there in the bus, two planes came in and they strafed us. They hit the bus.

We saw this ship then all of the sudden we saw the bombs dropping there at Pearl Harbor. I was in civilian clothes. I'm not about to be killed in my civilian clothes. So we finally got turned around. We were on our way back and our sergeant he was hit. The sergeant that was sitting alongside of me was hit and I was a medic and the first thing I did was I took care of him.

Then for when we got back to our outfits, all the ambulances were lined up and we were waiting for the word to go. I got in and I went AWOL. And we went to Hickam Field — at Pearl!