

Gen MacArthur  
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Dec. 8, 1941 - Monday.

At 6 a.m. General Dutheland phoned me that the Japanese had treacherously attacked Pearl Harbor at 5 a.m. and consequently the U.S. and Philippine forces were in a state of war with Japan. I notified by phone all the members of my General Staff. Rushed to the office at 9 a.m. I received news that Japanese planes had bombarded Davao harbor and Airfield, destroying them. At 12:30 p.m. the Air-Raid alarm was sounded. Japanese planes bombarded Clark

Field killing and wounding many and destroying 17 bombers & other smaller planes. At 4 pm.

Japanese planes attacked the Airfield at Iba Lambales, destroying some U.S. Army planes, and killing and wounding some soldiers.

The night between Dec. 8 to Dec 9. was bad. The moon was shining brilliantly, the night was very clear, making military targets very visible. Air raid alarms were sounded 3 times. The enemy planes attacked Nichols Field and Ft. McKinley.

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Dec. 9. 1941 Tuesday.

People of Manila nervous trying to leave Manila for a place away from aerial bombardment. Those who owned cars rushed frantically to towns near Manila. Those who did not own means of transportation were willing to pay exorbitant prices for trucks and automobiles. Prominent families moved either to Antipolo, Taytay, Marikina or San Mateo & Montalban. Some even moved to Los Baños and towns in Bulacan.

My girl, Charito must have caught cold during