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Quietly (in) the early morning darkness, the Japanese (task) force approached the U.S. fleet. (At) 6 a.m. Hawaiian time, 189 Japanese warplanes (were) flown off the carrier decks. They (headed) toward the north point of Oahu (at) 7:50 a.m. and then separated. Dive-bombers (turned) toward the airbases where the American (planes) sat neatly on the ground. Meanwhile, (forty) torpedo planes, followed by fifty horizontal (bombers), attacked the sitting fleet. Behind them (came) fifty Japanese fighters. These fighters were (prepared) to stop any American air defense. (One) hour later came the second wave (of) Japanese aircraft. Fifty-four horizontal bombers, eighty-one (dive-bombers), and thirty-six fighters were ready to (reinforce) the initial attack and destroy whatever (had) been missed.

In one hour and (forty-five) minutes, the Japanese had knocked the (heart) out of the American fleet. They (were) successful due to their attack being (a) total surprise. The attack on Pearl (Harbor) was enough to give Japan an (initial) overwhelming advantage. Americans were at first (completely) shocked and then enraged. Less than 24 (hours) after the first bomb was dropped, (the) United States Congress voted to declare (war) on Japan.
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