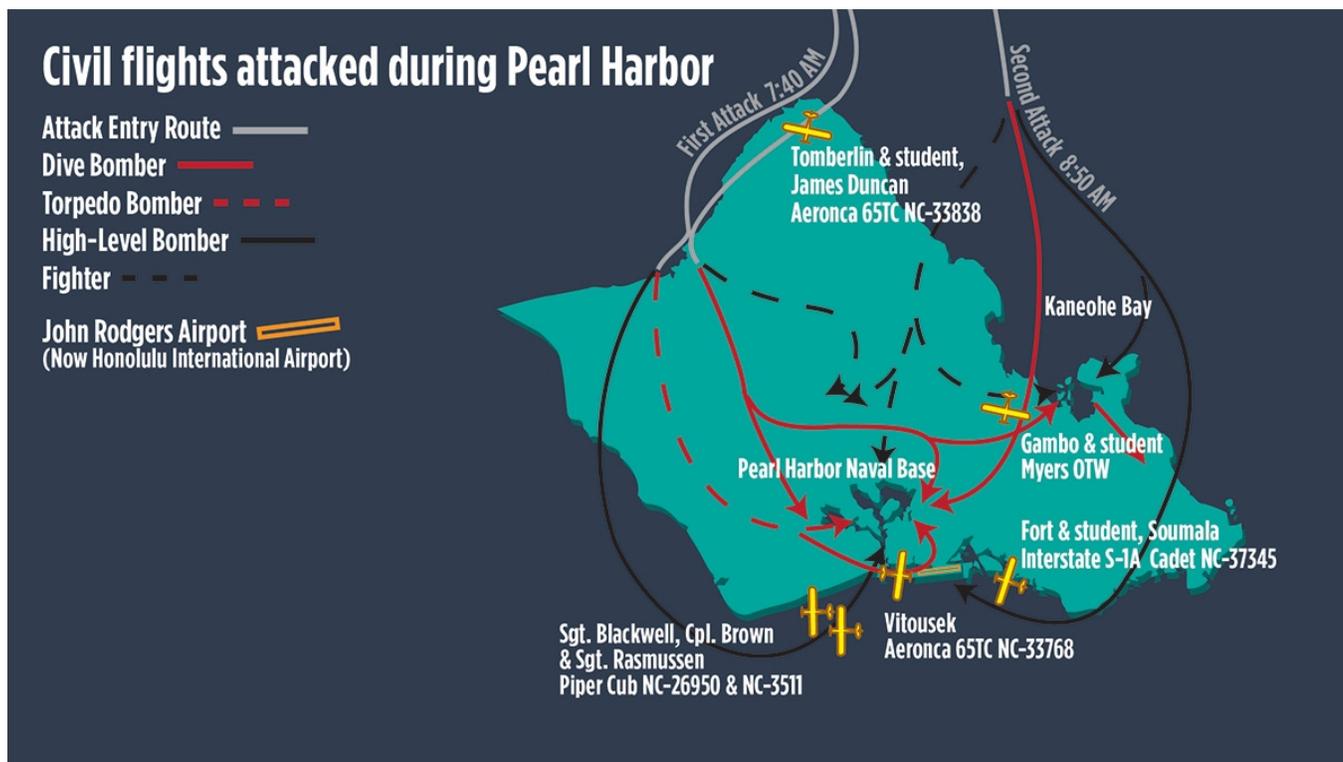


STUDENTS, INSTRUCTORS CAUGHT UP IN 1941 ATTACK

Last month, December 7, 2016 was the 75th anniversary of the attack by the Japanese on the U.S. Some assume the attack was just on “battleship row” at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. The Pearl Harbor attack killed 2,403 Americans, including 68 civilians. Another 1,178 people were wounded, according to a [fact sheet](#) posted by the National WWII Museum. The attack damaged 159 military aircraft and destroyed 169. But it was actually aimed at many targets, not just Pearl Harbor. General aviation also suffered losses. Civilian and off-duty military pilots flying Piper Cubs and Aeroncas were among the very first under fire as 353 Japanese aircraft arrived from the north, an attack that approached in two waves from over the northern headland of Oahu, moving south at about 200 mph toward the U.S. Pacific Fleet’s home base, and other military targets on the island. Among the first Americans killed on that day of infamy were three men in a pair of Piper Cubs, along with the owner of the flying school where they had trained, who was himself shot dead on the ground when a fighter strafed Honolulu’s civilian airport.



About the Piper Cubs: “One Cub plummeted straight into the ocean, while the other “circled for a moment” before also diving into the water. Only fragments were ever found.” An Aeronca 65TC rented by Hui Lele Club with flight instructor Guy Nathan “Tommy” Tomberlin, 26, and club student James Duncan had just rounded the northern headland of Oahu and was headed over land toward Laie when the bullets began to fly.

The pair was about 25 miles north of Pearl Harbor, and Tomberlin would later note the time of that first attack in his logbook: 7:52 a.m. The first sign of trouble was two streams of tracers that converged on the bright orange trainer from behind, as author and historian Stephen Harding, the editor of Military History magazine, recounted in a 2013 article about the civilian flights that became the first victims.

Back at John Rodgers Airport, just south of the battleships that were at the top of the Japanese target list, a Hawaiian Air Lines DC-3 had just boarded passengers and was preparing to depart. Local attorney Roy Vitousek and his son, Martin, 17, were circling the airport at about 800 feet in an Aeronca TC65 rented from Gambo Flying Service, one of three flight schools that had been established on the airfield to provide instruction under the Civilian Flight Training Program.

The owner of that school, Marguerite Gambo, was teaching a student in a Meyers OTW biplane, flying near another Japanese target, Kaneohe. Plumes of smoke rising from Kaneohe made it clear to Gambo that the warplanes were not American, and her airplane was buffeted by turbulence as fighters pulled up from their strafing run. The fighters did not engage the biplane, however. Gambo, whose encounter was most likely the basis of one depicted in the 1970 film *Tora! Tora! Tora!* (albeit with the wrong aircraft, a Stearman, used in the film), turned and raced toward John Rodgers Airport.

Click on the links below for many more facts about the General Aviation aircraft and civilian pilots during the Japanese attack. (Information adapted from AOPA ePilot 12/07/16→[Civilian pilots under fire at Pearl Harbor](#), Harding→[Dawn of Infamy](#), historynet.com→[First planes down at Pearl](#), National WWII Museum→[Pearl Harbor Fact Sheet](#))

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