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REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

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Today I'm "remembering" Pearl Harbor. I was on this earth on December 7, 1941 (a few months older than I was in the photo), but I see it through my mother's eyes in a story she told me every year thereafter as long as she lived.

It was a Sunday, and as my parents and I were driving back from dinner at my grandparents' house we were singing Christmas carols and "happy birthday" to a little friend just a few days older than I. It was a peaceful, friendly, family kind of day, until we got home, turned on the radio, and got the news. My mother always contrasted the peace and joy of the day and the blessed Christmas season with the shock and devastation that followed.

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