

Attack on Pearl Harbor

Interview with on the nurses.

Do you think anyone at the camp had any idea that something was coming?

No, we knew pressure was high, but we didn't think anything was going to happen. Especially since it was a Sunday we were caught completely by surprise.

When did you realize there was definitely something wrong?

Three of us were in the dining room Sunday morning having eggs and bacon for breakfast. We heard planes overhead. We assumed it was the 'fly boys' at Ford Island, the island was across the channel from the hospital. We began talking again since we didn't think too much about it. The reserves were often there for weekend training. We had completely forgotten about the planes when we started hearing strange noises.

That's when the horror started.

When did the first soldier come in?

The first patient came hobbling into the dining room at 8:25 a.m. This is my first year as a nurse. He walked in and looked pretty normal his arms crossed. His face was covered in dirt and his hair was every which way. He looked familiar so I assumed I had just seen him walking around. I started to ask what was wrong when I noticed that he wasn't crossing his arms he was holding his arm. Half of it had been blown off. I guess I expected the worst but the sight of the poor guy with half of his arm blown off was too much. I yelled at the other nurses to come help. To keep the soldiers' mind off of what was happening I started asking him questions. "What's your name?" "Frederick Nelson" he answered. It was my brother. I directed him to a bed while the other nurses ran to his side. When I was sure he was being taken care of I ran to the window. While I was looking outside trying to clear my mind I noticed that the flag was still standing. That gave me hope and I went back to help the other nurses.



**"December 7, 1941
a date that will live
in infamy" - FDR**

