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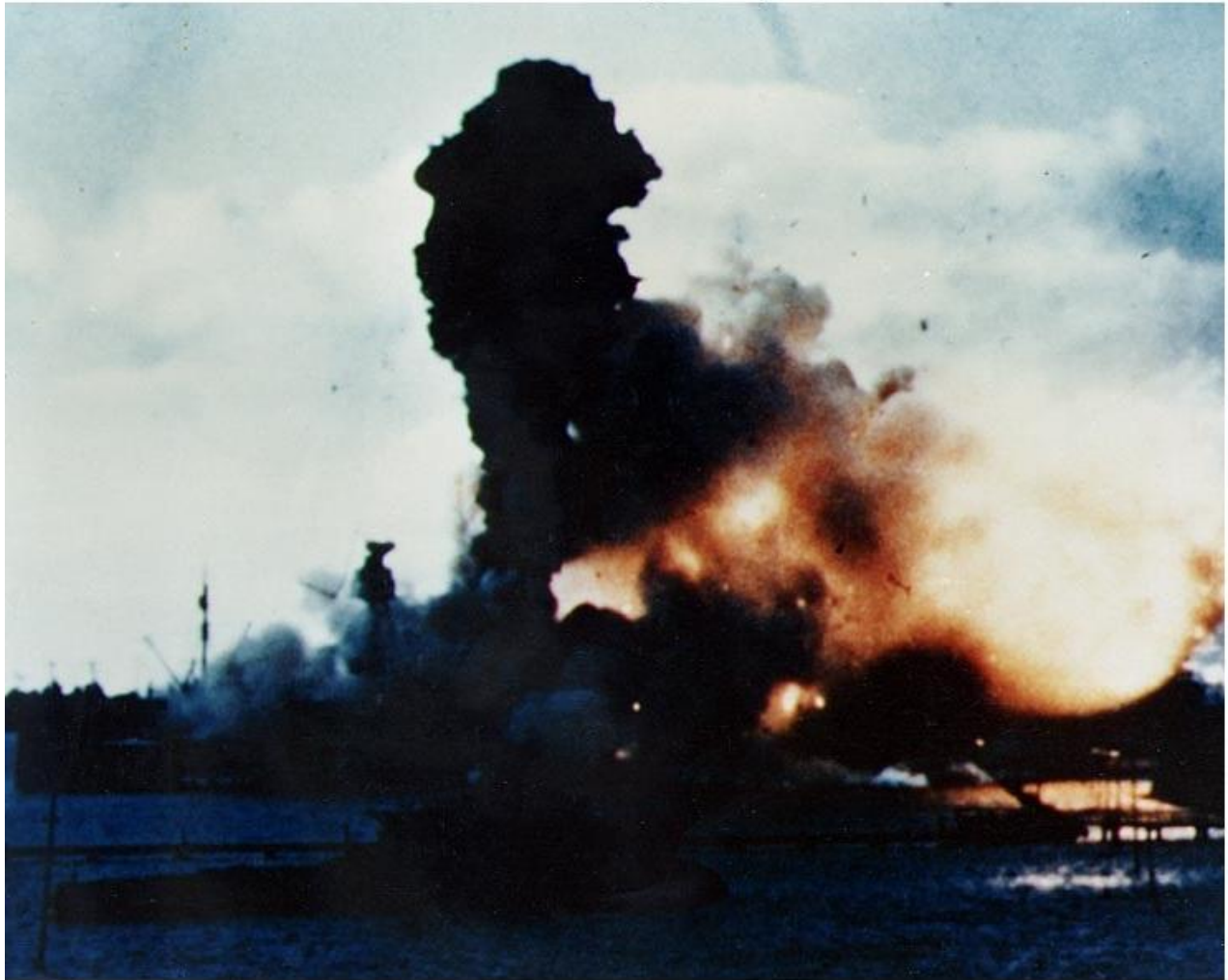
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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – December 7, 2011

Pearl Harbor is a harbor on Oahu to the west of Honolulu, Hawaii. It's the location of a United States naval base that was attacked by the Japanese on December 7, 1941, which crippled the U.S. fleet and caused the U.S. to enter World War II. The attack was in two waves and was over in 90 minutes. 2,386 Americans died and 1,139 were wounded. 18 ships were sunk or disabled, including 5 battleships. A Declaration of War was requested by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and approved by Congress on December 8, 1941. President Roosevelt proclaimed December 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy."

Photo # K-13513 USS Arizona's forward magazines explode, 7 December 1941



The forward magazines of USS *Arizona* (BB-39) explode after she was hit by a Japanese bomb, 7 December 1941. Frame clipped from a color motion picture taken from on board USS *Solace* (AH-5).

Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives collection.

48th Field Artillery later to be Redesignated the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery



Constituted 1 October 1933 in the Regular Army as the 48th Field Artillery. Redesignated 13 January 1941 as the 48th Field Artillery Battalion assigned to the 7th Division (subsequently the 7th Infantry Division) and activated at Fort Ord, California, 1 June 1941. (48th Coast Artillery Battalion consolidated with the 48th Field Artillery Battalion, 28 June 1950).

During World War II, the 48 Field Artillery Battalion served as an organic part of the 7th Infantry Division and participated in the Aleutian, Eastern Mandates, Kwajalein, Southern Philippines (Leyte) and Okinawa Campaigns.

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS WORLD WAR II

Western Pacific

Aleutian Islands (with arrowhead)

Eastern Mandates

Leyte

Ryukyus (with arrowhead)

Battery B, 48th Field Artillery Battalion, an element of the 7th Infantry Division was inactivated 1 July 1957 in Korea and relieved from assignment to the 7th Infantry Division. On 30 March 1962 it was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 6th Missile Battalion, 56th Artillery. Activated 25 July 1962 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Redesignated 14 June 1965 as the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery.

So now you know how the 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery earned these Campaign Streamers.