

SIX MARISSANS IN HAWAIIAN WAR ZONE

**None Have Been Heard
From, As Our Country En-
ters War with Japan, Ger-
many and Italy, After Sur-
prise Invasion Sunday.**

Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1941 was a shocking day in the history of this country. The peace and tranquility of an unusually quiet Sunday afternoon was rudely broken at 2:32 by the news flash that Hawaii had been bombed by Japanese bombers.

Locals were stunned with the almost unbelievable news of an armed invasion of American possessions and with a calm anxiety listened to the reports that followed with a grim resolution to see this ruthless attack avenged.

Most people knew from the time the first news broadcast that America was now at war and a formal Declaration would follow. Congress convened at 11:30 Monday, Dec. 8th in joint session to hear President Roosevelt ask for that declaration which was passed by both houses in less than 30 minutes with but one dissenting vote.

In rapid sequence events of war became a reality to this peaceful nation and by Thursday morning, America was formally at war with Japan, Germany and Italy.

Local interest, was concerned for the six Marissans in the armed forces stationed in Hawaii, where the Japanese struck their first blow.

The six local men are:

Glenn Keith, U. S. S. Holland, stationed at Pearl Harbor, son of Mr. Omar Keith.

Robert J. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, stationed on the U. S. S. Helena, Pearl Harbor.

William H. Beckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bechman, stationed on the U. S. S. Shelley, Pearl Harbor.

Captain Nixon L. Ballard and family, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Ballard, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Alfred Matzenbacher, son of Mrs. Martha Matzenbacher, on the U. S. S. Jarvis, Pearl Harbor.

Gene Bollmeyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bollmeier who is on seaplane patrol duty with the U. S. S. Lexington on the West coast.

It is presumed that the local men are alright because as yet no word has been received by any of the parents of the men. There may be other Marissans in this vicinity, but there is no record as yet.

At this time America is united for one purpose alone, and that is the defeat of the enemy, regardless of the cost or sacrifice to each and every one of us Americans. A total victory must be had.

Let us not delude ourselves into thinking the battle will be easy. It will not. It will call for much of our resources and many sacrifices which we as a nation are now prepared to give.