

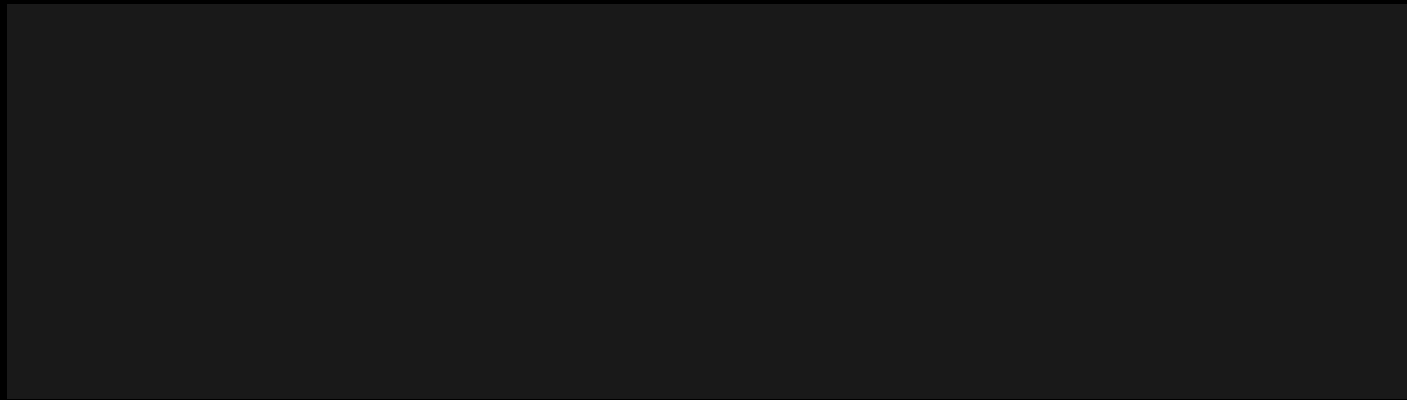
The War in the Pacific

Chapter 12 Section 2
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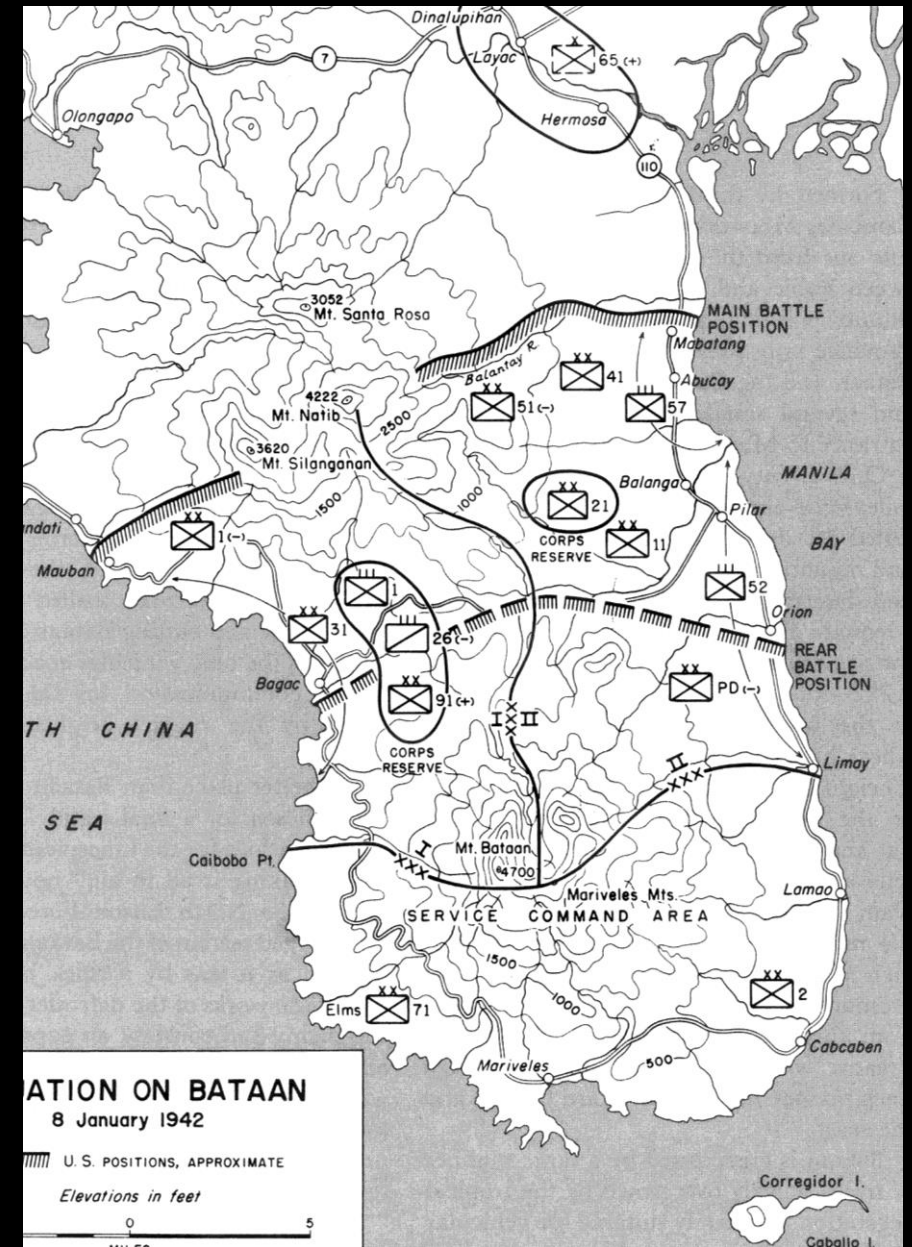
Learning Objectives:

- **Students will be able to:**
 - **Explain how the government mobilized the wartime economy.**
 - **Identify the early military strategies of the Allied forces in the Pacific, including Doolittle's Raid.**
 - **Explain the military strategies of the Allied forces in Europe and North Africa.**
 - **Evaluate the effectiveness of the military strategies, including firebombing, used to end the war with Japan.**

1. The Fall of the Philippines



- Hours before Pearl Harbor was attacked, the Japanese began the bombing of American airfields in the Philippines.
- The Japanese landed December 9, 1941!
 - American & Filipino forces defended the islands!
 - Gen. MacArthur attempted to hold the islands – retreating down the Bataan Peninsula.
 - Soldiers held Bataan for 3 months = eventually moving to Corregidor.



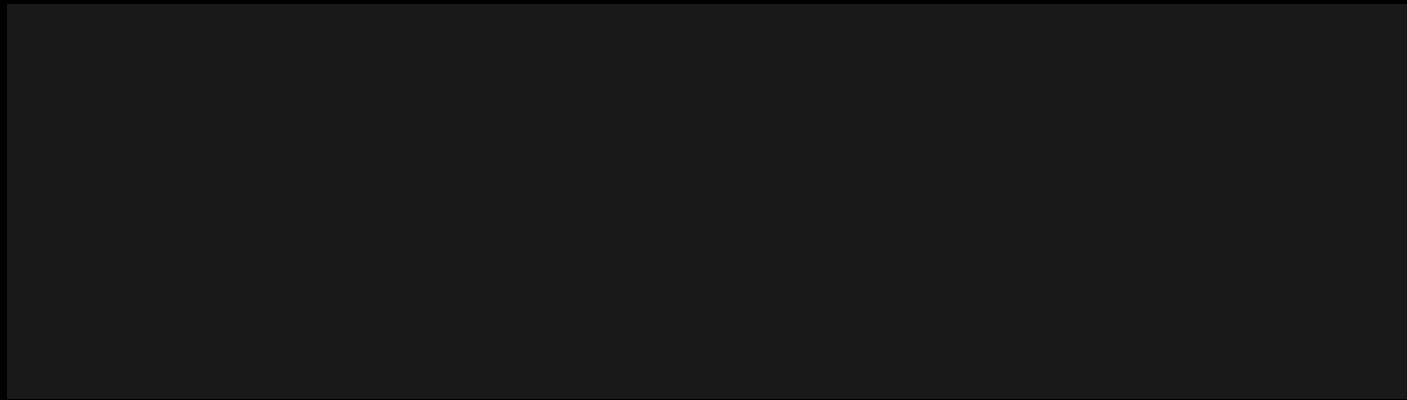
**General
Douglas
MacArthur**



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- **April 9, 1942: Philippines surrender to Japan**
 - **78,000 Prisoners of War (POWs) – marched 65 miles (Bataan Death March)**
 - **MacArthur promised to return and free the islands**
 - **Women were also captured during the Fall of the Philippines**
 - **66 nurses were taken as POWs**
 - **11 Navy nurses & 3,000 civilians were held until 1945**



2. The Doolittle Raid



Striking Back at Japan

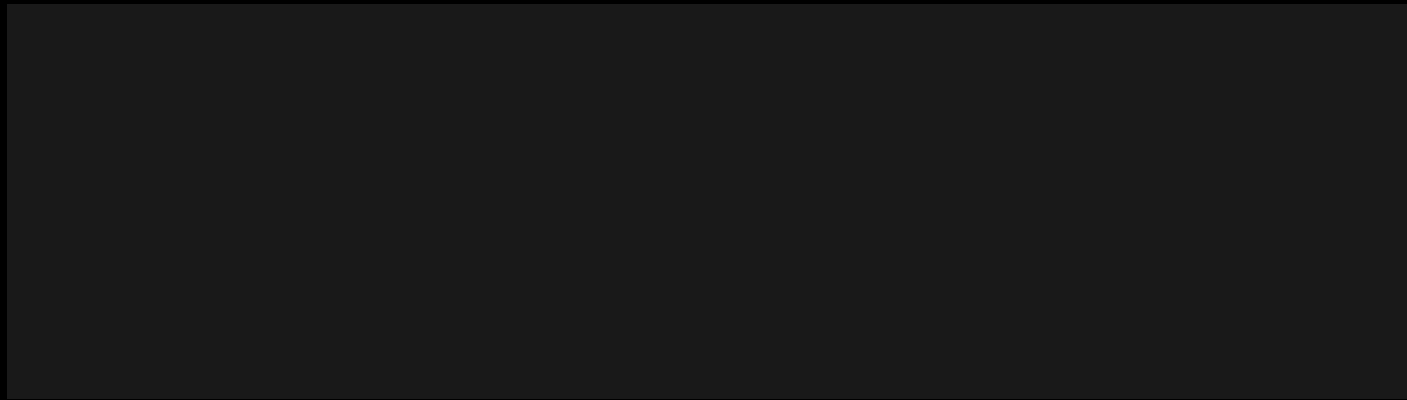
- **What did America do after Pearl Harbor?**
 - **Began to plan a counter-attack on Japan = increase American morale**
 - **FDR wanted to bomb the capital city: Tokyo!**
- **How did he begin to plan this attack?**
 - **1942: Col. James Doolittle was to command a mission to bomb Tokyo**
 - **Military planners suggested short-range B-25 bombers taking off on aircraft carriers.**
 - **Bombers would NOT land on carriers – would have to land the planes in CHINA!!!**
 - **Training facility: Eglin AFB!**
- **April 18, 1942: American bombs fell on Tokyo!**



The Doolittle Raid



3. The Changing Japanese Strategy

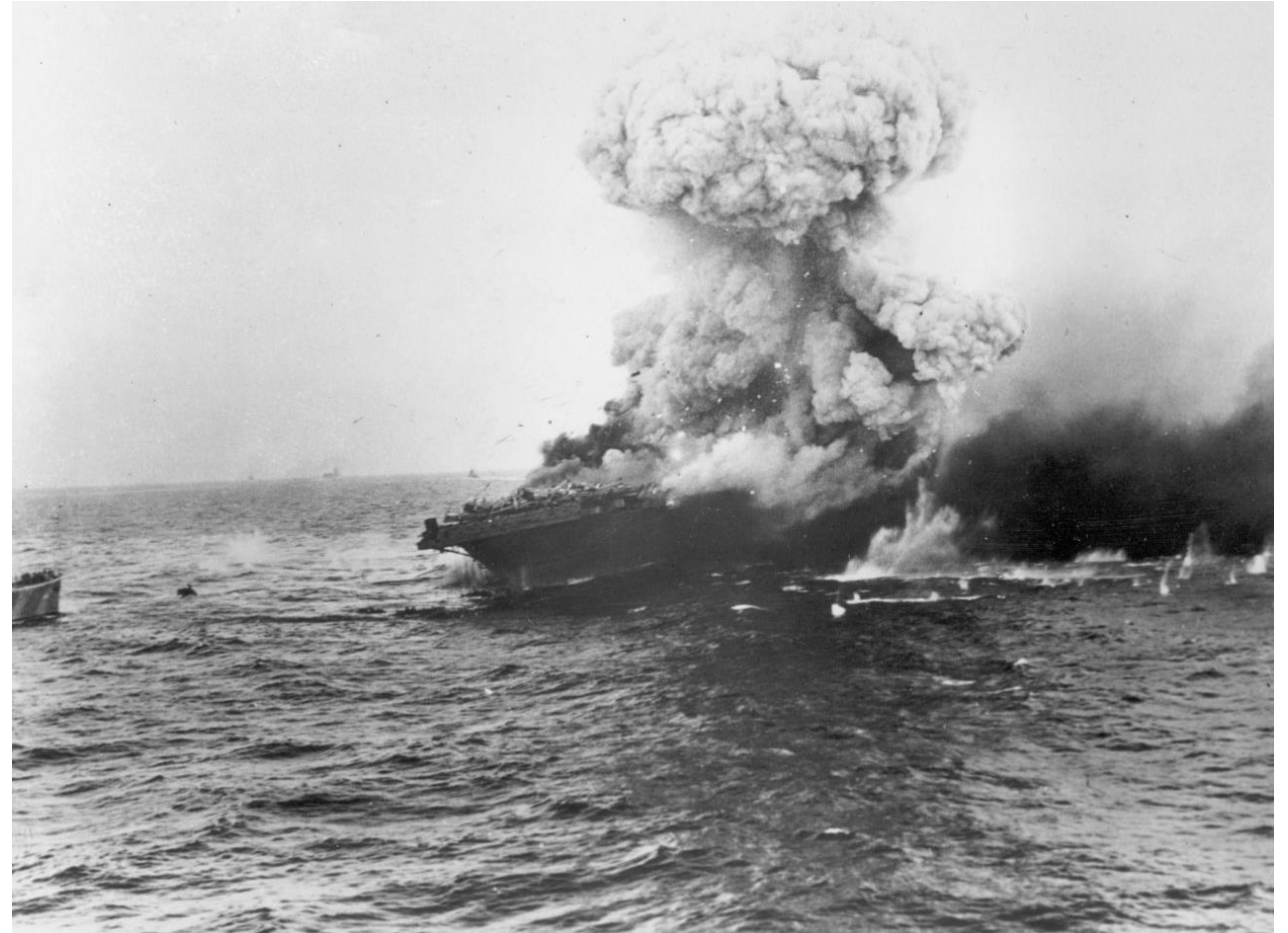


- **Did Doolittle's Raid bolster American morale? YES!**
 - **America rejoiced**
 - **Japan was STUNNED**
- **The Doolittle Raid convinced Japan to change their strategy:**
 - **Before the raid:**
 - **Japanese leaders wanted to cut supplies to US troops in the South Pacific**
 - **Admiral Yamamoto wanted to attack Midway (last US base in the North Pacific)**
 - **After the raid:**
 - **Japan decided to do BOTH!**
 - **The US Fleet had to be destroyed to protect Tokyo and the Emperor**



The Battle of the Coral Sea

- Why did Japan think they could complete two attacks at once?
 - They thought their operations were **SECRET!**
- Was this true? **NO**
 - American code breakers already knew the Japanese code – broken **BEFORE** Pearl Harbor!



USS Lexington 'Lady Lex' sinking

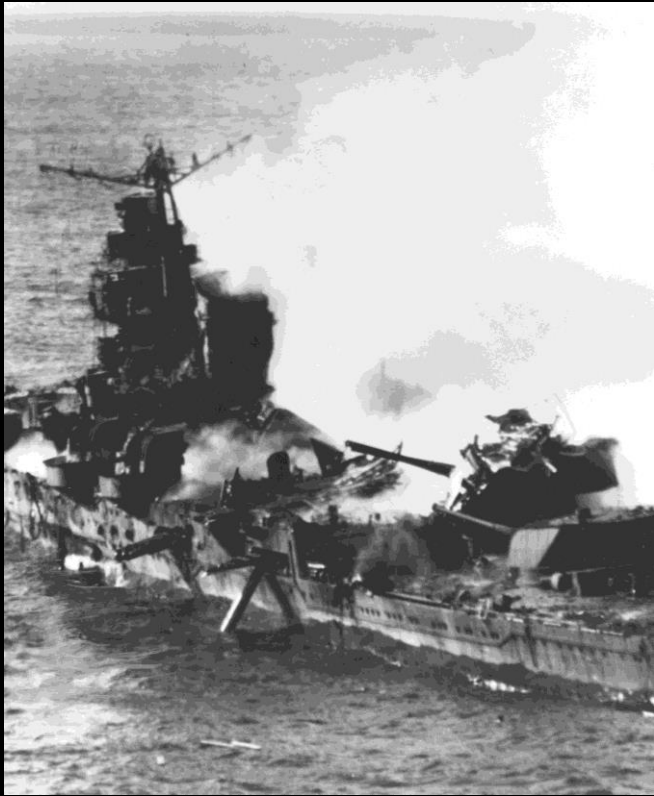
- **March 1942: US was alerted to the Japanese plan to attack New Guinea**
 - **Nimitz sent the Lexington and the Yorktown to defend the region**
- **Did the plan work? YES**
 - **America lost the Lexington, and the Yorktown was badly damaged**
 - **Japan could NOT continue to New Guinea/Port Moresby**
 - **The Australian supply lines were protected**



USS Yorktown at the Battle of the Coral Sea

Finding the USS Lexington





Battle of Midway

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- **What about the Japanese plan to attack Midway?**
 - **Pearl Harbor code breakers learned of the plan to attack Midway**
 - **Yamamoto had transmitted the plans via radio!**
- **Did Japanese officials change their code? NO**
- **How did the U.S. prepare for Midway?**
 - **Carriers were positioned to ambush the Japanese military**
 - **Troops were put on high alert**



- **June 4, 1942: Japan attacks Midway**
 - **Japan launched their attack – America was ready!**
 - **U.S. Carriers: Hornet, Yorktown, Enterprise launched the counterattack**
 - **Yamamoto had to order the Japanese ships to retreat**
 - **Midway was a MAJOR turning point in the war: the US had stopped the Japanese advance!**



Ensign George H. Gay – Sole survivor of the VT-8 Torpedo Squadron from the USS Hornet