

Hi Alexander, I would like to suggest a couple of web sites to you that will help understand some of the problems we were facing in China. Go to Wahoo second Sino Japanese War . It will give you some history of the conflict before and leading up to the war. Also if you haven't done so already Go to American Volunteer Group, Clair L Chennalt and his Flying Tigers. I will send you more mail on some upgrades later.my phone number in San Clemente is [949 443 9783](tel:9494439783).

Prior to 1941 Pearl Harbor Japan had taken over Manchuria and Korea, but also northeastern China including Peking (now Beijing) and the port of Shanghai and Canton. Japan had left the League of Nations and built up their military to 65 army divisions and the largest navy and air force in the Pacific. At Pearl Harbor their intentions were to take over the whole Pacific areas. On December 7th they attacked Pearl Harbor to keep our navy from interfering with their efforts to take over the South Pacific countries. At the same time that they attacked Pearl Harbor, they invaded Hong Kong, Thailand, French Indo-China, which included Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. also British Singapore and Malaya western Borneo and also the Philippines. Then from Thailand they moved over to Burma to cut off the route to China from the Port of Rangoon.

The flying tigers were driven out of Rangoon and moved up to the northern part of Burma, then over to Kunming. I will give you more on the mission of the flying tigers later.