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FIFTY YEARS AGO ON DEC. 7, 1941 THE JAPANESE LAUNCHED
THEIR SURPRISE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR WHICH FORCED US *the 7.5.4*
INTO WORLD WAR TWO.

I AM GOING TO TELL YOU HOW THE PEOPLE OF MANITOWOC
LEARNED ABOUT IT OVER RADIO STATION WOMT.

WE HAD JUST OPENED THE BOX OFFICE OF THE MIKADOW
AND I WAS RETURNING TO THE STUDIO WHEN THE BELLS ON
THE UNITED PRESS MACHINE STARTED RINGING CONTINUOUSLY
WHICH MEANT SOMETHING SERIOUS HAD HAPPENED.

THE TIME WAS 12:45 NOON. I RAN TO THE MACHINE AND
THIS IS WHAT IT SAID, I HAVE THE ORIGINAL RELEASE.

I BROUGHT IT INTO THE OFFICE TO FRANCIS AND HE WENT ON
THE AIR IMMEDIATELY AND BROADCAST IT AS WELL AS ALL
THE NEWS THAT FOLLOWED.

THEN HE ANNOUNCED THE NEWS FROM THE STAGE OF THE
MIKADOW AND AFTER *posted more* NEWS RELEASES ON THE
DOORS AND WINDOWS.

*more news
released were
brought out*

THIS NEWS BROUGHT PEOPLE TO THE RADIO STATION WHERE
THOSE WHO HAD PEOPLE ON ISLANDS STAYED WAITING FOR MORE
NEWS AND DETAILS ABOUT THE ATTACK. SOME BROUGHT LUNCHES
AND REMAINED INTO THE NITE.

FOR OVER A WEEK THE DOORS OF THE STATION WERE NOT LOCKED
AS PEOPLE CAME AND LEFT. ~~PEOPLE WERE ON DUTY AROUND THE~~
CLOCK.

THESE WERE DEPRESSION DAYS AND THE FATHERS OF LOCAL FAMILIES
ALSO WERE EMPLOYED OVER THERE AS WELL AS WAKE ISLAND.

SO FAMILIES. *Came + stayed. In principle there were news*
THERE WAS NO TELEVISION AT THAT TIME AND WOMT WAS THE
ONLY RADIO STATION. *in our area*

IT WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE MOST EXCITING PERIOD DURING
THE FORTY YEARS WE OPERATED THE STATION.
WOMT HAS A *24* HOUR. LICENSE AND WE WERE ON THE AIR AROUND
THE CLOCK. WE ALSO HAD TWO UNITED PRESS MACHINES WHICH
ALTERNATED DAY AND NITE. *+ brought news continuously*