

The Battle Of Midway

“Every battle is won before it is fought.” - *Sun Tzu, the Art of War.*

Intelligence is always greater than power itself, and America had proved it in the Battle of Midway. Technology has the ability. Since in the Battle of Midway, America's intelligence and use of technology helped us win this battle.

The Japanese planned a surprise attack on American aircraft carriers but “US Navy's Combat Intelligence Office broke the codes they were using to communicate by locating one of the several possible targets for a major attack, code named AF was Midway island by having Midway tell that Japanese that the American defenders at Midway were having a water shortage and soon after they heard a message that AF was having a water shortage.” (The Battle of Midway)

When they found out about their plan and the exact location so they sent a counter attack and sunk many Japanese ships and planes. “In the Pacific on 4-7 June, 1942 a four day battle fought between aircraft based on giant aircraft carriers, the U.S. destroyed hundreds of Japanese planes and regained control of the Pacific. The Japanese continued to fight, however, even after the war in Europe ended.” (Main Events of World War 2) This was important because it showed the power of technology.

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“The Battle of Midway effectively destroyed Japan’s naval strength when the Americans destroyed four of its aircraft carriers. Japan’s navy never recovered from its mauling at Midway and it was on the defensive after this battle.” (Battle of Midway) This was important because it showed the effects of the Attack and how we were able to deal with them in this sort of situation, like when the America had managed to fight back.

Operation Mai was Japan’s plan to ambush the U.S. fleet when it came to Midway’s relief. As stated America had managed to figure out the code before Operation Mai had went into effect and we had managed to avoid having Japan’s plans be a success. American then got reinforcements like USS Yorktown but it had to get many repairs before going into battle and June 4 the USN had stationed four squadrons of PBY Catalinas - 31 in total - for long-range reconnaissance. This was important because it showed Japan’s plan to take over the Midway Islands.

The importance of Midway was to show that America was a force that wasn’t to be messed with and on June 7th 1942 the battle had officially ended and America had won the Battle, thus bringing the battle to the end.

Station Hypo was able to confirm on of the Japanese targets as Midway. As a result of the discovery America was able to go out to Midway to be able to

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become prepared for battle so they could help Midway and use the time to get an advantage. They also had a good picture of how they would attack Midway and how they could take over the surprise attack. The first air attack took off at 12:30 on 3rd of June and on June 4th at 4:30pm Nagumo launched his initial attack on Midway itself. Admiral Nagumo how was head of the plan at the time, was in accordance with the Japanese carrier doctrine at the time. This was important because it showed how we were able to deal with this situation.

Nagumo's choice to wait for his strike force to land, then launch the reserve, which would by then would be properly armed and ready. America forces had won and retired.

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