

# Anglo-American Military Collaboration: From the Panay Incident to Pearl Harbor

## Prelude: The Panay Incident



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The Panay Incident, occurring on December 12, 1937, marked a pivotal moment in Anglo-American relations. Japanese aircraft attacked the USS Panay, an American gunboat, while it was anchored in China's Yangtze River. The attack resulted in the deaths of three American sailors and the sinking of the vessel.

The Panay Incident raised tensions between the United States and Japan, with the former demanding an apology and reparations. The incident also highlighted the need for closer military collaboration between the two countries.

### **Joint Planning and Intelligence Sharing**



Anglo-American officers collaborate on war plans.

Following the Panay Incident, the United States and Great Britain initiated a series of joint planning and intelligence-sharing agreements. These agreements aimed to coordinate military strategies and ensure a unified response to potential threats.

The most significant of these agreements was the ABC-1 Pact, signed in March 1941. The pact established a joint planning board that developed war plans for the defense of the Western Hemisphere and the Far East.

## Combined Operations in the Atlantic



Anglo-American military collaboration extended to the high seas, particularly in the Battle of the Atlantic. The United States provided significant assistance to Great Britain in escorting convoys of merchant ships across the Atlantic, protecting them from German U-boats.

The combined operations in the Atlantic played a crucial role in ensuring the flow of vital supplies to Great Britain and its allies.

## The Lend-Lease Program



American supplies being shipped to Great Britain under the Lend-Lease Program.

In March 1941, the United States Congress passed the Lend-Lease Act, which authorized the president to provide military aid to any country whose defense was deemed vital to the security of the United States.

The Lend-Lease Program provided Great Britain with billions of dollars worth of military equipment, supplies, and food. This aid played a pivotal role in sustaining the British war effort and ultimately defeating Nazi Germany.

### **The Path to Pearl Harbor**



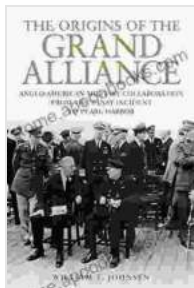
Despite the growing collaboration between the United States and Great Britain, the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, came as a surprise to both nations.

The attack, carried out by the Imperial Japanese Navy, resulted in the deaths of over 2,400 Americans and the destruction of a significant portion of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The Anglo-American military collaboration that unfolded from the Panay Incident to Pearl Harbor played a profound role in the course of World War II. Through joint planning, intelligence sharing, combined operations, and the Lend-Lease Program, the United States and Great Britain forged an

alliance that ultimately led to the defeat of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

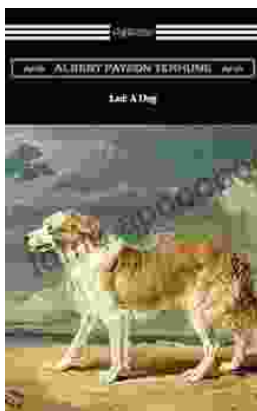
The lessons learned from this period of collaboration continue to inform international military cooperation and demonstrate the power of shared strategies and a common goal.



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