



This aerial view of "Battleship Row" was taken from a Japanese high-level bomber minutes after the attack on Pearl Harbor began. Ships are moored in pairs (inboard (I) & outboard (O)), commonly referred to as "nesting". From left to right are the USS *Nevada*, the USS *Arizona* (I) with the repair ship USS *Vestal* (O), the USS *Tennessee* (I) with the USS *West Virginia* (O), and the USS *Maryland* (I) with the USS *Oklahoma* (O). The stern of fleet oiler USS *Neosho* is to the right. Oil can be seen leaking from the ruptured hulls of the battleships *West Virginia* and *Oklahoma* after they were pierced by aerial torpedoes. Both ships are listing heavily and beginning to capsize to port.

(Photo - USS *Arizona* Memorial, National Park Service)