

# PANAMA DURING WWII



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# WHY THE UNITED STATES NEED TO BE INVOLVED

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- Firstly it was to protect the Panama Canal and to optimize the production of goods the war effort a major economic boost for the countries that participated. Panama felt the need after Pearl Harbor to transfer the defense sites to the United States, and tens of thousands of U.S. troops were stationed there to guarantee the security of the canal. The United States held occupation from 1903 to 1979



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# EVENTS LEADING UP TO WWII

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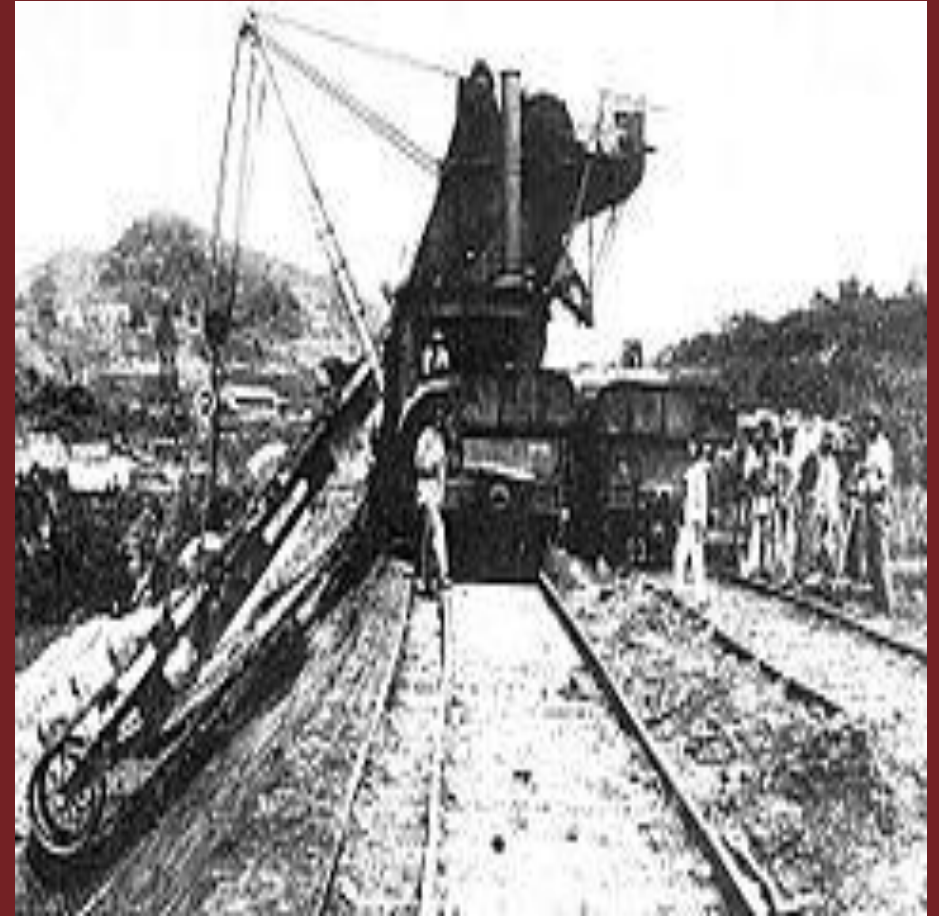


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- once Japan attacked Hawaii at Pearl Harbor While the waterway was never actually attacked, Japan had planned to do so, intending to use aircraft launched from submarines; however, the war ended before this effort could be arranged and acted upon but one of the biggest reason they didn't attack was Panama seemed both too far from Japan and too well defended for that to be prevented by another simultaneous Japanese attack there. But I think they also had something to do with their focus on retaliation from the United States after their attack at Pearl Harbor
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# HOW THE UNITED STATES IMPROVED PANAMA

- The United States and how improved some aspects of living in Panama while they were stationed there most of the people in Panama were farmers, laborers who had bans on their exports during WW2 so not being able to make money the united states hired them to drive trucks, be laborers and clerks, etc... the troops stationed there were also informed to be in their pocket guides that they need to treat the locals with the utmost respect for the locals and to respect their way of life



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# HOW THE US GOV. BENEFITED FROM THIS

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- The United States government benefited from holding the canal the benefit by keeping it protected and keeping fortified defenses along the Panama Canal, and increased surveillance to prevent sabotage or attacks by Axis powers, particularly Germany and Japan. This included deploying troops, installing anti-aircraft batteries, and implementing strict security protocols the Canal served as a vital artery for the transportation of troops, equipment, and supplies between the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of the war Therefore, maintaining the security and functionality of the Panama Canal during World War II was a critical aspect of Allied strategy in the Pacific and Atlantic

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