

# Fort Ward Naval Radio Station

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND NAVAL HISTORY PROJECT

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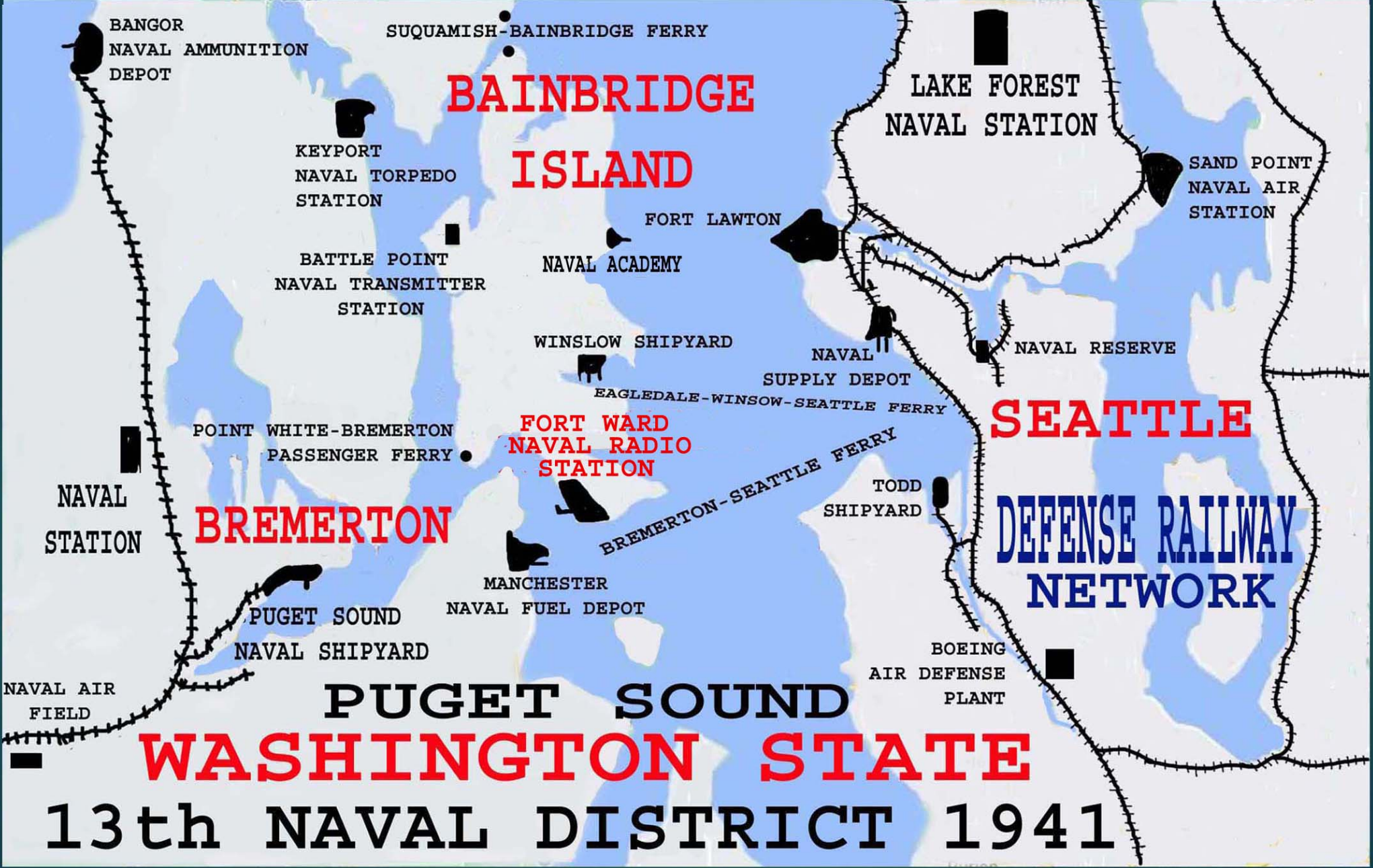
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## BAINBRIDGE ISLAND NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION WWII NAVAL ACTIVITIES:

- Supplementary Operational Station School
- Supplementary Station Direction Finder/DF School
- Supplementary Training School For Specialized Radio Interception
- Supplementary Naval 13th District Puget Sound Radio Communication
- Secret Naval Intelligence Radio Activities
- Radio Signal Intercept Post
- Radio Direction Finding Post
- Pacific Fleet Communications
- Naval Radio Transmitting Battle Point Station Staffing
- Rich Passage "Naval Manchester Ant-submarine Net Depot Anchor"
- Rich Passage Naval Marine Traffic Radio Control Tower
- Not Limited To WWII Naval Station Activities



**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND**

**BREMERTON**

**SEATTLE**

**DEFENSE RAILWAY NETWORK**

**PUGET SOUND**

**WASHINGTON STATE**

**13th NAVAL DISTRICT 1941**

# FORT WARD NAVAL RAIDO STATION

HISTORIC SITE \* 242

CODE SCHOOL BLDG.\* 13

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

1938 / 1945

BUILT AS ARMY GUARDHOUSE AND

JAIL (POST EXCHANGE) 1910 / 1923

KITSAP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# RESTORATION POINT

Bainbridge Island, Washington

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FORT WARD NAVAL RADIO STATION







**ON OCT. 27, 1941** – Fort Ward intercepted a Japanese agent “Sato” radio communication, sent from Seattle, Washington, describing warship being repaired at Bremerton, Washington, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

**ON NOV. 19, 1941** – ‘S’ Station intercepted Japanese plans for the famous “winds” code in which a weather forecast would signal the end of diplomatic relations.

**THEN AT 1:28AM PST DECEMBER 7, 1941** – The last of a series of 14 messages being sent over the previous 18 hours was intercepted by the “United States Navy Communications Intercept Station” at Fort Ward, Bainbridge Island, Washington, a radio message by the Japanese government directed to the Japanese ambassador in Washington, DC. This significant Japanese radio message presented Fort Word Naval Radio Station a place in WWII history and historical naval landmark.

# FORT WARD NAVAL RADIO STATION 1938-1957



Fire Station

Mess Hall

Barricks

OFFICERS QUARTERS

Administration Building

Lieutenant  
COMMANDER

Radio Receiving Complex

Naval Intelligence Building

Dispensary

# **FORT WARD NAVAL RADIO STATION**

## **September 2, 1945**

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**INTERCEPTION POST COMPLEX**

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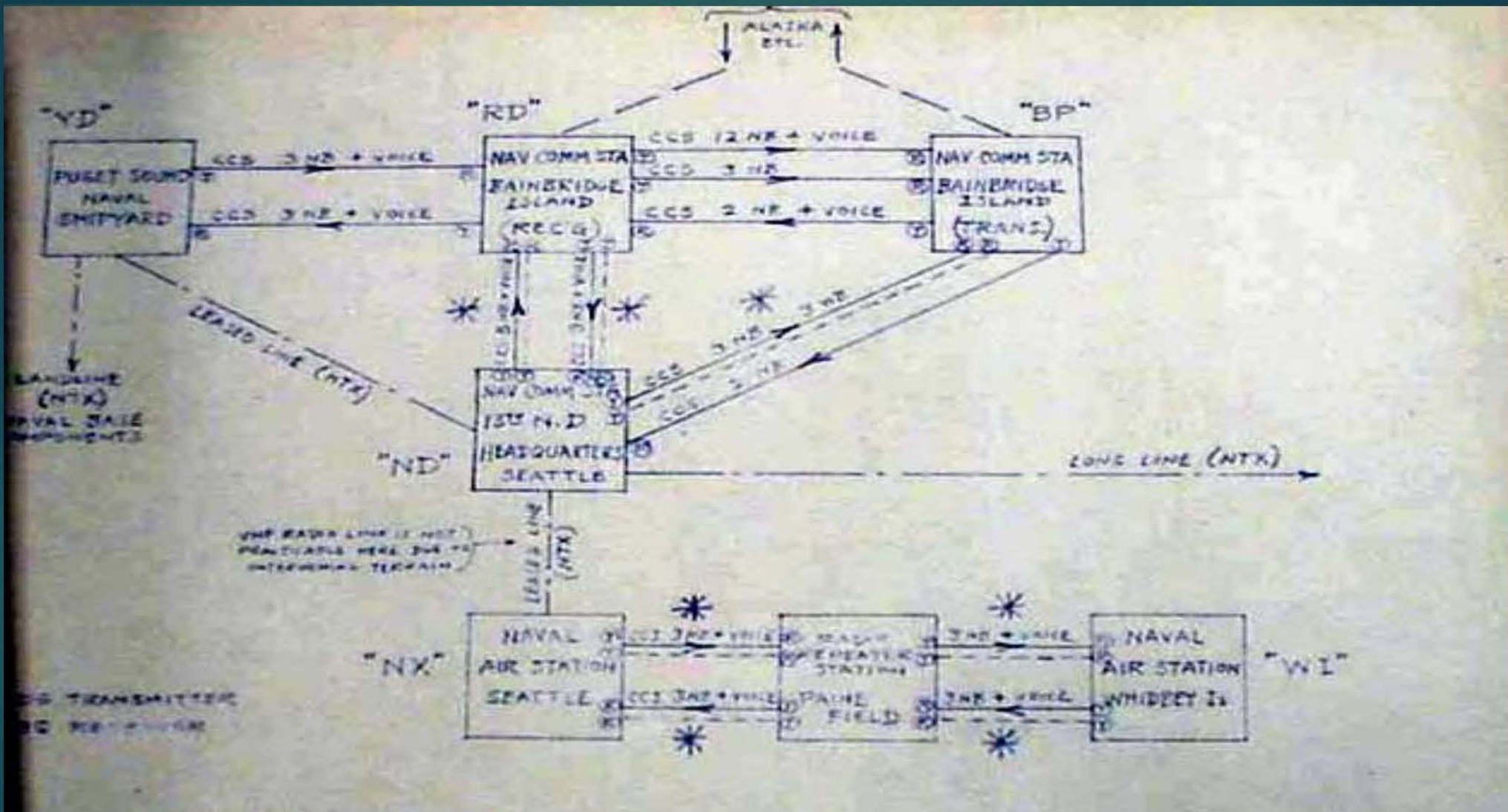
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BUILDING 16

BUILDING 13

BUILDING 61





COMMUNICATION CONTROL SYSTEM (CCS)  
THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

SHOWING NUMBER OF LINKS, ACTIVITIES SERVED, AND SUBDIVISION INTO VOICE AND TELEGRAPH CHANNELS; CONDITION OF 30 JUNE 1950.

RESTRICTED  
SKETCH RS 6A 1360 B

# FORT WARD "S" STATION RADIO INTERCEPTION POST

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2117-43  
P.S.N.V.

At Fort Ward Naval Intelligence, by 1:37AM PST, a dispatch was forwarded by RTTY/radio teletype to Washington, DC; at 11:30AM EST, general George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, instantly recognized the code as “purple,” the Japanese cryptography system.

During this time the Japanese navy aircraft carriers launched aircraft 200 miles north of Pearl Harbor.

Marshall dispatched an alert to Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii, warning of the Japanese raid, due time at 7:30AM HST; the alert reached Pearl Harbor Naval Communication Center at 7:33am HST, which was not immediately delivered to Pearl Harbor commanders.

# FORT WARD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BAINBRIDGE ISLAND NAVAL HISTORY PROJECT

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