

Relics of the Marines

Sewage system

In 1942 Japan attacked Pearl Harbour in Hawai'i which brought the United States into World War 2. Most NZ troops were fighting in North Africa, so the US sent soldiers/marines to NZ where they trained for and recovered from fighting in the Pacific.

There was one camp here in Whareroa, another at Q E Park and one at Paekakariki. The camps were built in 6 weeks by the Ministry of Works and housed 15,000 men.

These concrete structures were supports for the sewer pipes from the Whareroa camp. The sewage went across the road to a treatment plant. This treatment plant had been built for a planned TB hospital but the discovery of new antibiotics meant it was never needed.



How many times was Australia bombed by the Japanese in World War 2?

How many Japanese submarines were seen in Wellington Harbour in World War 2?

How many US ships were sunk in the attack on Pearl Harbour?

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