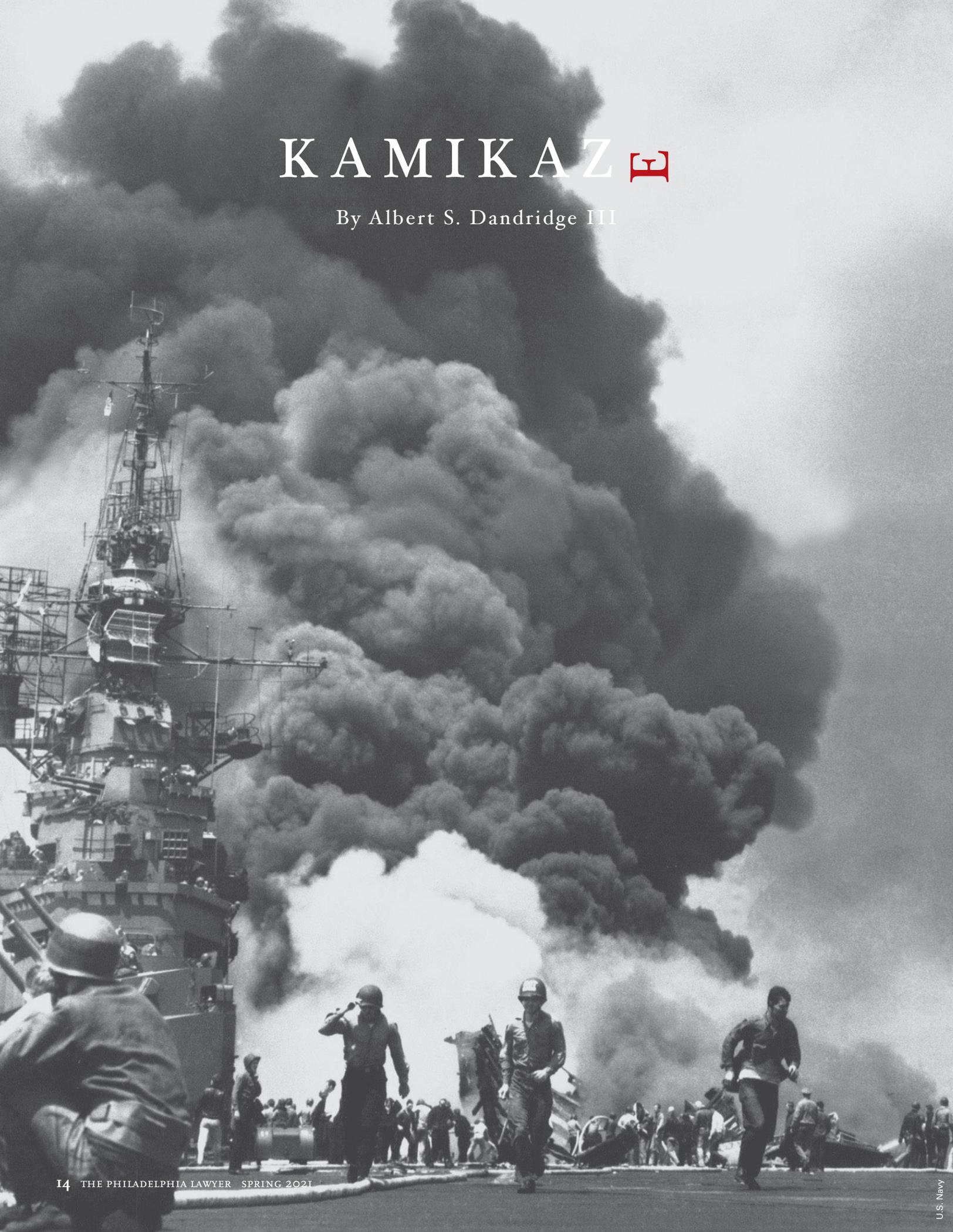


KAMIKAZE

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On December 7, 1941, “a day that will live in infamy,” the Japanese Navy attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet that was moored at Pearl Harbor. Japan knew that it would never defeat the United States and its allies, but it attacked nevertheless in a dangerous gambit. It wanted to stop the United States from reacting to Japan’s attempt to take things that did not belong to them from its Pacific neighbors, who Japan felt were inferior to them, in order to support its own way of life to which the country’s leaders felt entitled. They used the veneer of the cultural and racial superiority of their population to disguise what was really the raw power sought by their elite. However, they continued to lie to their people about their false status, nevertheless.

America and others struck back. They were unwilling to accept Japan’s gambit that once successfully attacked, they would allow Japan to continue to take from others whatever they wanted.

War was declared, early battles were lost, but America regained its footing, and the inevitable proceeded. America and others began to show that they were indeed not inferior, and willing to dispel the lies fed to the Japanese people.

The war progressed, and both sides knew that once America did not accede to just letting the initial blows land, that simple arithmetic would prevail. There were more of us, we were right, and lies do not last forever.

As the war ground on through the Pacific, the Japanese leadership knew their eventual fate. Nevertheless, they kept the

lie alive. The invincible Japanese Army was not invincible. The cultural and racial superiority of the Japanese people was a canard. They were losing to an amalgamation of people who were, in fact, not inferior.

As the march from island to island approaching Japan became ever more acute, those in power in Japan became ever more desperate.

In order to protect the homeland and their way of life—really to protect their power—an idea was devised as a last-ditch effort. The powers that be would take young military members whom they lied to, coerced, shamed and fooled into making the ultimate sacrifice. Kamikazes—Devine Wind—were born. Young men would be strapped into planes filled with explosives to take a one-way trip to their deaths. They would die for the powerful men who did not care about them. They would die for an Emperor whom they would never see nor hear. They would die for a big lie about who they were.

The closer the Allied troops got to Japan, the more fanatic the Japanese Army became. The Japanese pilots would continue to make deliberate suicidal crashes into Allied targets, usually ships.

The Japanese were desperate, the Allies had them at a distinct disadvantage. We had more men and more guns, ships and planes. It became a matter of simple math. They were going to lose.

Again, the closer the Japanese elite got to losing power, the more ferocious and frequent the Kamikaze attacks became. The most vicious attacks came off the coast of Okinawa—similar in geography and status to someone approaching Puerto Rico. All told, Kamikaze attacks sank 34 ships, and damaged hundreds of others during the war. At Okinawa, they inflicted the greatest losses ever inflicted on the U.S. Navy in a single battle, killing almost 5,000 men. Okinawa was the last island captured by the Allies. Japan was going to be next.

Japan finally surrendered only after two atomic bombs were dropped on their homeland.

These Kamikazes were incited, lied to and fooled into dying and killing others based upon a cultural and racial lie of superiority.

Isn’t it great that the era of the Kamikaze can never be repeated—right?

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