

Shed a tear for departed romance. Swaying palms at world-famed Waikiki beach aren't the only things the tropical tradewinds whisper through these days. The war has made its mark on that shimmering strip where a labyrinth of barbed wire entanglement now provides a grim addition to the favorite playground. It's part of the defense measures against possible attempted landings and isn't confined to Waikiki, but prevails on all Oahu beaches. Swimmers today proceed at their own risk, and moonlight dips are definitely out.

The wire, combined with blackout, curfew, swarms of armed sentries, the warships riding offshore, the patrol planes overhead and constant practice firing leave little question in any mind regarding the readiness of Hawaii to meet any threat.

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