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Northern Command

December 1941



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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Force C2118
(adapted.)

Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs 31 DEC 41.

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WMW/OLC (31/12)

IMMEDIATE

Security 456/41
N. Comd. M.O. 109/41

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN COMMAND

S E C R E T

Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

No. 04947.

31 Dec 41.

MOVEMENT OF No. 4 INDEPENDENT COY. TO S. COMD.

The following personnel of No. 4 Independent Coy. will move to Foster, S. Comd., on Friday, 2 Jan 42, in accordance with the following arrangements:-

4 Officers
35 Other Ranks
39

DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICER:

Lieut. E.W.T. Cullen (QX.16131) will be Draft Conducting Officer.

MOVEMENT TO INTERSTATE STATION:

H.Q., A.I.F. Tng. Depots, N. Comd., will arrange for the necessary transport to convey personnel and baggage from Redbank to Interstate Station, arriving at Interstate Station at 1230 hours.

Vehicles will enter Railway Goods Yard from Glenelg Street and proceed to ramp at Melbourne Street end, where Records Staff will make the usual check.

Entraining at South Brisbane Station will be under the supervision of the R.T.O., Major N. O'Brien. Train departs at 1250 hours.

BAGGAGE:

Kit-bags and personal equipment will be taken into the compartments of the Railway carriage.

DOCUMENTS:

A.A.F. T.51s, sheet 1, will be prepared in quadruplicate and handed to the R.T.O. at Interstate Station immediately after entrainment.

RAIL WARRANTS:

Rail warrants through to Foster will be issued to O.C. Draft prior to the train's departure.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS:

A.A.Fs. F.59 will be issued to O.C. Draft, covering meals at South Grafton and Gosford.

E. Comd. will arrange reception and messing from 0945 hours to 2105 hours on Saturday, 3 Jan 42, and will issue A.A.F. F.59 for meals at Albury.

S. Comd. will arrange reception and messing from 1300 hours on Sunday, 4 Jan 42, to 0820 hours on Monday, 5 Jan 42.

Friday, 2 Jan 42 - South Brisbane	depart 1250 hours
South Grafton	arrive 1837 hours) Evening
	depart 1902 hours) Meal
Sat., 3 Jan 42 - Gosford	arrive 0738 hours) Breakfast
	depart 0758 hours)
Sydney	arrive 0945 hours) Mid-day and
	depart 2105 hours) Evening
	) Meals.
Sunday, 4 Jan 42 - Albury	arrive 0756 hours) Breakfast
	depart 0820 hours)
Melbourne	arrive 1300 hours) Mid-day and
	) Evening
Monday, 5 Jan 42 - Melbourne	depart 0820 hours) Meals and
	) Breakfast.
Foster	arrive 1232 hours.

Attention of Draft Conducting Officer is drawn to N. Comd. Instruction A.303 of 4 Nov 40. Writing with chalk on Railway carriages is strictly forbidden.

The attention of O.C. Draft is also drawn to the following Military Board Instruction A.103, which must be promulgated to all ranks:-

"No member of the Military Forces, when in uniform, shall carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it be supplied to him as part of a normal service available in a dining car."

Care must be taken by all concerned to preserve secrecy regarding destination, dates and times of movement.

G. A. Swann
Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. (M), N. Comd.

DISTRIBUTION:

1. Officer i/c. Adm.
2. G.S.O.
3. A.A. & Q.M.G.
4. A.A.G.
5. A.Q.M.G.
6. D.A.Q.M.G. (M)
7. R.T.O. (Major N. O'Brien)
8. A.D.O.S.
9. D.A.D.O.S. (M)
10. D.A.A.G. (Major Dowd)
11. D.D.M.S.
12. 1 M.D.A.O.
13. N.C.R.O.
14. D.A.P.M.
15. A.H.Q. (Movement) (AIRMAIL)
16. S. Comd. (AIRMAIL)
17. E. Comd. (AIRMAIL)
18. R.T.O., Sydney (AIRMAIL)
19. R.T.O., Melbourne (AIRMAIL)
20. H.Q., A.I.F. Tng. Depots, Redbank
21. Draft Conducting Officer (Lieut. E.W.T.Cullen (QX.16131)
22. D.A.D. (Posts)
23. Entertainments Officer
24. State Censor (Prof. Stable)
25. State Publicity Censor
26. N. Comd. War Diary
27. Inspector J. Smith, Roma St. Police Station
28. Inspector A.A. Bock, Roma St. Police Station
29. Inspector F.M. O'Driscoll, Police Station, Woolloongabba.
- 30-32. File.

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GAS/JG (31/12)

SECRET

A.C. 228/41.

M. Comd. Movement Order 110/41.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE 5 - INTERMENT CO. LTD.

Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane, Qld.
31 Dec 1941.

No. 04951.

HOST SECRET

MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE INTERNEES TO EASTERN AND
SOUTHERN COMMANDS.

Transfer of the undermentioned Internees will take place on Thursday, 1 Jan 42 in accordance with the following arrangements:-

- (a) Group 1. 25 to Tatura, Victoria, 5 M.D.
- (b) 101 to Hay, N.S.W.

ESCORT:

Garrison Battalion will provide escort as under:

Group 1: 1 Officer, Lieut. F. Daves.
1 Corporal.
4 Privates.
2 Wardenesses (Mrs. W.J. Beer and Mrs. M. Malin).

Group 2: 1 Officer, Capt. A.B. Spiers.
2 Sergeants.
2 Corporals.
25 Privates.
(Attached 2 Corporals Provost Coy).

Capt. A.B. Spiers will be in charge of the whole party.

D.A.P.M. will provide an escort to travel in two vans from Internment Camp, Gaythorne to Interstate Station. One van will lead the column, the other will bring up the rear.

D.A.P.M. will also provide an escort on motor-cycle outfit to move with the column.

On arrival at Sydney, the escort will be relieved by personnel from Eastern Command. Captain A.B. Spiers will report to R.T.O. and arrange for return accommodation.

MOVE TO INTERSTATE STATION:

Queensland Bus Owners' Association will provide eight (8) motor buses to convey personnel from Gaythorne to Interstate Station. O.C., Internment Camp will arrange for two (2) guides to meet buses at Gaythorne Railway Station at 1105 hours and guide same to Internment Camp. Buses will leave Internment Camp at 1130 hours, arriving South Brisbane 1210 hours.

ROUTE:

Via Newmarket Road, Countess Street, Grey Street Bridge, Peel, Merivale and Glenelg Streets, then to left between Railway Bridges into Interstate Goods Yard. Buses will travel to Melbourne Street end of Goods Yard where personnel will de-bus.

ENTRAINING ARRANGEMENTS:

Group 1 will entrain in the carriage next to Guard's

ENTRAINING ARRANGEMENTS (Contd):

Van. Group 2 will be distributed over the next four (4) carriages. The numbers being 50, 50, 50 and 41. Escort will be accommodated in these carriages as arranged by Officer-in-Charge.

TIMETABLE:

South Brisbane		Dep 1250 hours.
South Grafton		Arr. 1837 hours. } Evening Dep. 1902 hours. } Meal.
Gosford	2 Jan	Arr. 0734 hours. } Dep. 0758 hours. } Breakfast.
Sydney		Arr. 0945 hours.

detrain, hand over to Eastern Command.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS:

R.T.O. will issue F.59's to cover carton meals, for Internees and escort, at South Grafton and Gosford. O.C. escort will arrange to have two (2) oval camp kettles per carriage for the purpose of drawing bulk tea at these centres. He will also ensure that the whole of the personnel are in possession of drinking utensils.

RAIL WARRANTS:

R.T.O. will issue Bulk Rail Warrants 2nd-Class as follows:

- Group 1 - Brisbane to Tatura, Victoria.
- Group 2 - Brisbane to Hay, N.S.W.

Escort, Brisbane to Sydney: Officer-in-Charge of escort will report to R.T.O. at Central Railway Station, Sydney and obtain Rail Warrants and F.59's for return journey.

BAGGAGE:

O.C. Internment Camp will requisition for sufficient motor transport to convey baggage to Interstate Goods Yard. Drivers of vehicles together with baggage party supplied by Labour Coy. will report to R.T.O., Interstate Goods Yard at 1030 hours. Baggage for Group 2 will be loaded into M.L.V. Van which will be indicated by Railway Department. R.T.O. will then padlock the van and retain the keys. Baggage for Group 2 will be placed on separate M.T. vehicle and will be taken to Interstate Platform. Should there be sufficient room in the railway carriage, members of this Group may take their baggage with them. Should there not be sufficient room, surplus baggage will be placed in the baggage van. All packages of baggage for Group 1 will have distinctive coloured label attached.

BAGGAGE. SEARCHING ETC:

Internees themselves and any baggage carried by them will be thoroughly searched prior to movement, and on arrival at both permanent and temporary internment camps. Money, valuables, weapons and prohibited articles, including maps, will be removed from their possession.

Baggage not carried by the internees will be similarly searched, listed in duplicate and checked for satisfactory evidence of ownership (i.e. labels) prior to transfer. Such baggage will be

BAGGAGE SEARCHING ETC. (Contd):

adequately guarded at all points during transit and storage to prevent loss or pillage.

MONEY AND VALUABLES:

Receipts will be issued to internees for any money, valuables and prohibited articles removed from their personal possession or from any of their baggage or surrendered by them. Such articles with a detailed list thereof will be forwarded with the least possible delay to the Commandant of the camp in which the internees are permanently held.

RECEIPTS.

The utmost care will be exercised in the taking over and handling of money, valuables and baggage to ensure that full lists thereof are available and are checked and signed by each officer taking over responsibility for transit and for safe custody. Receipts to which detailed supporting lists are to be attached will in all cases be given where responsibility is taken over for internees; for their money, valuables and baggage and for official documents relating to them. A full duplicate copy of each receipt and list will be provided for the officer taking over responsibility.

DOCUMENTS:

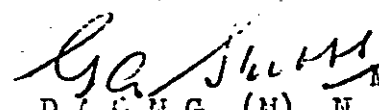
Escort will carry the following documents:

- (1) Nominal Roll for Groups 1 and 2 separately in triplicate, quoting Internee numbers (2 copies also to be supplied to H.C., N. Comd., and 1 copy to M.C.R.O).
- (2) One copy of each of the following in respect of each internee:-
 - (a) Detention Order or Internment Warrant (Original);
 - (b) Form B1 (complete with photographs and finger-prints);
 - (c) Photograph and finger-prints of each internee who is a British subject;
 - (d) Clothing Transfer Statement.

These documents are for transmission to Headquarters of Command or District of destination and will be handed to the Military Officer who takes custody of the internees in Sydney.

Aliens Registration Central Bureau will forward A1 Forms in triplicate through the Commissioner of Police to the respective Commissioners of Police in the States of destination of the internees.

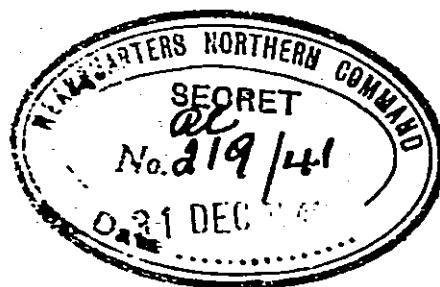
M.C.R.O. will check numbers of internees entrained at South Brisbane Railway Station and will notify N. Comd. and A.H.C. by telegram of the numbers of internees in Groups 1 and 2 respectively and escort entrained.


Major,
D.A.C.H.G. (M) N. Comd.

DISTRIBUTION:

Officer i/c. Adm.
 G.S.O.
 A.A. & C.N.G.
 A.A.G.
 A.C.N.G.
 D.A.C.N.G.(H)
 S.C.(H)
 R.T.O. (Major H. O'Brien).
 A.D.O.S.
 D.A.A.G. (Capt. Gibbs).
 D.D.N.S.
 1 H.D.A.O.
 M.C.R.O.
 D.A.P.H.
 A.H.G. (Movement) (AIR MAIL)
 E. Comd. (AIR MAIL)
 S. Comd. (AIR MAIL)
 R.T.O. Sydney.
 Draft Conducting Officer (Capt. A.D. Spiers
 Lieut. F. Davies.
 Adm. Comdt., Inog era Area.
 1 Grn. Bde.
 1 Grn. Bn.
 O.C. Int. Camp.
 Major F.W. Robinson,
 Stationery Officer.
 D.A.D.(Posts)
 1 Labour Coy.
 State Censor (Prof Stable).
 State Publicity Censor.
 H. Comd. War Diary.
 Aliens Registration Central Bureau.
 Commissioner of Police.
 File.

(H.P.DX 129).



Correction

AMENDED VERSION

MILCOMMAND

BRISBANE

G.1893 31/12 SECRET STOP ALL MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE JAPANESE
BY RACE REPEAT RACE AND NOT ALREADY INTERNED SHOULD BE INTERNED
UNLESS THERE IS GOOD REASON IN YOUR OPINION AGAINST SUCH COURSE
STOP THIS COVERS NATURALISED BRITISH SUBJECTS AND AUSTRALIAN
BORN JAPANESE STOP JAPANESE WHO ARE TECHNICALLY BRITISH SUBJECTS
COULD BE DETAINED UNDER SECTION 13 (SECURITY?) ACT IF SITUATION
WARRANTS IT AND APPLICATION MADE TO A.H.Q. BY AIR MAIL WITH
PRECIS OF DOSSIERS FOR MINISTERIAL ORDERS STOP FOR 7 M.D. ONLY
STOP REPORT SITUATION REGARDING YOSEIO MURAKAMI STOP YASUCHICHI
MURAKAMI STOP IWAKICHO OKADA

ARMY MELBOURNE

War Diary

31 DEC 1941

NORTHERN COMMAND	
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31 DEC. 1941	
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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

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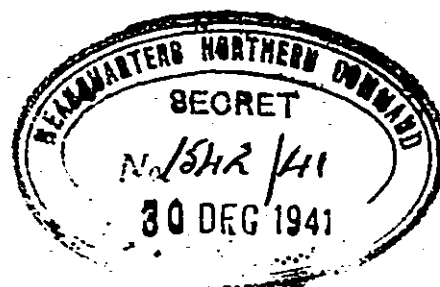
DIGEST OF A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NO.20 TO 1200 HOURS
29.12.41 (MONDAY) AND G.O.I.C. DAILY SUMMARY NO.76 UP TO
0800 K 28.12.41 (SUNDAY).

- (1) MALAYA: PERAK-PAHANG FRONT. Our troops withdrawn according to plan, reserves are stationed at KAMPAR, about 30 miles south of IPOH, and BIDOR about 20 miles south of KAMPAR. In the PAHANG province our beach pill boxes were air bombed and machine gunned on 28/12. No damage occurred. Reconnaissance on 26/12 revealed no shipping from SINGORA to KHOTA BAHRU, and no aircraft at SINGORA, PATANA, KHOTA BAHRU, GONG and KUTAH.
- (2) BORNEO: It is reported that some of our troops from KUCHING have arrived in the SINGAWANG area, DUTCH NORTH-EAST BORNEO. Dutch oil port TARAKAN bombed by Japanese on east coast BORNEO. Enemy now hold KUCHING.
- (3) DUTCH EAST INDIES: Air attack on TONDANG, Dutch Air Station in north-east CELEBES made on 25/12, possibly from DAVAO, in PHILIPPINES. Machine gun and cannon attacks, but no bombs were dropped. On 26/12 one enemy battle cruiser, one cruiser, two flying boats were anchored in the SULO ARCHIPELAGO, S.E. of MINDANAO. (See below Para 10.) SOMONG, west end of DUTCH N. GUINEA was bombed again on 28/12.
- (4) BURMA: Near Japanese at BOKHYIN contacted our patrols. (North of VICTORIA POINT in LOUR BURMA.)
- (5) PHILIPPINES: United States Submarines have sunk two transports, one mine sweeper and possibly one seaplane tender.
- (6) HAWAII: Enemy submarine destroyed by U.S. destroyer 25/12; two others sighted in the area on 26/12.
- (7) PACIFIC: The report of a cruiser and two enemy destroyers based on BUT BUTARI ISLAND is now confirmed. A light cruiser is also present, and two cargo vessels unloading. Seaplanes observed. The wharf is being extended, confirming the view that the island is being developed as an advance Japanese base. Enemy air reconnaissance took place over LAE and SALAMUA and PORT MORESBY.
NEW CALEDONIA: An unidentified vessel was sighted on 26 and 27/12 at MONDOU and BOURAIL.
- (8) AUSTRALIA: Reported sighting of a large unidentified vessel off KANGAROO ISLAND, South Australia, is considered now less reliable owing to lapse of time without obvious action.
- (9) TIMOR: The report of the escape of Master and crew of the "NANYKI MARU" to the Hills near DILLI, with wireless equipment, is now denied. The ship's crew have all been interned. The W/T set is in PORTUGUESE hands.
Another report from KOEPANG stated the position at DILLI is most unsatisfactory, there is evidence of trouble brewing from PORTUGUESE refugees in the Hills, instigated by the pro-Fascist captain LACOSTA, and others. The Dutch Commander at DILLI is awaiting instructions from his Government.
- (10) AMERICAN AIR ATTACK ON JOLO FROM HALONG. A striking force of six U.S. Catalinas from HALONG attacked a reported concentration of Japanese vessels near JOLO ISLAND south-west of MINDANAO. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered and fifteen fighters engaged the Catalinas, fifteen others were observed on the aerodrome; two only Catalinas returned from the operation. The ill-success of this attack is considered to be due to the powerful fighter protection of the Japanese aerodrome. It is also probable that the enemy had prior intelligence of our intention to attack, as fighter aircraft were already at high altitude when the Catalinas arrived over the target.

H. Northern Command.
1044 K 30/12/41. (P.M.R.)

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SECRET

(Alpha 127.)



MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

0.1767 29/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 20
TO 1200 HOURS 29th. DECEMBER STOP

1. MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP OUR TROOPS WITHDRAWN ACCORDING PLAN
STOP RESERVES KAMPAR AND SIDOR 20 MILES SOUTH KAMPAR STOP
PAHANG STOP BEACH PILL BOXES KUANTAN AIR BOMBED AND MACHINE
GUNNED 28th. DECEMBER NO DAMAGE STOP

2. BORNEO STOP REPORTED SOME OUR TROOPS FROM KUCHING ARRIVED
SINGAKAVAN AREA STOP ENEMY HOLD KUCHING PORTION STOP TARAKAN
CIL PORT ON EAST COAST BOMBED BY JAPANESE NO DETAILS STOP

3. E.E.I. STOP BORONG TEST AND DUTCH NET GUINSA BOMBED 28th.
DECEMBER STOP

4. BURMA STOP HEAR JAPANESE AT BOROYON CONTACTED OUR PATROLS
STOP

5. PACIFIC STOP ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE LAE SALAMUA PORT
MORESBY AREA

MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE PERTH MILDISTRICTS DARWIN MORESBY MILCOL
DUNTEROCH

..... ARMY MELBOURNE

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30 DEC. 1941	
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3. Col. i/c Adm.
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6. A.A. & Q.M.O.
7. War Diary
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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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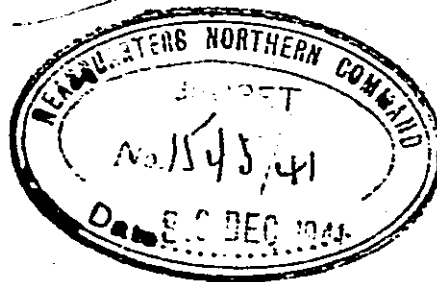
Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

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PRIORITY IMMEDIATE

MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

QM.1741 29/12 FOLLOWING FROM GOVERNOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS
TO PRIME MINISTERS DEPARTMENT BEGINS WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE
AT LEAST 300 MALE EUROPEAN RESIDENTS OF MALAYA NOW IN AUSTRALIA
ON LEAVE AND THAT MOST OF THEM ARE IN THE VOLUNTEER FORCES OR
EMPLOYED IN ESSENTIAL SERVICE STOP EVERY FIT MAN IS MOST
URGENTLY REQUIRED HERE STOP SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD ARRANGE FOR THEM TO BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY ENDS
ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR NOTICES APPEAR YOUR LOCAL
PRESS INVITING RESIDENTS OF MALAYA NOW ON LEAVE YOUR STATE
TO REPORT YOUR HEADQUARTERS ASSEMBLE LISTING AND SUBSEQUENT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBARKATION STOP ARRANGE OBTAIN FULL
INFORMATION OCCUPATION AND MILITARY SERVICE AND TELEGRAPH
URGENTLY NUMBERS AWAITING PASSAGE AND DATES READY MOVE

MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE PERTH MILDISTRICTS ADELAIDE HOBART

..... ARMY MELBOURNE

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

1 Grn. Bn.
A.C.H.G.

NORTHERN COMMAND OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO. 18.

Introduction.

1. This instruction is issued in confirmation and amplification of verbal orders issued to 1 Grn. Bn.

Guards for ALBERLEY and ARCHERFIELD Aerodromes.

2. 1 Grn. Bn. will despatch Guards at 0900 hrs. on 28 Dec 41 to the R.A.A.F. Stations shown hereunder:-

R.A.A.F. Station	Composition of Guards		
	Offs.	O.Rs.	TOTAL.
ALBERLEY	1	30	31
ARCHERFIELD	1	30	31

Task

3. Protection of the Aerodrome and aircraft (incl. U.S. Army Air Corps Aircraft) at the Stations.

4. Os.C. Guards will co-operate with the R.A.A.F. Station Commanders in the dispositions of these guards.

5. Os.C. Guards will report to the Adjutant on arrival.

Relief of Grn. Bn. Guards by V.D.C. personnel.

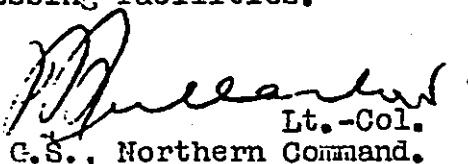
6. These Grn. Bn. Guards will be relieved by V.D.C. personnel as soon as the 53 to be called up on Full Time Duty for each Station have been raised, equipped and trained.

Notification of the date of relief will be issued later.

Adm.

7. "C" Branch is making the necessary arrangements for:-

- (i) Transport from ENOGGERA to ARCHERFIELD and ALBERLEY.
(ii) Camp accommodation and messing facilities.


Lt.-Col.
G.S., Northern Command.

Signed at ...1400...hrs.

Copy:- Adm. H.Q. 1 Grn. Bde.
H.Q. V.D.C. N. Comd.
R.A.A.F. Station, ALBERLEY.
R.A.A.F. Station, ARCHERFIELD
G.O.C.
Col. i/c Adm.
G.S.O.

A.A. & C.H.G.
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Staff Officer, V.D.C.
War Diary.

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W/EEI (29/12) SECURITY 454/41.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

1 Cav. Bde. Gp.

7 Inf. Bde. Gp.

11 Inf. Bde. Gp.

29 Inf. Bde. Gp.

H.Q. BRISBANE Sector

H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND Sector (encl "General Intelligence Notes on the Syrian Campaign.")

SITUATION REPORTS.

Preparations will be made forthwith by 1 Cav. Bde. Gp., 7 Inf. Bde. Gp., 11 Inf. Bde. Gp., 29 Inf. Bde. Gp., H.Q. BRISBANE Sector and H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND Sector for forwarding situation reports twice daily to Command H.Q., N. Comd. when ordered.

2. These reports will be forwarded by Cipher Telegram to reach this H.Q. at 0600 hours and 1700 hours daily, and will contain the latest information available.

3. NIL reports will be forwarded when necessary.

4. The submission of these situation reports is not to interfere with the forwarding of information separately when this is necessary to keep this H.Q. informed of events.

5. You are referred to "General Intelligence Notes on the Syrian Campaign" which were forwarded to you with N. Comd. - S.M. 02938 of 16 Sep 41, for examples of Situation Reports made during the operation in question.

The text of all Situation Reports will commence with the word "SITREP" followed by serial number.

7. Advice that Situation Reports are required twice daily will be given by clear telegram in the following form:-

".....Situation Reports required."

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form and forward by return of post.


Lt.-Col.
G.S., Northern Command.

Copy: (for information)

H.Q., N. Comd. Arty.

H.Q. N. Comd. Engrs.

N. Comd. Sigs.

H.Q., V.D.C., N. Comd.

G.O.C.

Col. i/c Adm.

G.S.O.

A.A. & Q.H.G.

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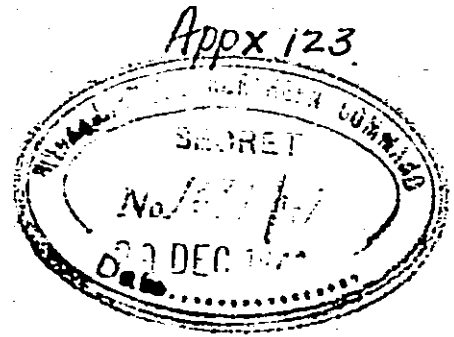
Staff Officer, V.D.C.

War Diary.

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PRIORITY



MILCOM-ANDS BRISBANE, SYDNEY, PERTH, MELBOURNE.
MILDISTRICTS DARWIN ROESSBY.
MILCOL DUNTROON

MIG1721 28/12 SECRET STOP A.M.C. REVISE SITUATION NUMBER 19
TO 1200 HOURS DECEMBER 28TH

1. PERAK STOP JAPANESE BOMBED RAILWAY DECEMBER 26TH TAPAN TANJONG
MALIM KUALA LUMPUR SEREMBAN TAMPIN RAIL CUT NEAR TAMPIN REPAIRED
SAME NIGHT STOP 27TH DECEMBER LINE CLEANED NORTH CHEMOR JAPANESE
CLOSELY POLICED WITH RAILWAY STOP SIGNS ENEMY ATTEMPT TURN OUR
RIGHT FLANK STOP STRONG INDICATIONS ENEMY PREPARING BRIDGES ON
RAFTS BLANJA AREA STOP JAPANESE DRESSED AS MALAYANS CAPTURED
STOP JAPANESE IN THESE SMALL ISLANDS SUNK VICINITY PANGOR ISLAND
20 MILES NORTH SOUTH PERAK RIVER STOP
KELANTAN STOP ENEMY REPAIRING RAIL BRIDGE MANIK CHAI STOP OUR
PATROLS FAILED CONTACT SOUTH LABONG NOT INVESTIGATING PLANS
STOP END PART ONE, PART TWO FOLLOWS.

- EAST
- PART 2 AND LAST PART SITUATION REVISE NUMBER 19 MIG1721
PARANG STOP 5 ENEMY LORRIES ON COAST 10 MILES NORTH KUANTAN
ENGAGED BY OUR ARTILLERY 2 KNOCKED OUT STOP KUANTAN AERODROME
REPORTED UNSERVICABLE STOP
KEDAH STOP CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY KUALA KETIL AERODROME 20 MILES
PENANG STOP
PENANG STOP 200 SMALL CRAFT 50 BARGES OFF EAST SIDE ISLAND STOP
THAILAND STOP 120 AIRCRAFT PATANI STOP 34 TRANSPORTS SINGORA
MAY BE INDICATION ONE DIVISION REINFORCEMENTS MAKING NOT LESS
THAN 4 DIVISIONS NORTH MALAYA STOP
2. BURMA STOP BAROON STOP ACUTE LABOUR SHORTAGE INTERNAL SITUATION
QUIET STOP AIR RAID 25TH DECEMBER 82 BOMBERS 20-40 FIGHTERS STOP
DAMAGE SLIGHT 10 BOMBERS FIGHTER DESTROYED STOP OURS, 2 PILOTS
KILLED 2 HIT INO STOP
 3. BORNEO STOP AUCHING AERODROME REPORTED SUCCESSFULLY DEMOLISHED
STOP NO SIGN LAND ACTIVITY STOP LANUAN ISLAND MACHINE GUNNED
BY AIRCRAFT 27TH DECEMBER

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	29 Dec	0255	A.H.Q. Review of Situation No 19 to 1200 hrs 28 Dec 41	A.H.Q. Telegram M/G 1721
				(Appx 123)
		1200	Situation Reports	N. Comd. Security 454/41
				(Appx 124) attach.
		1400	N. Comd Operational Instructions No 18.	N. Comd. 04874
				attach.
		1843.	A.H.Q. Telegram re return of EUROPEAN residents of MALAYA.	Secret 1544/41 (Appx 125)
				A.H.Q. Telegrams Q.M. 1741
				(Appx 126) attach.

W A T D I A R Y

DIGEST NO.10

DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS NOS 74-75.
Information Received up to 0800 hrs 27/12/41 (Saturday).
(Combined with A.H.C. Reviews of Information (17/18) up
to 1200 hrs. 28/12/41. }
Sunday

- (1) MALAYA: In PERAK all troops are east of PERAK RIVER, all bridges demolished. Patrols contacted one mile north of SUNGEISIPUT. Japanese bombed railway on 26/12 from TAPAN southwards to TALPIN near MALACCA. The rail cut near TAMPIN was repaired the same night. The line cleared north of CHEMOR; Japanese closely followed with-drawal. Signs of an enemy attempt to turn our right flank; strong indications of enemy preparing bridges or rafts in the BLANJA area. Japanese dressed as Malaysians were captured. Japanese in three small boats were sunk near PANGKOR ISLAND twenty miles north of mouth of PERAK RIVER. In KELANTAN enemy are repairing rail bridge at MANIKURAI. On 24/12 our patrol contacted 150 enemy north of KEMAMAN. Five enemy lorries on the coast ten miles north of Kuantan were engaged by our artillery, two were knocked out. Kuantan Aerodrome reported unserviceable. In KEDAH considerable activity shown on KUALA KETIL Aerodrome twenty miles east PENANG. At PENANG 200 small craft and fifty barges are off the east side of the ISLAND.
- (2) THAILAND: 120 aircraft at PATANI and thirtyfour transport at SINGORA may indicate one division reinforcement, making not less than four divisions in NORTH MALAYA.
- (3) BURMA: A force in boats cleared Japanese infiltration in the BOKOYIN area 100 miles north VICTORIA POINT. At RANGOON acute labour shortage: internal situation quiet. Heavy air raid on Christmas Day, with little damage. We destroyed ten bombers, lost two pilots killed, two missing.
- (4) BORNEO: No communications from KUCHING since 24/12. SIAU, forty miles inland was bombed by Japanese land based aircrafts. KUCHING AERODROME reported successfully demolished. SINKARANG AERODROME now unserviceable. (DUTCH NORTH-WEST BORNEO).
- (5) PHILIPPINES: No later news than 8 a.m. 28/12 4 P.M. Broadcast and "Courier Mail."
- (6) JAVA: Mines of foreign origin sighted near SOURABAYA.
- (7) NAKE ISLAND: Japanese forces landed 22/12. Two Japanese destroyers aground. No later information.
- (8) DUTCH EAST INDIES: In CELEBES, TONDANO Naval Aerodrome bombed by enemy aircraft on 26/12. Two unidentified units of black naval vessels sighted between PHILIPPINES and CELEBES, (report from U.S. Army)
- (9) AUSTRALIA STATION: Ship's Captain reports very large steamer going west in haze south of SPENCER GULF 0405 hrs 26/12. Reconnaissance and attack on KAPINGAMARANGI (GREENWICH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINES). On 24/12 Hudsons were attacked by float biplanes, armed with cannon and machine guns, capable of great speed and manouvarability. Pursuing planes followed ours back to aerodrome. GILBERT ISLANDS. A Japanese landing or bombardment of ABIAING on 24/12. One 8,000 ton cruiser present, with seaplane. American bombing of DAVAO by BOEING fortresses, on 25/12. B.17s were attacked by six pursuit planes and severely damaged, one pursuit plane brought down. ZERO type fighters outperformed B.17 at 28,000 ft. A.A. fire heavy.
- (10) FREE FRENCH PACIFIC TERRITORIES: Number 3 Independent Company has reached NOUMEA and situation there is unchanged. Admiralty have received the following report graded C.3:- "INDO-CHINA

(10) contd.

Government negotiating with Japanese for despatch of two or three French Merchant Vessels from INDO-CHINA with troops to capture TAHITI. While VICHY attack is improbable a combined attack on the Free French Territories with Japanese cannot be excluded.

(11) GENERAL: ENEMY OPERATIONS AND METHODS.

SUMATRA. Reported in 8 a.m. 29/12 wireless that several enemy planes dropped parachutists about 10 miles outside MEDAN, in SUMATRA, on north-east coast. Air port also was attacked.

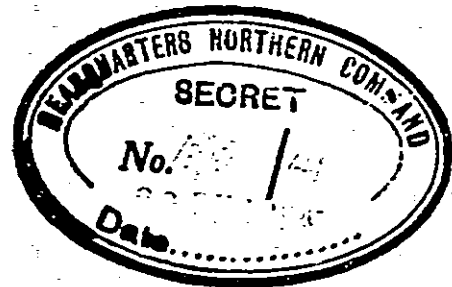
METHOD OF ATTACK ON AERODROMES. The following method was used by the Japanese in attack on Malayan Aerodromes with considerable success. A small force first makes a feint attack or reconnaissance. All our aircraft then take off in order to intercept this attack. They return to our aerodrome. The main enemy attacking force then arrives while our aircraft are immobilised on the ground refuelling and re-arming.

TIMOR: DUTCH TIMOR reports that the Japanese captain of the "NANYEI MARU" escaped to the Hills in PORTUGUESE TIMOR. He is believed to be in possession of wireless and transmitting equipment from the "NANYEI MARU." The entire PORTUGUESE Administration and Military Forces numbering about 500 have retired to the Hills. An unconfirmed report states that the PORTUGUESE Governor issued instructions not to return, nor to allow the road to be taken to DILLI. The Dutch Military Commander at ATAMBUEA (on Border between DUTCH and PORTUGUESE TIMOR?) reports that the PORTUGUESE Military Commander at EALIBO is willing to guarantee all possible assistance to the Dutch Forces if road building and improvements are required across the Border.

H.Q. Northern Command.
1037 hrs. 29/12/41 (F.W.R.)

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MILCOMLAND BRISBANE

G.1671 27/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. SITUATION REVIEW NUMBER 18
TO 1200 HOURS DECEMBER 27th. STOP

1. MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP TROOPS ALL EAST PERAK RIVER ALL
BRIDGES DEMOLISHED STOP PATROL CONTACTS ONE MILE NORTH SUNGEI SIFUT
STOP TRENGGANU STOP PATROL CONTACT WITH 150 ENEMY NORTH KEMAMAN
24th. DECEMBER NO FURTHER DETAILS YET STOP

2. BORNEO STOP NO COMMUNICATIONS FROM KUCHING SINCE 24th. DECEMBER
STOP SIAU 120 MILES EAST KUCHING 40 MILES INLAND BOMBED BY
JAPANESE LAND BASED AIRCRAFT PROBABLY FROM KUCHING WHICH APPEARS
NOT IN THEIR HANDS STOP LINGKARANG AIRCRAFT NOT UNSERVICEABLE
STOP

3. HING KONG STOP 4000 JAPANESE WITHDRAWN KOWLOON TO SHAN CHEN
AREA 15 MILES NORTH FIERCELY FIGHTING CHINESE STOP ALL DOCUMENTS
DESTROYED NECESSARY DEMOLITIONS EXPECTED STOP

4. PACIFIC STOP 2 JAPANESE CRUISERS 2 DESTROYERS 2 LARGE VESSELS
UNLOADING BUTARITARI IN GILBERT ISLANDS STOP

5. AUSTRALIA STOP SHIP'S CAPTAIN REPORTS VERY LARGE STEAMER
GOING WEST IN BASS SOUTH OCEAN GULF 0405 HOURS 26th. DECEMBER

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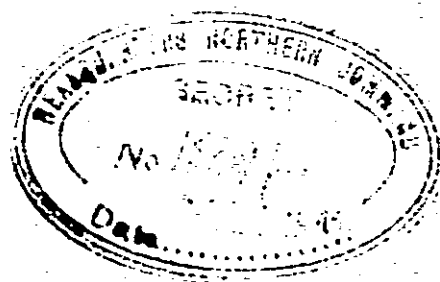
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NUMBER 17 T 1200 HOURS 26TH DECEMBER STOP

PARA 1.

MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP HAPHAZARD DIVE BOMBING TRIED STOP
TRUSSARD STOP REPORTED SHAY AY AKALA TRUSSARD 21ST
DECEMBER ALSO LUNGU 40 MILES FURTHER SOUTH STOP
BORNEO STOP LARGE SHAY FOCUS OFF COAST SANTUBONG 16 MILES
NORTH AUCHING ATTEMPTING LANDING STOP FIGHTING REPORTED
AT LANDING 3 miles EAST AUCHING 24TH DECEMBER STOP

PARA 2.

BORNEO STOP PLACE IN BORTO CHECKING JAPANESE INFILTRATION
BLADIN AREA 100 MILES NORTH VICTORIA POINT STOP

PARA 3.

HONG KONG STOP JAPANESE STRIPPING SCURLED LEAVING BRITISH
UNIFORMS AND DISCARDED GAS PROOF CAPES CAUSING CONFUSION
MAKING IDENTIFICATION OUR TROOPS DIFFICULT STOP

PARA 4.

AUSTRALIAN AREA STOP DARK IN TO BANJANGI JAVA ONLY CABLE
OPEN STOP JAPANESE CRUISER WITH SEAPLANE REPORTED N. THERN
GILBERT ISLANDS STOP OTHER AREAS NIL REPORT STOP OUR
TROOPS NOT LOCATED KEOPANG AND AMBON ONE BATTALION EACH
DILMI AND NOUMEA ONE INDEPENDENT COMPANY EACH STOP

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Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

No. 04852

27 Dec 41.

CONCENTRATION 1 MECH. EQUIPMENT SEC. - A.I.F.

The following personnel of 1 Mech. Equipment Section will move to Liverpool on Monday, 29 Dec 41, in accordance with the following arrangements:-

1 Officer
38 Other Ranks

Total 39

DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICER:

QX.25302 Captain F.G. Vidgen will be Draft Conducting Officer.

MOVEMENT TO INTERSTATE STATION:

H.Q., A.I.F. Tng. Depots, N. Comd., will arrange for the necessary transport to convey personnel and baggage from Redbank to Interstate Station, arriving at Interstate Station at 1030 hours.

Vehicles will enter Railway Goods Yard from Glenelg Street and proceed to ramp at Melbourne Street end, where Record Staff will make the usual check.

Entraining at South Brisbane Station will be under the supervision of the R.T.O., Major N. O'Brien. Train departs at 1105 hours.

BAGGAGE:

Kit-bags and personal equipment will be taken into the compartments of the Railway carriage.

RAIL WARRANTS AND MEAL REQUISITIONS:

A.A.Fs. F.59 will be issued to O.C. Draft prior to the train's departure.

Rail warrants and meal requisitions to be endorsed S.M.17066. O.C. Draft will contact Sub-Manager, Railway Refreshment Room immediately on arrival at Stations, in order that party may be directed to space set aside for them.

TIMETABLE:

Monday, 29 Dec 41 - South Brisbane	- depart	1105 hrs	
Casino	- arrive	1427 hrs	) Mid-day
	depart	1502 hrs	) Meal
Coffs Harbour	- arrive	1836 hrs	) Evening
	depart	1901 hrs	) Meal

Tuesday, 30 Dec 41 - Strathfield - arrive 0623 hrs

Change to Electric Train

Tuesday, 30 Dec 41 - Strathfield	- depart	0650 hrs
Liverpool	- arrive	0725 hrs

Detrain - Breakfast in Camp.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS:

Attention of Draft Conducting Officer is drawn to N. Comd. Instruction A.303 of 4 Nov 40. Writing with chalk on Railway carriages is strictly forbidden.

The attention of O.C. draft is also drawn to the following Military Board Instruction A.103, which must be promulgated to all ranks:-

"No member of the Military Forces, when in uniform, shall carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it be supplied to him as part of a normal service available in a dining car."

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Care must be taken by all concerned to preserve secrecy regarding destination, dates and times of movement.


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21. State Censor (Prof. Stable)
22. State Publicity Censor
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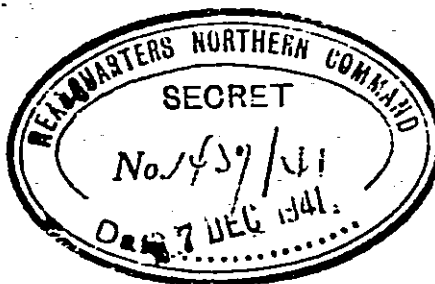
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QM.1608 26/12 MOVEMENT ORDER, SECRET STOP MOVEMENT ORDER
CONFIRMING TELEPHONED INSTRUCTION STOP H.T. KATOOMBA EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE BRISBANE DECEMBER 26th. SYDNEY DECEMBER 28th. ON
BOARD 47 INVALIDS EX RABAU ALSO 650 WOMEN AND CHILDREN
CIVILIANS EVACUATED STOP CONTACT RESPECTIVE S.S. T.O. ARRANGE
DISEMBARKATION AND DESPATCH TO COMMAND OF ENLISTMENT BY RAIL
ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL FIT TRAVEL STOP CO-OPERATE DEPARTMENT
OF INTERIOR RE DISEMBARKATION CIVILIANS STOP ADVISE ALL
CONCERNED DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENT MADE CONNECTION DISPOSAL
MILITARY PERSONNEL STOP ADDRESSED BRISBANE SYDNEY REPEATED
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A.1603 26/12 AMEND S.M.17124 OF 25th. DECEMBER BY ADDITION
TWO DENTAL UNITS NUMBER 32 AND 33 CONFIRMATION FOLLOWS

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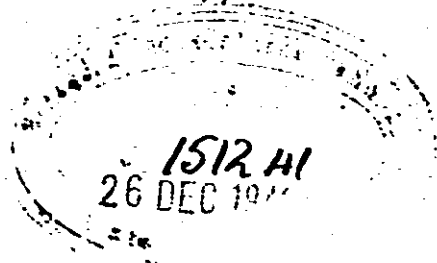
DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 72.
Information received up to 0800 E/25/12/41 (Thursday).
(Combined with A.H.C. Review of information up to
1200E/25/12/41).

- (1) MALAYA: Enemy contacted 23/12 at RIVER UNDAS (?) near KUALA KANDAR. Bridges were demolished and Troops concerned moved towards CHEOR (?) 10 miles north of IPOH. Our Troops were still west of PERAK RIVER at BLANJA (?) on evening 23/12. One Battalion is at BATU CAJAH, 8 miles south of IPOH. Our Troops withdrawn to KUALA LIPIS (on the Eastern Railway from KOTA BHARU to SINGAPORE). A detachment with an Armoured Train had been left to demolish the railway as they withdrew.
- (2) BURMA: Our fighters from HANOON immobilised 8 enemy aircraft on the ground at PRACHUAS GIRIEM in THAILAND. BURMA ROAD. American Volunteer group attacked Japanese bombers over KUMING, 20/12; 4 shot down, several damaged. No American casualties.
- (3) THAILAND: Three trains observed 23/12 moving south near CHUMPHORN (on THAILAND INTERUS), also large number of troops in Barracks north of CHUMPHORN.
- (4) BORNEO: Earlier reports of 23/12 and later, revealed the approach of warships and transports towards KUCHING, in SARAWAK. A Dutch Squadron left SINKAPANG to attack, but whilst absent the aerodrome was heavily bombed and considerable damage done. At 1200E/23/12, 40 to 50 enemy aircraft were over SAMBAS (DUTCH NORTH-WEST BORNEO). Comment: Later press reports confirm the Japanese occupation of KUCHING.
- (5) HONG KONG & PHILIPPINES: No information later than press reports.
- (6) HAWAII: 22/12. One enemy submarine destroyed at PEARL HARBOR, another located south of OAHU.
- (7) S.E.A.: Reports of convoys coming south published in yesterday's Digest inaccurate, Hudsons sent to attack were recalled. Further searches were made on 24/12 from TIRAKAN and TONDANO, without locating convoys.
- (8) AUSTRALIA STATION: NISSAN ISLAND east of RABUL. Enemy (?) aircraft reported twice over NISSAN 24/12. SAMARAI: Earlier reports concerning submarine off SAMARAI still vague, apparently seen about end of November. SEMAK: (North-west of NEW GUINEA MOUNTAINS) unidentified ship sighted 24/12 travelling West. GILBERTS: Enemy air reconnaissances over GILBERTS reported on 17-19-23/12. Submarine reported off HUKUPETAU (BILICE ISLANDS) on 20/12.
- (9) GENERAL: Japanese Sampans. The following message was addressed to various DUTCH and AUSTRALIAN Air Stations:--(Japanese Sampans) an islander on board an Australian lugger whose Japanese crew boarded a Japanese sampan fitted with radio receiver, stated that when the sampans proceed to HIRAUKE they intend, after fishing there, to make slowly to PALAU. (HIRAUKE is in DUTCH NEW GUINEA, almost on the PAPUAN BORDER opposite THURSDAY ISLAND. PALAU is the Japanese Naval Station in the CAROLINES.) Air reconnaissances were proposed to confirm this intelligence and the use of a surface vessel for subsequent action.

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MC.4044 25/12 SECOND AND LAST PART STOP

5. COUNTER TO JAPANESE TACTICS STOP A. ESSENTIAL RIGID DISCIPLINE AND UNTIRING STEADINESS POSITION MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED BY OPENING FIRE UNLESS TARGET IS A GOOD ONE STOP
 - B. OUT-FLANKING INFILTRATION TACTICS MUST NOT LEAD TO WITHDRAWALS WHICH SHOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY ON ORDER OF HIGHER AUTHORITY STOP C. EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED THAT WAY TO DEFEAT ENEMY IS TO COUNTER ATTACK STOP COUNTER ATTACKS MUST BE IMMEDIATE PLANNED BEFOREHAND WHERE EVER POSSIBLE AND Owing TO NECESSITY FOR SAME USUALLY BY SMALL BODIES OF COMPANY OR LESS ON INITIATIVE OF LOCAL COMMANDER STOP
 6. SUGGESTED METHOD OF DEFENCE 1. (A) HOLDING GROUP DOG IN STRIDE WITH COMMUNICATIONS (B) STRIKING FORCE FORWARD OR FLANKS READY TO ATTACK AS SOON AS ENEMY MAKES CONTACT WITH HOLDING GROUP STOP (C) DEFENCE MUST BE IN DEPTH TO DEAL WITH OUT-FLANKING FORCE AND USUALLY ONLY HOLDING GROUP SHOULD BE SET IN LINE (D) ESSENTIALLY WAR OF MOVEMENT AND ATTACK AND THE MOST DIGGING CREATES DEFENCE CENTER STOP (E) ARMoured CARs VALUED FOR ATTACKING DARK BOARDS PARTICULARLY TYPE THAT CAN BE DRIVEN FREELY IN EXPOSED DIRECTION STOP AND (ALL?) EXAGGERATED REPORTS OF ENEMY EFFICIENCY MUST BE RIGIDLY SUPPRESSED STOP
 8. SOLE FACTORS IN PROLONGED OPERATIONS IN WATER-LOGGED COUNTRY HAVE CAUSED SOME LOSS AND LOSS OF MARCHING EFFICIENCY STOP CONSTANT ATTENTION BY JUNIOR COMMANDERS ESSENTIAL STOP
 9. SUMMARY IN THIS TYPE OF CAMPAIGN EFFICIENCY ALERTNESS AND TURNING OF THE INDIVIDUAL COUNT STOP TROOPS MUST EXPECT TO BE SHOT AT FROM UNEXPECTED DIRECTIONS AND EVERY ONE MUST BE PREPARED TO HIT BACK STOP CANNOT BE PREPARED TO HIT BACK STOP CANNOT DEFEAT ENEMY BY SITTING IN PREPARED POSITIONS AND LETTING HIM TALK ROUND US STOP MUST FLY HIM AT ON GAZE AND ATTACK HIM ON EVERY POSSIBLE OCCASION STOP
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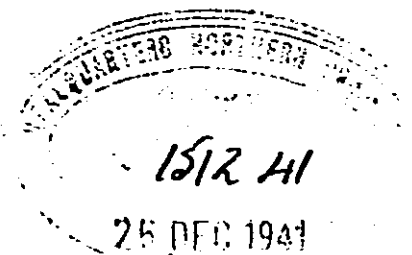
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MC4044 25th. DECEMBER SECRET STOP FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF JAPANESE TACTICS AND METHODS OF DEALING WITH THEM FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION STOP 1 STOP JAPANESE FORCE IN NORTH MALAYA HIGHLY TRAINED ARMY USING GANGSTER METHOD EQUIPPED WITH HIGH PROPORTION TOMMY GUNS AND MORTAR STOP LIGHT TANKS WHICH OCCASIONALLY GIVE SUPPORT ARE TYPE OF ARMoured CARRIER VULNERABLE TO OUR ANTI-TANK RIFLE AND HEAVIER WEAPONS STOP BELIEVE HAS LITTLE ARTILLERY STOP JAPANESE ARE FULL OF LOT CUNNING AND USE ARTIFICIAL NOISES SUCH AS MORTARS WITH LOUD EXPLOSION CHINESE CRACKERS AND ROCKETS WHICH MAKE LOUD NOISE ON IMPACT TO LOWER MORALE AND CAUSE PREMATURE WITHDRAWALS STOP ENEMY TACTICS IN ATTACK STOP A. SEND FORWARD SCREEN OF MEN TO LOCATE OUR POSITIONS AND EMPLOY ABOVE METHODS STOP THESE OFTEN DRESSED ORDINARY SHORTS AND SHIRTS AND RUNNING SHOES DESIRE MIX WITH CIVILIANS WHERE POSSIBLE STOP B. AS SOON AS SCREEN HAS LOCATED OUR POSITIONS STRONG FORCES OFTEN OF A SEPARATE UNIT DEPLOY IN REAR AND PASS BEHIND FLANKS POSITIONS STOP ALL ABOVE DONE VERY RAPIDLY AND EVERY ENDEAVOUR MADE TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF ATTACK STOP

3. JAPANESE CAN MOVE RAPIDLY THROUGH INFIRM STAMPS AND ACROSS RIVERS FOR WHICH SOMETIMES ACQUIRED RUBBER BELTS STOP PREPARED TO LIVE ON COUNTRY TO GREATER EXTENT THAN OUR TROOPS AND THEREFORE LESS DEPENDANT ON LINE OF COMMUNICATION STOP.

4. MINOR TACTICS POOR AND ATTACKS OFTEN MADE IN CLOSE FORMATION OVER OPEN GROUND STOP (ADDRESSED WILDISTRICTS DARWIN PERTH MORESBY WILCOMBAND BRISBANE)

ARMY MELBOURNE.

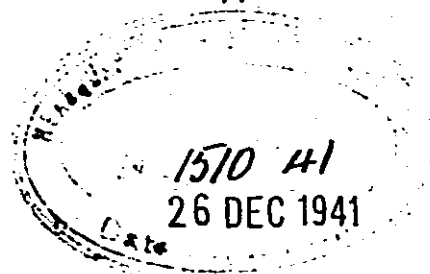
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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

G1535 25/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. REVIEW NUMBER 16 TO 1200hrs.
DECEMBER 25th. STOP 1 STOP MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP ENEMY CONTA-
CTED 23rd. DECEMBER AT RIVER SUNDAS? KUALA KANGSAR STOP BRIDGES
DEMOLISHED AND TROOPS CONCERNED MOVING TOWARDS CHEMOR 10 MILES
NORTH IPOH STOP OUR TROOPS STILL WEST PERAK RIVER BLANJA EVENING
23/12. STOP ONE BATTALION BATU GAJAH 8 MILES SOUTH IPOH STOP OUR
TROOPS WITHDRAWN TO KUALA KIPIS RAUB AREA DETACHMENT WITH ARMOUR-
ED TRAIN LEFT TO DEMOLISH RAILWAY AS THEY WITHDRAW STOP
2 STOP BOR-
NEO STOP INDICATIONS FORCE 5 WARSHIPS 10 TRANSPORTS POSSIBLE INT-
ENTION ATTACK KUCHING STOP (ADDRESSED MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE PERTH
MILDISTRICTS DARWIN FORT MORESBY MILITARY FORCES MILCCL DUNTRON)

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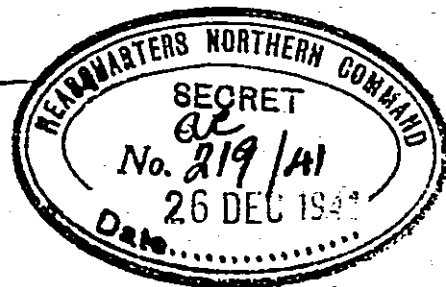
Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 26 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	26 Dec.	0330	AHQ. Review of Situation No 16 up to 1200 hrs 25 Dec.	AHQ Telegram A 1535 (Appx 113) Admels.
		0655.	A.H.Q. Summary of JAPANESE tactics part ONE	AHQ Telegram MC 4044 (Appx 114) Admels.
		1025	AHQ. Summary of JAPANESE tactics part TWO.	AHQ Telegram MC 4044. (Appx 115) Admels.
		1200	Digest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 73 based on information received up to 0800 hrs 25 Dec. 41	(Appx 116) Admels.
		2220	Amendment to AHQ S.M. 17124 of 25 Dec.	AHQ Telegram A1603 (Appx 117) Admels.
		2220	movement order re evacuation of civilians ex. RABAU	AHQ Telegram G.M 1608 (Appx 118) Admels.

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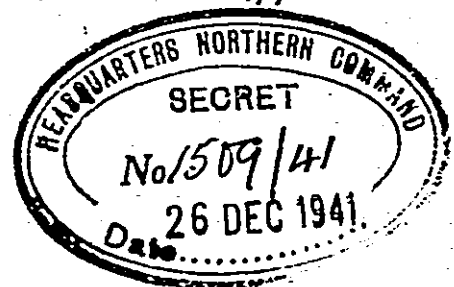
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TIA229 25/12 JAPANESE INTERNEES GROUP ONE 6 GROUP TWO
40 TOTAL 46 AT 0600 HOURS 25th. DECEMBER 41.

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GR 457 24/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. SITUATION REVIEW NUMBER 15 TO 1200 HOURS 24th. DECEMBER STOP 1. MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP TROOPS HOLDING GRIK ROAD WITHDRAWN ACROSS PERAK RIVER NIGHT 23rd. DECEMBER STOP BELIEVED HEAVY ENEMY CASUALTIES STOPPED GRIK ROAD ADVANCE STOP OUR RESERVES SUNGEI SIPUT 8 MILES EASTWARD RAIL BRIDGE PERAK RIVER AND KAMPAR 25 MILES SOUTH IPOH STOP SELANGOR STOP PORT STETTENHAM RAIDED DAMAGE SMALL STOP EAST COAST STOP REPORTS KELANTAN 21st. DECEMBER INDICATE ARRIVAL FRESH SHIPMENT TANKS REPLACE THOSE SUNK STOP ESTABLISHED ENEMY PLANNED LANDING TRENGGANU WITH HELP LOCAL JAPANESE STOPPED BY IMMOBILISATION ONE LIGHTERS FOR TROOPS LANDED NORTH KEMAMAN 20th. TAKEN PRISONER STOP

2 STOP THAILAND STOP THREE TRAINS CLOSE ORDER GOING SOUTH CHUMPHORN STOP LARGE NUMBERS IN BARRACKS NORTH CHUMPHORN STOP 3 STOP YUNNAN STOP KUNMING AREA FOUR JAPANESE BOMBERS DESTROYED OTHERS DAMAGED STOP 4 STOP HONG KONG STOP TWO AREAS HELD 1 STANLEY REPULSE BAY OTHER WEST HALF ISLAND STOP SMALL ISOLATED DETACHMENTS EASTERN HALF HOLDING OUT STOP CHINESE REPORTED AT MIRS BAY 20 MILES NORTH-EASTWARD AND SOUTH SIAM CHUN 15 MILES NORTH KOTLOON STOP 5 STOP NEI WARSHIPS AIRCRAFT CARRIER ROUGH ESTIMATE 3 TRANSPORTS NORTH-EAST MANDO NORTH-EAST CELEBES TRAVELLING SOUTHWARDS ATTACK MANADO POSSIBLE.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN COMMAND

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Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

No. 04827

24 Dec 41.

... 1A/0037. MOVEMENT A.A. BATTERY, S. COMD. TO TOWNSVILLE.

2 Officers and 77 O/Rs. will arrive at Interstate Station, South Brisbane, at 1430 hours, Friday, 26 Dec 41.

A.D.S. & T. will arrange for Motor Transport to convey personnel to N. Comd. Reception Camp immediately after arrival of train.

He will also arrange for transport to convey personnel from Reception Camp to Roma Street Station at 1900 hours.

Officer i/c. will report to R.T.O., who will arrange for entraining.

MEALS:

N. Comd. Reception Camp will arrange evening meal for this party.

R.T.O. will issue F.59s. for meals at Gladstone and Rockhampton, and dining car between Mackay and Townsville.

Personnel will arrive in Townsville at 0630 hours Sunday, 28 Dec 41.

... 1A/0037. 11 Inf. Bde. will arrange for reception and accommodation.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS:

The despatch of telegrams at Railway Stations is strictly forbidden, except in cases of extreme urgency, and then only with approval of the Officer i/c. Draft.

Letters must not be thrown from trains or ships or posted on the journey.

SECRECACY:

Care must be taken by all concerned to preserve secrecy regarding destination, dates and times of movement.

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Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. (M), N. Comd.

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7. D.D.M.S.
8. 1 M.D.A.O.
9. N.C.R.O.
10. D.A.P.M.
11. A.H.Q. (Movement) (AIRMAIL)
12. E. Comd. (AIRMAIL)
13. 11 Inf. Bde.
14. O.C. Reception Camp, Exhibition
15. Major F.W. Robinson
16. Stationery Officer
17. D.A.D. (Posts)
18. A.D.S. & T.
19. Entertainments Officer
20. State Censor (Prof. Stable)
21. State Publicity Censor
22. N. Comd. War Diary
23. Inspector J. Smith, Roma St. Police Station
24. Inspector A.A. Bock, Roma St. Police Station
25. Inspector F.M. O'Driscoll, Police Station, Woolloongabba.
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S.M.1497/41
N. Comd. M.O. 106/41

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN COMMAND

S E C R E T

Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

No. 04826

24 Dec 41.

MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL TO 7 M.D.

13 O/Rs. of Reinforcements 2/11 Fd. Coy., and 4 O/Rs. 11 Fd. Coy., on leave from 7 M.D., will be despatched from this Command on Friday, 26 Dec 41, at 1105 hours.

ENTRAINING ARRANGEMENTS:

A.I.F. Tng. Depots, Redbank, will arrange for personnel to report to R.T.O. at Interstate Station at 1030 hours.

DRAFT CONDUCTING N.C.O.:

A.I.F. Tng. Depots will detail a Sgt. to take charge of this party. On arrival at Sydney, N.C.O. will hand party to R.T.O., who will arrange for return of N.C.O. to N. Comd., and despatch of Draft on special train.

RAIL WARRANTS AND MEAL REQUISITIONS:

R.T.O. will arrange for issue of rail warrants to Terowie, and F.59s for meals at Casino, Coffs Harbour and one meal at Sydney.

E. Comd. will arrange for meals between Sydney and Terowie.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Personal equipment will be taken into the compartments of the Railway carriages.

CONDUCT OF TROOPS ON TRAINS:

Attention of Draft Conducting Officer is drawn to N. Comd. Instruction A.303 of 4 Nov 40. Writing with chalk on Railway carriages is strictly forbidden.

The attention of O.C. Draft is also drawn to the following Military Board Instruction A.103, which must be promulgated to all ranks:-

"No member of the Military Forces, when in uniform, shall carry, or cause to be carried, on to any train on which he is about to travel, or have in his possession or control, or consume whilst travelling in any train, any intoxicating liquor, unless it be supplied to him as part of a normal service available in a dining car."

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Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. (M), N. Comd.

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7. R.T.O. (Major N. O'Brien)
8. A.D.O.S.
9. A.D.O.S. (M)
10. D.A.A.G. (Major Dowd)
11. D.D.M.S.
12. 1 M.D.A.O.
13. N.C.R.O.
14. D.A.P.M.
15. A.H.Q. (MOVEMENT) (AIRMAIL)
16. E. COMD. (AIRMAIL)
17. R.T.O., SYDNEY (AIRMAIL)
18. H.Q., A.I.F. TNG. DEPOTS
19. DRAFT CONDUCTING N.C.O. (S/Sgt. J.R. Craigie (Q.39480))
20. Major F.W. Robinson
21. Stationery Officer
22. D.A.D. (Posts)
23. Entertainments Officer
24. State Censor (Prof. Stable)
25. State Publicity Censor
26. N. Comd. War Diary
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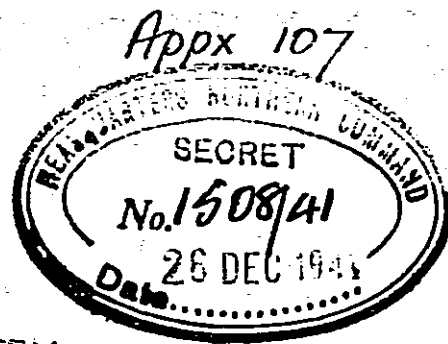
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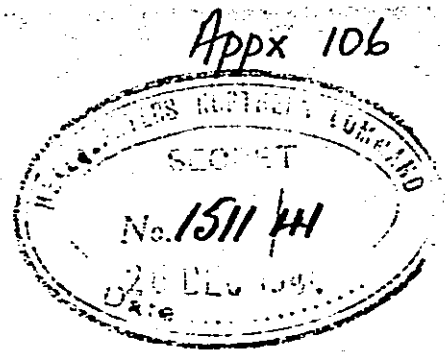
Q1464 24/12 SECRET MOVEMENT ORDER STOP ADVICE RECEIVED H.M.A.S.
WESTRALIA ARRIVING CAIRNS TOMORROW OR EARLY 26TH DECEMBER WILL
DISEMBARK 3 OFFICERS 137 OTHER RANKS THAT PORT NO INFORMATION
AVAILABLE REGARDING UNITS OR DESTINATIONS STOP ARRANGE
DISEMBARKATION AND RAIL MOVEMENT SOUTH AND ADVISE ALL CONCERNED
IMMEDIATELY DETAILS OF PERSONNEL INCLUDING CATEGORIES AND
DESTINATIONS BY COMMANDS OR DISTRICTS STOP ADDRESSED BRISBANE RE
REPEATED SYDNEY REPEATED MELBOURNE

ARMY MELBOURNE

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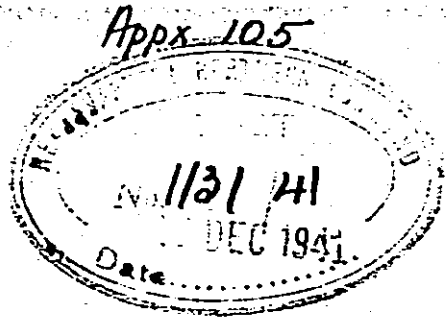
MG01431 24/12 DETAILS POSTED THIS DAY REGARDING 191 TONS
AMMUNITION DESPATCHED TO BRISBANE FROM MELBOURNE BY TRAIN 23RD
AND ARRIVING DESTINATION EARLY 29TH DECEMBER

ARMY MELBOURNE

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NGO1430 24/12 REFERENCE Q5726 NO STOCK AVAILABLE STOP COMFINE
IMPRESSMENT TO STANDARD TYPES OF ARMS OR PATTERNS YOU HAVE
AMMUNITION AVAILABLE FOR

ARMY MELBOURNE

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs 24 Dec.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	24 Dec.	1811	A.H.Q. Telegram re impressment of arms.	A.H.Q. Telegram M.G.O. 1430 (Appx 105) A&M&L.
		1830	A.H.Q. Telegram re despatch of 191 tons of amm. to BRISBANE from MELBOURNE	A.H.Q. Telegram M.G.O. 1431 (Appx 106) A&M&L.
		1830	A.H.Q. Telegram re arrival at CAIRNS of H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA and disembarkation of tps.	A.H.Q. Telegram Q. 1464 (Appx 107) A&M&L.
		1911	T.I. Telegram re embarkation of M.O's on WANDANA.	T.I. Telegram T.I./H. 225 (Appx 108) A&M&L.
		2000	Movement of Personnel to 7 M.D.	N. Comd. 04826 Sec 11497/41 (Appx 109) A&M&L.
		2005	Movement A.A. Bty. - S. Comd to TOWNSVILLE.	N. Comd 04827 Sec 11390/41 (Appx 110) A&M&L.

SECURITY

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN COMMAND.

(1) Personnel

Detail	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I.	Warrant Officers Class II.	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
COMMAND HEADQUARTERS								
Commander, (Major-General)	1							1
Aide-de-camp (1st Lieut.)	1							1
GENERAL STAFF BRANCH								
Colonel, G.S.	1							1
<u>Operations and Staff Duties</u>								
General staff officer, 1st grade (Lieutenant-Colonel)	1							1
General staff officer, 2nd grade (Major)	1							1
General staff officers, 3rd grade (Captains)	(a) 1							1
Staff learner (captain)	1							1
<u>Training</u>								
General staff officers 3rd grade (Captains)	1							1
<u>Intelligence</u>								
General staff officer 3rd grade (Major)	1							1
General staff officer, 3rd grade (captain)	1							1
Clerks, G.S. Branch								
Draughtsmen	1	1	1	1	2	5	-	10
Orderlies	1	1	1	1	1	1	(a) 2 3	8 3
ATTACHED TO THE GENERAL STAFF								
<u>Engineers</u>								
Chief engineer (Colonel)	1							1
Staff officer, R.A.E. (captain)	1							1
Clerks, R.A.E.	1							3
Draughtsman, R.A.E.	1							1

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN
COMMAND.

11/5/4
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Details	Officers	Warrant Officers Class 1.	Warrant Officers Class 2.	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
<u>Chemical Warfare</u>								
Captain (chemist)	1							1
<u>Liaison</u>								
General staff officer, 3rd grade (major)	1		1					2
General staff officer, 3rd grade (captains)	4							4
BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL								
Assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (lieutenant colonel)	1							1
Deputy assistant adjutant-general (major)	1							1
Staff captains (A)	1							1
Staff learners (A) (captains)	1							1
Deputy assistant quartermaster-general (major)	1							1
Staff captains (Q)	1							1
Staff learners (Q) (captains)	1							1
<u>Clerks</u>								
Orderlies	1							1
ATTACHED TO THE BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.								
<u>Legal</u>								
Legal staff officer (major)	1							1
Clerks	1							1
SERVICES								
<u>A.A. Ch. D.</u>								
Chaplains	0:15	1						3
<u>Medical</u>								
Assistant director of medical services (lieutenant colonel)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of medical services (major)	1							1
Clerks	1							3

HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH
COMMAND.

III/5/2
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Detail	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
<u>A.A.H.S.</u>								
Principal matron 1								
Senior clerk 1								
<u>Provost</u>								
Captain (Provost)	1							1
Clerks	1							1
<u>Supplies and Transport</u>								
Assistant director of supplies and transport (lieutenant colonel)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of supplies (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of transport (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of supplies (P.O.L.) (major)	1							1
Captain, A.A.S.C. (requisitioning duties)	1							1
Captain, A.A.S.C.	1							1
Adjutant, (lieutenant, A.A.S.C.)	1							1
Clerks	1							1
Clerks, T.M.T.	1							1
Motor cyclists	1						3	3
<u>Ordnance</u>								
Assistant director of ordnance services (lieutenant colonel)	1							1
Ordnance officers (lieutenant)	1							1
Clerks	1					3		3
Chief ordnance mechanical engineer (lieutenant colonel)	1							1
Ordnance mechanical engineer 3rd class (captain)	1							1
<u>LOCAL ADMINISTRATION</u>								
Camp commandant (captain)	1							1
Lieutenant, A.A.S.C.	1							1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant	1							1
Sergeants, A.A.P.C.	1							1
Ration corporal	1							1
Clerk	1							1
Storeman	1						1	1
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>								
Batmen	1						46	46
Cooks	1							
Officers' mess	1						1	1
Sergeants' mess	1						1	1
Rank & file mess	1						2	2
General duty men	1							
Officers' mess	1						2	2
Sergeants' mess	1						1	1

HEADQUARTERS, NONFERN
COMMAND.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Detail	Officers	Warrant Offs. Sergeants	Warrant Offs. Sergeants	Warrant Offs. Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
Orderlies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Drivers, M.T., A.A.S.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Orderlies, A.A.S.C.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sanitary dutymen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water dutymen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total, Command Headquarters	47	3	3	5	9	32	339	(p)238

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN
COMMAND.

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III/5/2
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Detail	Officers	Warrant Officers Class 1	Warrant Offi- cers Class 12	Staff-sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
B A S E HEADQUARTERS.								
Base commander (brigadier)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
<u>Operations and Staff Duties</u>								
General staff officer, 2nd grade (major)	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
<u>Training</u>								
General staff officer, 1st grade (lieutenant-colonel)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
General staff officers, 2nd grade (majors)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
General staff officers, 3rd grade (captains)	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	3
<u>Intelligence</u>								
General staff officer, 1st grade (lieutenant-colonel)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
General staff officers, 3rd grade (captain)	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
<u>Works, G.S. branch</u>								
Orderlies	1	1	1	2	3	12	3	19
<u>Camouflage</u>								
General staff officer, 3rd grade (captain)	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Work, R.A.E.	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Draughtsman, R.A.E.	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
<u>Physical and Recreational Training</u>								
Supervisor of P. & R.T. (Captain)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant instructors P. & R.T.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
<u>Senior Cadets.</u>								
Staff officer (major)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Instructors	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Staff-sergeant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clerk	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN COMMAND

111/5/2
WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Detail	Officers	Warrant officers Class I	Warrant officers Class II	Staff-sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
<u>Survey</u>								
Deputy assistant director of survey (major)	1							1
● Lieutenant Draughtsman	1							1
Map Storeman and Clerk						1		1
<u>A.A.Ch.D.</u>								
Senior chaplains	5							5
<u>Medical</u>								
Deputy director of medical ser- vices (colonel)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of medical services (major)	2							2
Deputy assistant director of hygiene (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of medical services (dentist) (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of medical services (pharmaceu- tical (major)	1							1
Staff officer, medical services (captain)	1							1
X-ray technicians				2				2
Clerks			1	1	2	6		10
<u>A.A.N.S.</u>								
Principal matron								
● Master clerk								
<u>Provost</u>								
Deputy assistant provost marshal (major)	1							1
● Clerk						1		1
<u>Catering.</u>								
Supervisor of catering (captain)	1							1
Inspectors			3					3
Clerk						1		1
<u>Labour</u>								
Staff officer, labour (captain)	1							1
Clerk						1		1
<u>Postal</u>								
Staff officer, postal services (captain)	1							1
Clerk						1		1

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN
COMMAND.

11/5/2
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Detail	Officers	Warrant officers class I	Warrant officers class II	Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
<u>Remounts</u>								
Remounts officer (captain) Clerk	1					1		1
<u>Veterinary</u>								
Deputy assistant director of veterinary services (major) Clerk, A.A.V.C.	1					1		1
<u>Supplies and Transport</u>								
Deputy assistant director of supplies and transport (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of supplies (major)	1							1
Deputy assistant director of transport (major)	1							1
Inspector of supplies- Major	1							1
Captain	1							1
Inspector of supply depots and accounts (captain)	1							1
Assistant inspector of supply depots and accounts (lieutenant)	1							1
Inspectors of H.T. Captain	1							1
Lieutenant	1							1
Captains, A.A.S.C. (requisitioning duties)	1							1
Captains, A.A.S.C.	1							1
Adjutants (lieutenants, A.A.S.C.)	1							1
Clerks	1							1
Clerks, T.M.F.	1							1
Motor cyclists	1							1
<u>Salvage</u>								
Salvage control officer (captain) Clerk	1							1
<u>SERVICES</u>								
<u>Engineer Services</u>								
Assistant director of engineer services (lieutenant-colonel)	1							1
Staff officer engineer services (captain)	1							1
Accountant (lieutenant)	1							1
Warrant officer class II	1							1
Draughtsman, R.A.E.	1							1
Clerks, R.A.E.	1							1

Detail	Officers	Warrant officers class I	Warrant officers class II	Staff-sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
<u>Works</u>								
Deputy assistant director of works (major)	1							1
Captain (E and M), R.A.E.	1							1
Garrison Engineers -								
Captains	2							2
Lieutenant	1							1
Military foremen of works	1			1				3
Military mechanists	1			1				3
Engineer clerks	1			2				3
Draughtsmen	1			1				5
<u>Engineer Stores</u>								
Stores officers -								
Captain	1							1
Lieutenants	2							2
Clerks, R.A.E.	1							4
Draughtsman	1							1
<u>Ordnance</u>								
Deputy assistant directors of ordnance services (major)	(m) 2							2
Ordnance officers (lieutenants)	1							1
Inspecting ordnance officer (major)	1							1
Assistant inspecting ordnance officer (lieutenant)	1							1
Ammunition examiners	1							2
Technical storeman	1						(d) 1	1
<u>Clerks</u>								
Audit and Stocktaking -				1	2	4		8
Captain, A.A.O.C.	1							1
Lieutenants, A.A.O.C.	2							2
Clerks, A.A.O.C.	1			6	6	12		30
Senior ordnance mechanical engineer (major)	1							1
Assistant ordnance mechanical engineer (captain)	1							1
Ordnance mechanical engineer (lieutenant)	1							1
Draughtsman	1							1
Armament clerk	1							1
Clerks	1			1				3
Orderly	1							1
<u>LOCAL ADMINISTRATION</u>								
Camp commandant (captain)	1							1
Regimental sergeant-major	1							1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant	1							1
Orderly room sergeant	1							1
Sergeants, A.A.P.C.	1							1
Ration corporal	1							1
Clerks	1							2
Storemen	1							2

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHERN
COMMANDIII/5/2
WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Detail	Officers	Warrant officers class I	Warrant officers class II	Staff-sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
REGISTRY								
Captain, administration	1							1
Lieutenant, administration	1							1
Clerks	10							10
Orderlies							3	3
MISCELLANEOUS								
Batmen							41	41
Cooks								
Officers' mess						1 (h) 2		3
Sergeants' mess						1 (h) 2		3
Rank and file mess						2 (h) 2		3
General dutymen								
Officers' mess						2	9	10
Sergeants' mess						1	9	10
Drivers, M.T., A.A.S.G.						1	16	18
Sanitary dutymen							2	2
Water dutymen							1	1
Total, base headquarters	107	14	22	31	23	104	95 (p)	399
Total, headquarters Northern Command	164	17	25	36	33	136	234	637

HEADQUARTERS, NORTHWEST
COMMAND.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

- (a) One to be trained in chemical warfare
- (b) One for technical training and one for general training duties
- (c) Includes one for M.T. training and one for V.D.C.
- (d) Trade group III.
- (e) Trade group I.
- (f) One for general duties in connection with Courts of Inquiry and one for general duties in connection with U.S.S.
- (g) For A.I.R. Reports
- (h) For allotment to Command Groups not otherwise provided for.
- (i) May be replaced by civilians
- (j) Commands A.I.R. in Headquarters
- (k) For T.R.T. duties
- (l) One for patrol duties, one for M.H.I. stores and one for R.A.A.F.
- (m) One for personnel and one for disposal.
- (n) Trade group II
- (o) Will be attached to Northern Command Signals and carried in the transport of that unit.
- (p) At least six men will be trained in anti-air duties and decontamination work.

NOTES

1. The following may be found from personnel medically unfit for general service with fighting units.

Operational Headquarters

Batmen, cooks, general dutymen for messes, map issuers, orderlies, sanitary and water dutymen

Administrative Headquarters

All ranks

2. Batmen, cooks and general dutymen for messes will not be raised if subsistence allowance is payable.

24 Dec 41.

ARRIVAL OF U.S.A. VESSELS AT BRISBANE.

REPORT OF SECURITY ACTION TAKEN BY "G" STAFF (I) N. COMD.

Following the conference held at Victoria Barracks on 19 Dec 41 (notes attached), a letter was written to the Brigade Commander U.S.A. Troops requesting co-operation in the matter of Censorship.

G.II.(I) inquired from the Publicity Censor concerning full censorship of news of arrival.

It was arranged that an officer from G. Staff (Intelligence) should be in attendance at the wharves during the time of arrival to supervise the posting of Security Guards, extend all courtesy to U.S.A. personnel, and endeavour to straighten out any local difficulties which might arise.

Garrison Bn. was warned of special duties as instructed. An officer was on duty on 22 Dec from 1500 hrs. to 2130 hrs. One vessel arrived during that time and tied up at New Farm Wharf, cargo military equipment, Security Guards being placed.

At approximately 1830 hrs. an advance guard of 20 U.S.A. other ranks arrived for guard duties at the various wharves, they were without food or transport, suitable arrangements were made.

Duty was again commenced at 1030 hrs. on 23 Dec and continued until 2300 hrs. The arrival of all boats was attended in company with O.C. G. Coy. Garr. Bn., guards posted as required and assistance given. Several minor difficulties regarding entry to wharves were straightened out after consultation with Captain BURCH.

During a visit to New Farm Wharf at 2130 hrs. 23/12/41 it was observed that much valuable war equipment (planes and guns) had been unloaded and parked wherever space could be found about the wharf, and no provision had been made by the U.S.A. personnel to place a guard. The attention of U.S.A. officers who were supervising the unloading of planes was drawn to this, but as they did not appear to be able to do much about it, the Garrison Posts were re-arranged and one man instructed to make a constant patrol of the wharf area.

A tour of the wharves will be made to-day, but it is anticipated that work will be proceeding smoothly.

The following vessels berthed and are now discharging:- "MEIGS," "BLOOMFONTEIN," "COAST FARMER," "HOLBROOK," "REPUBLIC." Navy advise three other vessels are in the Bay, but it is understood will not be discharging.

SUGGESTION.

It is urgently suggested that as there is a heavy call on Garrison Bn. the U.S. Commander be asked to provide guards as required as soon as possible at the vessels now unloading at the Wharves.

G.S.O

*Report for your information
The final suggestion seems to
me to be well warranted*

F.W. Robinson

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NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT VICTORIA BARRACKS, 1500 HOURS
19 DEC 41, TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR GUARD ETC., AT
WHARVES AND SHIPS WHILE U.S.A. BOATS ARE IN PORT.

Present: Lt.Comdr. Pryce-Jones
Capt. Burch
Sub-Inspector Foote
Major Robinson
Capt. Archdall
Capt. Muddle

Prior to arrival of Major Robinson, Capt. Archdall explained the reason for the Conference and read our instructions from G.S.O.(I). Before details were discussed Capt. Burch explained that the Department of Commerce was responsible for the issue of all passes to wharves and for the provision of personnel to check passes of all persons wishing to enter wharves. He, as representative, was responsible in Queensland. He had attended a previous Conference with the D.N.O., the American Cons a Mr. Dawson, and representative of wharf owners, at which the matter of passes had been discussed. He had arranged that gate-keepers should be on duty with the assistance of Peace Officers, and would be responsible for the scrutiny of all passes and control all entry to the wharves.

Lt.Comdr. Jones suggested that in addition Military Guards should be provided, who would not examine passes of civilians or control entry, but stand by to assist gate-keepers in case of need. This suggestion was agreed to.

Lt.Comdr. Jones advised that in all five (5) transports were expected, possibly six (6), two (2) of which would be carrying troops. It was anticipated that the two troopships would berth at Hamilton Wharf. Of the other three, one would berth at Dalgety's wharf, one at Newstead and one at Mercantile Wharf.

After discussion it was agreed that the following Military Guards should be provided for full twentyfour hours while the vessels were in port:-

2 posts for each troopship (one for each gangway)	total	4
3 " for each other transport (two on board for bow and stern, one at gangway)	"	9
1 post for each gateway (anticipated five in all)	"	5
		18

Guards will not be responsible for passes but for general security.

In connection with the request of Mr. Warren (Telegraph) for special permit to enter the wharves, G.II (I) reported that he had just had an interview with the Publicity Censor, who had been advised by the Department of Information that Mr. Al. Byrne and other personnel had been authorised to cover the whole operation. No other permits were being issued.

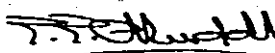
The "Telegraph" had asked for permission to get stories and photographs in the streets but this had not been allowed, no references past, present or future being permitted apart from the official record.

Concurrence was given to this by Navy and other members of the Conference.

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G.II.(I) advised that the District Censor had been instructed from Melbourne to carry out complete censorship of American troop and ship mail. With present staff this is quite impossible. For this reason and on other obvious grounds it was suggested that the G.O.C. should request the co-operation of the U.S. personnel, and that a letter be written to the Officer Commanding requesting that all troops be instructed to post their correspondence on board ship or at the Field Post Office; that the U.S.A. officers should censor all mail and that troops and other personnel should be warned of the need for observing security regulations in all correspondence.

Capt. Burch undertook to have this letter handed to the officer concerned by the Pilot boat which would be the first actual contact.


Capt. 24/12/41
G.III.(I)

DIGEST NO.8

DIGEST OF G.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS NOS.71 AND 72: Information received up to 800 hrs. 24 Dec 41 (Wednesday). (Combined with A.H.Q. Review with information up to 1200 hrs. 24 Dec 41).

MALAYA:

- (1) **RABAU:** Japanese rafting troops by night down the Perak River towards Siput. 28th Brigade reformed in the area ANGGOR/BLANJA BRIDGE. 13th Brigade being sent to TAPAH. Troops holding the GRIK RD. withdrawn across PERAK River on the night 23 Dec; enemy casualties believed to be heavy and stopped the GRIK RD. advance. Our reserves are at SUNGEI SIPUT 8 miles eastward of the rail bridge over PERAK RIVER and at KAMPAR, 25 miles south of IPOH. PORT SWETTENHAM raided - small damage done. KUALA LUMPUR Aerodrome bombed - damage negligible. EAST COAST MALAYA: KELANTAN PROVINCE-8th Brigade withdrawn from KRAI. Reports on 21/12 indicate arrival of fresh Japanese tanks to replace those sunk. It is established that the enemy planned landing in TRENGGANU with the help of the local Japanese. Landing stopped by Immobilisation of Ore Lighters. Few troops were landed north of KEMAMAN on 20th and taken prisoner.
- (2) **THAILAND:** Three trains in close order going south from CHUMPN. Large numbers in Barracks north of CHUMPN.
- (3) **SOUTH CHINA:** In KUNMING area four Japanese bombers destroyed others damaged.
- (4) **HONG KONG:** ("Courier-mail" 8 a.m. 26/12/41 reports - Surrender to Japanese after 7 days bombardment and the cutting off of water supply. Chinese reported at MIRS-BAY 20 miles north-east and south of SIAM CHUN, 15 miles north of KOWLOON.
- (5) **DUTCH EAST INDIES:** Enemy Air-attack at SORONG West New Guinea - 23/12 little damage. Six Dorniers from TONDANO carried out an attack on enemy shipping in DAVAO HARBOUR morning 23/12. Five transports, several cruisers and destroyers, 8 large sea-planes seen in harbour. Largest transport had a direct hit and a near miss - left burning. A second report advised that a convoy of two large destroyers and three transports were in a position south of DAVAO speeding south. Further reports include an air-craft carrier and possibly cruisers. Attack on MENADO is considered imminent. Six Hudsons were ordered to attack convoy. Comment - the convoy being attacked by the Hudsons was in a position 180 miles north of MENADO and at 12 knots could have reached it at 0530 K/24. A landing at MENADO would place the Japanese within striking distance of the flying-boat base at TONDANO, both at the extreme north-east point of the CELEBES.
- (6) **AUSTRALIA STATION:** The tanker "British Sailor" overdue at Darwin from TARAKAN (Dutch north-east Borneo) since 17/12. Submarine sighted near coast SOEMBA (N E I) 20/12 on easterly course. Reports of lights sighted near TABAR IS. off NEW IRELAND suggest the possibility of constant enemy activity in a position 10 miles east south-east from TABAR.
NEW CALEDONIA: With reference to reported War-Ship, it is stated that the vessel sighted off GORO was not the French Sloop "Chevreuil". The Security Officer for M. d'Argenlieu has informed the A.I.O. at NOUMEA that the Japanese are discussing with French Officials in Indo-China the sending of a French expeditionary force to take French possessions in the Pacific. Report considered reliable. Note: The H/T "Ormiston" escorted by the Free French Cruiser "Le Triomphant" left Australia for NOUMEA on 20/12.
- (7) **AMERICAN FORCES:** General Brereton Manila, proposes to use DARWIN as a temporary base for operations from advanced landing-grounds in the Philippines. Full arrangements for the passing of operational directions etc. have been made.

H.Q. Northern Command. 1150 hrs. 26/12/41 FWR.

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TIA 221 23/12 JAPANESE INTERNEES EMBARKED ZEALANDIA
GROUP ONE FORTYONE GROUP TWO 275 TOTAL 316 INCLUDING
YAMASHITA OTHER THREE LEADERS RETAINED STOP EMBARKATION
DESTROYING GLOUCESTER ARRANGED NECESSITATED TRANSFER 87
TROOPS FROM ZEALANDIA TO WESTRALIA

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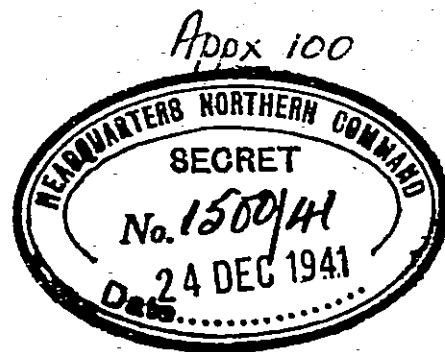
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MI G1337 23/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. SITUATION REVIEW NUMBER 14
TO 1200 HOURS 23rd. DECEMBER STOP

1. MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP INCREASED ENEMY PRESSURE GRIK ROAD
STOP ONE BATTALION CUT OFF NORTH CHENDERCH LAKE FOUGHT WAY OUT
STOP OUR CASUALTIES SLIGHT ENEMY HEAVY STOP JAPANESE RAFTING
TROOPS NIGHT PERAK RIVER TOWARD SIPUT STOP 28 REFORMED AREA **BRIGADE**
ANGGON/BLANJA BRIDGE STOP 13 BRIGADE BEING SENT TAPAH STOP
KELANTAN STOP 8 BRIGADE WITHDRAWN FROM KRAI STOP KUALA LUMPUR
AERODROME ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT DAMAGE NEGOTIABLE STOP LOSSES
2 ENEMY ONE OURS STOP KUALA LAPIS RAIDED NO DETAILS STOP NOW
CONFIRMED TANKS INTENDED FOR ORIGINAL LANDING KOTA BHARU SUNK
BY AIR ATTACK STOP

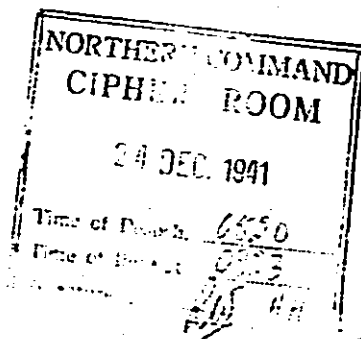
2. BURMA STOP OUR FIGHTERS FROM RANGOON IMMOBILISED 6 ENEMY
PLANES GROUNDED PRACHUAB ORIKHAN STOP

3. HONG KONG STOP ENEMY ATTACKING THROUGH MIDDLE GAP ACROSS
MOUNT NICHOLSON STOP APPROXIMATE BRITISH LINE LEIGHTON HILL
MIDDLE GAP BENNETT HILL REPULSE BAY HOTEL STANLEY HILL STOP
CANADIAN ATTACK FROM STALINBAD HILL TOWARDS REAR MAKING SLOW PROGRESS
STOP TRANSPORT SITUATION DIFFICULT STOP TROOPS TIRED
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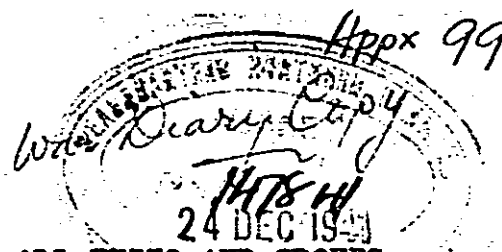
1. G.O.C.
2. Col. 1/c Adm.
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A:1386 23/12 THREE REINFORCEMENTS ALL UNITS AND GROUPS.
MALAYA REFER A-1141 OF 20th. DECEMBER TO BE CONCENTRATED READY FOR
FOR MOVEMENT BY 3rd. JANUARY STOP MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION
NECESSARY FOR TROPICAL STATIONS TO BE COMPLETED STOP CONVOY 14
NOW CANCELLED AND ALL REINFORCEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR SELECTION
STOP BEST TRAINED MEN TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS DRAFT ADDRESSED
MILCOMMANDS SYDNEY MELBOURNE BRISBANE

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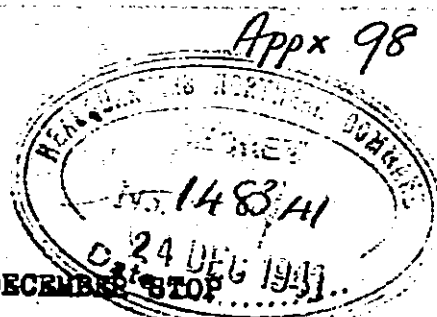
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INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUP WORKSHOP AND FIELD PARKS AUTHORISED
TO WAR ESTABLISHMENT BY S.M.16874 OF 20th.DECEMBER STOP
ORDNANCE AMMUNITION COMPANY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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NUMBERS OF RIFLES IMPRESSED

STOP RATE OF IMPRESSMENT MUST BE SPEEDED UP STOP IF NECESSARY

APPOINT EXTRA PURCHASING OFFICERS ADDRESSED MILCOMMANDS

MELBOURNE SYDNEY BRISBANE PERTH MILDISTRICTS DARWIN HOBART

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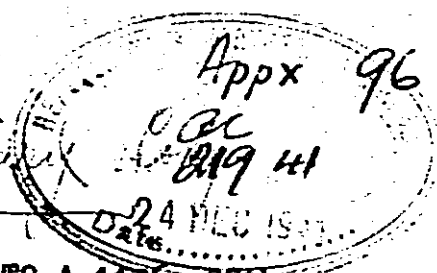
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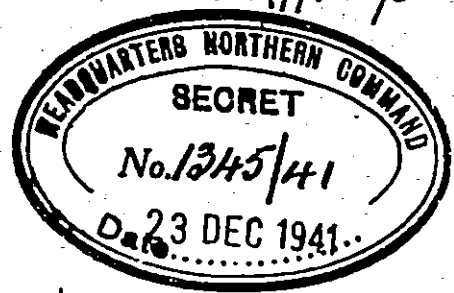


MIG1279 23/12 MOST SECRET STOP FURTHER TO A.1136 20th.
DECEMBER FOR ALIENS CONTROL INSTRUCTION NUMBER 13 SUBSTITUTE
NUMBER 16 REPEAT 16 CONTAINED IN S.M.226 JANUARY 8th. 1941

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MGO.1285 23/12 REFERENCE 3.7 HOLDFASTS CURRENT DRAWING IS
MGO (A)421 SUPERSEDING MGO (A)405 STOP HOLDING DOWN BOLT
PRESERVING CAPS TO BE DISPENSED WITH AS THEY FOUL PLATFORM STOP
3 INCH PROJECTION OF HOLDING DOWN BOLT ABOVE FOUNDATION PLATE
SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ 2.75 INCH REPEAT 2.75 INCH STOP
CORRECT ALL COPIES DRAWINGS YOUR POSSESSION AND ADVANCE
RELEVANT NUMBER TO MGO.(A)421A OR MGO.(A)405A ADDRESSED
MILCOMMAND BRISBANE MILCOMMAND SYDNEY MILCOMMAND PERTH
MILDISTRICT DARWIN

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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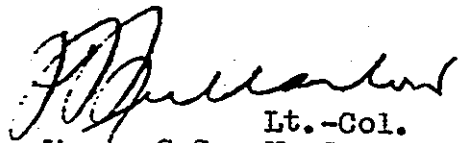
ORDER OF BATTLE (PROVISIONAL) MOBILIZATION.

Approval has been given for the following amendments to be made to the O. of B. (Mob.) - N. Comd. Units.

Serial No.	Additional Ordnance Units	To whom Allotted	W.E.(A.I.F.) to be used pending issue of A.I.F. establishments.
1	101 Independent Bde. Gp. Ord. Workshop	7 Inf. Bde.	VI/1940/37/1
2	101 " " " " " " " " " " " "	7 Inf. Bde.	VI/1940/38/1
3	102 " " " " " " " " " " " "	11 Inf. Bde.	As for Serial No. 1
4	102 " " " " " " " " " " " "	11 Inf. Bde.	" " " " " "
5	103 " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 Cav. Bde.	" " " " " "
6	103 " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 Cav. Bde.	" " " " " "
7	104 " " " " " " " " " " " "	29 Inf. Bde.	" " " " " "
8	104 " " " " " " " " " " " "	29 Inf. Bde.	" " " " " "

2. "A" Branch will issue instructions concerning the raising of the above units to W.E. without First Reinforcements.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form.


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Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector.
H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND Sector
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A.D.O.S.
Stationery Officer.
N. Comd. Records Office.

WAR DIARY.

All Formations and Units should now be keeping a WAR DIARY, and if not, will commence one forthwith.

2. To ensure uniformity within the Command, the record in the War Diary should include all relevant information on and from 8 Dec 41.

3. The attention of all Commands is invited to F.S.R. Vol 1. Sec 174. Units will prepare their records accordingly, with the exception that Para. 7 will be modified as shown hereunder :--

Para. 7 :--

(i) The original copy of a War Diary for the pre-ceeding month will be forwarded on the first day of the succeeding month direct to the Officer i/c N. Comd. Records Office for safe custody.

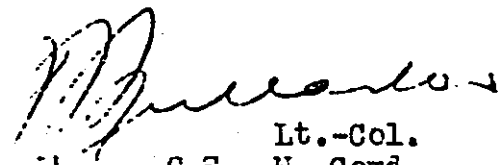
(ii) The duplicate copy, clearly marked as such, will be retained by all Units until further orders.

4. All entries will be made on the authorized form, viz. Army Form C. 2118.

These forms are obtainable from Stationery Officer, N. Comd.

5. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form, and forward by return of post.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES - NORTHERN COMMAND

No. 04780

Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane. Qld.

S E C R E T

23 Dec 41.

MOVEMENT - EMU FORCE

Movement of 14 members A.A.N.S. will take place on Wednesday, 24 Dec 41, in accordance with the following arrangements:-

SISTER IN CHARGE:

Sister A.R. Bonner (Q.185127) will be in charge of draft.

MOVEMENT TO INTERSTATE STATION:

Personnel will make own arrangements to move to Interstate Station where they will report to R.T.O. at 1220 hours.

TIME OF DEPARTURE:

Interstate train departs 1250 hours.

BAGGAGE:

A.D.S. & T. will arrange motor transport to pick up the baggage at 7 Fd. Amb. drill hall at 1150 hours.

No. 1 Labour Coy. will provide baggage party of one (1) N.C.O. and three (3) men to load and accompany baggage to Interstate Station, where same will be placed in brake-van of Interstate train.

RAIL WARRANTS AND MEAL REQUISITIONS:

R.T.O. will issue rail warrants and F.59s for meals. These will be endorsed S.M.16667. R.T.O. will advise Stationmaster, South Brisbane, of number entraining and will request that telegrams be despatched to Railway Refreshment Rooms where meals are to be provided.

DOCUMENTS:

Documents will be prepared as shown in Standing Orders A.I.F., Chap. VIII, para 159. A.A.F. T.51, sheet 1, will be used and will be prepared in quadruplicate. This Form will be completed immediately prior to entraining.

R.T.O. will check these Forms and direct Sister in charge to hand same to Embarkation Staff Officer, E. Comd.

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS:

A.A.F. A.206 will be used as Nominal Roll. Officer in charge Northern Command Records Office will arrange for checking of Roll at Interstate Station.

EMBARKATION CARDS:

A.A.F. W.47 will be issued to personnel by 1 M.D.A.O.

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EMBARKATION KITS:

Australian Comforts Fund has arranged to place on board Transport a supply of kits for all personnel.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS:

The despatch of telegrams at Railway Stations is strictly forbidden, except in cases of extreme urgency, and then only with approval of the Sister in charge Draft.

Letters must not be thrown from trains or ships or posted on the journey.

Facilities for posting of correspondence will be provided by Embarkation Staff, Eastern Command.

All personnel departing with this Force are to be instructed to arrange for their correspondence to be addressed -

No.
Rank
Name
Unit

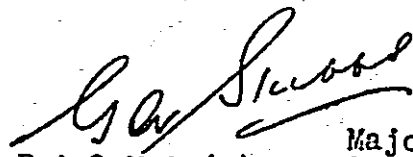
Emu Force.

Upon arrival at destination the postal arrangements for the Force will conform with those in operation for other units in the locality.

SECRECY:

Care must be taken by all concerned to preserve secrecy regarding destination, dates and times of movement.

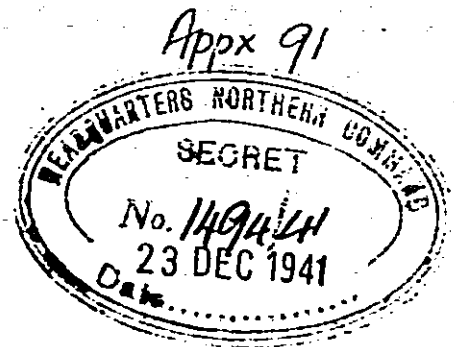
On arrival at Sydney the Sister in Charge will report to R.T.O. for direction to Embarkation Staff Officer, where she will report with her party.


Major,
D.A.Q.M.G. (M), N. Comd.

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8. D.A.D.O.S. (M)
9. D.A.A.G. (Major Burrell)
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11. Principal Matron
12. 1 M.D.A.O.
13. N.C.R.O.
14. D.A.P.M.
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16. E. Comd. (Airmail)
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18. R.T.O., Sydney (Airmail)
19. Sister A.R. Bonner (Draft Conducting Sister)
20. Major F.W. Robinson
21. Stationery Officer
22. D.A.D. (Posts)
23. 1 Labour Coy
24. A.D.S. & T.
25. Entertainments Officer
26. State Censor (Prof. Stable)
27. State Publicity Censor
28. N. Comd. War Diary
- 29-32. File.

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MIG1230 22/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 13 TO
1200 HOURS 22ND DECEMBER STOP

1. MALAYA STOP ENEMY PESSURE GROUND SLIGHT STOP KUANTAN BOMBED
MACHINE GUNNED LEAFLETS DROPPED STOP ENEMY AIR CRAFT OPERATING
FROM ALORSTAR STOP TRENGGANU STOP 400 JAPANESE IN CAPTURED
BRITISH MOTOR TRANSPORT REPORTED STOP 5 JAPANESE SOLDIERS
SHOT IN HIRED CARS NORTH KEMAMAN 30 MILES NORTH KUANTAN STOP
2. HONG KONG STOP JAPANESE ON ISLAND STOP POSITION OBSCURE STOP
MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS SUNK 2 ENEMY VESSELS SMALL AIR ACTIVITY
HEAVY SHELLING STOP CIVILIANS CALM FIFTH COLUMN OPERATIONS
INCREASING STOP
3. DUTCH BOMBED HAAD YAI RAIL JUNCTION 20 MILES S.E. SINGORA STOP
4. JAPANESE USING LEGASPI VIGAN APARRI AERODROME FOR FIGHTERS STOP
AMERICAN 101 DIVISION CONTACTING ENEMY DAVAO STOP TAKE ISLAND
TWO MORE AIR RAIDS STOP SUBMARINE ATTACKS MAINLY NIGHT 4
AMERICAN SHIPS CALIFORNIAN COAST ONE SUNK

(ADDRESSED MILCOMAND BRISBANE MILCOMAND PERTH MILDISTRICT
DARWIN MILDISTRICT MCKESBY MILCOL DUNTRON)

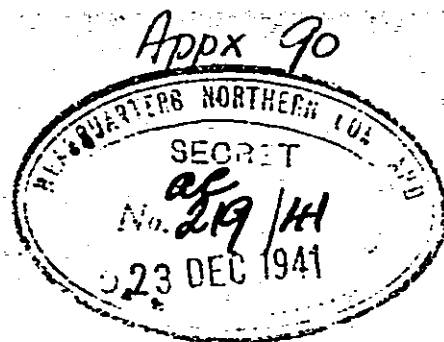
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BRISBANE

A1258 22/12 REFERENCE YOUR a5698 DECEMBER 20TH ASSUMING
TOTAL OFFICERS 209 WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED ADVISE DATE BY WHICH
YOU EXPECT ALL JAPANESE INTERNERS EXCLUDING REPEAT EXCLUDING
THURSDAY ISLAND WILL BE CONCENTRATED AT GAYTHORNE READY FOR
MOVEMENT TO PERMANENT CAMPS ALSO ANTICIPATED FINAL NUMBERS
GROUPS ONE AND TWO

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2357 hrs 23 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	23 Dec.	0100	A.H.Q. Telegram re concentration of internees at GAYTHORNE	A.H.Q. Telegram A1258 (Appx 90) Admin.
		0100	A.H.Q. Review of situation No 13 to 1200 hrs. 22 Dec 41	A.H.Q. Telegram M/G 1230. (Appx 91) Admin.
		1000	Movement-EMU Force	N.Comd. 04780 Secret 1422/41. (Appx 92) Admin.
		1115	War Diary	N.Comd. 04819 Secret 1460/41 (Appx 93) Admin.
		1305	Order of Battle (Provisional) Mobilization	N.Comd. No 04812 Admin. Secret 1483/41 (Appx 94)
		1411	A.H.Q. Telegram re plans for A.A. Layout.	A.H.Q. Telegram M/G 1285. (Appx 95) Admin.
		1650.	A.H.Q. Telegrams re Aliens control	A.H.Q. Telegram M/G. 1279 (Appx 96) Admin.

WAA 2104

DIGEST NO.7

DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO.70
Information received up to 0800 hrs. 22 Dec 41 (Monday).
(Combined with A.H.I. Review With Information up to
1200 hrs. 22 Dec 41).

- (1) MALAYA: Enemy pressure ground slight(?). KUANTAN bombed and machine gunned, leaflets also dropped. Enemy aircraft are now operating from ALORSTAR. At TRENGGANU 400 Japanese reported in captured British motor transport. 5 Japanese soldiers shot in hired cars north of ~~KEMMAN~~ KEMMAN, 30 miles north of KUANTAN. (Comment: *Japanese intention to capture groups is indicated*)
- (2) HONG KONG: Motor torpedo boats sank two enemy vessels. Fifth column operations increasing. "Courier Mail" 8 a.m. 24/12 reports Japanese in possession of Eastern half of the island except for scattered British Posts. Advance guard of Chinese forces now only thirtyseven miles from HONG KONG.
- (1) MALAYA: Further to the above 1600 21/12. British troops have successfully dis-engaged from the KRIAN RIVER and are re-organising on the PERAK RIVER. The enemy advance has slowed down and numbers of our missing are returning to their Units. An encounter at K GRIK-KANGSAR ROAD north of IPOH following the PERAK RIVER, resulted in enemy force being wiped out. DUTCH bombed the HAAD YAI rail junction south-east SINGORA in southern THAILAND.
- (3) PHILIPPINES: Japanese using Legaspi, Vigan, and APARRI AERODROMES for fighters. The American 101 Division is contacting enemy at DAVAO. Wake Island twice bombed from air; 0745 National News 24/12 states that it is officially admitted the Japanese have effected a landing.
- (4) BORNEO: SINGAWANG BORNEO AERODROME bombed 19/12; no damage. Japanese aircraft used DUTCH markings during raid on PONTIANAK 19/12. Raid made on enemy shipping off MIRRI 18/12, one hit and two near misses on large vessel, possibly seaplane tender.
- (5) THAILAND: Japanese land station at JAP broadcast in Morse conclusion of a JAPAN - THAILAND 10 year Alliance Pact. Pledging mutual respect for sovereignty of both countries and mutual aid by all means available in case of armed conflict with a third power. Drafting of the Pact was said to have been begun on the 11/12.
- (6) AUSTRALIA STATION: KOBPAHC report of submarine on 20/12 now graded D.S. KRUZKA report of unidentified plane 19/12 (GULF OF CARP NTARIA) now graded C.S. Unreliable report of four submarines off CERAM, DUTCH MOLUCCAS. Unidentified air craft sighting at LOU in ADMIRALTY ISLANDS just north of MANDATE NEW GUINEA. Norwegian tanker SEIRSTAD reports seeing lights on FORBES ISLAND on morning Monday 15/12. This island is about 20 miles south of CAPE GREENVILLE in CAPE YORK PENINSULA and is normally uninhabited. Navy is investigating.

Suggested procedure following aircraft sighting at NAMATANAI. A report from NAMATANAI on NEW ISLAND near RABAUL, advises that a large unidentified plane was travelling approximately south-west over N. at 0920K/ 21/12.

Comment: This report is regarded as an excellent example of an opportunity for immediate action by the local C.D.H. The sighting at 0920K at N. on a south-west course indicated the enemy plane was heading towards RABAUL. The reporting signal to A.C.H. TOWNSVILLE indicated plenty of time for interception - this signal

- (6) AUSTRALIA STATION: (Contd) was sent by H.I.O. RABAU. It is considered the following procedure should have been carried out:- Navy RABAU inform Air Intelligence RABAU immediately by telephone. Air Intelligence RABAU inform air craft by telephone. Planes take off immediately and gain height for interception.
No advice has yet been received as to what action was taken.

- (7) GENERAL: (i) Midget Submarine. Probably minimum range of a launched Midget Submarine is 100 miles. As far as possible all important ships, including Merchant Vessels should be berthed as far up harbour as practicable. Defence measures which should be instituted are- (a) Patrol by maximum number of Surface Vessels within the Harbour entrance with the object of detecting periscopes during approach. (b) Air craft reconnaissance with the object of intercepting parent craft.
- (ii) Enemy Air Tactics. Japanese aircraft are reported to be using small flare bombs in strings of 6 or 8. They explode on impact, give off a flash, and produce a smoke cloud.
- (iii) Japanese Landing Craft. Power driven barges with a speed of 10 knots, no armament yet observed. Armoured power boats with a speed of 25 knots, 1.303 in turret first forward of midships, operates through 360° with maximum elevation of 60°.

H.Q. Northern Command.
1015 hrs. 22/12/41 (F.W.R.)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane,
22 Dec 41.

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NORTHERN COMMAND ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 4.

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EMU FORCE.

(Reference A.H.Q. telegram A.947 of 18 Dec 41).

In confirmation of verbal instructions, the numbers required to complete War Establishment, which were promulgated in Northern Command Administrative Instructions Nos. 2 and 3 with regard to the following Unit, will be deleted and the particulars shown herein inserted:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Numbers required to complete</u>			<u>Officer responsible for raising and Remarks.</u>
		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Camp Hospital, Moresby (201 beds)	IV/65/1	14	- 5 3	- 22	A.A.N.S. Stretcher bearers Drivers, M.T. To be raised by A.D.M.S.

Handwritten signature: A. Shurgan
Colonel,
Officer i/c Administration,
Northern Command.

Handwritten signature: L. M. ...

AKG:BMM (19/12)

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A.A.S.C. (L of C)

LOAN OF DRIVERS TO V.R.D.

Will you please arrange for six (6) drivers M.T. to be attached for temporary duty to V.R.D. The men should report to O.C., V.R.D., at 0745 hours, Friday, 19 Dec 41.

It is noted that action has already been completed.

W. H. Martson
Lt.-Col.,
A.D.S. & T., N. Comd.

Copy to - V.R.D. (for information)

WAR DIARY - ATTENTION LIEUT. LUCAS

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A 5713 REFERENCE S N 15641 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY
A I F FURTHER PERSONNEL ONE OFFICER 28 OTHER RANKS AVAILABLE
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RAILWAY DEPARTMENT CAN CONVENIENTLY ARRANGE PLEASE APPROVE

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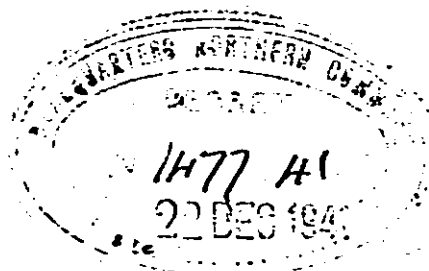
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MIG1188 21ST DECEMBER 2300ST STOP A.R.Q. SITUATION REVIEW NUMBER 12 TO 1200 HOURS DECEMBER 21ST STOP ADDRESSED MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE SYDNEY PERTH MELBOURNE MILDISTRICTS DARWIN YORKSBY STOP

1. MILITARY SITUATION MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP 12 BRIGADE KUALA KANGSAR STOP 6 AND 15 BRIGADES OTHER DIVISION TROOPS REORGANISING IPON AREA STOP 1 BATTALION 28 BRIGADE SELAMA ON KRIAN RIVER STOP ENEMY REACHED MAHANG ON KRIAN RIVER 10 MILES NORTH SELAMA MORNING DECEMBER 20TH STOP NO CONTACTS BETWEEN HERE AND COAST STOP 11 INDIAN DIVISION HQ HOLDS AS A RESULT KURAU RIVER 7 MILES SOUTH KRIAN RIVER STOP 2 AIR RAIDS IPON STOP NUMBERS MISSING TROOPS REJOINING DAILY STOP ENEMY ADVANCE RATE SLOWED STOP GENERAL POLICY HOLD ENEMY WEST PERAK RIVER STOP KLANG STOP CONTACT KACHANG NIGHT 19/20 STOP
2. BORNEO STOP DUTCH BOMBERS CLAIM HIT CRUISER AND LARGE VESSEL. MIHI STOP BORNEO DETACHMENTS ARRIVED SINGAPORE STOP REPAIRING AUCTION AERODROME STOP END PART ONE PART TWO FOLLOWING

SITUATION REVIEW PART 2 STOP

3. BURMA STOP NO SIGNS ACTIVITY AERODROME VICTORIA POINT STOP
4. THAILAND STOP INDICATIONS STRENGTHENING BRIDGES RAIL LAMPANG CHEROMAI STOP
5. HONG KONG STOP DEEP ENEMY PENETRATION V/T STATION ABANDONED SITUATION APPEARS CONFUSED STOP
6. TIENTSIN STOP DUTCH TROOPS OCCUPIED TOWN DILLI INDEPENDENT COMPANY WEST SIDE DILLI AND AERODROME STOP
7. FIRST EVACUEES MCRESBY 650 WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEFT DECEMBER 20TH STOP JAPANESE SMALL PLANE BOMBS PROBABLY STRING 6 OR 8 EXPLODED WITH FLASH PRODUCE SMOKE CHOCOLATE COLOUR STAINS STOP PENDING INVESTIGATION DO NOT TOUCH

(Army Melbourne)

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1. G.O.C.
2. Col. 1/c. Adm.
3. G.S.O.
4. A.A. & Q.M.G.
5. A.Q.M.G.
6. A.A.C.
7. File
8. War Diary

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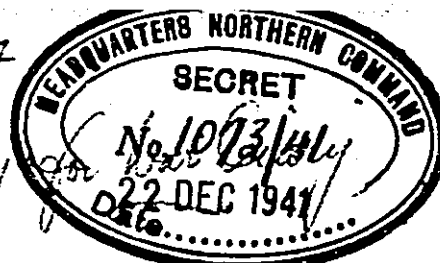
Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs. 22 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	22 Dec	0003	A.H.Q. Review of Situation No 12 up to 1200 hrs 21 Dec 41	A.H.Q. Telegram MI/G 1188 (Appx 85) <i>Admcl.</i>
		1500.	N. Comd Telegram re. movement of tps.	N. Comd. A 5713. (Appx 86) <i>Admcl.</i>
		1505.	Loan of drivers to V.R.D.	N. Comd. 56006. (Appx 87) <i>Admcl.</i>
		1513	N. Comd. Adm. Instruction No 4	N. Comd. 04753 Secret. 1422/41. (Appx 88) <i>Admcl.</i>
		1520	Bigest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 70 based on information received to 0800 hrs 22 Dec 41	(Appx 89) <i>Admcl.</i>

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

MGO.1165 20/12 RECONNAISSANCE PARTY 7th MILITARY DISTRICT
KETCH AROETTA REFERENCE ARMY MEMORANDUM S.M.13390 OF 17th.
OCTOBER 41 STOP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR EASTERN
COMMAND TO PURCHASE LOCALLY AND FORWARD BY AIR MAIL DIRECT
TO SQUADRON LEADER THOMPSON AT TOWNSVILLE ONE SEXTANT AND ONE
CHRONOMETER STOP COVERING VOUCHERS WILL BE FORWARDED YOU BY
EASTERN COMMAND

..... ARMY MELBOURNE

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PRIORITY

11 INF BDE
TOWNSVILLE

OS 5700 47 TONS AMMUNITION FOR JELLHEIM RAILED 19TH DECEMBER
STOP CONDUCTOR AND THREE PRIVATES ACCOMPANYING STOP PLEASE ARRANGE
HANDLING PARTIES AND TRANSPORT TO ORDNANCE DEPOT

NYLCONTARD BRISBAIE

21 DEC 1941

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DIGEST NO. 6

DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 69
Information received up to 0400 hrs. 21 Dec 41 (Sunday).
 (Combined with A.H.C. Review with Information up to
 1200 hrs. 21 Dec 41).

- (1) Malaya: Military situation: 12th Brigade at PHALA RANGSAR. 6th and 15th Brigades and other Division troops re-organising in IPOH area. One battalion of 22th Brigade at PHALA on the KRIAN RIVER. Enemy reached KAMPONG on the KRIAN RIVER, 10 miles north of PHALA on 20/12. 11th Indian Division now holds KIRAU RIVER 7 miles south of KRIAN RIVER. Two air raids on IPOH. Numbers of missing troops rejoining daily. The general policy is to hold the enemy west of the PERAK RIVER.
 - (2) THAILAND: Indications of strengthening of rail bridges at KAMPONG and SINGHAI in north-west THAILAND.
 - (3) HOUEI KONG: Deep enemy penetration, H/T STATION abandoned.
 - (4) THUR: Dutch troops occupy the town of BIRI; the Independent Company occupy west side of BIRI and Aerodrome.
 - (5) BRUNEI: Enemy air attack against PORT BLAIR, (Dutch Post) Borneo, 19/12, caused severe damage. Enemy also landed east of KUALA BINTU (in SARAWAK).
 - (6) PHILIPPINES: MANILA bombed 19/12, ground activity increasing. (From 8 a.m. War News "Courier Mail" 20/12: "A US report a new landing in the PHILIPPINES at MANILA BAY with troops numbering 80,000 to 100,000.")
 - (7) ANTRALIAN ISLAND: Reconnaissance GRIZZARD 12 AND reveals 4 CAMPAIS in Harbour and two double float aeroplanes. Submarine reported off KOTPAID (DUTCH TIGER) 20/12, east of PANDA 19/12; latter report graded H.C. Further plane reports from KOTPAID East of PANDA.
- CHIEF OF GARDIANIA: Unidentified aircraft heard for about twenty minutes on 19/12 at WAGGARA STATION 20 miles south of PANDA, near HERRINGTON. Reliable observers, report graded C.4.
- Unidentified aircraft BICK RAIN ISLAND (CHIEF OF GARDIANIA, between GROSS EXCHANGE and CAMP BARRON.) Not sighted by native with Japanese aboard early 19/12. The form of the report: "The plane was flying round the bay where the ship was anchored" indicates the type of enemy reconnaissance which may be expected in this area.
- (8) EVACUATION FROM PACIFIC ISLANDS: Evacuation of NON-AMERICAN personnel from HONDA completed. Ship from BARKIN for HONDA ISLAND bringing evacuees from BARKIN and collecting others and internees from HERRING ISLAND. Evacuation ship also had left PORT HERRING for BRISBANE.
 - (9) GENERAL: Admiralty advises that in order to avoid confusion a type of small submarine which is navigated from outside should be referred to as a "Human Torpedo". The term "Midget Submarine" should be used only to refer to a small submarine which carries its crew internally, and is usually 20 feet in length. The term "Explosive Motor Boats" should be used for small motor boats with explosive charges in the bows as used by the Italians at GRYTS.
- From LONDON B.B.C. News 1100 hrs. 23/12. Mr. CHURCHILL had arrived in GENEVA and conferred with President RO. WILSON on War Strategy.
- 1100 hrs. 23/12/41 (S.B.C.)

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Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane,
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NORTHERN COMMAND ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 5.

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V.D.C. PERSONNEL - FULL TIME DUTY.

(Reference A.H.Q. telegrams G.364 of 13 Dec 41, A.683 of 16 Dec 41, A.735 of 16 Dec 41 and A.958 of 19 Dec 41)

1. Approval has been given for 800 members of the V.D.C., Northern Command, to be called up on full time duty. The V.D.C. Units concerned, the number of personnel to be raised by each Unit and their allotted tasks are as follows:-

(a) Coast Observation.

<u>V.D.C. Bn.</u>	<u>No. Required on F.T.D.</u>
2 Bn.	10
4 Bn.	10
5 Bn.	30
6 Bn.	30
10 Bn.	40
11 Bn.	40
12 Bn.	40
13 Bn.	60
15 Bn.	40
16 Bn.	60
17 Bn.	90
18 Bn.	40
21 Bn.	40
T.I. Coy.	15
<u>Total</u>	<u>- 545</u>

Note: These personnel will maintain a close liaison with P.M.G. personnel organised throughout coastal areas by the District Naval Officer, Brisbane.

Ken McKeown

(b) Other Essential Duties.

V.D.C. Bn.	No. Required on F.T.D.	Task
1 Bn.	33	Protection of ARCHERFIELD Aerodrome.
9 Bn.	33	Protection of AMBERLEY Aerodrome
10 Bn.	13	Protection of BUNDABERG Aerodrome
11 Bn.	13	Protection of MARYBOROUGH Aerodrome
13 Bn.	13	Protection of ROCKHAMPTON Aerodrome
13 Bn.	13	Protection of GLADSTONE Aerodrome
15 Bn.	13	Protection of MACKAY Aerodrome
16 Bn.	33	Protection of TOWNSVILLE Aerodrome
16 Bn.	13	Protection of BOWEN Aerodrome
17 Bn.	13	Protection of CAIRNS Aerodrome
17 Bn.	13	Protection of COOKTOWN Aerodrome
17 Bn.	13	Protection of COEN Aerodrome
21 Bn.	13	Protection of CLONCURRY Aerodrome
T.I. Coy	13	Protection of HORN IS. Aerodrome
1 Bn.	13	Protection of ROCKLEA Munition Factory
	255	

Note: 653 rifles and 50 rounds per rifle S.A.A. have been issued to the V.D.C. Bns. listed in (b) for the protection of these R.A.A.F. Establishments.

2. These personnel do not include Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.Os already authorised for Group and Battalion Headquarters.

3. Personnel called up on full time duty will not include persons liable for service under Classes I, II and III of Section 60 of the Defence Act, unless they have been granted exemption.

4. Persons who are in reserved occupations, as defined on the List of Reserved Occupations, are not to be called up on full time duty. The nearest Area Officer or Man Power Officer may be referred to for advice in this matter.

5. Particulars of rates of pay, allowances and conditions of service will be issued as soon as possible.

6. Personnel will be medically boarded and the minimum standard of medical fitness will be as laid down in M.B.I. A.53 of 1941, viz. Class IIB. Medical Boards to be arranged by D.D.M.S., Northern Command.

In cases where members have already been medically examined strictly in accordance with Army procedure, the D.D.M.S. may approve of another re-examination being restricted to doubtful cases.

7. Personnel will be drawn from areas adjacent to their place of duty.

8. (a) Records Procedure: Immediately following Medical Boarding on A.A.F. D.1 and acceptance for full time duty, each member of the V.D.C. so accepted will be issued with an Army number from the block of numbers which will be allotted to the Unit by Northern Command Records Office.
- (b) On completion of Medical Board and allotment of number, the A.A.F. D.1 and the member's V.D.C. Enrolment Form will be immediately forwarded to Northern Command Records Office with a covering Form Mob. 2 in duplicate.
- (c) An additional copy of Form Mob. 2 will be forwarded to 1 M.D. Accounts Office.
- (d) A.A.F. W.3011 will be submitted direct to Northern Command Records Office on those days on which casualties occur, and it will be ensured that this form will always be submitted for the period from the submission of the previous return to midnight Sunday.

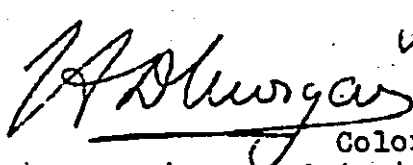
When Casualty Returns are prepared, care must be taken to ensure that the date of the previous return and the date of compilation of the present return are entered in the places provided.

Each Casualty Return will be numbered in rotation at the top left corner.

Units must prepare Casualty Returns promptly and despatch to Northern Command Records Office without delay.

Units north of Mackay will despatch Casualty Returns by Air Mail.

As A.A.F. W.3011 is the basis of Unit Part II Orders issued by Northern Command Records Office, care will be taken to ensure that all particulars of personnel taken on strength, struck off strength, transfers, promotions, leave with or without pay, reversions, sickness etc. are entered thereon with all necessary detail.

 Lt Col
for
Colonel,
Officer i/c Administration,
Northern Command.

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PRIORITY

FIXDEF THURSDAY ISLAND

A.5698 20/12 THE FOLLOWING HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ARMY
MELBOURNE AND IS FORWARDED FOR NECESSARY ACTION STOP MESSAGE
BEGINS A.1136 20/12 MOST SECRET STOP 1st.STOP ALL JAPANESE
INTERNEES THURSDAY ISLAND APPROXIMATELY 40 GROUP ONE 275
GROUP TWO TOTAL 315 WILL EMBARK ZEALANDIA ABOUT 22nd DECEMBER
41 FOR MOVEMENT TO SYDNEY STOP ESCORT ALREADY ON BOARD STOP
FOLLOWING ACTION NECESSARY STOP 2nd.STOP TO ACCOMPANY
INTERNEES IN TRIPLICATE EACH GROUP SEPARATELY COMPLY ALIENS
CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS NUMBER 13 AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE STOP
3rd.STOP IMPERATIVE INTERNEES AND HAND BAGGAGE BE THOROUGHLY
SEARCHED BEFORE EMBARKATION FOR MONEY WEAPONS PROHIBITED
ARTICLES INCLUDING MAPS STOP FURNISH RECEIPTS TO INTERNEES
FOR MONEY AND VALUABLES WHICH MUST BE LISTED IN DUPLICATE
STOP 4th.STOP BAGGAGE NOT CARRIED BY INTERNEES TO BE LOCKED
LABELLED LISTED IN DUPLICATE AND SECURELY GUARDED AGAINST
PILLAGE OR DAMAGE ON VOYAGE STOP 5th.STOP ON ARRIVAL THURSDAY
ISLAND O.C. ESCORT ZEALANDIA WILL BE FURNISHED WITH COPY OF
THIS MESSAGE AND WILL SIGN FOR ALL BODIES MONEY VALUABLES
BAGGAGE AND DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY HIM AND WILL OBTAIN RECEIPTS
FROM WHARF GUARD EASTERN COMMAND ON DISEMBARKATION STOP 6th.
STOP TELEGRAPH NUMBERS EACH GROUP EMBARKED STOP ADDRESSED
MILCOMMAND BRISBANE REPEATED MILCOMMAND SYDNEY MESSAGE ENDS

..... MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

NORTHERN COMMAND CIPHER ROOM	
21 DEC. 1941	
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Ronald Littlejohn
for G-1(I)

War Diary

22 DEC 1941

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PIA
22/12/41

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 21 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	21 Dec.	0115	N. Comd. Telegram addrd THURSDAY ISLAND. re	N. Comd Telegram
			embarkation of JAPANESE internees at THURSDAY ISLAND.	A5698 (Appx 80) Admcls.
		1115	N. Comd Adm. Instruction No 5	N. Comd C4754 Secret.
				1450/41. (Appx 81) Admcls.
		1200	Digest of C.C.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 69 based on information received to 0800 hrs. 21 Dec 41.	(Appx 82) Admcls.
		1846	N. Comd Telegram addrd. 11 Inf Bde. re sailing of amv.	N. Comd Telegram C55700
				(Appx 83) Admcls.
		2015.	AHQ Telegram re. forwarding one sextant and one chronometer to Sqn. Ldr THOMSON.	AHQ Telegram MGC. 1165
				(Appx 84) Admcls.

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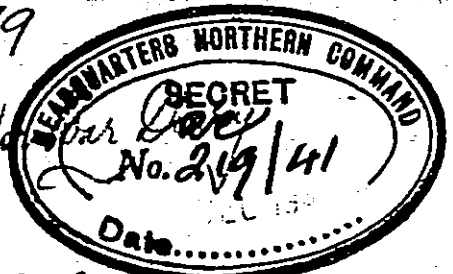
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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

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TIA.213 20/12 REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM A.5652 19th DECEMBER
STOP FOUR LEADERS MENTIONED HAVE GIVEN VALUABLE ASSISTANCE
CAMP MANAGEMENT AND INTERPRETERS STOP HAVE BEEN UNABLE GIVE
ATTENTION OWN SHOPS AS A RESULT STOP REQUEST THEY BE PERMITTED
REMAIN NEXT DRAFT TO FINALISE BUSINESS STOP REPLY URGENTLY
REQUIRED

NORTHERN COMMAND
CIPHER ROOM

20 DEC. 1941

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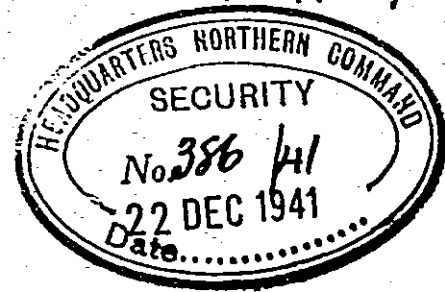
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G.1167 20/12 REFERENCE YOUR A.5658 19/12 FIRST REINFORCEMENTS
3 INDEPENDENT COMPANY TOO LATE INCLUSION OPERATION INSTRUCTION 25
STOP MAKE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE INSPECTION CAPTAIN GARVEY LEAVING
SYDNEY FOR BRISBANE FOR BALANCE DRAFT 4 INDEPENDENT COMPANY
SUNDAY.

..... ARMY MELBOURNE

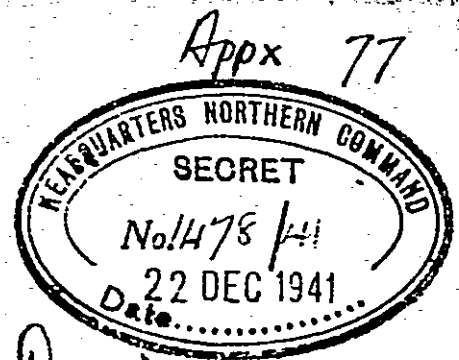
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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

A.1141 20/12 SECRET STOP S.M.8939 JULY 26th.CANCELLED
STOP REVISED A.I.P. REINFORCEMENT SCHEDULE BEING DESPATCHED
UNDER COVER S.M.16066 DECEMBER 20th.WITH INSTRUCTIONS
ORGANISE FORTHWITH THREE REPEAT THREE REINFORCEMENTS ALL
UNITS MALAYA STOP THESE TO BE FORMED EXTENT POSSIBLE
EXCLUSIVE REPEAT EXCLUSIVE OF PERSONNEL ALLOCATED CONVOY
U.S.14 MAXIMUM AVAILABLE WITH THREE MONTHS TRAINING BE
INCLUDED IN FIRST TWO REINFORCEMENTS FORMED FOR MALAYA

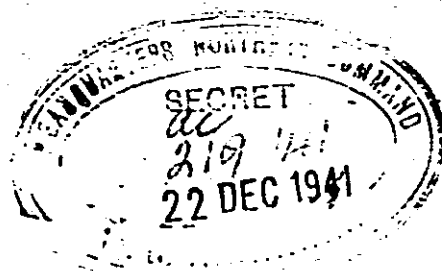
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A.1136 20/12 MOST SECRET STOP 1st.STOP ALL JAPANESE
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COMMAND ON DISEMBARKATION STOP 6th.STOP TELEGRAPH NUMBERS EACH
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MILCOMMAND SYDNEY

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Repeated for action to FIXDEF THURSDAY ISLAND A.5698 20/12
on authority G11(I)

Ronald [Signature]
Lieut. 20/12

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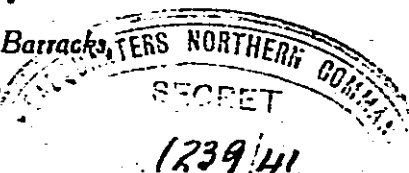
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Army Headquarters

ORDER OF BATTLE (PROV.) MOB. - 115 RES. M.T. COY.

Reference A.H.Q. S.M.16238 of 11 Dec 41.

As it is not intended at present to proceed with the formation of N.Cord. M.T. Coy., A.A.S.C. (Air Formation), vide A.H.Q. S.M.16384 of 12 Dec 41, the complete 115 Res. M.T. Coy. will be required in the NORTH QUEENSLAND Operational Sector to carry out its normal Army role and also to supply ammunition, bombs (vide Army telegram Q.499 of 14 Dec), rations and petrol to the R.A.A.F.

2. The percentage (%) marking against 115 Res. M.T. Coy. has been deleted, vide A.H.Q. S.M.15655 of 28 Nov 41, but Army telegram A.372 of 13 Dec included this unit in the list of those which will remain at existing strength.

5. As these instructions are at variance, it is requested that the percentage marking against 115 Res. M.T. Coy. be finally deleted, when this unit will be raised to War Establishment as soon as possible.

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Major-General,
G.O.C., Northern Command.

Copy: Col. i/c Adm.
G.S.O.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
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New Mission

DIGEST NO. 5

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DIGEST OF C. S. I. C. OPERATIONAL DATA MONTHLY REPORT NO. 68.

Information Received up to 0800 hrs. 20 Dec 41 (Saturday).
(Combined with A. H. C. Review Information up to 1200 hrs.
20 Dec 41)

- (1) Malaya: Penang - All military personnel, British volunteers, some Malay volunteers, British civil Police and officials have been evacuated. All guns have been destroyed, remaining vehicles damaged, the PMA powerhouse blown up and the aerodrome destroyed. The majority of first-line transport and ammunition saved. In PERAK troops are contacting the enemy on the road from KUALA KANGSAR to GRIP. The 11th Indian Div. and 18th Bde. have withdrawn a line to PERAK River without interference. On Eastern MALAY front in KUALA PATROL contacted enemy near KUALA night of 19/19 - railway undamaged.
- (2) Philippines: Pilots of B-17's. Flying Fortresses BOMBED American planes who arrived at DAVOH 18th (Thursday) from the PHILIPPINES report initial enemy high level bombing most accurate. Later operations less effective. 2 B-17's shot down. Picric acid used in bombs - main losses from low-level machine-gun fire on inadequately dispersed aircraft. Approximately 16 B-17's now serviceable, including 10 at DAVOH. Enemy fighters operating from MIGHT (?) LUNOW and LEGASPI hold large numerical superiority. Enemy anti-aircraft fire from warships accurate at 35,000 feet. Land operations considered satisfactory. Philippine morale high.
- (3) BURMA: Troops from VICTORIA POINT are now at MENDI about 150 miles north.
- (4) Borneo: MOUNTAIN in SARAWAK bombed, also PORT KAITUMA on the West Coast of Borneo.
- (5) Australian Station: Attack on GREENICH IS. (NORTH AUSTRALIA) SOUTH CAROLINA IS. Dec encountered accurate A.A. fire. Estimated 3 A.A. guns at least and 1,000 personnel; 3 seaplanes present on the island. Unidentified aircraft off KIERA, BURGATHWILLER ISLAND at 0530 hrs. 19th Dec. Now established that S.S. HUGH SLIVER STAR was responsible for the NIGRAH sighting but not for reports from SARAWAK. (See below)
3 natives of BUNU, South West PAPUA, alleged they heard an aeroplane engine at 1230 19/12. Advice from KIRORI, South PAPUA, states an unseen plane heard at 0100 19/12. Comment: Allowing for a slight time error 1 machine could be responsible for both these sightings. MENDI RIVER natives, East of PT. MURSEBY, report having seen 2 powerful searchlights sweeping sides off MOONBY POINT on night of 16th and 17th. This report, coupled with that of an unidentified ship off SARAWAK on 16th, resembling a cruiser, could indicate a unit moving Westward along the coast of PAPUA towards TORRES STRAIT.
Other sightings TORRESIA IS., East of PAPUA, aeroplane engine heard 2200 15/12. MENTAGATEWAU area, East PAPUA, report submarine of unknown nationality. MINTHA (LOHI LADIS) South-East of PAPUA, reports floating mine.
- (6) ADJACENT AREAS: MENDI etc. 4 engine aircraft high over MENDI on 19/12. Submarine course in vicinity observed for approximately 1 hour. U.S. destroyers at MENDI, in SLEEK, bombed by B-4 engine aircraft 17/12. 5 unidentified ships off MENDI at 0300 18/12. Submarine reported off South coast BUNU in COLUMBIA 17/12.
- (7) General: It is reported that all Japanese transports in the CHINA SEA are provided with A.A. on a very large scale. The T.97 Japanese planes operating off CHINA are reported to mount 3 37 m.m. cannon guns in a turret between rudder.

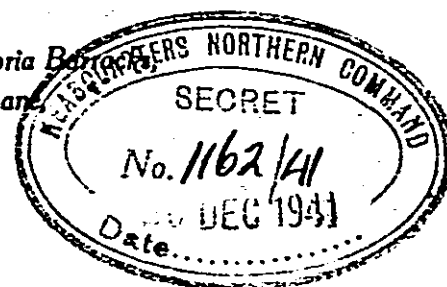
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Victoria Barracks
BrisbaneArmy Headquarters.
-----REVISION OF ORDER OF BATTLE - ORDNANCE UNITS -
NORTHERN COMMAND

Reference N.Comd. telegram G.5425 of 12 Dec 41.

The following Ordnance Units are urgently required in N.Comd. as at present no Ordnance L. of C. Units exist on the O. of B.

1. Four Brigade Group Ordnance Workshops.

- (a) One each for 7 Inf Bde Gp, 11 Inf Bde Gp, 29 Inf Bde Gp and 1 Cav Bde Gp.
- (b) It is suggested that by adding the following to each Armament (A.2) Section for repair of Small Arms (W.E. II/18/1), the necessity of forming a special (B.2) S.A. Section will be eliminated and make the Section more flexible:

Armourers 5
Driver Mechanic 1

with one Store Lorry fitted as an Armoury.

- (c) One copy of this proposed establishment is forwarded, attached.

2. Four Brigade Group Ordnance Field Parks.

- (a) One each for 7 Inf Bde Gp, 11 Inf Bde Gp, 29 Inf Bde Gp and 1 Cav Bde Gp.
- (b) War Establishment II/19/1 is suitable.

3. One N.Comd. Ordnance Ammunition Coy.

- (a) A copy of the proposed War Establishment for this unit is forwarded, attached.

4. It is requested that early consideration be given to the inclusion of these Units on N.Comd. O. of B., as some further time must elapse before the personnel are raised, equipped and trained.

Major-General,
G.O.C., Northern Command.

Copy: Col. 1/c Adm.
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A.A.G. (Memo. only)
A.Q.M.G. " "
A.D.O.S. " "

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Col. M. J. Moore

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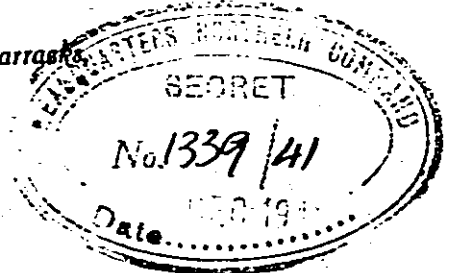
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Victoria Barracks
Brisbane,



Army Headquarters.

PROTECTION OF ARMY AND AIR FORCE STOCKS OF PETROL AND OIL

Reference A.H.Q. S.M.15957 of 5 Dec 41.

The Managers of the different Oil Coys. in QUEENSLAND advise, that acting on instructions from their head offices in MELBOURNE, they are not permitted to allow military guards to enter their premises at the different centres.

2. Grn. Bn. Guards have been stationed at the different depots containing important Army and R.A.A.F. stocks of petrol and oil, but as in most cases these personnel are not permitted to enter the grounds, it has not been possible to reduce the number of posts to the minimum, and further, the amount of patrolling necessary limits the effectiveness of the guards.

3. It is recommended that the Oil Coys. be requested to advise their QUEENSLAND Managers, that each depot superintendent should allow military guards to be posted where they can afford the maximum protection to the installation.

John G. ...
Major-General,
G.O.C., Northern Command.

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Adm. H.Q. 1 Grn Bde
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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs 20 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	20 Dec.	0935	Protection of Army and Air Force stocks of Petrol and Oil	N. Comd 04738 Sec 11339/41
		77		(Appx 72) Abms.
		1105	Revision of Order of Battle - Ordnance Units - N. Comd.	N. Comd. 04750 Sec 1162/41
				(Appx 73) Abms.
		1200	Digest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 68 based on information received up to 0800 hrs 20 Dec.	(Appx 74) Abms.
		1505	Order of Battle (Prov.) Mob - 115 Res. M. T. Coy.	N. Comd. 04739 Sec 1239/41
				(Appx 75) Abms.
		1730	Embarkation of JAPANESE Internees from THURSDAY ISLAND.	A.H.Q. Telegram A. 1136.
				(Appx 76) Abms.
		1912	A.H.Q. Telegram re reinftr.	A.H.Q. Telegram A 1141
				(Appx 77) Abms.
		2100	A.H.Q. Telegram re reinftr. 3 Ind. Coy.	A.H.Q. Telegram G. 1167.
				(Appx 78) Abms.

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

MI/G 1017 19/12 SECRET STOP A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION
NUMBER 10 TO 1200 HOURS 19th. DECEMBER STOP
1. MALAYA STOP PERAK STOP ENEMY SOME STRENGTH ATTACKED
DETACHMENTS GRIK STOP FEW REINFORCEMENTS SENT STOP THIS
ATTACK IF DEVELOPED MAY THREATEN MAIN COASTAL COMMUNICAT-
IONS STOP 3 INDIAN CORPS MAY WITHDRAW BEHIND PERAK RIVER
STOP ENEMY CROSSING CREEKS SMALL RIVERS AID INFLATABLE
RUBBER BELTS STOP PENANG WITHDRAWAL PROCEEDING STOP
KELANTAN LINE 12 MILES SOUTH NACHANG STOP
2. THAILAND STOP UNCONFIRMED REPORT 2000 JAPANESE OPPOSITE
VICTORIA POINT 6000 - 7000 WITH GUNS POSSIBLY ANTI-AIRCRAFT
PRACHUAB KIRIKHAN STOP
3. HONG KONG STOP INCREASED SHELLING BOMBING BOTH ACCURATE
STOP CIVILIAN MORALE IMPROVING RICE PROBLEM EXPECT SOLVED
FEW DAYS TIME

NORTHERN COMMAND	
CIPHER ROOM	
19 DEC. 1941	
Time of Despatch	1700
Time of Receipt	1902
Signature	CP [initials]

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2. Col. i/c. Adm. [initials]
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6. A.Q.M.G.

For War Diary

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ARMY MELBOURNE

A 5658 REFERENCE OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION 25 AND COMMAND TELEGRAM
A5142 5TH DECEMBER 1941 STOP FIRST REINFORCEMENTS 4 OFFICERS
20 OTHER RANKS 3 INDEPENDENT COMPANY NOW AVAILABLE FOR MOVEMENT
ALSO SERGEANT A A N C VIDE S N 13677 23RD OCTOBER 1941 STOP
PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY THESE PERSONNEL TO BE INCLUDED OPERATIONAL
INSTRUCTION 25

MILCOMBAND

BRISBANE

19 DEC 1941

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ARMY

MELBOURNE

A 5651 NAVAL OFFICER THURSDAY ISLAND HAS ADVISED THAT
ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO EVACUATE 220 JAPANESE INTERNEES ABOUT
24 DECEMBER STOP LAST ADVICE WAS 339 JAPANESE INTERNEES AT
THURSDAY ISLAND STOP PLEASE FURNISH ADVICE PROPOSED MOVEMENT

MILCOMBARD BRISBANE

19 DEC 1941

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DIGEST OF C. G. I. C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS NOS. 66, 67

Information Received up to 0800 hrs. 19 Dec 41 (Thursday)
(Combined with A. H. G. Review Information up to 1200 hrs
19 Dec 41).

1. MALAYA: Reconnaissance indicates one more division landed SINGORA, KETA HARU 16/12. In KEDAH withdrawal to River KRIAN proceeding. Enemy attack in an area about 22 miles South-South-West of KRON seriously affecting position in KEDAH. May threaten main Coastal communications. 3 Indian Corps may withdraw behind PERAK RIVER - enemy crossing creeks and small rivers with the aid of inflatable rubber belts. PENANG withdrawal proceeding. KUALA LUMPUR now 12 miles South of LACHANG. Reconnaissance 17/12 revealed battleship or battle cruiser, aircraft carrier, 3 cruisers, one destroyer further North on a Western route. Dutch aircraft are attacking. SINGAPORE earlier report of cable interruptions between Australia and SINGAPORE incorrect. Cables still in operation.
2. THAILAND (A.H.G.): Unconfirmed report 2000 Japanese in THAILAND opposite VICTORIA POINT; 6,000 - 7,000 with guns (possibly A.A.) at IRACHUAN KIRINIAN (East Coast THAILAND, 200 miles South BANGKOK).
3. HONG KONG: Increased shelling and bombing, both accurate; civilian morale improving. Expect solution of rice problem in a few days time.
4. AUSTRALIAN STATION: Enemy submarine attacked off KOEPANG, Dutch Timor 16/12. 2 small vessels, probably Japanese off BENA, Pajus 16/12. Planes reported over NISSAN IS. and RABAU - it is possible an aircraft or seaplane carrier is between KAPIN GANARGI (GREENWICH IS.) and RABAU (18/12). "Gull Force" arrived AMBON 17/12. I.F. troops and Dutch troops landed DILAI (Portuguese Timor) 0500 17/12 - no resistance. GILBERT ISLANDS: Ocean Is. reports that Japanese towed away Burns Philp ketch "Helina" loaded with stores - destination believed to be BOUTENTARI which is believed Japanese are making into a seaplane base. Seaplanes not flying boats, were observed over TIRAN on 14/12.
5. H. E. I.: Two Japanese aircraft probably operating from PALAU (CAROLINES) bombed SERING (DUTCH NEW GUINEA) and TERNATE 17/12. It is considered that if TOBI (in CAROLINES) is still available as a fuelling base AMBON (our air base) must be in danger of attack at any time. ~~Further indications that the Japanese are making into a seaplane base. Seaplanes not flying boats, were observed over TIRAN on 14/12.~~
6. JAPANESE MANDATED ISLANDS: Further indications that the Japanese Fourth Fleet stationed in the Mandated Islands may be preparing for operations. C. in C. Fourth Fleet apparently at sea in vicinity of TRUK. Normal strength 4 cruisers, 2 mine-layers, 8 destroyers, 2 seaplane carriers, 1 submarine depot ship, 9 submarines, additional ships probably include 4 aircraft carriers 2 8" cruisers 1 6" cruiser, 16 destroyers, 30 auxiliaries and possibly 2 battleships.
7. EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULACE: Ships will be proceeding from MORSEBY to RABAU, MORSEBY to CAIRNS and TOWNSVILLE, and from DARWIN to THURSDAY IS. in connection with the above.

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TOWNSVILLE

Q 5633 19 DEC R.A.A.F. PETROL STOCKS CHARTERS TOWERS TO BE
GUARDED AT ONCE BY 15 GRN BN.

MILCOMAND

BRISBANE

19 DEC 1941

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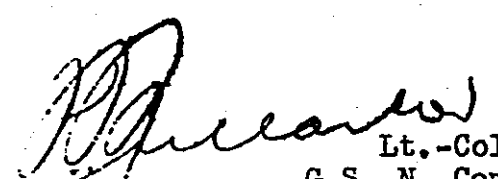
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NORTHERN COIL AND OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.17

RANGE PRACTICES - PISTOL

In order to conserve the present available stocks of pistol ammunition, no range practices will be carried out with pistols until further orders.


Lt.-Col.,
G.S. N. Comd.

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| | 6 | 11 Inf Bde (by cipher wire) |
| | 7 | 42 Bn (air mail) |
| | 8 | 47 Bn |
| | 9 | C.A.S.C. |
| | 10 | A.D.S. & T. |
| | 11 | N. Comd. Ord Depot |
| | 12 | N. Comd. Ord Workshop |
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19 DEC 1941

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 19 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	19 Dec 41	1000	N. Comd. Operation Instruction No 17	N. Comd. 04673 Serial 1445/41 (Appx 66) abmch.
		1028.	N. Comd. Telegrams re guards on R.A.A.F. petrol stocks at CHARTERS TOWERS.	N. Comd. Telegram G. 5653 (Appx 67) abmch.
		1200	Digest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Reports No 66 and 67 based on information received up to 0800 hrs 19 Dec 41.	(Appx 68) abmch.
		1625	N. Comd Telegram to A.H.Q. information re evacuation of JAPANESE Internees at THURSDAY ISLAND.	N. Comd Telegram A 5651 (Appx 69) abmch.
		1835	N. Comd Telegram to A.H.Q. re. movement of first reinforcements. 3rd. Coy.	N. Comd Telegram A 5658 (Appx 70) abmch.
		1902	A.H.Q. Review of Situation No 10 to 1200 hrs. 19 Dec. 41	A.H.Q. Telegram M1/G 1017 (Appx 71) abmch.

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MILCOMMAND

BRISBANE

Q840 18/12 REFERENCE G492 DECEMBER 15TH YOUR 147164 DECEMBER
16TH UNITS EX NORTHERN COMMAND AND SOUTHERN COMMAND WILL NOT BE
CONCENTRATED YOUR COMMAND BUT WILL MOVE DIRECT FROM NORTHERN
AND SOUTHERN COMMANDS TO STONE WALL PYRMONT FOR EMBARKATION

ARMY MELBOURNE

T.G.O. 1810

18 DEC 1941

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THURSDAY ISLAND

I.5627 INTER SERVICE STENCIL CIPHER STOP DO NOT REPEAT NOT USE
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PENDING FURTHER ADVICE

MILCOMAND BRISBANE

18 Dec 1941

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MILCOMHARD

BRISBANE

TIA 209 18/12 REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM A5600 STOP NAVAL OFFICER
IN CHARGE THURSDAY ISLAND HAS ADVISED THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
BEEN MADE TO EVACUATE 220 JAPANESE INTERNEES ABOUT 24TH DECEMBER
STOP WOULD APPRECIATE SOME DIRECTION

FIXDEF

18 DEC 1941

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BRISBANE

MI/G869 18/12 SECRET STOP OWING TO THE FACT OF POSSIBLE
COMPROMISE USE OF INTER SERVICE REPEAT INTER SERVICE STENCIL
CIPHER WILL BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL 0001 HOURS G.M.T. 1ST
JANUARY 1942 WHEN DAILY KEYS M.I.1.5.X.282/3 WILL BE BROUGHT
INTO USE WITH STENCIL NUMBER 17 REPEAT 17 STOP SECURITY OF THIS
MEANS OF COMMUNICATION SUCH THAT IT WILL BE USED WITH STRICTEST
RESERVE AND IF POSSIBLE BY CABLE

ARMY MELBOURNE

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Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
DRESSBIE.
18 DEC 41.

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A.A. & H.G.
A.A.G.
A.S.N.G.

NORTHERN COMMAND WAR DIARY

N. Comd. War Diary was commenced 2 Dec 41 and is being compiled by G.S. Branch.

2. It is requested that a copy for WAR DIARY be included by all Branches and Services on all Orders, Memoranda etc., shown hereunder:

- (i) N. Comd. Operation Orders.
- (ii) N. Comd. Operation Instructions.
- (iii) N. Comd. Administrative Instructions.
- (iv) N. Comd. Routine Orders.
- (v) Memoranda to and from A.M. affecting policy or organization.
- (vi) Intelligence Summaries and Reports.
- (vii) Other relevant correspondence.

3. As the work of recording and filing these instructions, memoranda etc., is considerable, the co-operation of all Branches and Services will be appreciated.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form.

NVO for *Hanning*
Lt.-Col.,
G.S., N. Comd.

Copy: G.O.C.
Col. i/c Adm.
G.S.O.
C.E.
S.S.O.
D.D.H.S.
A.D.O.S.
D.R.O.
1 H.D. A.O.
Staff Officer, V.D.C.
Lieut. McLucas
Chief Clerk
War Diary
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.
18 DEC 41.

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ARNICO PILLBOXES

Further to H.Comd. S.M.04214 of 28 Nov 41.

Please arrange to issue the second allotment of
40 ARNICO Pillboxes to the formations and units as shown hereunder:

<u>Formation or Unit</u>	<u>No.</u>
Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector	21
H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND Sector	2
42 Bn.	3
47 Bn.	3
11 Inf. Bde.	3
51 Bn.	3
Total	<u>40</u>

2. The necessary instructions for erection, together with
Blue Prints, will be forwarded to 42 Bn., 47 Bn. and 51 Bn.
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on
the attached form.

AVO Fleming
Lt.-Col.,
G.S., H.Comd.

Copy: Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector.
H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND Sector.

7 Inf. Bde.
11 Inf. Bde.
42 Bn.
47 Bn.
51 Bn.
H.Q. V.D.C.
H.Q. "A" Gp. V.D.C.
H.Q. "B" Gp. V.D.C.
G.O.C.
Col. i/c Adm.
G.S.O.
A.A.& S.H.C.

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A.A.G.
A.C.H.C.
Staff Officer, V.D.C.
War Diary
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WK/ILM

SECRET 995/41.
Copy No. 12
Date: 18 Dec 41.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

H.Q., A.I.D. Tng. Depots
Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector
7 Inf. Bde.
Adm. H.Q., 1 Grn. Bde.
O.C. CONAN FORT.
O.C. BRIEIE FORT
G.O.C.

Col. i/c Adm.
G.S.O.
A.A. & C.I.G.
A.A.G.
A.C.H.G.
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AMENDMENT TO N. COMD. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 12.

Reference N. Comd. S.H. 04535 of 12 Dec 41.

Amendment: Para. 3 - Line 2.
Insert "Infantry"
Between "all" and "Troops"

[Signature]

Lt.-Col.
G.S., N. Comd.

[Signature]

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

MD/Q1567 18/12 REFERENCE M5586 OF THE 17TH DECEMBER
REQUIREMENTS AS STATED IN MD/Q1532 OF 16TH DECEMBER
STRETCHER BEARERS 16 AMBULANCE DRIVERS 3 STOP ADDRESSED
MILCOMMAND BRISBANE REPEATED ARMY MELBOURNE

MILDISTRICT MORESBY

18 DEC 1941

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Headquarters, Northern Command,
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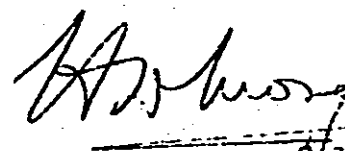
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A.A.G.
A.Q.M.G.
Chief Engineer
A.D.O.S.
A.D.S. & T.
A.D.M.S.
O.C., N. Comd. Sec. Aust. Int. Corps
D.A.P.M.
D.F.O.
D.A.D. Posts
N.C.R.O.
H.Q., 7 Inf. Bde.
H.Q., A.I.F. Tng. Depots, Redbank
N. Comd. Reception Camp
War Diary

PERSONNEL FOR 8 M.D.

In confirmation of verbal instructions, the numbers required to complete W.E., which were promulgated in N. Comd. Administrative Instruction No. 2 with regard to the following Units, will be deleted and the particulars shown herein inserted:-

Unit	W.E.	Numbers required to complete			Officer responsible for raising and Remarks
		Off.	O.R.	Total	
H.Q. 8 M.D. (Absorbs details Inf. Bde.	III/12/2	1			Lieut. O.M.E. To be raised by S.O.M.E.
		1			Lieut. Int. S.O. Canteens. Both these officers to be raised by H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde.
		1			Gas Officer. To be raised by H.Q., N. Comd.
			3		Drivers M.T.
			2		Typists
			1		Clerk
			1		Orderly.
					To be raised by H.Q., 7 Inf. Bde.
			1		S/Sgt.
			1		Pte. Clerk. To be raised by A.D.M.S.

Unit	W.E.	Numbers required to complete			Officer responsible for raising and Remarks
		Off.	O.R.	Total	
					Clerk S. & T. To be raised by A.D.S. & T.
			1 1	16	Formation of works Draughtsman Chief Engineer advises not available.
8 M.D. Sec. Aust. Int. Corps	III/80J/1		8	8	To be raised by H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde. These personnel to be type suitable for training in Int. duties
49 Bn. (Details)	II/12/1	5	34	39	2 officers. To be captains or lieutenants sufficiently experienced for promotion to captain. To be raised by H.Q., 7 Inf. Bde.
Camp Hospital, Moresby (201 beds)	IV/65/1	16 3		19	Stretcher bearers Drivers M.T. To be raised by A.D.M.S.
8 M.D. Dist. Records Office	IV/8/2	6		6	Cpls. To be raised by N. Comd. Records Office.



 To Col. for.

Colonel,
 Officer i/c Administration,
 Northern Command.

18 Dec 41.

MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE PERTH MILDISTRICTS DARWIN MORESEY MILCOL
DUNTRON.

G.794 17/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 9 TO 1200 HOURS
17th DECEMBER STOP

1. MALAYA STOP 6 JAPANESE CRUISERS REPORTED 200 MILES SOUTH
SAIGON MOVING SOUTH STOP ENEMY REPORTED USING NO.109 and 110
STOP ESTIMATED ONE DIVISION ARMoured DIVISION SUPPORT KELANTAH
ONE DIVISION ARMoured DIVISION SUPPORT KEOH ... KEDAH STOP
WE WITHDREW TO LINE 22 MILES SOUTH ALOR STAR WITH ENEMY
TRYING PENETRATE BETWEEN LIEUT-GENERAL AND KEOH FORCE STOP
KEOH FORCE LINE EAST OF BAILING STOP MANY ENEMY REPORTED
WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES STOP LATE JAPANESE MALAYAH RESIDENTS
ACTING AS GUIDES STOP

2. BURMA STOP VICTORIA POINT GARRISON EVACUATED NIGHT 12th
DECEMBER STOP

3. THAILAND STOP UNCONFIRMED REPORT JAPANESE HEAVY GUNS TANKS
ARRIVED LOFBURI ON RAIL 70 MILES NORTH BANGKOK STOP BRIDGES
ON RAIL NORTH BEING STRENGTHENED STOP JAPANESE TROOPS AT
LAMPANG STOP

4. HONG KONG STOP INTENSELY ACCURATE ENEMY SHELLING INCREASED
STOP NUMBER FIXED DEFENCE GUNS HIT STOP ENEMY APPEAR COLLECTING
FERRIES LAUNCHES JUNKS KEOLOCH SIDE STOP

5. SARAWAK STOP AIRCRAFT ATTACHED GARRISON MOVING MIRI TO
KUCHING

..... ARMY MELBOURNE.

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MILCOMFAND

BRISBANE

G.809 17/12 TO CONSERVE AVAILABLE STOCKS PISTOL AMMUNITION
ALL RANGE PRACTICES PISTOL WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY

ARMY MELBOURNE

T.O.O. 2130/17

18 DEC 1941

Des. 2130/17

Rec. 0055

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 18 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE.	18 Dec 41	0055	A.H.Q. Telegram: Range practices with pistol suspended	A.H.Q. Telegram G 809. (Appx 55) Admcl.
	"	1000	A.H.Q. Review of Situation No 9 to 1200 hrs 17 Dec 41	A.H.Q. Telegram G 794. (Appx 55) Admcl.
	"	1115	N. Comd. Adm. Instruction No 3.	N. Comd 04680 Secret 1422/41. (Appx 57) Admcl.
	"	1325	S.M.C. Telegram: additional personnel required to Proc of M 5586 of 17 Dec 41.	S.M.C. Telegram M 5586 (Appx 57) Admcl.
	"	1330	Amendment to N. Comd. Operation Instruction No 12	N. Comd 04771 Secret 7/5/41 (Appx 59) Admcl.
	"	1405	Arrived Bell boxes	N. Comd 04722 Secret 1267/41. (Appx 60) Admcl.
	"	1410	N. Comd War Diary	N. Comd 04709 Admcl. Secret 1460/41 (Appx 61)

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ARMY MELBOURNE

A5855 17/12 (YOUR A550 AND A551 15/12 AND SECURAPHONE INSTRUCTIONS) HQ. 8 MD. SIX AND ELEVEN 49th. BATTALION FIFTEEN AND TWENTYFOUR CAMP HOSPITAL NINETEEN OTHER RANKS 8MD. COY.A.A.S.C. ONE AND TWENTYTHREE INCLUDING TWO BAKERS 8 MD. DIST. ACCOUNTS OFFICE ONE AND SIX 8 MD. POSTAL UNIT ONE 30T. PENDING GAZETAL AND 13 8 MD. RECORDS OFFICE 6 CORPORALS ALL READY FOR MOVEMENT NOT RE ORE 19/12.STOP 8 MD.SEC.INTEL.CORPS 8 OTHER RANKS 7 PD. COY. SIX AND TWO FIFTY NINE E AND H SEC.1A TP3. COY. ONE AND THIRTYTHREE 16 MD. HYV. SEC. ONE AND THIRTEEN 8 MD. COY. A.A.S.C. SIX BAKERS BDE. GROUP PRO. PL. ONE AND THIRTYEIGHT READY FOR MOVEMENT NOT BEFORE TWENTYSECOND DECEMBER

MILCOM AND BRISBANE

17 DEC 1941

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane,
17th December, 1941.

No.04721

MEMORANDUM TO

1 Cav Bde	(4)	H.Q. A.I.F. Taz Depots	(6)
H.Q. N. Comd. Arty.	(4)	H.Q. Thursday Island Sector	(2)
H.Q. N. Comd. Engrs	(4)	Comd Brisbane Covering Force	
S.S.O.	(2)	Sector	(2)
7 Inf Bde	(5)	Adm. H.Q. 1 Grn Bn	(1)
11 Inf Bde	(4)	H.Q. V.D.C.	(1)
29 Inf Bde	(1)	G.S.O.	(2)
42 Bn	(1)	G.H. T.	(1)
47 Bn	(1)		

RE-ORGANIZATION OF INFANTRY BATTALIONS - A.M.F.

1. Reference N. Comd. S.M.03906 of 13 Nov 41 and N.Comd. S.M.04117 of 25 Nov 41, it is advised that until such time as Carriers, Mortar are available for issue, mortar detachments will be truck borne, the two additional vans 1-ton required for this purpose by each Battalion will be added to the existing W.E.

2. A new W.E. for an Infantry Battalion A.M.F. will be issued shortly and will make certain adjustments to para.3 of N. Comd. 03906 of 13 Dec 41 Secret 1240/41. For information, it may be stated that the new W.E. will provide for one additional carrier for the Battalion Commander and for two additional personnel on the strength of the Battalion, one to be a Platoon Commander, and one to be an additional Driver M.T. to complete the establishment of the Carrier Platoon.

3. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form and return at once.

A.O. Fleming
Lt.-Col.,
G.S. N. Comd.

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Col. i/c Adm.
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MILCOMAND BRISBANE

MD/G1544 17/12 ADDITIONAL TO OUR MD/Q1532 OF 16th. DECEMBER
STOP 8 MD. A.A.S.C. ONE AND 29 TOTAL 30 INCLUDING 10 REPEAT 10
BAKERY DETAILS.

MILDISTRICT MORESBY.

17 DEC 1941.

Des. 1055.

Rec. 1314.

DIGEST OF C. O. I. C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 65.

Information Received up to 8 a.m. 17/12/41. (Wednesday)
(Combined with A.H.Q. Review Information up to 1200
hrs. 17th Dec.)

- (1) MALAYA: Reconnaissances prove enemy landings ^{in strength} at SINGORA and PATANI. Japanese operations against BURMA appear to aim at cutting air reinforcements routes. Since 7/12 our aircraft losses in MALAYA are 50 per cent of strength. FROM A.H.Q. : 6 Japanese cruisers 200 miles South of SAIGON moving South. Estimated 1 Div. with an Armoured Div in support at KELANTAN and 1 Div. with Armoured Div. in support at KROH. In KEDAH we withdrew to a line 22 miles South ALOR STAR with enemy trying to penetrate between Lt. General and HROH force. Line of the KROH force is East of BALING, many enemy reported wearing civilian clothes. Late Japanese residents of MALAYA are acting as guides.
- (2) BURMA: VICTORIA POINT garrison evacuated night of 12th (Friday).
- (3) THAILAND: (FROM A.H.Q.) Unconfirmed report Japanese heavy guns and tanks have arrived LOPBURI, 70 miles North of BANGKOK. Japanese troops at LAMPANG.
- (4) HONG KONG: (FROM A.H.Q.) Intensely accurate enemy shelling increased. Number of Fixed Defence Guns hit. Enemy appeared to be collecting ferries, launches and junks on the KOWLOON side
- (5) SARAWAK: (FROM A.H.Q.) Aircraft attacked the Garrison moving from MIRI to KUCHING.
- (6) AUSTRALIAN STATION: Enemy seaplane reported over TARAWA and (FROM C. D. I. C.) ABAIANG, GILBERT ISLANDS on 14/12 suggests that a 6,000 ton vessel is still at BUTARITARI. Unidentified motor vessel sighted of NISSAN IS. (BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO), possibly an enemy A.M.C. Japanese merchant ship reported North-East of SOLOMONS.
- (7) NOUMEA: (FROM C. O. I. C.) H/T ORMISTON proceeding to NOUMEA escorted by Free French cruiser LE TRIOMPHANT.
- (8) EAST INDIES: (FROM C. O. I. C.) Portuguese Timor Dutch Commander and O.C. of Sparrow Force are proceeding to DILLI to interview the Governor, arriving Tuesday. Dutch ship will embark troops same date and proceed to DILLI with air support.
- (9) NEI (FROM C. O. I. C.) A 4 engine Japanese flying boat attacked Dutch sloop without result in the vicinity of SKRANG (MOLUCCAS). An enemy submarine dark brown colour sighted an attack by aircraft off KOEPANG on 15th (Monday) - bombs dropped.
- (10) U. S. A. ASIATIC FORCES: Units of the American fleet previously stationed at MANILA have arrived at N. E. I. Port. A signal has been received that U. S. A. Flying Fortresses will be moving from MANILA to Australia.
- (11) FURTHER INFORMATION to 1600, 16th (Tuesday): All cable communications with SINGAPORE now cut. C. in C. 4th Fleet (Japanese?) now East of TRUK, probably in MARSHALLS.

1045 18/12/41. (F.W.R.)

18/12

HAC/US.

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1000 hrs 12 Dec 41

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

NO. 04605

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane,
17 Dec 41.N. COMD. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 2.DISTRIBUTION:

G.O.C.
 Off. i/c Adm.
 G.S.O. I.
 A.A.& Q.M.G.
 Chief Engineer
 A.Q.M.G.
 A.D.O.S.
 A.D.S.& T.
 A.D.M.S.
 O.C., N. Comd. Sec. Aust. Int. Corps
 D.A.P.M.
 D.F.O.
 D.A.D. Posts
 N.C.R.O.
 H.Q. 7 Inf. Bde.
 H.Q. A.I.F. Tng. Depots, Redbank
 N. Comd. Reception Camp
War Diary

PERSONNEL FOR 8 M.D.

1. In confirmation of verbal instructions, it is advised that Moresby is to be considerably reinforced and the following troops will be supplied from Northern Command:-

Unit	W.E.	Numbers required to complete			Officer responsible for raising
		Off.	O.R.	Total	
H.Q. 8 M.D. (Absorbs details Inf. Bde.)	III/12/2	6	11	17	Comdr. 7 Inf. Bde.
8 M.D. Sec. Int. Corps.	III/80J/1	-	8	8	O.C., N. Comd. Sec Aust. Int. Corps
7 Fd. Coy. N.Comd. Anticipate authority to raise 24 Fd. Coy. and retain it for service N.Comd. in lieu 7 Fd. Coy. now to be despatched.	II/10A/2	6	253	259	Chief Engineer
E & M Sec. 1 A. Tps. Coy.	IV/12/2	1	33	34	Chief Engineer
49 Inf. Bn. (Details)	II/12/1	15	24	39	Comdr. 7 Inf. Bde.
Camp Hospital (201 beds) (2 Offs over W.E.)	IV/65/1	-	19	19	A.D.M.S.
Details 16 Fd. Hyg. Sec.	V/73/2	1	13	14	A.D.M.S.

W. J. Lucas

Unit	W.E.	Numbers required to complete			Officer responsible for raising
		Off.	O.R.	Total	
8 M.D. Coy. A.A.S.C.	to be issued	1	29xx	30	A.D.S.& T.
One Bde. Group Pro. Pl.	II/20A/1 to be issued	1	38	39	D.A.P.M.
8 M.D. Dist. Accounts Office	IV/11A/1	1	6	7	D.F.O.
8 M.D. Postal Unit	to be issued	1	13	14	D.A.D. Posts
8 M.D. Dist. Records Office	IV/8/2 to be issued	1	30	31	Off. i/c N.C.R.O.
(xx 8 to be baking personnel)					

2. The arrangements for the raising of the abovementioned personnel will be given first priority over other activities as the Force will be required to move at the earliest possible date.

3. No indication will be given as to the destination of the Force.

4. All personnel will be issued by their present units with tropical clothing and equipment; their documents to be put in order and concentrated at Redbank as soon as possible.

5. H.Q. A.I.F. Tng. Depot, Redbank, will arrange for accommodation and rations during concentration period.

6. H.Q. A.I.F. Tng. Depot, Redbank, will be advised at least 24 hrs before troops move in.

7. 7 Fd. Coy. must have some tradesmen included on strength capable of carrying out duties of a Workshop and Park Coy.

8. The details of Other Ranks will be advised if possible but, where necessary, the proportion can be anticipated in accordance with existing W.Es.

9. No information is available as to the ranks of the officers shown above. In some cases this information can be ascertained from the W.E. of the Unit concerned. In the case of H.Q., 8 M.D. 49 Bn., Bde. Group Pro. Pl., 8 M.D. Dist. Accounts Office, 8 M.D. Postal Unit and 8 M.D. Dist. Records Office, all officers will be Lieuts.

Alec M. Forbes
Colonel,
Officer i/c Administration,
Northern Command.

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NORTHERN COMMAND OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO.16

1. 1 Lt Fd & b will move from PRADON'S PADDOCK on Friday, 19 Dec 41, to GYFEE, where they will be accommodated in an extension of the Camp area of 5 Motor Regt at SHON GROUNDS, GYFEE.
2. An adv. party will proceed to GYFEE by rail train on Thursday, 18 Dec 41, and establish the camp in the area indicated by C.O. 5 Motor Regt.
3. A.D.O.S. will arrange to despatch 25 tents to GYFEE by express goods train or rail train on Thursday, 18 Dec 41.
4. Vehicles will be loaded on Friday morning, 19 Dec 41 under arrangements made by A.Q.I.G.
5. The main body will proceed by train on Friday, 19 Dec 41, leaving ROYAL ST. CR. at 0820 hours.

P.V.O. Fleming
Lt.-Col.
G.S. N. Comd.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.	1	1 Lt Fd Amb
	2	1 Cav Bde
	3	5 Motor Regt
	4	A.D.L.S.
	5	Camp Commandant, ENOGGERA
	6	G.O.C.
	7	G.S.O.
	8	Col i/c Adm
	9	A.A. & Q.I.G.
	10	A.Q.E.G.
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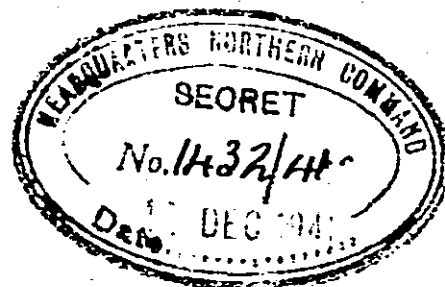
Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs. To 2359 hrs. 17 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	17 Dec 41	0930	N. Comd. Operation Instructions No 16.	N. Comd 04646 Secret
				1442/41 (Appx 49) Attncl.
	"	1200	N. Comd. Adm. Instruction No 2.	N. Comd. 04605 Secret
				1422/41 (Appx 50) Attncl.
	"	1200	Digest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 65. Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 17 Dec 41	(Appx 51) Attncl.
	"	1314	8.M.D. Telegrams giving personnel additional to those in MD 1532 Air Sec. which are required.	M.D. 1544
	"	1500	Re-organisation of Inf. Bno. - A.M.F.	(Appx 52) Attncl.
				N. Comd 04721 Secret
	"	1510	A.H.S. Telegrams. up N. Comd A. 550 and secret phone communication.	1240/41 (Appx 53) Attncl.
				A.H.S. Telegrams A 5853
				(Appx 54) Attncl.

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PRIORITY

MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

G.621 16/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 8 TO 1200 HOURS
16th. DECEMBER STOP

1. MALAYA STOP TO 1130 LOCAL TIME 14 DECEMBER STOP PROBABLE SIZE JAPANESE AIR FORCE 250 - 300 PLUS POSSIBLY 2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS STOP BY 11 DECEMBER ALL SERVICEABLE AIRCRAFT WITHDRAWN FROM NORTHERN AERODROMES AND BOMBER EFFECT WAS TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO 6 BLENHEIMS STOP 11 INDIAN DIVISION HOLDING LINE ALOR-STAR AREA STOP ENEMY MAIN EFFORT KEDAH STOP
 2. BURMA STOP TAVOY AND MERGUI BOMBED STOP.
 3. THAILAND STOP FRONTIER FORCE OPERATING AGAINST RAILWAY BELOW PRAC-HUAB KIRI-KHAD MET STRONG OPPOSITION STOP REPORTED NO JAPANESE CHIENGRAI AREA BUT 100 JAPANESE REACHED FRONTIER POST KENG TUNG 11 DECEMBER BY LAUNCH UP MEKONG RIVER STOP
 4. HONG KONG STOP QUARRY GUN MOUNT DAVIS DESTROYED DIRECT HIT STOP BELCHERS FORT SET ON FIRE STOP RICE DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM SERIOUS STOP.
 5. CHINESE TROOPS ORDERED INTO BURMA AND OFFENSIVE PREPARED RELIEVE PRESSURE HONG KONG STOP
 6. GILBERT ISLANDS STOP UARAVA ISLAND ALL CLEAR 13 DECEMBER JAPANESE LEFT AFTER DESTRUCTION RADIO CANOES BUILDINGS STOP 2 SHIPS TOOK PART STOP LATTER RESUME RADIOS NOW IN USE STOP
 7. INDO-CHINA STOP REPORTED LARGE NUMBER UNSPECIFIED SHIPS KAMRANH BAY STOP
- JAPANESE MANDATES STOP JAPANESE VESSEL VICINITY KAPINGA MARANGI BOMBED 15 DECEMBER HEAR MISS SCORED STOP
TO MILCOMMANDS BRISBANE PERTH MILDISTRICTS DARWIN MORESBY
MILITARY COLLEGE DUNTROON

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Headquarters,
Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

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7 Inf. Bde.	V.D.C. 4 Bn.
11 Inf. Bde.	" 5 Bn.
V.D.C. H.Q.	" 6 Bn.
" "A" Gp. H.Q.	" 16 Bn.
" "B" Gp. H.Q.	" T.I. Coy.
" "C" Gp. H.Q.	N. Comd. Training School
" "D" Gp. H.Q.	A.D.O.S.
" "E" Gp. H.Q.	Stationery Officer
" "F" Gp. H.Q.	G.S.O.II.(T)
" 2 Bn.	

ISSUE OF 3-INCH MORTARS TO RESERVE BATTALIONS

1. In anticipation of the issue of a War Establishment of a Reserve Battalion, authority is given for the issue of the following stores to the V.D.C. Battalions as shown hereunder:-

(a) V.D.C. Battalions to receive these stores will be:-

2 Bn.
4 Bn.
5 Bn.
6 Bn.
16 Bn.

(b) The authorised scale for each of the V.D.C. Bns. in para 1 (a) will be:-

Mortars M.L. 3-inch complete	4
Bombs M.L. H.E. 3-inch Mortar	25
	(training allotment)
Bombs M.L. Dummy 3-inch Mortar	6
	(training allotment)
Ctges, M.L. 3-inch Mortar, 95 gram	150
Ballistite (spare)	(training allotment)

(c) Thursday Island Coy. V.D.C. will be issued with 25% of each of the stores listed in para 1 (b).

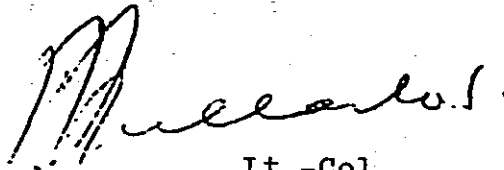
2. V.D.C. Battalion Commanders will observe the necessary safety precautions laid down in "Instructions for Practice 3-inch Mortar" and S.A.T. Vol. 1. Pamphlet 9.

3. Stationery Officer, N. Comd. will issue (4) copies of each of these pamphlets to the V.D.C. units listed in paras 1 (a) and 1 (c).

4. 7 Inf. Bde. and 11 Inf. Bde. will make arrangements with H.Q. "A" Gp. V.D.C. and H.Q. "D" Gp. V.D.C. respectively, for the provision of qualified instructors to supervise training and firing.

W on 24/11

5. Mortar Training will be included on the syllabus of instruction for all future V.D.C. Wings of the N.Comd. Training School, and also V.D.C. Courses with units.
6. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on the attached form, and forward by return of post.



Lt.-Col.
G.S. N.Comd.

Copy to:-

1 Cav. Bde.
H.Q. N.Comd. Arty.
H.Q. N.Comd. Engrs.
N.Comd. Sigs.
G.O.C.
Col. i/c Admn.
G.S.O.
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A.A.G.
A.Q.M.G.
Staff Officer, V.D.C.
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11 INF BDE

TOWNSVILLE

G 5538 16 DEC REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO SQUADRON LEADER
THOMSON, TOWNSVILLE STOP KETCH ARONETA WILL COME UNDER ARMY
OPERATIONAL CONTROL AS FROM 15 DEC. STOP KETCH WILL NOT
PROCEED 7 M.D. STOP ACKNOWLEDGE

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BRISBANE

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

PRIORITY

MD/21532 16/12 REFERENCE HQ. A550 OF 16th. DECEMBER 41.

REQUIRED HQ.8 ID. OFFICERS INTELLIGENCE LIEUTENANT ONE, GAS
OFFICER ONE, S.O. CANTEENS ONE, A.A.O.C. O.M.E. LIEUTENANTS ONE,
STOP OTHER RANKS DRIVERS THREE, TYPISTS TWO, LATTER TO REPLACE
FEMALES EVACUATED MUST BE COMPETENT STOP ENGINEER SERVICES
FOREMAN OF WORKS ONE, DRAUGHTSMAN ONE, CLERK ONE, S. AND T. CLERK
ONE, ORDERLY ONE, MEDICAL STAFF SERGEANT ONE, PRIVATE ONE, STOP
E. AND M. SECTION AS PER W.E. STOP CAMP HOSPITAL STRETCHER BEARERS
SIXTEEN, DRIVERS AMBULANCE THREE, STOP 49th. BATTALION YOUNG
EFFICIENT CAPTAINS TWO, LIEUTENANTS THREE, RANK AND FILE SIXTYSIX,
STOP ACCOUNTS OFFICE LIEUTENANT ONE, CLERKS SEVEN

MILDISTRICT MORESBY

16 DEC 1941

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MOST SECRET.DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 63.Information Received up to 8 a.m. 16/12/41. (Tuesday).(1) AIR OPERATIONS TO 16 DEC 41.

Search flights covering shipping line between SOLOMONS and NEW HEBRIDES, also in the BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO.

(2) SIGHTING: Report from NISSAN IS., East of RABUL advises that a motor ship was bearing East at high speed, steering South West. (Comment: The NISSAN sighting is regarded as a sighting of a Japanese A.M.C. On 10 Dec the Japanese landed at TARAWA, (GILBERT ISLANDS): on 13th C.W.R. reported Japanese had left TARAWA, after destroying canoes and buildings. TARAWA reports two ships approx. 10,000 tons, 2 funnels, possibly A.M.C's. carried out the attacks.

A D/F bearing indicates that the second Japanese A.M.C. is proceeding South from TARAWA. This sighting and the D/F bearing give a very strong suggestion that the Japanese A.M.C's., ASAMA MARU and TATUTA MARU are within our station area and are on a raiding career.

Attention is drawn to report of small submarines lowered by Japanese A.M.C. reported in previous summaries.

(3) OPERATIONS AUSTRALIAN STATION: On reconnaissance over KAPING AMARANGI on Monday 15th a Japanese cargo vessel of 4,000 tons was sighted; she opened fire on the Hudson reconnaissance plane and departed in a Northerly direction. At the island itself 19 barges, 2 lighters, 1 launch, 1 large building, 8 slipways observed.

3 Hudsons attacked the enemy ship, no direct hits scored, one near miss registered. Barges previously observed were now considered to be sampans, seen under power proceeding out of the Atoll entrance to Eastward. This Island is in the extreme South of the CAROLINES and West of NAURU.

(4) LATEST INTELLIGENCE REPORTS: Confirmed information to 0800 15th (Monday). Large numbers of unspecified ships in CAMRANH BAY morning 14th.

D/F bearings indicate enemy unit 250 miles South of COCOS IS. Indian Ocean.

No further information regarding large convoy reported off INDO CHINA 13th (Saturday).

TARAWA, GILBERT ISLANDS: Attacked, see above, no European casualties.

(5) CONFIRMED INFORMATION TO 1600, 15th (MONDAY):

MALAYA: No additional information concerning Military operations; defence of aerodromes greatly handicapped by lack of Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

PHILIPPINES: Landings in LUZON expected to be reinforced but areas are not suitable for the employment of a strong offensive force; object of enemy action is believed to be establishment of bridge-heads for the creation of air bases for bomber aircraft from FORMOSA. If this is accomplished a major landing effort can be expected. Meanwhile daily air attacks are expected with a view to wearing down U.S. air strength and the destruction of air fields and supplies.

(6) AUSTRALIAN STATIONS: Floating mine reported just North of GABO IS. Japanese merchant ship considered to be about midway between NAURU and SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS. Adjacent areas. Japanese Mandates. Additional warships probably include: Capital Air-Craft Carriers AKAGI, KAGA, SORYU, HIRYU; 8 inch capital cruisers TONE, TIKUMA; 6 inch cruiser ABUKUMA; 16 capital destroyers and at least 30 additional units from a combined fleet, including possibly battleships HIRI and IRISHIMA. HAWAII: 2 small 50 ft submarines took part initial raid on HAWAII, in spite of the anti-submarine nets being closed.

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MILCOMAND

BRISBANE

G543 15/12 KETCH AROETTA WILL COME UNDER ARMY OPERATIONAL
CONTROL AS FROM 15TH DECEMBER STOP ADDRESSED MILDISTRICT
DARWIN REPEATED MILCOMAND BRISBANE AND SQUADRON LEADER
THOMSON CARE 11 INF. BDE. TOWNSVILLE FROM ARMY MELBOURNE STOP
MILCOMAND BRISBANE PASS TO SQUADRON LEADER THOMSON STOP KETCH
WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PROCEED 7 M.D. STOP ACKNOWLEDGE

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MILCOLELAND

BRISBANE

A551 15/12 REQUIRED FOLLOWING UNITS WITH FIRST REINFORCEMENTS
RAISED READY MOVE TO TROPICAL STATION 19TH REPEAT 19th DECEMBER
STOP ALL NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE AND MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE
MADE INCLUDING INNOCULATIONS VACCINATIONS AS FOR A.I.F. STOP 7
REPEAT 7 FIELD COMPANY ANY SHORTAGES BEING MADE UP OF PERSONNEL
CAPABLE OF DOING TASKS NORMALLY DONE BY A WORKSHOP AND PARK
COMPANY STOP DETAILS 16 REPEAT 16 FIELD HYGIENE SECTION 1 OFFICER
13 OTHERS TOTAL 14 STOP 30 REPEAT 30 BRIGADE GROUP PROVOST PLATOON
LESS ANY PROVOST PERSONNEL ALREADY DESPATCHED STOP 8 M.D. DISTRICT
RECORDS OFFICE 6 REPEAT 6 CORPORALS STOP WAR ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE
NOT ISSUED NOW IN MAIL

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NILCOMBAND

BRISBANE

A550 15/12 PROPOSED ORDER OF BATTLE MORESBY COMPARED WITH LATEST
STRENGTH RETURNS SHOWS FOLLOWING DEFICIENCIES OFFICERS AND OTHER
RANKS AFTER ALLOWING PERSONNEL TRANSPORTED KATOOMBA STOP ADVISE
NORTHERN COMMAND REPEATED ARMY RANKS AND TRADES REQUIRED STOP
HEADQUARTERS 8 M.D. 6 and 11 TOTAL 17 STOP 8 M.D. SECTION
INTELLIGENCE CORPS NIL AND 8 TOTAL 8 STOP E AND H SECTION 1 ARMY
TROOPS COMPANY 1 AND 33 TOTAL 34 STOP CAMP HOSPITAL NIL AND 19
TOTAL 19 STOP 49 BATTALION 15 and 24 TOTAL 39 STOP 8 M.D. DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS OFFICE 1 and 6 TOTAL 7 STOP ADDRESSED MORESBY REPEATED
BRISBANE

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BRISBANE	16 Dec.	0250.	A.H.Q. Telegram. addrd. 8.M.D. rptd N.Command. 8.M.D.	A.H.Q. Telegram A550.
			asked ranks and trades required for certain units.	(Appx 41) Atmch.
	"	0500	A.H.Q. Telegram instructing all necessary arrangements to be made for despatches to TROPICAL STA. of 7th Coy.	A.H.Q. Telegram A551
			Details to 7th. Inf. Bn. 30 Bde. Ep. Fio H.L. 8.M.D. D.B.C.	(Appx 42) Atmch.
	"	0500	A.H.Q. Telegram. Hetch. ADCEITH to come under Army operational control as from 15 Dec. Hetch. will not	A.H.Q. Telegram B. 543
			move to 7 M.D.	(Appx 43) Atmch.
	"	1200	Digest of C.C.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 63 based on information received up to 0800 hrs 16 Dec.	(Appx 44) Atmch.
	"	2302	Telegram from 8 M.D. reply to A.H.Q. Telegram A.550.	Telegram M.D./Q 1532
				(Appx 45) Atmch.

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MILCOMMAND

BRISBANE

REFERENCE SECROPHONE CONVERSATION DECEMBER 14TH COLONEL FULLANTON
COLONEL MCCALL NOW DECIDED 7TH FIELD COMPANY BE DESPATCHED MORESBY
STOP AUTHORITY ISSUED 24TH FIELD COMPANY TO BE RAISED IMMEDIATELY
FOR DUTY AS REPLACEMENT FOR 7TH COMPANY STOP ORDER OF BATTLE
AMENDMENT MAY BE ANTICIPATED.

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BRISBANE

G492 15/12 IN CONTINUANCE OF SECROPHONE INSTRUCTION GIVEN YOU 14TH DECEMBER REGARDING ORGANISATION ADDITIONAL UNITS TO BE DESPATCHED FOR MORESBY ALL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OVER OTHER ACTIVITIES AS FORCE WILL BE REQUIRED MOVE AT EARLIEST REPEAT EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE STOP IMPERATIVE NO INDICATION BE GIVEN PORTS EMBARKATION AND DESTINATION ALTHOUGH NECESSARY FOR ALL BE ADVISED PREPARE FOR SERVICE TROPICAL STATION STOP EASTERN COMMAND WILL ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION RATIONS FOR ALL UNITS PERIOD CONCENTRATION IN EASTERN COMMAND BUT ARMY YET UNABLE STATE DATES PERMITTING ALL MAKE MORE PRECISE PLANS BUT EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE WILL FOLLOW DELETIONS RECOMMENDED IN UNIT M.T. REQUIRED STOP THIS INFORMATION LARGELY HOLDING UP PREPARATION MOVEMENT ORDERS FOR CONCENTRATION STOP ALL COMMANDS ADVISE ARMY URGENTLY DATES ANTICIPATED THAT UNITS WOULD BE READY COMMENCE MOVE FOR CONCENTRATION IN EASTERN COMMAND STOP OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION 27 POSTED AIR MAIL TODAY

ARMY MELBOURNE

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BRISBANE

S8623 15/12 YOUR G5492 S.M.16251 ONE A.A. GUN FOR TOWNSVILLE
DUE BRISBANE 0637 HOURS 17/12/41

MILCOMAND SYDNEY

15 DEC 1941

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BRISBANE	15 Dec 41	1756	MILCOMMAND Sydney Telegrams: Enr A.A. given for	Telegram S.8623
			TOWNSVILLE due BRISBANE 0637 hrs 17 Dec 41	(Appx 38) Atmch.
	"	1915	T.I. Telegram Approx 300 JAPANESE now interned @ JAPANESE	
			Suggests certain business men be allowed parole	T.I. 230. Atmch.
			if internees are moved South	
	"	2106	A.H.G. Telegram confirming D.M.C.'s telephone comm. of	A.H.G. Telegram G. 492
			1430 hrs.	(Appx 39) Atmch.
	"	2330	A.H.G. Telegram. 7th Coy to be dispatched S.M.D. @	
			Authority to raise 24th Coy immediately as replacement	A.H.G. Telegram
			given.	(Appx 40) Atmch.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGE FROM D.M.O., ARMY HEADQUARTERS
1230 HRS. 15 DEC 41.

Advanced copy of signal message being sent today
 to Hicommands BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, from Army, MELBOURNE.

"IN CONTINUATION SECRAPHONE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN YOU 14 DEC
 REGARDING ORGANISATION ADDITIONAL UNITS TO BE DESPATCHED
 FOR MOREBY ALL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY
 OVER OTHER ACTIVITIES AS FORCE WILL BE REQUIRED MOVE AT
 EARLIEST REPEAT EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE STOP IMPERATIVE
 NO INDICATION BE GIVEN FOR REDEKATION DESTINATION
 ALTHOUGH NECESSARY FOR ALL BE ADVISED PREPARE FOR SERVICE
 TROPICAL STATION STOP EASTERN COMMAND WILL ARRANGE
 ACCOMMODATION RATION FOR ALL UNITS FOR ERIC CONCENTRATION
 IN EASTERN COMMAND BUT ARMY YET UNABLE STATE DATES
 PERMITTING ALL TO MAKE MORE PRECISE PLANS BUT EARLIEST
 POSSIBLE ADVICE WILL FOLLOW STOP MILDISTRICT MOREBY
 IS ADVISING ARMY ANY DELETIONS RECOMMENDED IN UNIT'S
 MOTOR TRANSPORT REQUIRED STOP THIS INFORMATION LARGELY
 HOLDING UP PREPARATION MOVEMENT ORDERS FOR CONCENTRATION
 STOP ALL COMMANDS NOTIFY ARMY URGENTLY DATES ANTICIPATED
 UNITS WOULD BE READY COMMENCE MOVE FOR CONCENTRATION IN
 EASTERN COMMAND STOP OPS. INSTRUCTION 27 POSTED AIRMAIL
 TODAY.

W. J. M. G. L.

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ORGANISATION OF FORCES AT PORT MORESBY
ON A BRIGADE BASIS

APPENDIX 1 to A.H.3. OPERATION
INSTRUCTION 27.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE ORDER OF BATTLE

Unit	To Complete S.E.	Off.	C.R.	Total	Remarks
H.Q. 8 M.D. (Absorbs details infantry brigade)	III/12/2	6	11	17	
8 M.D. Sec. Intel. Corps	III/80J/1	-	8	8	
7 Pd. Coy. H.Cand.	II/10A/2	6	253	259	Anticipate author- ity to raise 24 Pd Coy and retain III for service H.Cand in lieu 7 Pd Coy now be despatched this force.
3 & H. Sec. 1 A.Tps. Coy	IV/12/2	1	33	34	
49 Inf Bn (Details)	II/12/1	15	24	39	
Camp Hospital (210 Beds) (2 Offs. over S.E.)	IV/65/1	-	19	19	
Details 16 Pd Hyg Sec	V/73/C	1	13	14	
8 M.D. Coy. A.A.S.C.	To be issued	1	29 15	29 30	18 of the extra to be bakers
8 M.D. Group Pro Pl.	II/20A/1 (To be issued)	1	38	39	
8 M.D. Dist. Accounts Office	IV/11A/1	1	6	7	
8 M.D. Postal Unit	(To be issued)	1	13	14	
8 M.D. Dist. Records Office	IV/8/2 (To be issued)	1	30	31	

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DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 63.

Information received up to 8 a.m. 15/12/41.

JAPANESE LUGGERS: H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" has been ordered to round up luggers including the "TRAMON" at BLACKFIELD RIVER, Cape York Peninsula, and those anchored at WEARY BAY, 30 miles South of COOKTOWN.

JAPANESE ARMY TRANSPORT -reliably reported between TRUK Naval Station in the CAROLINE IS. and YSABEL IS. in the SOLOMONS.

SUPPOSED SUBMARINE SIGHTING AT SOUTHPORT: The object seen was probably an Armoured Target Boat from No. 1 B.A.C.S. (EVANS HEAD N.S.W.)

POSSIBLE MINE-FIELD OFF MARYBOROUGH: 2 H.M.A. Minesweepers have been ordered to carry out a searching sweep off BUSTARD HEAD and on conclusion of sweep both vessels are to investigate floating mine in PLATYPUS BAY.

CONFIRMED INFORMATION TO 0830 hrs. 14. (SUNDAY)

MALAYA: No confirmation of fresh enemy reinforcements. C.O.I.C. quoting usually reliable source, 1000 hrs (Saturday) reported 140 Japanese ships, including 8 destroyers, 1 Auxiliary Cruiser, several submarines, 1 or 2 Aircraft Carriers, 100 transports, off INDO CHINA Coast, Course South-West. (Comment: the number of transports mentioned would be consistent with removal of 6 Divs known to be available from Japan.

HAWAII: 11/12. 3 to 5 Submarines sighted on surface proceeding East in Area about 175 miles North East of OAHU IS. (Honolulu) No further enemy action - aircraft reinforcements have arrived.

MIDWAY IS: Situation obscure, marines still believed holding Island.

GUAM IS: No communications possible on morning of 12th.

CONFIRMED INFORMATION TO 1630 hrs. 14th (SUNDAY).

In KEDAH withdrawal of our line to just North of ALOR STAR.

AUSTRALIA STATION: D/F bearings indicate Army Transport between TRUK and YSABEL IS. (SOLOMONS) on 14/12. This has been already reported. (542 22-11)

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Headquarters, Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
Brisbane.

No. 04579

15th December, 1941,

TO ALL UNITS -

N. COMD. ADM. INSTRUCTION NO. 1

PARTIAL MOBILIZATION.

1. The Warning Order for Mobilization which was issued by this Headquarters on the 15th December, 1941, and the instructions for partial Mobilization which were issued on the 14th December, 1941 are herewith enlarged upon for the further information of Units.
2. It is anticipated that upon receipt of the Warning Order all Units immediately put into operation the action outlined in para. 4 of Unit Mobilization Orders.
3. The instruction for partial Mobilization to W.E. Strength, plus first reinforcement officers and less first reinforcement other ranks, went to Brigade or equivalent H.Q. and direct to those Units which were not easily accessible to Brigade etc. H.Q. On receipt of this Order those Units advised should have immediately commenced action to -
 - (a) Issue notices to the number of personnel not at present in camp necessary to bring the Unit to the required strength;
 - (b) If necessary, prepare a demand for submission to the Area Brigade Major by 0900 hours on the 15th December, 1941, for the number of U.S.P. to be allotted to the Unit to bring it to W.E.
 - (c) Prepare particulars of transport requirements from places of rendezvous of detachments entering camp. In the case of Units in the Metropolitan Area these particulars will be submitted to the D.A.G.H.Q. (Movement) H.Q., N. Comd. as early as possible and in country centres to the nearest District Manager's Office of the Railway Department.
4. Submit requisitions to Ordnance for clothing and equipment still required by the Unit.
5. Up to the present, Units have been allowed to maintain 20% additional personnel over W.E. to allow for wastage in the Unit. It is to be clearly understood, however, that if the Unit has any portion of this additional personnel who have not yet been absorbed within the W.E., the number over and above the W.E. Strength will not be called into camp.
6. Progress reports in accordance with paras 167 (III) (IV), (V) and (VI) of Unit Mobilization Orders will be submitted by Units to H.Q., N. Command daily by telegram or messenger.
7. Then again there are a number of Units which have not been raised or have been raised on a nucleus basis only. To make the position clear with regard to the raising of these Units, the attached Appendix "A" should be closely studied. This Appendix lists all the Units in N. Comd. -

12/12/41 (25) 17/12.

Column (c) thereof shows the present camp location of the Unit if it has been raised, and Column (d) shows the camp location at which it will be located when brought to the strength required.

Column (e) shows -

- (a) In the case of those Units to be brought to W.E., plus first reinforcement officers and less first reinforcement other ranks - the marking "W.E."
- (b) In the case of Units which it is not intended to raise at the present time - no marking.
- (c) In the case of Units raised on a percentage or nucleus basis - the actual strength required in camp. In some cases the remark appears - "Strength as at 13th December", and in these cases the number of personnel to be maintained in camp will be the strength as shown on the Unit Strength Return for the 13th December, 1941.

Column (f) shows the date on which it is anticipated that those members already on the strength of the Unit are not at present in camp will commence to enter camp.

Column (g) shows the date on which U.S.P. required to build the Unit to W.E. Strength will enter camp. As these personnel must receive seven days' notice of being called up for training, the importance of advising numbers required to Area Brigade Major without delay is again stressed.

Alfred M. Forbes

Colonel,
Officer i/c Administration,
Northern Command.

NORTHERN COMMAND
UNITS TO ENTER CAMP DEC 1941

Serial No.	Unit	Present Camp Location	New Camp Location	Number required in Camp	Date trained soldiers enter Camp	Date U.S.P. to complete number required enter Camp	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1	Headquarters Units						
2	H.Q. N. Comd.	Vic. Barracks	Same	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
3	1 Def & Eng Pl	Not yet raised	CHERMESIDE	"	-	29 Dec 41	
4	N. Comd. Int Sec	Vic. Barracks	Same	"	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
5	N. Comd. A.L. Sec	Not yet raised	BRISBANE	"	-	-	As soon as personnel selected
6	H.Q. N. Comd. Arty	GROVELY	GROVELY	"	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
7	H.Q. E. Comd. Engrs	KELVIN GROVE	Same	"	"	"	
8	1 Salvage Unit	Not yet raised	ENOOGGERA	-	-	-	Raised when ordered
9	1 Mob Laun. & Frd Decon. Unit	-	ENOOGGERA	Strength as as 15 Dec 41	16 Dec et seq	-	With A.A.O.C. GAYTHORNE
10	101 Mob Bath Unit	Not yet raised	ENOOGGERA	-	-	-	Raised when ordered
11	102 Mob Bath Unit	"	SELLHEIM	-	-	-	"
12	N. Comd. Sigs less E, F, H, J, K & L Secs	LYTTON	CHERMESIDE	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	Move CHERMESIDE on completing W.E.
13	E Sec N. Comd. Sigs	"	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	Move GROVELY on completing W.E.
14	F Sec N. Comd. Sigs	"	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	Do.
15	H Sec N. Comd. Sigs	"	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	Do.
16	J Sec N. Comd. Sigs	"	CHERMESIDE	W.E.	"	"	Move CHERMESIDE on completing W.E.
17	K Sec N. Comd. Sigs	TOWNSVILLE	TOWNSVILLE	W.E.	"	"	Do.
18	L Sec N. Comd. Sigs	LYTTON	As ordered	W.E.	"	"	Move ordered on formation 29 Inf Bde
19	202 L.A.D.	LYTTON	CHERMESIDE	W.E.	"	"	Move CHERMESIDE on completing W.E.
20	N. Comd. Area Sigs	LYTTON	Same	W.E.	"	"	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
21	N. Comd. Pro Coy less three secs	MELVIN GROVE	Same	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
22	One Sec N. Comd. Pro Coy	MELVIN GROVE	TOWNSVILLE	W.E.	"	"	Move to TOWNSVILLE when ordered
23	Do.	MELVIN GROVE	MERTBOROUGH	W.E.	"	"	Move when ordered on formation 29 Inf Bde
24	One Sec N. Comd Pro Coy	MELVIN GROVE	MELVIN GROVE	W.E.	"	"	Available 7 Inf Bde
25	N. Comd. Band	REDBANK	Same	W.E.	"	-	
	<u>Command Units</u>						
26	H.Q. 1 Cav Bde	Water Street	Same	W.E.	"	22 Dec 41	To ENOGGERA on completion of Camp
27	Cav Bde Sig Tp	Do.	"	W.E.	"	"	
28	239 L.A.D.	Not in Camp	Water Street	W.E.	"	"	
29	5 Motor Regt Sig Tp	Not yet raised	LYFTON	W.E.	-	"	Move to GYMPIE on completing W.E.
30	11 Motor Regt Sig Tp	Not yet raised	LYFTON	W.E.	-	"	Move to GATTON on completing W.E.
31	5 Motor Regt	GYMPIE	GYMPIE	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	"	
32	299 L.A.D.	Not yet raised	GYMPIE	W.E.	-	"	
33	11 Motor Regt	GATTON	Same	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	"	
34	300 L.A.D.	Not yet raised	GATTON	W.E.	-	"	
35	1 Cav Bde Pro Sec	Not yet raised	Water Street	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	"	
36	5 Fd Regt	GROVELY	Same	W.E.	"	"	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
37	203 L.A.D.	Not in Camp	GROVELY	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
38	11 Fd Regt less 41 Fd Bty	GROVELY	Same	W.E.	"	"	
39	41 Fd Bty	TOWNSVILLE	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	
40	201 L.A.D.	Not in Camp	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	
41	1 A.Trk Regt less 2 A.Trk Bty	GROVELY	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	
42	2 A.Trk Bty	TOWNSVILLE	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	
43	240 L.A.D.	GROVELY	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	
44	N Fd Tp	CHEMINSIDE	CASH's CROSSING	W.E.	"	"	Move to be completed by 0900 hrs Tues 16 Dec Do.
45	7 Fd Coy	CHEMINSIDE	Do.	W.E.	"	"	
46	11 Fd Coy	SELLHEIM	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	
47	16 A.Fd Coy	CHEMINSIDE	CASH's CROSSING	W.E.	"	"	Move completed by 0900 hrs 16 Dec 41 Do.
48	55 Fd Pk Coy	CHEMINSIDE	Do.	W.E.	"	"	Do.
49	284 L.A.D.	Not in Camp	Do.	W.E.	"	"	
50	1 Fd Svy Coy	BRISBANE	Same	W.E.	"	"	
51	N 1 Chem Warfare Coy	-	CASH's	Nil	-	-	Raised when ordered
52	N. Comd. Reece Regt Sig Sec	Not raised	CROSSING LYTTON	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	Move to GROVELY on completing W.E.
53	N. Comd. Reece Regt	GROVELY	GROVELY	W.E.	"	"	
54	298 L.A.D.	Not yet raised	GROVELY	W.E.	-	"	
55	H.Q. 7 Inf Bde	CHEMINSIDE	CHEMINSIDE	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	"	
56	241 L.A.D.	CHEMINSIDE	CHEMINSIDE	W.E.	"	"	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
57	9 Bn	CHERNSIDE	CHERNSIDE	W.E.	16 Dec ct seq	22 Dec 41	
58	15 Bn	CHERNSIDE	CHERNSIDE	W.E.	"	"	
59	25 Bn	CABARLAH	CABARLAH	W.E.	"	"	
60	61 Bn	CHERNSIDE	CHERNSIDE	W.E.	"	"	
61	7 Inf Bde H.Q. Defence Pl	Not yet raised	CHERNSIDE	W.E.	-	"	
62	H.Q. 11 Inf Bde	TOWNSVILLE	Same	W.E.	16 Dec ct seq	"	
63	242 L.A.D.	Not in Camp	TOWNSVILLE	W.E.	"	"	Or SELLHEIM as decided
64	26 Bn	SELLHEIM	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	
65	31 Bn	TOWNSVILLE	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	Move to SELLHEIM as soon as possible
66	51 Bn	CAIRNS	ROCKY CREEK	W.E.	"	"	Move to ROCKY CREEK as soon as possible
67	11 Inf Bde H.Q. Defence Pl	Not yet raised	TOWNSVILLE	W.E.	-	"	
68	H.Q. 29 Inf Bde	Not yet raised	As ordered	W.E.	-	-	Formation as ordered by H.Q. N. Comd.
69	42 Bn	YEPPON	ROCKHAMPTON	W.E.	16 Dec ct seq	22 Dec 41	Prepared to move to ROCKHAMPTON early date. Separate Op. Instr. will be issued.
70	47 Bn	MARYBOROUGH	MARYBOROUGH	W.E.	16 Dec ct seq	22 Dec 41	
71	29 Inf Bde H.Q. Defence Pl	Not yet raised	MARYBOROUGH	W.E.	-	22 Dec 41	
72	161 Res M.F. Coy	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	W.E.	16 Dec ct seq	"	Raised by 47 Bn forthwith

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
73	1 Lt Fd Amb	FRASER	GATTON	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	Move to GATTON 16 Dec 41
74	7 Fd Amb	CHERRYSIDE	CHERRYSIDE	W.E.	"	"	
75	11 Fd Amb	ROCKHAMPTON	MARYBOROUGH	W.E.	"	"	Det remain ROCKHAMPTON
76	19 Fd Amb	ROCKHAMPTON	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	Prepared to move to SELLHEIM by 18 Dec less Det to TOWNSVILLE
77	11 Fd Hyg Sec	TOWNSVILLE	SELLHEIM	W.E.	"	"	
78	1 Cav Mob Vet Sec	Not in Camp	GATTON	-	-	-	Special Instructions will be issued
79	1 Grn Bde Adm H.Q.	Vic. Barracks	ENOGERA	W.E.	-	22 Dec 41	
80	1 Grn Bn	ENOGERA	ENOGERA	W.E.	-	"	Maintaining V.P. Guards South Queensland
81	11 Grn Bn less two Coys and two H.G. Pls	Not in Camp	ENOGERA	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	"	With 1 Grn Bn
82	One Coy and one H.G. Pl in Coy Bn	COWAN	COWAN	W.E.	-	-	War Station incl. Details
83	One Coy and one H.G. Pl in Coy Bn	BRIBIE	BRIBIE	W.E.	-	-	Do.
84	15 Grn Bn	TOWNSVILLE	TOWNSVILLE	W.E.	-	22 Dec 41	Maintaining V.P. Gds North Queensland
85	One Grn Bde Sig Sec	Not yet raised	LYTTON	W.E.	-	"	With Area Sigs for training
<u>UNITS FOR MAINTENANCE</u>							
86	H.Q. 1 L. of C. Area	Not yet raised	TOOWOOMBA	-	-	-	Raised when ordered by H. Comd.
87	2 Eng Pl	Not yet raised	TOOWOOMBA	-	-	-	Do.

Serial No. (a)	Unit (b)	Present Camp Location (c)	New Camp Location (d)	Number re- quired in Camp (e)	Date Trained soldiers enter Camp (f)	Date U.S.P. to complete to number required enter Camp (g)	Remarks (h)
88	3 Emp #1	Not yet raised	SEILHEIM				Raised when ordered by H. Comd.
89	1 L. of C. Sigs.	do.					do.
90	3 Hk. & Parks Coy	GROVELY	GROVELY	N.E.		22 Dec 41	As allotted for duty
91	H.M. TOONGOOLA	Not yet raised	TOONGOOLA				Raised as ordered by H. Comd.
92	WARWICK Sub-Area						
93	1 A. Tps. Coy Less one Sec	BRISBANE	Peel St. BRISBANE	N.E.		22 Dec 41	Duty as allotted
94	H.M. H. Comd. A.A.S.C.	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	N.E.	16 Dec et Seq	"	
95	N. Comd. Sqn Col	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	N.E.	"	"	With H. Comd. Pet Coy.
96	% H. Comd. Amn. Coy	Not in Camp	ENOGGERA	3 Off. 7 O.Rs.	"	"	
97	N. Comd. Pet. Coy.	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	N.E.	"	"	With 105 Res. H.T. Coy.
98	% N. Comd. Amn. Sub Park	Not in Camp	ENOGGERA	1 Off 4 O.Rs.	"	"	
99	N. Comd. V.R.D.	KELVIN GROVE	KELVIN GROVE	N.E.	"	"	Move to BUNDABERG when ordered.
100	105 Res. H.T. Coy	ENOGGERA	BUNDABERG	N.E.	"	"	% in Camp ROCKHAMPTON. Special Instruct- ions will be issued
101	% 115 Res. H.T. Coy	Not in Camp	SEILHEIM	Present strength	"	"	do.
102	% 1 V.C.C.	"	KEDRON Race Course	5 Off 4 O.Rs.	"	"	do.
103	% 1 V.C. Sec	"	ROCKHAMPTON	1 Off. 2 O.Rs.	"	"	do.
104	% 2 V.C. Sec	"	TOONGOOLA	"	"	"	do.
105	% 3 V.C. Sec.	"	CARRIS	"	"	"	do.
106	% 1 Aux H.T. Coy	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	2 Off 22 O.Rs.	"	"	do.
107	% 2 Aux H.T. Coy	TOONGOOLA	SEILHEIM	2 Off 17 O.Rs.	"	"	
108	4 Sup. Per Coy.	ENOGGERA	SEILHEIM	N.E., Less eight Secs.	16 Dec et Seq	29 Dec 41	
109	10 Sup Per Coy.	ENOGGERA	BUNDABERG	N.E., Less twelve Secs	"	22 Dec 41	Move to BUNDABERG when ordered.

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
110	N One Sec 1 Fd Bakery	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA				Raised when ordered by N. Comd.
111	% 1 Amb Car Coy (lower estab.)	Not in Camp	EXHIBITION	2 Offs. 4 QRs.			N. Comd. M.A.C.
112	N. Comd. B. I. P. Q.D.	ENOGGERA	-	Present Strength N.C.C.R. 12/1/38			To be enlisted in accordance with S.M. 93872 forthwith. Duty as ordered by N. Comd.
113	% N. Comd. Pet Park	Not in Camp	KALINGA	2 Offs. 4 O.Rs.			With N. Comd. Pet Coy ENOGGERA
114	H. Q. 1 Salvage Depot	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	W.E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
115	14 L. of C. Salvage Sgo	Not yet raised	BUNDAMBA	W.E.			Special Instrs. to be issued
116	5 Fd Hyg Sec	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	W.E.	"	"	
117	17 Fd Hyg Sec	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	W.E.	"	"	
118	6 C. C. S.	CHERMSIDE	IPSWICH S. Grnd.	W.E.	"	"	Move to IPSWICH 16 Dec
119	% N. Comd. M.A.C.	EXHIBITION	EXHIBITION	3 Offs. 9 QRs.	"	"	
120	N. Comd. Med & Vet Stores	BRISBANE	BRISBANE	W. E.	"	"	Det CHARTERS TOWERS
121	112 Gen Hosp	BRISBANE	BRISBANE	W. E.	"	"	
122	% 116 Gen Hosp	ROCKHAMPTON	CHARTERS TOWERS	3 Offs. 30 QRs.	"	"	A. A. M. C. Details Camp
123	% 117 Gen Hosp	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	"	"	"	
124	101 Con Depot	EXHIBITION	EXHIBITION	Strength as at 13 Dec	"	"	A. A. M. C. Details Camp ENOGGERA
125	% 102 Con Depot	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	1 Off. 4 O. Rs.	"	"	A. A. M. C. Details Camp ENOGGERA

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
126	% 1 Amb Train	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	1 Off 6 C.Rs.	16 Dec et Seq	22 Dec 41	A.M.C. Details Camp ENOGGERA. do.
127	% 5 Amb Train	ENOGGERA	ENOGGERA	do.	do.	do.	
128	201 Dental Unit	GROVELY	CALIAS	A.E.			
129	202 Dental Unit	REDBANK	REDBANK	A.E.			
130	203 Dental Unit	REDBANK	SELHEIM	A.E.			
131	204 Dental Unit	REDBANK	ENOGGERA				
132	205 Dental Unit	REDBANK	REDBANK				
133	206 Dental Unit	EXHIBITION	EXHIBITION				
134	207 Dental Unit	REDBANK	SELHEIM				
135	208 Dental Unit	LYTTON	LYTTON				
136	209 Dental Unit	GROVELY	GROVELY				
137	210 Dental Unit	REDBANK	GROVELY				Att 101 Con Depot
138	211 Dental Unit	REDBANK	EXHIBITION				" 102 " "
139	212 Dental Unit	REDBANK	ENOGGERA				
140	213 Dental Unit	THURSDAY IS.	THURSDAY IS.				
141	REDBANK Dental Centre	REDBANK	REDBANK		16 Dec et Seq	22 Dec 41	
142	N. Comd. Ord. Dept.	BRISBANE	GAYTHORNE	A.E.	"	"	Det. at SELHEIM
143	N. Comd. Adv. Ord Depot	Not raised	BRISBANE	A.E.	"	"	
144	N. Comd. Ord. Hqsps	BRISBANE	GAYTHORNE	A.E.	"	"	
145	1 M.D. Acct. Office	BRISBANE	BRISBANE	A.E.			
146	N. 1 Depot Cash Office	Not yet raised	BRISBANE				Raised when ordered by H. Comd.
147	% 1 Vet Hosp, less three secs.	ENOGGER	ENOGGERA	Strength as at 13 Dec 41	16 Dec et Seq	22 Dec 41	

Serial No.	Unit	Present Camp Location	New Camp Location	Number required in camp	Date trained soldiers enter Camp	Date U.S.P. to complete number required enter Camp	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
148	% 1 Remt. Sqn.	LYTTON	LYTTON	Strength as <u>13 Dec 41</u>			No increase in Estab. till further orders. Further Instr. will be issued.
149	1 L. of C. Prov. Coy.	Not yet raised	KELVIN GROVE			29 Dec 41	To be raised as ordered.
150	% N. Comd Det. Barracks	GROVELY	GROVELY	Strength as <u>at 13 Dec</u>			
151	N. Comd Base	Not in Camp	BRISBANE	"			
152	N. Comd Fd.						
	Postal Unit						
153	N. Comd Stationery Dept	Not in Camp	CHERMSIDE	W. E.	16 Dec et seq	22 Dec 41	
154	% 1 Labour Coy.	BRISBANE	BRISBANE	W. E.	" "	" "	
		BRISBANE	BRISBANE	Strength as <u>at 13 Dec</u>			
155	% Graves Registration & Enquiry Unit	Not yet raised	ENOGERA	-	-	-	
156	N 1 Per Staging Camp	Not yet raised	As required	-	-	-	Raised as ordered by N. Comd.
157	N N. Comd Reception Camp			As at present authorised	-	-	
158	N. Comd Bde. & Area Staffs	As at present					
159	N. Comd Records Office	As at present					

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N. COMD. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 14.

INFORMATION.

- (1) No further relevant information since issue of Operation Instruction No. 12.

TASK IN GENERAL

- (2) Preparation of plans for rendering unserviceable some ports in NORTH QUEENSLAND.

TASK IN PARTICULAR.

- (3) Comd. 11 Inf. Bde. is to take immediate steps and prepare plans for rendering unfit for use, the following ports in NORTH QUEENSLAND:-

MACKAY
BOWEN

TOWNSVILLE
CAIRNS

This course may become necessary in order that we leave no ports or as far as is within our power the minimum of port facilities intact for use by the enemy.

- (4) In the preparation of these plans the following points should be taken into consideration.

- (a) Installations and facilities requiring destruction.
- (b) Type of preparation required.
- (c) Time required to carry out preparation for destruction.
- (d) Time required to complete destruction after receipt of EXECUTIVE ORDER.
- (e) What type and quantity of explosives required.
- (f) What materials and explosives are available locally both Army and Civil.
- (g) How much of the preparation could be done at once without interfering with present port facilities.
- (h) What labour facilities are available locally - what personnel would be available to carry out the work, other than Army Personnel, in the event of necessity.

- (5) It is suggested that the quickest and most effective means of drawing up these plans would be to have them prepared through L.D.C., TOWNSVILLE.

(6) Plans when prepared will be submitted to this H.Q. in triplicate.

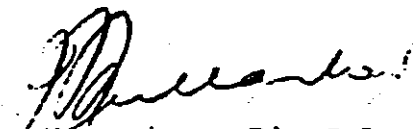
(7) Except in case of grave emergency, the EXECUTIVE ORDER to make these plans operative will be issued by G.O.C. Northern Command. In a case of grave emergency, Comd. 11 Inf Bde. will use his own judgement.

(8) Other ports of less urgent importance that will be treated on similar lines are:-

NORMANTON
BURKETOWN
INNISFAIL
MOURILYAN
LUCINDA
COCKTOWN

(9) Plans will be forwarded to reach H.Q. N. Comd. by 22 Dec 41.

(10) Similar plans are in course of preparation in SOUTH QUEENSLAND.


Lt.-Col.,
G.S., N. Comd.

DISTRIBUTION.

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10	District Naval Officer
11	A.O.C. Northern Area R.A.A.F., TOWNSVILLE.
12	G.O.C.
13	Col. i/c Adm.
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100/41

H.Q. Bris. Fix. Def.
South Brisbane Town Hall.
9 Dec. 41.

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LIEUT. C. M. BIZZELL.
No. 7 FIELD COMPANY.

DESTRUCTION OF PORT FACILITIES.

In confirmation of instructions given you verbally today, you will proceed by train from Brisbane on WEDNESDAY, 10 DEC. 41, to investigate and report upon the destruction, if necessary of Port facilities, in case of necessity, in the following Ports, so that they cannot be available to the enemy:-

MARYBOROUGH

BUNDABERG

GLADSTONE

ROCKHAMPTON

2. It is understood that the actual work in this case would have to be done by the Army, but the advice of a Naval Officer or Naval representative is essential in order to know what major facilities would have to be destroyed, so that the most inconvenience would be caused to the enemy.

3. The Naval Officer or Naval Representatives with whom you will be associated in each Port will be as follows:-

MARYBOROUGH; Engineer/Lieut. Commander Platt (Walker Bros.) and/or Mr. Bird, Sub-Collector of Customs, Customs House.

BUNDABERG; Mr. Nichols, Sub-Collector of Customs, Customs House.

GLADSTONE; Mr. R. J. Mackay, Sub-Collector of Customs, Customs House.

ROCKHAMPTON; Mr. J. H. Corley, Sub-Collector of Customs, Customs House.

4. In making your reconnaissances, it will be necessary to take into consideration the following points:-

- (a) Time available to carry out necessary destruction, as in all probability, time will be very short;
- (b) Where explosives are needed, and the quantity required: It is possible that large supplies will not be available.

- (c) How much of the suggested plan can be put into effect at once, or, at least, before the matter becomes urgent, without interfering with present Port facilities;
- (d) Time required to carry out destruction after receipt of EXECUTIVE ORDER. (This aspect requires consideration from the point of view of labour).
- (e) Labour facilities available -- what personnel would be available to carry out the work, other than Army personnel, in the event of necessity;
- (f) Availability of material.

5. The above-noted Naval Officers or Naval Representatives have been advised that you will be calling on them, and, in addition, you should contact the Local Army Intelligence Officer.

.....Capt.
(Secretary Brisbane Local Defence Committee).

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District Naval Officer.
H.Q., N. Comd.
C. R. E. (Field).

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{ 15 DEC 1941 }

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To MILCOMMAND BRISBANE.

G.424 14/12 FIRST OF TWO PARTS A.H.Q. REVIEWS WILL BE
NUMBER SEVEN TO 1200 HOURS 14TH DECEMBER

1. STOP MALAYA STOP TO 1200 HOURS LOCAL TIME 13TH DECEMBER
STOP NO CONFIRMATION FRESH ENEMY REINFORCEMENT UNCONFIRMED
REPORT DUTCH SUBMARINES STOP CONFIRM FOUR JAPANESE TROOP-LADEN
TRANSPORTS STEAMING SOUTH OFF PATAHI ON NIGHT OF 12TH DECEMBER
STOP KEDAH STOP ENEMY ATTACKS MAINLY EAST OF ROAD ALOR STAR TO
SINGORA OUR LINE JUST NORTH OF ALOR STAR STOP STRONG ENEMY ATTACK
TANKS LIGHT ARTILLERY DRIVEN KROH FORCE BACK TOWARDS FRONTIER
STOP TRENGGANU SITUATION CONFUSED STOP ENEMY AT DUNGAN AND
KUALA-KERTEHIV STOP

2. STOP BURMA STOP PATROL TOWARDS PRACHUAB-KIRIKIAN 11TH
DECEMBER REPORTS MANY JAPANESE TROOPS LANDED SOME AIRCRAFT
ON AERODROME STOP MERGUI BOMBED 50 AIRCRAFT 12TH DECEMBER STOP
INDO CHINA STOP USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS JAPANESE SHIPS
INCLUDING EIGHT DESTROYERS ONE AUXILIARY CRUISER SEVERAL
SUBMARINES ONE OR TWO AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND 100 TRANSPORT OFF
COAST MAY NOT BE INDO CHINA GOING WELLESLEY SOUTH WEST STOP
NO DATE (PART 1 END STOP PART 2 FOLLOWS) NUMBER OF SHIPS IS
CONSISTENT SIX DIVISIONS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF EASTERN EXPRESSED
SOME DOUBT AS TO ACCURACY PF REPORT STOP SPENCER 4. PHILLIPINE
ISLANDS LUZON. REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON ATTACKS AIR RAIDS
10/11 DECEMBER ON CAVITE NICHOLS AIR PORT ZABLAN FIELD AND SHIPPI
IN MANILA HARBOUR STOP FIVE HEAVY JAPANESE BATTLE SQUADRONS AND
ELEVEN DESTROYERS OPERATION OFF PROVINCE ZAMBEL SIGNED ON WEST
COAST LUZON JUST NORTH MANILA ON 12TH DECEMBER STOP JAPANESE
HAVE LANDED LEGASOI IN EXTREME SOUTHEAST OF LEGASOI AND CUT
COMMUNICATIONS AT NAGA STOP ORIGINAL JAPANESE LANDINGS AT APPARF
AND VIGAN IN NORTHERN LUZON REINFORCED 5 HAWAII STOP ON DECEMBER
11th THREE TO FIVE SUBMARINES SIGHTED NORTH EAST OF OAHU ISLAND.
THESE BOMBED BY AIRCRAFT AND FORCED SUBMERGE STOP NO FURTHER
REPORTS STOP MAY NOT BE ENEMY ACTION STOP 6. N.E.I. OBTAINING
INFILTRAT GREY ARTILLERY AIRCRAFT ATTACKED BY THREE ENEMY PLANES
NEAR ANAMBAS ONE ATTACK REPELLED STOP TIMOR REPORTS JAPANESE
SUBMARINES NEAR (?) SUNK BY AIRCRAFT STOP 7. NEW CALEDONIA STOP
PUBLIC MORALE REPORTED APPEARS GOOD STOP MINING AND ARRANGEMENTS
OBSTRUCTING AERODROMES IN HAND STOP 8. NAURA AND OCEAN ISLAND
HAVE CARRIED OUT DEMOLITION PHOSPHATE LOADING PLANT STOP
GILBERT ISLAND STOP REPORTS FROM N (?) INDICATE ENEMY IS IN
OCCUPATION OF TASAWA AND BUTARITAI ISLANDS STOP REPORT THAT
ENEMY PLANE IS FLYING OVER PBAIANG INDICATES THAT ISLAND NOT YET
ATTACKED. THAILAND TO BE TREATED AS ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY STOP

ARMY MELBOURNE

Original to G.S.O. for action.

Copy for Col. i/c Adm,

G.C.C.

A.A. & Q.M.G.

A.A.G.

A.Q.M.G.

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 15 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	15 Dec 41	0100	A.H.G. Telegram. Review of situation No 7 to 1200 hrs	A.H.G. Telegram G.424.
			14 Dec 41	(Appx 33) Admef.
	"	0900	N. Comd Operation Instructions No 14	N. Comd 04574 of 15 Dec.
				Secret 1398/41. (Appx 34) Admef.
	"	1200	N. Comd. Adm. Instruction No 1.	N. Comd. 04579 Secret 1401/41.
				(Appx 35) Admef.
		1205	Digest of C.O.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 63	(Appx 36) Admef.
			of information received up to 0800 hrs 15 Dec 41.	
	"	1430	Telephone message from D.M.O. AHG. re despatch of	
			the to B.M.D. adv. copy of Telegram G.492.	(Appx 37) Admef.
	"	1618	N. Comd Telegram addressed T.I. instructions to take	
			necessary action for active and passive air defence.	
			All posts to be manned 24 hrs and immediate report	
			of enemy activity to be sent to H.Q. N. Comd.	N. Comd. G.5508 Admef.

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MILCOMAND BRISBANE PERTH

(Q499 14/12 REFERENCE Q144 DECEMBER 12TH AND A230 DECEMBER 12TH
IMPRESSION VEHICLES NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BUT
MACHINERY TO BE KEPT ACTIVE STOP AT EARLY DATE ORDINANCE
ANTICIPATE TWO THIRDS OF VEHICLES ON WAR ESTABLISHMENT WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE ALL UNITS STOP IN DISTRIBUTING VEHICLES
DUE REGARD TO BE GIVEN TO TRANSPORT BOMBS TO AIR OPERATIONAL
BASES STOP MOST URGENT REQUIREMENT IS TRAINING OF DRIVERS STOP
FUNDS BEING SECURED PURCHASE HORSES BOTH CAVALRY AND DRAUGHT
NUMBER AUTHORIZED AND FUNDS AVAILABLE WILL BE ADVISED LATER

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NORTHERN COMMAND SECRET 1392/41

11 INFANTRY BRIGADE TOWNSVILLE

FIXDEF THURSDAY ISLAND

WARNING ORDER IN VIEW OF JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITIES PUT PASSIVE
AIR DEFENCE MEASURES IN EFFECT ONCE STOP CONSTRUCT SLIT
TRENCHES ALL CAMPS AND MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS STOP CONCEALMENT
AND DISPERSION TROOPS TRANSPORT ALL OCCASIONS WILL BE RIGIDLY
ENFORCED STOP ALTERNATIVE AND DUMMY POSITIONS WILL BE PROVIDED
WHEREVER PRACTICABLE.

MILCOMMAND

FRISBANE

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S.I. 04568.

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date 13 Dec. 41.

1 Cav. Bde.
H.Q. N.Cord. Arty.
H.Q..N.Cord. Engrs.
N.Cord. Sigs.
7 Inf. Bde.
E.Q. A.I.F. Tng. Depots, N.Cord.
42 Bn.

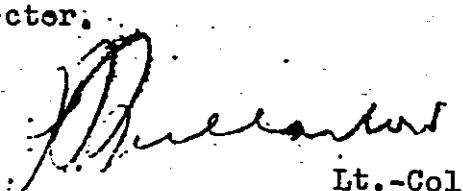
C.F.D. N.Cord.
H.Q. N.Cord. A.A.S.C.
Adm.H.Q. 1 Grn. Bde.
Camp Commandant, ENO:GERA
N.Cord. I.T. School.
N.Cord. Reception Camp
47 Bn.

NORTHERN COAST AND OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.15.

1. in view of JAPANESE air activities, immediate action will be taken to put "PASSIVE AIR DEFENCE" measures into effect.
2. Slit trenches will be prepared at all camps and military establishments.
3. Concealment and dispersion of troops and transport will be rigidly enforced on all occasions. Formed bodies on parade or moving from place to place will NOT exceed one Flatoon in strength.
4. Alternative and dummy positions will be provided wherever possible. This applies particularly to installations in Fortress Areas.
5. Warning order sent by telegram to

11 Inf.Bde.

H.Q. THURSDAY ISLAND, Sector.


Lt.-Col.
G.S., N.Cord.

Copy to:- G.O.C.
Col.i/c.Adm.
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A.A.G.
A.Q.M.G.
D.D.I.S.
A.D.O.S.
S.S.O.
A.D.S.&T.
Camp Commandant,
D.F.O.
D.R.O.
Stationery Officer
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DIGEST OF C.O.I.C. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 62

Information received up to 6 a.m. 14/12/41.

B.B.C. BROADCAST FROM LONDON AT 2100 12TH. Announced the fact that an attack had been made by R.A.A.F. planes based at AMBON. This dangerous information revealing locality of R.A.A.F. base was apparently given out by N.E.I. Military Press Bureau. On instructions from G.A. 5.(f) no announcement was made from H.Q. MELBOURNE gave the matter as being taken up with the N.E.I.

JAPANESE MIDGET SUBMARINES. It has been definitely established that a Japanese surface vessel has, since commencement of hostilities, launched midget 50 ft. submarine, carrying four torpedoes and manned by a crew of two. The probable ^{range} of launched midget craft is between ten to twenty miles from objective. As far as possible all important vessels including merchant vessels should therefore be berthed as far up harbour as practicable. Other defence measures are: (a) Patrol by parent vessels 10 to 20 miles to seaward; (b) Aircraft reconnaissance where practicable

ATTACK HANYEI MARU: A message from KOEPANG (Dutch Timor) advises that the HANYEI MARU is ashore at KAMBING ISLAND. Portuguese are trying to refloat the ship. The Governor has asked LISBON for instructions re disposal, the Japanese crew is still at DILLI; no evidence to prove whether they are combatants or not.

JAPANESE LUGGERS THURSDAY ISLAND: Round-up of luggers is proceeding (Comment. N. Comd. information received states 300 Japs. now interned, leaving about 50 outstanding. Apparently no intention of getting away as part of a concerted plan. F.W.R.)

LATEST INTELLIGENCE REPORTS Confirmed to 1600 hrs, Saturday; MALAYA: Strong enemy air attack on PENANG and TAVOY (N.B. TAVOY is in lower BURMA 250 miles North of VICTORIA POINT.)

KEDAH: Our advanced troops established positions south of CHANGLUK.

AUSTRALIAN STATION: Muru Radio again functioning - no further attacks. TARAKAN, in DUTCH BORNEO, North East Coast, instructed to prepare total demolition.

CONFIRMED INFORMATION TO 0800/13 Thursday.

AUSTRALIAN STATIONS: Light flashes observed and engine noises heard ten miles East-South-East TABAR ISLAND in the BISMARCKS ARCHIPELAGO, North-East NEW GUINEA; report graded B.2.

WAKE ISLAND - Wireless Telegraph Operations W/2 still operating.

JAPANESE NAVAL DISPOSITIONS: A. SAIGON Area: C. in C. Southern expeditionary fleet, C. in C. Japanese third fleet Flagship. Fourth destroyer Squadron, 2 Aircraft Carriers, 2 new Aircraft Squadrons. B. SAIGON GULF Area: Battleship "KIRISHIMA", Aircraft Carrier "SHAKAKEO". Fourth Destroyer Flotilla, at least 5 other Warships, C. in C. Japanese combined Fleet. The 3rd and 4th Aircraft Carrier Squadrons are now operating the second fleet which appears to be reinforced since commencement of hostilities.

SHIPPING ROUTES: Shipping for U.K. whose normal route is Pacific and shipping for West Coast North America to be sailed via Panama and routed well South. All East bound U.S. and PHILIPPINE ships to be sailed to BRISBANE for orders.

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

A.372 13/12 REFERENCE 3.144 12th. DECEMBER FOLLOWING ARE THE UNITS WHICH WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE RAISED TO WAR ESTABLISHMENT WITHOUT REPEAT WITHOUT FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AT PRESENT

1 SALVAGE UNIT, 1 MOBILE LAUNDRY & DECONTAMINATION UNIT, 101 MOBILE BATH UNIT, 102 MOBILE BATH UNIT, 1 CHEMICAL WARFARE COMPANY, HEADQUARTERS 1 L. of C. AREA, 2 EMPLOYMENT PLATOON, 3 EMPLOYMENT PLATOON, 1 L. of C. SIGNALS, HEADQUARTERS 1 (TOOWOOMBA - WARWICK) SUB AREA, NORTHERN COMMAND ALLOCATION SUB PARK, 115 RESERVE MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY, 1 V.C.C., 1 V.C. SECTION, 2 V.C. SECTION, 3 V.C. SECTION, 8 SECTIONS OF 4 SUPPLY PERSONNEL COMPANY, 12 SECTIONS OF 10 SUPPLY PERSONNEL COMPANY, ONE SECTION 1 FIELD BAKERY, 1 AMBULANCE CAR COMPANY, NORTHERN COMMAND R.I.P.O.D., NORTHERN COMMAND PETROL PARK, 116 GENERAL HOSPITAL (1200 BEDS), 101 CONVALESCENT DEPOT (1000 MEN), 102 CONVALESCENT DEPOT (1000 MEN), 1 AMBULANCE TRAIN, 5 AMBULANCE TRAIN, 1 VETERINARY HOSPITAL, 1 REMOUNT SQUADRON, 1 L. of C. PRO COMPANY, NORTHERN COMMAND BASE HOSPITAL UNIT, 1 LABOUR COMPANY, 1 GRAVES REGISTRATION & ENQUIRY UNIT, 1 PER STAGING CAMP, ANY OF THE ABOVE UNITS WHICH ARE ALREADY RAISED IN NUCLEUS OR CADRE FROM WILL REMAIN AT EXISTING STRENGTH STOP TRAINING UNITS NOT REPEAT NOT ALREADY IN BEING NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE ARRANGED AT PRESENT

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

G.349 13/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 6 TO 1200 HOURS
13TH DECEMBER STOP.

1. MALAYA STOP ENEMY AIR ACTIVITIES 11/12 LIMITED TO SEVERE DAYLIGHT BOMBING ATTACKS PENANG BY ABOUT EIGHTY ENEMY AIRCRAFT STOP CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE POWER STATIONS WATER SYSTEM SHOPS DOCKYARDS AREA STOP CASUALTIES HEAVY STOP NO DAMAGE FIXED DEFENCES NO MILITARY CASUALTIES STOP BLENHEIMS DESPATCHED TO BOMB SINGORA AERODROME DURING NIGHT STOP ALL RETURNED BUT RESULT IS NO YET KNOWN STOP KELANTAN STOP 8 INDIAN BRIGADE IN POSITION COVERING MACHANG STOP KEDAH STOP ENEMY INFILTRATION IN CHANGLUN AREA STOP SIX MILES BELOW FRONTIER STOP TRENGGANU STOP NO CONFIRMATION REPORTED LANDINGS STOP AIR RECONNAISSANCE ON EAST COAST MALAYA TO KAULA TRENGGANU FAILED REVEAL ANY SPECIAL ACTIVITY BUT VISIBILITY BAD STOP
2. SARAWAK STOP 15 LUTONG GARRISON ORDERED TO LUCHING STOP
3. BURMA STOP ENEMY WHO LANDED CHUMPHORN REPORTED OCCUPIED TAPLEE STOP JAVOY AERODROME BOMBED AND MACHINE GUNNED BY 23 AIRCRAFT STOP NO DETAILS BUT COMMUNICATION INTACT STOP
4. HONG KONG STOP DURING THE MORNING 11TH DECEMBER STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE LEFT FLANK KOWLOON BRIGADE STOP SITUATION STABILIZED BY LOCAL COUNTER ATTACKS BUT POSITION UNSUITABLE FOR PROTRACTED DEFENCE STOP STONECUTTERS ISLANDS HEAVILY BOMBARDED MUCH OF WHICH OF MILITARY BARRACKS STOP CASUALTIES THERE LIGHT STOP DURING NIGHT 11TH DECEMBER MAINLAND EVACUATED EXCEPT NETILS PEAK POSITION STOP TROOPS REMAINING IN MAINLAND WILL BE EVACUATED TONIGHT STOP SPORADIC BOMBARDMENT HONG KONG ISLAND BY AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY ESPECIALLY NAVAL MAIN SUPPLY DEPOT YARDS R.A.S.C. AND ORDNANCE DEPOTS STOP POPULATION HONG KONG CALM BUT SITUATION IN KOWLOON BAD STOP
5. OCEAN ISLAND STOP NO ENEMY PLANES OVER ISLAND ON EITHER 11TH 12TH DECEMBER STOP INDICATION OF BAD WEATHER APPROACHING ATOP MESSAGE ENDS

ARMY MELBOURNE

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- 3 G.S.O.
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MILCOMHND BRISBANE

TO PERSONNEL MILCOMHND PERTH MILDISTRICT ADELAIDE MILDISTRICT
HOBART MILDISTRICT DARWIN MILDISTRICT MORESBY

9.366 15/12 GUARDS ON CIVIL AERODROMES WILL NOW REPEAT NOW BE
ADJUSTED TO ADMINISTER PROTECTION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT NOW TO BE
DISPERSED REPEAT DISPERSED IN THE AERODROME FROM HANGARS PARTICULARLY
AT NIGHT STOP ARRANGE DETAILS WITH CIVIL AVIATION STOP AVERAGE
NUMBER OF AIR LINERS INVOLVED DARWIN ONE REPEAT ONE CAIRNS THREE
REPEAT THREE BRISBANE UP TO FIVE REPEAT FIVE MASCOT UP TO FIVE
REPEAT FIVE ESSENDON UP TO FOUR REPEAT FOUR ADELAIDE UP TO FIVE
REPEAT FIVE HOBART ONE REPEAT ONE PERTH UP TO THREE REPEAT THREE
STOP ADDRESS ALL MILITARY COMMANDS 4th., 6th. and 7th.
MILITARY DISTRICTS REPEATED MILDISTRICT MORESBY.

ARMY MELBOURNE

14 DEC 1941

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 14 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	14 Dec.	0120	A.H.Q. Telegram. Dispersion of civil aircraft on aerodromes out of hangars, usually at night to be guarded.	A.H.Q. Telegram A.366 (Appx 26) Attncl.
		0429	A.H.Q. Review of Situation No 6. to 1200 hrs 13 Dec.	A.H.Q. Telegram G.349 (Appx 27) Attncl.
		0214.	Units not to be raised to H.E. without first reports at present.	A.H.Q. Telegram A.372 (Appx 28) Attncl.
		1620	T.I. Telegram. Number of JAPANESE interned total 264	T.I. Telegram T.I. 229. Attncl.
		1630	Digest of C.C.I.C. Operational Intelligence Report No 62 based on information to 0800 hrs 14 Dec. 41	(Appx. 29) Attncl.
		1700.	N.Comd. Operations Instruction No 15.	N.Comd. C4568. Secret 1392/41 (Appx 30) Attncl.
		1841	N.Comd telegram addressed H. Inf Bde and H.Q. THURSDAY	N.Comd. G.5490.
			ISLAND Sector re slit trenches and dispersion	(Appx 31) Attncl.

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MILCOMAND BRISBAIE

G 364 13/12 APPROVAL ISSUED CALL UP FOR FULL TIME DUTY
PERSONNEL VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS TO FOLLOWING EXTENT STOP
NORTHERN COMAND 800/EASTERN COMAND 2500 SOUTHERN COMAND
3rd. MILITARY DISTRICT 800 STOP 4th. MILITARY DISTRICT 130
STOP 6th. MILITARY DISTRICT 90 STOP WESTERN COMAND 500
STOP 7th. MILITARY DISTRICT 150 STOP 8th. MILITARY DISTRICT
30 STOP PERSONNEL TO BE USED COAST WATCHING AND OTHER
ESSENTIAL DUTIES YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY STOP GENERALLY
RATES OF PAY ALLOWANCES CONDITIONS SERVICE AS FOR COMMONWEALTH
MILITARY FORCES BUT FURTHER DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS THESE
MATTERS ARE FOLLOWING STOP ADDRESSED ALL MILITARY COMANDS
AND DISTRICTS

ARMY MELBOURNE

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A.382 13/12 REFERENCE S.M.16257 OF 11th DECEMBER PERSONNEL
FOR ONE 4 GUN STATION READY TO MOV ADVISE WHEN YOU WILL BE
READY TO RECEIVE

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Headquarters Northern Command,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.
13th December, 1941.

No.04516

Memo. to:-	A.A.& 2.M.G.
C.R.E.	A.A.G.
7 Fd. Coy.- N.Fd.Tp.	A.Q.M.G.
16 A. Fd. Coy.	A.D.E. & T.
55 Fd. Pk.Coy.	A.D.O.S.
7 Inf. Bde.	A.D.E. Serv.
Q.M. Chermside	
G.O.C.	
Col. i/c Adm.	
G.S.O.	

NORTHERN COMMAND OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.13.

WARNING ORDER. In order to make A. Block CHERMSIDE available to 15 Bn. to complete the establishment, Fd. Coys. at present in Camp in A. Block will move to CASH'S CROSSING as soon as ordered. No move before 0900 hrs Sunday 14 Dec 41.

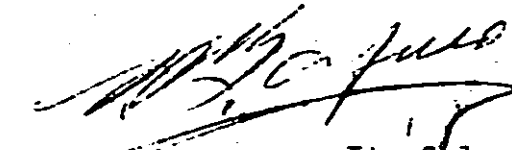
2. C.R.E. will make immediate arrangements to lay out the necessary tented camp at CASH'S CROSSING and make his own arrangements for securing water for drinking and ablution purposes from SOUTH PINE RIVER.

An advance party will be in occupation of the site from 0900 hrs Saturday.

3. Tentage will be drawn from Ordnance Stores, GAYTHORNE.

4. C.R.E. will make arrangements to move Engineers Stores at CHERMSIDE to CASH'S CROSSING. Unit transport will be used.

5. Arrangements will be made for draft conducting officers to forward men called into camps direct to CASH'S CROSSING.


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G.S., N. Comd.

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(4) VICTORIA BARRACKS MELBOURNE VIC. 57 1.50P PRIORITY
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VIEW JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATE ACTION WILL BE
TAKEN PROVISION SLIT TRENCHES ALL CAMPS AND OTHER
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS STOP CONCEALMENT AND
DISPERSION TROOPS TRANSPORTS ALL OCCASIONS WILL BE RIGIDLY
ENFORCED STOP ALTERNATIVE AND DUMMY POSITIONS WILL BE
PROVIDED WHERE EVER NECESSARY

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2- Col. i/c Adm,
3- G.S.O.
4- A.A. & Q.M.G.
5- A.A.G.
6- A.Q.M.G.
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G296 13/12 H.R.Os. COASTAL AREAS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT
CONCLUSIVE REPORTS NEITHER JAPANESE SUBMARINES SIGHTED HAVE
BEEN PAINTED CHOCOLATE BROWN

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 13 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	13 Dec 41	1417	CCEN rifles despatched	N. Comd Telegram ret.
				N. Comd. 05 5409 Telegram Admcl.
		1425	A.H.Q. Telegram: M.R.C.'s coastal areas should be informed that conclusive reports number JAPANESE submarines sighted have been painted chocolate brown.	A.H.Q. Telegram G. 29's (Appx 21) Admcl.
		1515	Telegram re. slit trenches and discussion of tps.	A.H.Q. Telegram (Appx 22) Admcl.
		1600	N. Comd. Operation Instructions No 13	N. Comd 04516 Secret 1379/41. (Appx 23) Admcl.
		1753	Telegram to I.C.'s CAIRNS, MACNAY, MARYBOROUGH, TOWNSVILLE ROCKHAMPTON. Warning only @ Conclusive reports number JAPANESE submarines sighted elsewhere have been painted chocolate brown. Inform coastal M.R.C.'s	N. Comd. Telegram. Admcl.

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MILCOMMAND BRISBANE

G. 227 12/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NO. 5 TO 1200 HOURS

12TH DECEMBER STOP 1. STOP MALAYA STOP ENEMY FORCES KELANTAN ESTIMATED AT ONE DIVISION STOP 8 INDIAN BRIGADES TO POSITION COVERING MECHANG STOP LANDINGS REPORTED AT KUABA TRENGGANU AND DUNGUN IN TRENGGANU BUT STRENGTH UNKNOWN STOP ENEMY IN CONTACT WITH OUR FORWARD TROOPS IN NORTH KEDAH STOP FROM KROH IN EAST KEDAH OUR FORCES REACHED 34 KILOMETRES ON ROAD KROH TO YALA IN THAILAND STOP NO REPORT OF FURTHER ATTACKS AT KUANTAN STOP NORTHERN AERODROMES MOE UNUSEABLE STOP 2 STOP SARAWAK STOP MIRI AERODROME BE DEMOLISHED STOP 3 STOP HONG KONG STOP SITUATION AT 0715 LOCAL TIME 11TH DECEMBER STOP ENEMY ESTIMATED ONE ARMY CORPS STOP MINOR ENEMY CRUISER AND DESTROYER MOVEMENT SOUTH OF HONG KONG BUT NO APPROACH TO WITHIN RANGE STOP SPASMATIC AIR ACTION INCLUDING DIVE-BOMBING OF OUR PATROL VESSELS STOP DURING NIGHT ENEMY ARTILLERY SHELLED ISLAND STOP CASUALTIES S.W. THROUGHOUT 24 HOUR PERIOD.

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H.Q. A.I.F. Tng. Depots.
Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector.

NORTHERN COMMAND OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.12

INTRODUCTION.

1. A State of War exists in the COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA and its TERRITORIES with the JAPANESE EMPIRE as from 1700 hrs. 8 Dec.41.

FORCES.

2. The following forces (A.I.F.) are to be despatched from REDBANK to MORETON ISLAND and BRISIE ISLAND on 13 Dec 41 to strengthen the existing defences at COWAN FORT and BRISIE FORT:

COWAN FORCE - One Rifle Coy - A.I.F.
One M.G. Pl. - "
Two Mortar Dets. - "
Composite Coy. Details - incl. Sigs.,
Stretcher Bearers - A.I.F.
Det. Engineer Tng. Depot.

BRISIE FORCE - One Rifle Coy. - A.I.F.
One M.G. Pl. - "
Two Mortar Dets. - "
Composite Coy. Details - incl. Sigs.,
Stretcher Bearers - A.I.F.
Det. Engineer Tng. Depot.

These sub-units will be organised on A.I.F. establishments.

3. The Coy. Commanders of the A.I.F. Rifle Coys. at COWAN and BRISIE will be Os. C. all troops in the COWAN Sector and BRISIE Sector respectively, and will both be under the operational control of Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector.

4. An advanced party of 1 officer and 10 O.Rs. will be despatched to these FORTS on 13 Dec 41.

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

5. (i) Rifles, web equipment and other normal war equipment will be issued at REDBANK under instructions from H.Q., A.I.F. Training Depots.

(ii) The following supporting weapons will also be withdrawn from A.I.F. units at REDBANK and issued to these Coys:

COWAN FORCE: 9 - L.M.Gs. (Lewis)
4 - V.M.Gs.
2 - 3 inch Mortars.

BRISIE FORCE: 9 - L.M.Gs. (Lewis)
4 - V.M.Gs.
2 - 3 inch Mortars

SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION AND ORDNANCE STORES

6. Supplies, ammunition and ordnance stores (incl. tentage) necessary for 30 days will be despatched from Ordnance on 13 Dec 41.

ACCOMMODATION.

7. The camp site to be selected by the Cs.C. each force will be in the timbered areas, well to the flank and rear of each FORT.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

8. The further detailed administrative arrangements issued verbally by A.Q.M.G., will be confirmed by A.Q.M.G. later.

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G.S., H. Comd.

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O.C. BRIBIE FORT
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(A250 12/12 REFERENCE A.H.Q. TELEGRAM 3144 OF 12TH DECEMBER TAKE
FOLLOWING ACTION BRING PERSONNEL TO W.E. LESS FIRST REINFORCEMENTS
OTHER RANKS STOP PERSONNEL ON UNIT STRENGTH NOT IN CAMP TO BE
CALLED UP FORTHWITH AND SEVEN DAYS NOTICE TO UNALLOTTED FROM
CLASS ONE STOP INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING CLASS TWO AND THREE ISSUED
SEPARATELY STOP RESERVED OCCUPATIONAL ORDER TO BE ADHERED TO AND
CONDITIONS LEAVE AND DEFERMENT OF TRAINING IN SEASONAL OCCUPATIONS
OR SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES TO BE CONTINUED STOP WAR EQUIPMENT
AMMUNITION CLOTHING NECESSARIES TO BE ISSUED EARLIEST BEARING IN
MIND PRIORITY TABLES ISSUED STOP MECHANICAL TRANSPORT IN DEPOTS TO
(BE ISSUED PRO RATA WITH HIGHER SCALE TO COVERING FORCE STOP PREPARE
FOR REQUISITIONING MECHANICAL TRANSPORT AND PURCHASE OF REMOUNTS
IN WHICH CONNECTION A.H.Q. WILL ISSUE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

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12 Dec 1941

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 12 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE.	12 Dec 41	0950	Authority to G.O.C. to send up to 15000 on urgent operational and strategic requirements	AHQ Telegram Amcl.
"	"	1603	Fifteen JAPANESE interned 11 Dec total now 1470 No further information re. Suggers.	T.I. Telegram F.I. 225 Amcl.
"	"	1742	33 rifles 1650 rds amm. for I.D.C. units ROBINSONVILLE and COOK TOWN	N. Comd. OS. 5409 Amcl.
"	"	2205	Bring personnel to W.E. New first reinf'ts.	AHQ Telegram A 230 (Appx 18) Amcl.
"	"	2210	N. Comd. Operation Instructions No 12	N. Comd 04535 Sec 995/41 (Appx 19) Amcl.
"	"	2132	AHQ Telegram. Review of situation No 5 to 1200 hrs. 12 Dec 41.	AHQ Telegram G. 227 (Appx 20) Amcl.

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G.38 11/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NO. 4 TO 1200 HOURS 11/12
STOP MALAYA TO 0900/10/12 STOP LOCAL TIMES QUOTED STOP
ESTIMATED 2 JAPANESE DIVISIONS UNDERTOOK INITIAL LANDING
OPERATIONS SINGORA TO KOTA-BHARU STOP NUMBER OF TRANSPORTS OFF
KOTA-BHARU ONE OFF KUANTAN AND 15 PLUS ONE A/C CARRIER OFF
SINGORA STOP THESE VESSELS SUPPORTED ONE BATTLESHIP TWO
CRUISERS 7 DESTROYERS STOP 8TH INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS BEEN
REINFORCED AND AT 1800/9 WAS HOLDING LINE PERINGAT-MULONG
RECOGNITION S.W. KOTA-BHARU STOP AT 2200/9 ENEMY LANDING BEATEN
OFF NORTH OF BESERAH 200 MILES SOUTH OF KOTA-BHARU STOP ONE
BATTALION ORDERED TO JERANTUT IN SUPPORT BUT KOTA-BHARU
AERODROME EVACUATED STOP 11 R.A.F. BOMBED SINGORA AERODROME
STOP ADAPTABLE BLENHEIMS LOST STOP HEAVY ENEMY AIR ATTACKS
ALOR STAR AND SUNGAI-PATANE STOP DUTCH FIGHTERS ARRIVED
SINGAPORE STOP NEAR KROH IN EAST KEDAH 11 GRAFTON DIVISION DESTROYED
7 ENEMY LIGHT TANKS OTHERWISE POSITION UNCHANGED STOP 2 STOP
SARAWAK STOP MIRI OIL DENIAL SCHEME COMPLETED AND AERODROME DESTROYED
DESTRUCTION PROCEEDING STOP 3 STOP HONG KONG STOP SITUATION SAT-
ISFACTORY STOP 4 STOP PACIFIC AREA STOP NAURA IN WIRELESS TELEGRAPH
CONTACT TO 1010K/11 STOP OCEAN ISLAND UNHEARD SINCE 1810K/10
STOP JAPANESE WARSHIPS IN NORTHERN GILBERT ISLANDS 10/12 STOP
OCCUPATION CONSIDERED LIKELY STOP R.A.A.F. MACHINES SUCCESSFULLY
BOMBED TOBI ISLAND (HELEN REEF) 11/12.

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 11 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	11 Dec 41	1920	Eight 3.7 ins guns allocated to defence R.A.A.F. aerodrome	
			TOWNSVILLE © Three guns first gun sta. being	
			moved by rail from BRISBANE 13 Dec. © A.H.Q.	
			arranging provisions of trained personnel, fire	
			control instruments ammunition © further	
			advise these arrangements will be forwarded	
			later © Col. MEREDITH. departing BRISBANE by	N. Comd telegram G. 5369.
			plane 13 Dec. to select site.	28 Dec.
		2018	A.H.Q. Review of situation No 4 to 1200 hrs. 11 Dec 41.	A.H.Q. telegram G. 38.
				(Appx. 17) 28 Dec.

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N. COMD. OPERATION INSTRUCTION EC.11

INTRODUCTION

1. This instruction is issued in confirmation and amplification of verbal orders issued to Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector on 8 Dec 41.

INFORMATION

2. (a) JAPANESE have bombed and shelled harbour facilities and installations of military importance at PEARL HARBOUR, HONG KONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, OCEAN ISLAND, NAURU and GUAM.
- (b) Reported attempted landings by JAPANESE para tps at MANILA.

TASKS

3. One rifle coy and one M.M.G. Pl (14 Grn Bn) will be despatched on 9 Dec 41 to BRIBIE with sufficient rations for 90 days.
4. This det will be responsible for:-
- (a) Close protection of BRIBIE FORT.
- (b) Action against any attempted landing by para tps.

INTERCOMN.

5. Closest liaison will be maintained with O.C. BRIBIE FORT.

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G.S. H. Comd.

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7 G.S.O.I.
8 A.A. & Q.M.G. *AD 15/12*
9 A.A.G.
10 A.Q.M.G.
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E. COMD. OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 10

INTRODUCTION

1. This instruction is issued in confirmation and amplification of verbal orders issued to Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector, 8 Dec 41.

INFORMATION

2. The JAPANESE may attempt to force a passage into MORETON BAY via ROUS CHANNEL.

TASK

3. One rifle sec (14 Grn Bn) with one L.M.G. will be despatched immediately from COWAN FORT to take up a position on SOUTHERN end of MORETON ISLAND.
4. This det will be responsible for:-
 - (a) Giving early warning of any enemy approach.
 - (b) Delaying any attempted landing on SOUTHERN end of MORETON ISLAND.
 - (c) Delaying enemy attempting to use ROUS CHANNEL.

INTERCOMM.

5. Det will be in telephone comm. with O.C. COWAN FORT and Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector, SOUTH BRISBANE.
6. Prt Sigs will be responsible for tapping the telephone line from COWAN to ANITY PT. at the SOUTHERN end of MORETON ISLAND and for communication between this det and O.C. COWAN FORT.

ADN.

7. Det will be maintained by 14 Grn Bn, COWAN.

W. K. Dodson Cpt.
Lt.-Col.,
G.S. N. Comd.

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TIA 136 11/12 HAVE ASKED A C H TOWNSVILLE FOR AIR PATROL
TO APPREHEND LUGGERS AND SAMPAHS STOP NO REPLY RECEIVED
STOP PEARL FLEET OWNERS IN OWN INTERESTS HAVE ORGANISED
TO SEND BOAT STOP MELPIDI AT SEA ALSO HAS INSTRUCTIONS

FIXDEF THURSDAY ISLAND

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2357 hrs 11 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	11 Dec 41	1030	Instructions issued for rifles and ammunition to be forwarded to certain V.D.C. Bns. in readiness to defend R.A.A.F. installations.	
"	"	1540	Have asked A.C.H. TOWNVILLE for air patrol to apprehend luggies and sampans @ No reply received @ Pearl fleet owners in own interests have organised to send boat @ MELBOURNE at sea also has instructions	T.I. Telegram T.I. A 186 Appx 14) Amel.
"	"	1545	^{Operation} N. Comd. Instruction No 10 issued	N. Comd. 1385/41 Secret. 04556 (Appx 15) Amel.
"	"	1550	N. Comd. Operation Instruction No 11.	N. Comd. 04557 Secret 1386/41 (Appx 16) Amel.

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MILCOMMAND - BRISBANE

MI/I.9977 10/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NO. 3 TO 1200 HOURS
10TH DECEMBER STOP

1. CONFIRMED INFORMATION MALAYA TO 0700/10 STOP NOW THREE AREAS
OF LAND OPERATIONS KELANTAN SOUTH THAILAND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF
KEDAH STOP FRONTIER SOUTH THAILAND EAST OF YROH STOP FURTHER
LANDINGS TOOK PLACE AT PATANI ALL BRITISH AIRCRAFT LEFT KOTA BHARU
WHICH WAS THREATENED BY ENEMY GROUND TROOPS AT 1620/8 AND FLEW TO
KUANTAN AT 0800/9 KOTA BHARU AERODROME DEMOBILISED AND 8TH
INFANTRY BRIGADE (INDIAN) HOLDING LINE JUST NORTH KOTA BHARU
S.S.E. TO SEMERAK STOP POSITION CONFUSED STOP ENEMY BELIEVED TO B
LANDING TROOPS FROM SHIPS SHELTERING BEHIND PERENTIAN ISLANDS
STOP NO KNOWLEDGE OF A.F.Vs. YER LANDED STOP SOUTH THAILAND STOP
RECONNAISSANCE CROSSED FRONTIER P.M. 8/12 CONTACTING ENEMY AT BAN
SADOA STOP ENEMY HAD TEN A.F.Vs. AND AFTER INFLECTING CASUALTIES
OUR FORCES WITHDREW DESTROYING TWO MAJOR BRIDGES STOP KLONGNGAE
RAILWAY BRIDGE (12 MILES NORTH OF PADANG AESSAR) DEMOLISHED BY
OUR ARMoured TRAIN 0800/8/12 STOP AIR STOP ENEMY CONCENTRATING
ON OUR AERODROMES HAVE BOMBED KOTA-BHARU, GONG-KEDAH, MECHANG,
ALOR-STAR, SUNGEI, PATANI, BUTTERWORTH AND PENANG STOP ALOR-STAR
AND SUNGEI PATANI AERODROMES EVACUATED STOP OUR CONSECUTIVE ACTION
HANDICAPPED BY ATTACKS IN NORTHERN AREA WHICH WILL HAVE ITS EFFECT
ON LAND OPERATIONS BRITISH FORCES STOP THAILAND STOP IN ADDITION
LANDINGS AT SINGORA AND PATANI ON 9/12 LOCAL WIRELESS TELEPHONY
INTERCEPT MENTIONS LANDINGS AT HUAHIN AND PRACHUABIRIKHUN (142
and 198 MILES SOUTH OF BANGKOK) WHICH MAY BE THREAT TO MERGUI
STOP HONG KONG ATOP TIMES 1550/8/12 STOP ENEMY CROSSING FRONTIER
KOWLOON BROAD FRONT IN TROOPS WITHDRAWING STOP ALL DEMOLITIONS
SUCCESSFUL STOP LIGHT AIR ATTACKS STOP NAVAL STOP OUR FORCES
OPERATING IN SOUTH CHINA STOP 2. PACIFIC AREA STOP WIRELESS
TELEPHONY SIGNALS INDICATE FURTHER BOMBINGS OF NAURU AND
JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF MAIN ISLANDS GILBERTS GROUP.

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MI/0.9959 10/12 SUPPLY PLAN R.A.A.F. STOP NORTHERN COITAND
WILL CASE FOR EVANS HEAD STOP ADVISE LOCAL R.A.A.F.

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MILCOMAND BRISBAIE.

A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NUMBER 2 TO 1200 HOURS 9 DECEMBER
I INFORMATION CONFIRMED TO 1200 K/9 STOP JAPANESE FORCES
WERE LANDING 0400 K/8 IN STRENGTH AT SINGAPORE (SONGKLA)
AND PATANI SOUTHERN THAILAND STOP ENEMY AIRCRAFT OPERATING
FROM SAIGON PHOM PHEM SOC-TSANG IN SOUTHERN FRENCH INDO CHINA
STOP ESTIMATED 200 ENEMY PLANES OPERATING SAIGON AERODROME
STOP R.A.F. LOSSES BELIEVED CONSIDERABLE STOP BRITISH MACHINES
CANNOT REACH CAMBODIA STOP N.E.I. SENDING REINFORCEMENT 3
BOMBER SQUADRONS ATTACK JAPANESE A.O.Bs. IN FRENCH INDO CHINA
AND U. S. BEING ASKED FOR SIMILAR ASSISTANCE STOP ON 8
DECEMBER ENEMY AIRCRAFT BOMBED OCEAN ISLAND WITHOUT DAMAGE
STOP UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER RABAU 10 K/9 REPORTS
STATE HEAVY AIR ATTACK ON WAKE ISLAND AND MIDWAY ISLAND
BEING SHELLED BRITIAN AND N.E.I. HAVE DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN
STOP 2 UNCONFIRMED STOP ENEMY AIR ATTACKS HAWAII AREA MANILLA
GUAM BANGKOK HEAVY STOP AIR ATTACK SINGAPORE PROPERTY (LARGER?)
EXTENT STOP ATTEMPTED LANDING BRITISH NORTH BORNEO ATTACK
UPON HONG KONG AND OCCUPATION SHANGHAI ALL REPORTED WITHOUT
DETAILS AND CAPITAL ENGAGEMENT HAWAII WATERS BELIEVED
PROCEEDING AND U.S.A. SAID TO BE SENDING AIR REINFORCEMENTS
THREATENING LOCALITIES STOP NUMBER OF AMERICAN BOMBERS
ARRIVED HAWAII WATERS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

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HI/09944 9/12 PROPOSED TO ALLOT EIGHT REPEAT EIGHT 3.7 INCH GUNS
AA DEFENCE RAAF AERODROME TOWNSVILLE STOP FOUR GUNS 1ST GUN STATION
BEING MOVED BY RAIL FROM MELBOURNE STOP AND ARRANGING PROVISION
OF TRAINED PERSONNEL FROM SOUTHERN COMMAND FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS
AND UNITION STOP FURTHER ADVISE THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED
LATER STOP EMPLACEMENT PLANS AND WORKS BEING FORWARDED AIRMAIL
STOP CHOICE OF SITE TO BE GOVERNED BY INSTRUCTIONS IN MANUAL
A.A. DEFENCE VOLUME 2 PAMPHLET ONE ISSUED 1941 STOP AERODROME
IS VITAL POINT AND NECESSARY AVOID REDUCING ITS EFFICIENCY
DEFENCE BY ENDEAVOURING TO COVER TOWN OR HARBOUR WORKS ADVISE
POSITION STOP SITE SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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MI/G9953 9/12 STATE OF WAR EXISTS IN COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
AND ITS TERRITORIES WITH THE JAPANESE EMPIRE AS FROM
1700 HOURS DECEMBER 8th STANDARD TIME IN AUSTRALIAN
CAPITAL TERRITORY STOP THIS NOTICE WILL BE ACCEPTED
AS THE DECISION OF (AS ?) GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT AS WAR
STAGE BUT REPEAT BUT AS EXTENT TO WHICH (AS ?) MEASURES
LAID DOWN IN WAR BOOK TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT THIS STAGE
WILL BE ADVISED LATER

.. ARMY MELBOURNE

10 DEC 1941

Des. 0115

Rec. 0230

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2859 hrs 10 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	10 Dec 41	0230	State of war exists in COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA and its TERRITORIES with JAPANESE EMPIRE as from 1700 hrs 8 Dec. Measures laid down in WAR BOON to be implemented at this stage will be advised later	AMG Telegram MI, G. 9753. (Pp x 7) Atmch.
		1025	Proposed to allot eight 3.7ms. guns A.A. Defence R.A.A.F. aerodrome TONNSVILLE © N. Comd to advise site as soon as possible	AMG Telegram MI, G. 9744. (Pp x 10) Atmch.
		1025	Review of situation number 2 to 1200 hrs 9 Dec.	AMG Telegram MI, G. 9738. (Pp x 11) Atmch.
		1030	Instructions issued to Adm HQ. 1 Gen Ade. to guard certain petrol and oil installations	
		1346	N. Comd will care for EVANS HEAD in R.A.A.F. supply plan.	AMG Telegram MI, G. 9759. (Pp x 12) Atmch.

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PRIORITY IMPORTANT

MILCOMAND

BRISBANE

MI/19878 8/12 REFERENCE A.H.Q. S.M.3994 JULY 28TH STOP ARRANGE
TO CLOSE JAPANESE CONSULATES AND SEAL ARCHIVES ALLOWING REASONABLE
TIME TO CLEAR UP STOP NO REPEAT NO COMMUNICATIONS BY ANY MEANS
BETWEEN CONSULATES OR BETWEEN CONSULS AND LEGATIONS TO BE ALLOWED
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

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9 DEC 1941

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 9 Dec 41

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WAR DIARY.

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MILCOMMAND. BRISBANE.

MI/I 9900 8/12 A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NUMBER ONE TO
1200 HOURS DECEMBER 8TH STOP INDO-CHINA: AIRCRAFT REPORTED
3 JAPANESE CONVOYS ACCOMPANIED BY CONSIDERABLE NAVAL ESCORT
SOUTH OF C APE CAMAU F.I.C. AT 1745 K/6 STOP FIRST CONVOY
22 SHIPS OF 10000 TONS EACH ONE BATTLESHIP 5 CRUISERS 7
DESTROYERS STOP SECOND CONVOY 21 MERCHANT SHIPS STOP THIRD
CONVOY 3 SHIPS OF 10000 TONS 1 CRUISER STOP ALLOWING 5 TONS
PER MAN 3 CONVOYS ESTIMATED CARRY APPROXIMATELY 8000 TROOPS
STOP JAPANESE ATTEMPTING LANDING KOTA BHARU STATE OF KELANTAN
NORTH EAST COAST MALAY 0600 K/8 STOP NO FURTHER INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE STOP AT 0642 K/8 ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTED COMMENCE
HOSTILITIES AGAINST JAPAN AT ONCE. STOP CONTINUED REPORTS OF
JAPANESE BOMBING NAVAL ACTION HAWAII AREA MANILLA GUAM
SINGAPORE (PORTUGAL WAITS?) NOT YET OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED
STOP CABLE COMMUNICATIONS WITH SINGAPORE REPORTED AS
SEVERED 0946 K/8 BUT RESTORED BY 1530 K/8 TROUBLE DUE TO
LAND LINES STOP ENEMY PLANES DROPPED BOMBS ON OCEAN ISLAND
1100 K/8 STOP NO CASUALTIES TO FORCE STOP NO FORMAL
DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST JAPAN YET MADE BY UNITED KINGDOM
OR AUSTRALIA STOP IT IS INTENDED TO ISSUE REVIEWS OF THIS
NATURE DAILY.

ARMY MELBOURNE.

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PRIORITY

PRIORITY

MILCOMAND

BRISBANE

MI/29872 8/12 PREPARE TO IMPLEMENT AT 6 HOURS NOTICE SUPPLY
PLAN FOR R.A.A.F. STOF EASTERN COMMAND TO ADVISE WHICH COMMAND
CARES FOR COFFS HARBOUR AND EVANG HEAD

ARMY MELBOURNE

8 DEC 1941

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BRISBANE

MI/A 9892 8/12 4 3 POINT 7 INCH A.A. GUNS FOR TOWNSVILLE
DESPATCHED TO M.D.O.S. 1 M.B. TODAY

ARCEY MELBOURNE

8 DEC 1941

Des. 2108

Rec. 2220

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Appx 4

PRIORITY IMMEDIATE

MILCOMHND

BRISBANE

MI/I 9878 8/12 SECRET STOP REFERENCE RECOGNITION SIGNALS STOP
BELIEVE RECOGNITION SIGNALS OF FOLLOWING SERIES PROBABLY
COMPROMISED UP TO MIDNIGHT 9TH DECEMBER S.P.02292 K.S.P.02293
K.S.P.02295 K. STOP ADDRESSED BRISBANE SYDNEY PERTH MELBOURNE
DARWIN PORT MORESBY MILTCOPS RABUL REPEATED ADELAIDE HOBART
COMHND COASTAL DEFENCE

ARMY MELBOURNE

8 DEC 1941

Des. 1910

Rec. 2015

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Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 8 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	8 Dec 41	2015	Relieve recognition signals of following series probably compromised up to midnight 9 Dec. S.P. 02292 K;	AHQ Telegram M.I. 1 9878 (Appx 4)
			S.P. 02293 K; S.P. 02295 K.	Amel.
	"	2220	Four 3.7ms. A.A. guns for TIVNSVILLE despatched to D.A.D.S. I.M.D. today	AHQ Telegram M.I. A 9892 (Appx 5) Amel.
	"	2305	Prepare to implement at 6 hrs notice supply plan for R.A.A.F. @ EASTERN COMMAND to advise which Command cares for COFFS HARBOUR and EVANS HEAD	AHQ. M.I. Q. 9872 (Appx. 6) Amel.
	"	2315	Review of situation number one to 1200 hrs 8 Dec.	AHQ Telegram M.I. 1 9700 (Appx 7) Amel.

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PRIORITY

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BRISBANE

TIG 178 8/12 110 JAPANESE NOW UNDER GUARD IN INTERNMENT
CAMP ORGANISATION OF WHICH IS WELL ADVANCED STOP JAPANESE
BEHAVIOR EXEMPLARY

FINDER

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Appx 2

PRIORITY MOST IMMEDIATE

IMMEDIATE

MILCOMAND BRISBANE

MI/G 9850 8/12 NO REPEAT NO FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST
JAPAN REPEAT JAPAN MADE YET BY UNITED KINGDOM OR AUSTRALIA
ALTHOUGH ADMIRALTY HAS ORDERED HOSTILITIES AGAINST JAPAN AT ONCE
STOP BE PREPARED RECEIPT WAR TELEGRAM AT SHORT NOTICE STOP
AUTHORITY FOR INTERNMENT JAPANESE SUBJECTS ALREADY ISSUED IN
ADVANCE OF PROCLAMATION OF WAR STOP ADDRESSED MILCOMANDS
SYDNEY BRISBANE PERTH MELBOURNE MILDISTRICT DARWIN MORESBY
REPEATED ADELAIDE HOBART O.C. TROOPS RARUAUL

ARMY MELBOURNE

8 DEC 1941

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Rec. 1233

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PRIORITY

COMMANDEL

BRISBANE

T1220 - INFORMATION GRADED C3 STOP TWO MONO-PLANES FIGHTERS
OBSERVED EAST OF THURSDAY ISLAND FLYING LOW IN SOUTHERLY
DIRECTION AT 0900 HOURS

RAW
(Thursday Island)

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Des. 1110
Rec. 1122

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Unit NORTHERN COMMAND

Date and Time.—From 0001 hrs To 2359 hrs 5 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	8 Dec 41	1000	Comd. BRISBANE Covering Force Sector instructed to post one rifle sec. with one L.M.G. 14 Gun Bn. at SOUTHERN end of MORETON ISLAND covering ROUS CHANNEL and to move one rifle coy and one M.G. PL. to BRISBIE immediately for the close protection of BRISBIE FORT.	Verbal instructions <i>Amck.</i>
"	"	1122	Information (graded C3) two monoplane fighters observed East of T.I. flying low in Southerly direction at 0900 hrs.	(Appx 1.) <i>Amck.</i>
"	"	1233	No formal declaration of war against JAPAN made yet by AUSTRALIA & prepared receipt War telegram & Authority already issued to intern JAPANESE subjects	A.H.G. Telegram M.I. G. 9850. (Appx 2) <i>Amck.</i>
"	"	2015	110 JAPANESE now under guard in Internment Camp T.I.	Telegram T.I. G 178 (Appx 3) <i>Amck.</i>