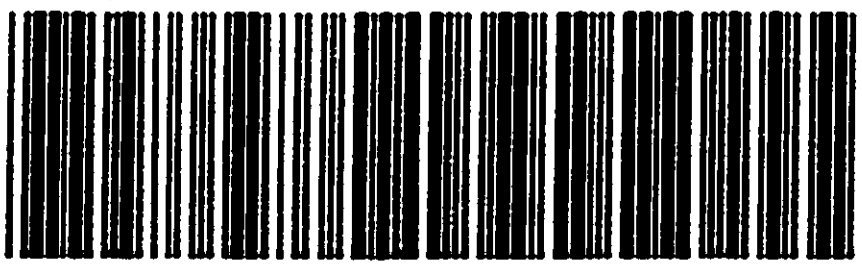
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- Unit GENERAL STAFF 7MD Date and Time.—From 1415 Hrs 5 Dec To 0050 Hrs 7 Dec

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	5 DEC 41	1415	C.W.R. message 1412 states latest information indicates JAPANESE preparations for move Southward are not yet completely complete. Earlier information suggested mid-DECEMBER as suitable time for move against THAILAND.	ACH MI to 7MD
JAPAN				
THAILAND				
DARWIN	6 DEC. 41		A.A.S.L. exercise.	
JAPAN		0845	C.W.R. message 5/12 states DUTCH AGENT	A.C.H. M2 to 7MD.
CELEBES			JAPANESE in MANADO ordered move there	
PULAU			6/7 DEC from PULAU reported Aerial reconnaissance in Straits of Malacca between Alor Star & Penang.	
DARWIN	7 DEC. 41	0050	Additional communication in connection with NOONAMAH as below.	ARMY MELB & SIGS
			List of R.C. if established in the	7MD 6 1400

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Unit GENERAL STAFF INDIA - Date and Time.—From 0930 7 DEC 41. To 1525 hrs 7 DEC 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	7 DEC 41		Held during & return to H.Q.M.S. Allied Conference	
JAPAN		0930	AIRINTEL MELB. STR. three JAPANESE CARRIERS	ACH M3 & 7 M.D.
INDO-CHINA			Convoy Kite sighted south of CAPE CAMAU	
THAILAND			S. of INDO-CHINA at 08.12 / 106 E Sqns	
MALAYA			Convoy of Three Ships Course 270 degrees	
			Six Escorting Planes 270 degrees	
			One convoy Three Ships Course 315 degrees	
			Six Escorting Ships off Singora	
			Three Ships KOHTON INDO-CHINA, Last	
			Night Seen in THAILAND or MALAYA	
DARWIN		1925	Conference H.Q. Commanders Instructions	ARMY MELB TO
			Nine SQDRONS Fighters & Bombers	MILDISTRICT
			"ZEALANDIA" and "WEST RALIA" Sunk with 6	MIC 9 RAAF

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7TH D. Date and Time.—From 1800 hrs 7 DEC To 2305 hrs 7 DEC 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	7 DEC 41		H.Q. 2 INDEPENDENT Coy Coln Troops etc	
			DARWIN & outlying units put on alert	
			The duty staff of the main body. The	
			H.Q. Coln Troops with exception of SPARROW	
			FORCE & NO Detachment of C.M.F. Troops	
			& the duty staff of Military Forces	
HAWAII		1900	Air Attack on the Islands of	HQ No 2 Indep
			PEARL HARBOR HAWAII & MANILA etc-	NEWS to 7th D.
MANILA			Bombed & Machine Gunned by enemy aircraft	
DARWIN		1930	Information rec'd AUSTRALIA is NOT	ARMY & MIL DISTRICT
RUMANIA			at war with RUMANIA. HUNGARY	MIL 9539
HUNGARY			& FINLAND & that of nationals of this	
FINLAND			country is NOT to be molested	
			unless active enemy H.Q.	
		2305	C.O.s to keep units in touch at	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF N.M.D. Date and Time.—From ..... To 22nd Jan 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19th		Movements at all times and unit diaries	
			will be kept available at all times	
DARWIN		2020	Immediate warning situation that	
			21 Bn will be NOT more than two	ARMY MEMO. 4
			hours notice to N.M.D. 2/3 Bn	MILDISTRICTS
			and 3 INDEPENDENT Companies after No	ADELAIDE and DARWIN
			warning to complete mobilization	and MILCOMMAND
			arrangements to move to N.M.D.	MELBOURNE
			Should the above be carried out	MIL/G 6984
			Adjt 2/3 Bn will be	
			warned to move only with transport	
			No M.G. Pln 8 Pl. will be completed	
			Engineer Pln will be No. 1	
			Coastal Watching Pln No. 1	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF TMD. Date and Time.—From 2025 Local 7 Dec To 2130 Local 7 Dec. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	7 DEC 41		Raid alerted at 3 times. Conference with Air Force.	
DARWIN		2025	Air raid warning. Enemy R.A.A.F. DARWIN	A.C.H. M.G. & TMD.
AMBON - TIMOR			at AMBON & KOEPANG	
JAPAN		2028	C in C. advises JAPANESE are attacking	AIRINTEL MELB.
MALAYA			a landing at KOTA BHARU in KELANTAN	To A.C.H. ACH &
THAILAND			near N. THAI BORDER & Shipping	TMD.
SINGAPORE			also reported in Gulf of Siam 6° North	
			102° 10' E. Further reports of	
			MALAYA on N.E. coast & Singapore	
			areas of air raid on SINGAPORE	
			are NOT confirmed	
DARWIN		2120	Notification by Air Force that	NOTIFIED TMD.
			Condition Yellow set for 2130	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7 M.D Date and Time.—From 2132 [illegible] To 1003 [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	7DECM		[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
N.T.		2115	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2350	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
NAURU	8DECM	0213	[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		0235	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1003	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF JMD Date and Time.—From 0945 hrs 8 DEC to 8 DEC. 41 1115 hrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DEC 41	1005	Intelligence from immediate action on night of AKASHIA	JMD. GOC-in-C HQ
DARWIN		0945	Message from Naval Base to	
JAPAN			Commander Netherlands East JAPAN	A.C.H. MID to JMD
			2337/2 G	
BORNEO		1015	Radio message NORTH BORNEO attacked and landing made at BRITISH [illegible]	HQ. A Force & JMD
DARWIN		1015	Commander Chief to Tokio	HQ. JMD. MID to MID
			& thence to London Cairo & New AKASHIA	
DARWIN		1110	Minor war vessel reported bearing	N.O.C.D & JMD.
			due South 60 miles from [illegible]	
			midnight 8 Dec	
MALAYA		1115	C.W.R. reports JAPANESE [illegible]	FROM HQ A to
OCEAN ISLAND			night of KOTA BAHRU and [illegible]	JMD via Navy.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7/M.D. Date and Time.—From 1125 hrs 8 Dec To 1150 hrs 8 Dec 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 Dec 41		Commenced advice 1800/7/7 8 Dec to	
			Admiralty, Melbourne & At 0100/7/8 am a/c	
NAURU			Hawaii, Manila, Ocean Island & NZ	
HAWAII			Darwin & about 0100/7/8 a JAPANESE	
WAKE			a/c offensive operations over NAURU Island	
GUAM			0621/7/8 the N.E.I. Malaya was on	
PHILIPPINES			JAPAN & Japanese Consulate cipher	
THAILAND			staff left JAPANESE in HAWAIIAN	
SHANGHAI			ISLANDS, WAKE, GUAM, MANILA, BANGKOK,	
JAPAN			SHANGHAI and SINGAPORE.	
DARWIN		1125	E.T.D. Darwin NOT before 1600 hrs 8 Dec and	
			about 1730 hrs 8 Dec Area of	
			operations left NAVY.	
DARWIN		1150	Information received to Commanding	ACK Mil to HQ

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Unit GENERAL STAFF I.M.D. Date and Time.—From 11/12 8 Dec 41 To 14/15 8 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DECM		internment of JAPANESE subjects at commences	
DARWIN		1150	Lt-Col. SHERMAN attached as C.S.O.I.	ARMY MELB 8448
AUSTRALIA		1245	NO formal declaration of war has been (Japan 10 pm)	ARMY MELB F.M.D.
JAPAN			made yet against JAPAN by the U.K.	MI/G 9850
			& AUSTRALIA although the ADMIRALTY	A.C.H. informed.
			has ordered Hostilities against JAPAN	
			at once & the Naval Ord. Fix receipt	
			of war telegram at first notice to	
			Australia for the internment of	
			JAPANESE subjects has already been	
			issued in advance of the proclamation	
			of war.	
DARWIN		1455	All JAPANESE subjects arrested.	IMD & ACH rec'd.
			and interned except those at Sea	& MI6

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 1 M.D. Date and Time.—From 6.40 S. 41 To 18.6.40 S. 40 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	9 DEC		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		16.40	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		16.50	[illegible]	
DARWIN		18.15	[illegible]	
N.T.			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF IND. Date and Time.—From 5 Nov. 41 To 5 Nov. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	5 DEC 41		AT JUNCTION WITH STUART & SPARROW FORCE, IN AMBUSH & UNDER C.O.'s. HOS MEMBERS WILL REMAIN WITH FORCE UNTIL RELIEVED. ALL MOTOR TRANSPORT ORDERED TO DARWIN FOR DISPERSAL & CAMOUFLAGE. ALL UNNECESSARY PERSONNEL ORDERED TO DARWIN FOR EVACUATION BY AIR TO SOUTH. ALL AVAILABLE PERSONNEL ORDERED TO DARWIN FOR MOBILE DEFENCE. ALL AVAILABLE TRANSPORT ORDERED TO DARWIN FOR EVACUATION OF WOMEN & CHILDREN. ALL AVAILABLE TRANSPORT

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Unit GENERAL STAFF A.H.Q. Date and Time.—From 2230 8 Dec 41 To 2325 Hrs 8 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DEC 41	2230	Message to Air Board at Melbourne	ARMY MELB &
			Notice received from R.A.A.F.	A.D. MIL 0572
			For action Commanding Officer Aerodrome	
			Commanding Officer Reserve Aerodrome	
			Evan's Head	
DARWIN		2325	A.B.D.A. Command signal to A.H.Q. received	ARMY MELB &
			Received about	A.D. ADELAIDE-HAT
				DARWIN MELB.
		2135	A.H.Q. Situation Review	Appl A/Ser 1.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF I.N.D. Date and Time.—From 0025 9 Apr. 41. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	9 Apr. 41	0025	Release A.H.Q. Reinforcement Instruction	ARMY MELB &
			1st and NIG Code of 7 Apr. GULL Force	M.D. DARWIN
			will embark on H. DUTCH Ships	M T/Q 9903.
			Report from DARWIN 11 Apr. Condition	
			S.S.T.D. arrival Report of Embarkation	
			Returns from NIG Gull Force	
			Less 1 Off 25 O.R. Remain DARWIN	
			Area. Advance Party Leaves DARWIN	
			9/10 Apr. Main Body Next Evacuation	
			Remaining Units Leave DARWIN	
			12 Apr. Rear Party Leaves GULL	
			Force.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D. Date and Time.—From 0215 Dec 41 To 0715 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DECN	0215	E.T.D. SDARGW Force Appx. 1300 Hrs	M.D. ARMY MELB
			9/12 0 Leading Cattenoch Officers Rats	GLOAT
			now Less 6 Rams in Loading Quay	
			afloat to complete etc.	
DARWIN		0310	Rear Echelon at Aerodrome	HQ 7 M.D. Etc
			water supply also Rly. N.A.B.F.	7 M.D. A.A.S.C.
DARWIN		0611	Two HUDSONS Commenced recce PEBOTA	AC.H. M20 & 7 M.D
		0612	Radio Messages Sighted. Acknowledged	AC.H. M21 & 7 M.D
MALAYA			use of Kuantan area in MALAYA	
		0640	R.A.F. Far East Air Force Appx	AC.H M19 & 7 M.D.
INDIAN OCEAN			that convoy had reversed course &	
			entered the INDIAN OCEAN	
TIMOR		0715	HUDSON cleared to Escort "HANNEI MARU"	AC.H M20 & 7 M.D
			at DILLI & Rec.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF T.M.D. Date and Time.—From 01 Aug 41 To 0930 2 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	2 Aug 41	0715	Enemy aircraft reported operating N.W. of	A.C.H.Q. 30 & T.M.D.
			TIMOR COAST 9.11.0° at 131520	
TIMOR			KOEPANG bombed but damage reported slight	
DARWIN		0555	R.A.A.F. with Hostile formation of	H.Q. M.L.C. & T.M.D.
			at 1930 Low Heavy & Medium Level	Units - Action 0915
		0915	Time of Enemy Raid Warning received and Air Raid H.Q. Darwin (Adv. H.Q.) A534	
DARWIN		0950	Following message received C.M. Hqrs etc	H.Q. T.M.D. DARWIN also
			Naval Base Darwin Hostile Ships	ARMY MELB.
			and 11-3 Bns in Koepang area	1st 1/2 9.30
			Local T.M.D. [illegible]	
			Hostile [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF 3rd D Date and Time.—From 1015 8 Dec 41 To 1030 Hrs 9 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DEC 41		Establishment of CULL and SPARROW	
			Liaison with Air Force - 23 Fd. Coy.	
			12 Div. & R Qn. Mtn. R.L.A.D.	
			Units on M.C.D.B. NOT yet located	
			in N.D. are instructed to be ready	
			in readiness in Command with record	
			units called to 3rd D. apart from	
			Artillery units H.Q. 3rd D. I. of C. Civ	
			Pol and Fd. Labour and Employment	
			Platoon 3rd D. V.R.D.	
DARWIN		1015	Visit MAC KELLAR DUTCH Consul	RCN Ships in Harbour
			Staff Conference (Brigadier Scanlan)	
			C in C Area.	
DARWIN		1030	Re evacuation of Civilians & Women	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2 AUS Date and Time.—From 1145 2 March 41 To 1200 2 March 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	2 March		Sighted SS LEE POINT 8 Ships Escort [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1145	ETD. STARMOW Harbour [illegible]	H.M.A.S. ARUNTA
DARWIN		1200	GULL and SOMERVI Harbour [illegible]	
			[illegible] DARWIN [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D Date and Time.—From 1500 Aug 41 To 1510 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	9th Aug	1500	19 Brigade Group Hqs Commences M.G. Squadron To DARWIN	
			Squadron Less One Troop Embarked	
			H.Q. & R.A.A.F. Station DARWIN Equipped	
			Two Platoons Proceeded to Katherine	
			One Platoon & Two C. R.A.A.F. Stations	
			Details of Stations & Personnel Noted	
			Six Machine Guns Issued to R.A.A.F. Units	
			Remaining Guns in Store R.A.A.F. Darwin	
			Ammunition Issued Machine Gunners	
			Six Gunners Proceeded to Katherine	
			to Join Platoon	
		1510	Gill Guns & Personnel Returned	
			to Headquarters & Re-Organised	
			Plans for Move of Squadron Completed	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7TH D. Date and Time.—From 17th 0 Dec To 24th 0 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			unchanged situation	
DARWIN	17th DEC 41	1715	An Examination made of A.A. defences	N.D. & ARMY
			BATCHELOR also Adv. H.Q. Sth-	MELB in addn to
			units mobilised for local defence	airmen &c.
			Pres. at Canberra: H Qrs Lee. at	NIL 0883.
			FANNY BAY, DARL. HARRIMAH are Sub-	
			mitted to Bde H Qrs Lee & Sqn. Each	
			Lic will carry but Arrangements are NOT	
			available to A. Units & Sqn Lic. of	
			Bri. in outlook Area Night Exercise	
			and Manoeuvre.	
DARWIN		1910	Enemy reconnaissance aircraft over Darwin	NAVY & N.A.D. etc.
			area tracked simultaneously by	
			midnight 0/12: S.P. 02202. V.S.P. 02205.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 2015 9 Dec To 2215 Hrs 9 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	9 DEC 41	2015 HRS	V.S.P. 022046	
			Further AIR RAIDS & HEAVY GUNFIRE	ACK ACK & H.D.
			2 MILES SW OF EAST & 3 MILES SW OF WEST	A.A.
			COAST OF FAR NORTHERN TERRITORY	
			RUSSELL WITH A NEW MOON	
			SLIGHT NOISE "D" AT NUMBER OF BOMBS	
			WERE DROPPED FROM HIGH LEVEL	
			AND ONE TWIN ENGINED DIVE	
DARWIN		0215	FELL NEAR WHARF AREA IN DARWIN	H.Q. A.M.D. &
			RESULTS NOT KNOWN AT DARWIN	33 AUST INF BDE.
			11 CASUALTIES ON DOCKS OF WHICH	
			4 WERE KILLED BY SHRAPNEL FROM	
			OWN A/A FIRE.	
DARWIN		2215	NIGHT RAID OF 9 AIRCRAFT. COMPLETED	H.Q. & A.M.D.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2nd. Date and Time.—From 2222 8 Dec To 2330 Hrs 9 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8 DEC 41		ISLAND & Time to FIX Last	
OVERSEAS		2222	C.M.O. Situation Report to 1500/K/9	Appendix No. 1
DARWIN		2330	All units will conduct dawning near enlistment air raid and WE. area will be Alert in Unit Q etc and will NOT be evacuated except in military emergency & Area will NOT be visited by civilians except in the following cases when it will be made out by the Civil Authority. (a) A.R.P. Wardens (b) Police (c) Medical Officers (d) Persons authorized by Competent Authority	To all Units 1 M.D. C.O. 4/10

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7 A.D. Date and Time.—From 22/10 Aug To 22 Aug.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			at which certain Australian Officers [illegible]	
			were [illegible] Lieut Col Co and [illegible] of	
[illegible]		22/8	[illegible]	
DARWIN	AUGUST	22/8	O.C.F. amended to include H.Q. and	TO H.Q. DARWIN
			SPARROW and GULL O Establishment	FROM ARMY HELP
			SPARROW G.S.O. III Capt. 1 Asst. Capt. Lieut.	MISCAW
			1 Clerk Asst. 1 Cpl. 2 Gnr. M.T. 1 A.P.C. Gunner	
			2 Sgts R.A.F. 1 A.C.C. Cpl. 1 Cpl. Radio	
			Mechanic. 1 Asst Storeman. 1 Pte Steward	
			Total all ranks 16	
			GULL: G.S.O. III Capt. 1 Asst. Capt/Lieut.	
			Asst. Clerk/Cpl Clerk. 2 Gnr M.T. 1 M.C.	
			Cpl Radio. 3 Sgts R.A.F. Section 3. 1A A.P.C.	
			Lieut. 1 Postal Service Lieut. 1 W.O. II A.D.C.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF J.M.D. Date and Time.—From 2400 hrs To 2400 hrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	4 DEC 41		1 CLR Mail. 1 Lt Hansen. 1 Lt Stevens.	Nil
			Left all and S.206 Flew H.Q. with	
			Allied Air Force Liaison	
			Officer to Timor and Amboina	
			vide Msg. A.I.S.M. 10745 + Report of	
			H.Q. Timor raid to be forwarded from	
			D.I.F. via J.M.D.	
			× A.H.Q. Situation Review	Appx. 1 Sec. 3
			× Report on R.A.A.F. Action against	
			Enemy Vessel at DILLI	" 2 " 1
			× A.H.Q. Situation Report	" 1 " 2

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 1ND. Date and Time.—From 0345 10 Dec. To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	10/12/41	0345	Your G1066 of 9th Dec. Minister discussed with Premier RYAN, Secretary of West Australian Branch Union at 0130 and said his Executive Committee existing which related to the dispatch of troops and naval vessels Liberty of persons in certain matters during the hours of darkness combine with the necessity of the Japs reaching its destination at the earliest possible time. The Minister for the Army directed that the Union agree if necessary to carry out the work during dusk to assist in loading to ensure the earliest possible departure of ships at the earliest time. The Ministers' hand	ARMY MELB TO C.G.S. DARWIN. M.I/R 9954

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7 M.D. Date and Time.—From 0214S 10 Dec To 0950 hrs 10 Dec 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	10 DEC 42	0214S	TELEPHONED RYAN at Melbourne to meet important Mil visitor he should meet as provided & have suggested Brigadier BLAKE interview him at once in connection his investigation Japs in special circumstances. Ryan informed report of recovery activity this special cache & ordered Brig BLAKE discuss it & if new and more suitable re-evacuate Lutitia & FORDE Minister of the Army & Mil Adviser	
DARWIN	10 DEC 42	0912	"ZEALANDIA" called DARWIN visited officers 0130/10 & Canungra Kanimbla 0519/10 &	A.D. DARWIN TO ARMY MELB. G-4089
		0950	A security guard comprising 1 O/R Lce Cpl and 2 O/Rs Sig visit it to be	7 M.D. to 23 Aust Inf. Bde - G-01.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF M.D. Date and Time.—From 1120 10 Dec. To 1650 hrs 10 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	10 Dec 41		Mounted at RAAF WT Station at 11 Mile Q	
			Duty to guard against attempted sabotage	
			and maintaining Liaison with Officer	
			in Chg M.G. Pltn	
DARWIN		1120	DARWIN A.R.P. organisation put	P43 (MD)
			completed air raid siren sounded for 3 minutes	
			at 1500 hrs Japan Time 10 Dec 41	
DARWIN		1560	Reports Air Raid Alarm sounded at	
			Air Field Vesterman Time 1450	
DARWIN		1516	All Clear sounded.	
DARWIN		1620	Steel helmets and respirators will be	To all units &c.
			carried at all times whilst Island	M.D. P437
			will be considered to be	
			under actual Enemy Air Attack	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7 INF. DIV. Date and Time.—From 1560 10 Dec. To 2025 10 Dec. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	10 DEC 41		ARRANGEMENTS FOR SURRENDER OF MALAITA WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY CDR.	
DARWIN		1500	TO DIVE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING A/C RAID 1 TO 1	NOTE MSI TO T.M.D.
DARWIN		1510	TO BLAKE FOR ALL AIRCRAFT & ESSENTIAL T.M.D. PERSONNEL GIVE CLOSE RECONNAISSANCE TO P.O.	
			ALONG FETCHELOR ROAD AND WHEN ARE DETAILED TRACK OF THE ENEMY FROM THEIR NOT LIKELY TO BE ANY DISPOSITION WILL BE IN TIME OF SURRENDER OF MALAITA REPORTED	
		2025	RECEIVED FROM BLAKE FOR VEHLE MALAITA REMAIN FROM. FOR DUTY AS ATTACHED H.Q. WARNING OF DARWIN & AND MID. FD. H.Q.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF I.N.D. Date and Time.—From 2250 10 Dec. To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Location of Vehicle and personnel DARWIN	
			at Various Commands	
X	10 DEC 41	2250	A.H.Q. review of situation to 1200 hrs 10/12	APPENDIX NO 1
				SERIAL 4
		X	I.S.G.S. Summary	Appx. 1. SER 5
		X	" " "	" 1. " 6
		X	A.A.O. "	" 1 " 7

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 11th Dec. To 19 31st Dec 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
X	11 DEC 41	1115	A H Q moved to Winnellie 10 Dec.	APPENDIX No.
DARWIN		1150	P.W.S.S. vessel [illegible] Tactical Comm. unit left	SERIAL
			about 800 hrs. via ENERY POINT	
			about MIVILY POINT & P.W.S.S. Kuru proceeded	
			Stood by to [illegible] and [illegible]	
DARWIN		1926	Off [illegible] left HARLEY POINT for	H.Q.
			Darwin [illegible] [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			Left Point and [illegible]	
DARWIN		1930	Ok [illegible] [illegible] NO [illegible]	H.Q. MESS TO YARD.
			second [illegible]	
		1931	SPARROW [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]	H.Q. MESS TO YARD.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7TH D. Date and Time.—From 1st 11 Mar To 24-00 hours 11 Mar

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	11 March	1515	Advance [illegible] and [illegible]	HQ. 5 BRIN BDE.
			are still to be most south [illegible]	
DARWIN			Light [illegible] Elec. HQ at LEE POINT	HQ. 7 DIV & C.F.D.
			Dem Light [illegible] near BATCHELOR	
DARWIN		2100	Night Flare Ops. from P.V.S.S. [illegible]	HQ. [illegible]
			to be carried on this type of NIGHTLIFE	
			Pilots instructed	
DARWIN		2100	Flying Ops. this night. Night Line Ops.	Main Line Comm.
			will be carried out. Line established	
AMBON		2150	Land activity - [illegible]	HQ. NEI & 7 DIV.
TIMOR		2250	Night Line Ops. will be carried	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2400	O.P. NIGHTLIFE [illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF T.M.D. Date and Time.—From 0001 12 Dec. To 1010 Limit 12 Dec. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	12 DEC 41	0001	NO-LOSS REPORTED FROM RAIDS ON DARWIN	NOW. 41.
			R.A.A.F. NAVY & U.S. CREW CONTINUE	
NEW GUINEA		0002	LAST REPORT FROM AIRWING UNITS AT	NOW. 41
			INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PORT MORESBY GIVES	
			ALL CLEAR	
DARWIN		0004	ALL CLEAR.	NOW.
DARWIN		0130	2/4 PANZER REGIMENT AT BATCHELOR	NOW.
			MOVED THEIR STORES AND MOVED ON	
			TOWARDS KATHERINE	
DARWIN		0230	FIRST WAVE OF JAP BOMBERS CROSS	U.S. ARMY FIELD
			COAST AT DARWIN AND TURN TO THE SOUTH	
			AT ONCE AND ANOTHER FLIGHT ARRIVED	
TIMOR		1010	SQUADRON FORCE OF ALLIED R.A.F. [illegible]	GEN. STAFF
			WITH REINFORCEMENTS TO DILI. LANDING NOT YET	R.H.Q.F. N.T.D.E.C.
			STRUCK WITH REPORTS OF ANY HOSTILE	
			INTERFERENCE.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 1ND · Date and Time.—From 10-45 12 Dec: To 11ST Jan 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	12 DEC 41	1045	RCVD TWO VERY LOW BATCHELOR & DARWIN AT SOUTHPORT AND VERY LOW AT DARWIN.	
			2030 TWO ACFT. HEARD OVER DARWIN	
			F. WILSON & CAPT L. JONES ARRIVED AND RCVD VERY LOW AT DARWIN AND LEFT FOR [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
JAVA		1145	A.L.O. BANDOENG — [illegible]	MSG NO 6 TO 1ND.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF A.I.B. Date and Time.—From 12th 12 Hrs. To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	RDECH1	1206	H/C [illegible] [illegible] CAPE GRANITE [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible] PUSLEY STREET	
DARWIN		1215	FULL [illegible] [illegible] (C.W.R)	[illegible]
TIMOR		1430	SPARROW [illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1720	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		1750	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2015	H/C [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2 N.D. Date and Time.—From 0857 13 DEC To 0930 HRS 13 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RKMDRK	13 DEC 41	1857	Received first warning and raid	
ARCHIPELAGO			of Japanese fleet towards Malaya &	
			Singapore Bases. Air reconnaissance &	
			F.O.C. instituted &	
DARWIN		0450	Estimate of Darwin area received from	
			Australian Military Forces	
			Brisbane Hqrs.	
PEARCE (WA)		0907	Air Raid on Wyndham & Kununurra	
			Landing strips reported &	
		0910	Raid on Broome & Koepang	
			Creek Point Station &	
N.E.I.		0930	Raid by 3-engined Japanese aircraft	
			Catalina aircraft &	

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Unit GENERAL STORES DEPOT. Date and Time.—From 9 DEC 41 To 11 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN	10 DEC 41	0900	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1000	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
MANDATED Is.		1015	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1110	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

[illegible] KELLIOTT STATION

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 1ND. Date and Time.—From 12th 12Gc To 18th 12Gc41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	13 DEC 41	12Gc	Allied air reinforcements arrived at	M.D. & 2nd A.B.
			LARRAKEYAH Aer. and Civil Airfields	R.A.A.F. Cenotaph
			DARWIN and ADELAIDE River Areas	Defence Map
			Re Evacuation of WOMEN & CHILDREN	W.D. Gen.
			Alarm and "RAID" & "RAID"	CALLSIGNS
			PAD action and re Fuel	
			of Units	
DARWIN		12Gc	H.M.A.S. [illegible]	R.A.N. FIELD A.D.
N.T.			[illegible]	G2G
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1205	[illegible]	R.A.N. AIR S
DARWIN		1900	[illegible]	M.D. & R.A.A.F.
			[illegible]	C.W.E. 1202

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Unit GENERAL STAFF I.N.D. Date and Time.—From 13 HO 13 Feb: To 1450 hrs 15 Feb 42.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIMOR	13th	1210	SPARROW & [illegible]	ARMY HQ & N.D.
			[illegible]	Q 322
			[illegible]	(also GULL - 1415/13.
			[illegible]	Q 321).
			R.N.A.F. [illegible]	Recd SPARROW
DARWIN		1950	[illegible]	2223 GULL 222
			[illegible]	Relayed R.N.A.F.
			[illegible]	To all units
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1450	"ZEALANDIA" [illegible] DARWIN	ARMY & N.D.
			[illegible]	MI/312.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF (NO.) Date and Time.—From 1710 13 Feb To 1737 14 Feb 42

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 FEB 42		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1710	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1737	[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ Date and Time.—From 15 25 13 Apr. To 15 [illegible] 19 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			125° 55' East at 0630Z 15	N.O. 2323 - Arriving N.E.I. via Perth
DARWIN	15 DEC	1540	Arrived Darwin and disembarked Advance Party of Base Installation Maintenance Unit and proceeded to Camp area. Remainder of Unit disembarked 16 Dec.	HQ ADELAIDE A 1555 16th.
TIMOR		1525	Landing Craft arrived KUPANG Harbour and commenced disembarking Personnel & Vehicles under [illegible]	SPARROW & H.Q. Sec. K.N.I.L. Staff
			Unloading completed 1600 and Unit moved to Camp Area.	B 735
			Lt/Col [illegible] reported to Commanding Officer	Message attached MELB.
			Unit Commenced Operations	1630/16th-HQ Staff Diaries forwarded Perth Base Area
			Unit Commenced Operations	
			Lt. Col. [illegible] (See Communication DARWIN)	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 1 MD. Date and Time.—From 22 1145 To 13 0001

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13DEC41		Warning Raid Cancelled for 101 acft	
			1 MD Less 1 Section Landed	
DARWIN		2011E	2 SPARROW DUTCH AIRCRAFT Have Arrived Quarters	
TIMOR			1 Section of Tracks Have Left DENTUCOSE	Known R.A.F.
			Timor Detachment is Ordered to Proceed	2 SPARROW
			But cannot Now Advise Composition of	02W5/14 Dec 41
			Under Air Force Control Have Ordered	Issued 0 E/F
			2 Sections Despatch Dutch Coast	
			Under Command of Lieut Lees Leave	
			Darwin Arrive Koepang Dutch	
			Air Force Headquarters Have Moved	
			Remainder of Unit Remain at Darwin	
			Return of H.Q. 1 MT Unit Retained	
			Lieut. Air Force Dutch Have Instructed	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ Date and Time.—From 13 DEC 41 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	13 DEC 41		Nothing to report.	
			Copies of Air Situation Reports	
			NONE received this date.	
DARWIN		2160	Approval is issued for F.T.D. Arrangements V.D.C.	A.H.Q. C364.
			to Military extent:- N. Coast 900. E. Coast 2,500	
			S. Coast 2,500. W.A.D 130. S.A.D. 90. T.A.D. 150.	
			N.T.D. 30. Remarks are to be made for	
			coast watching and other duties when	
			carrying out tactical exercises	
			otherwise. Personnel will be on the	
			Commonwealth Military Forces Leave Roster	
			not at present on Full Time Duty	
			Regulations.	
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Unit GENERAL STORES N.D. Date and Time.—From 0001 11th Dec. 41. To 1210 Loc 14 Dec. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	11th Dec	0001	C.W.A. Agent. Thousand 50 Lot Mixed	Nav. Navy
			Ammunition and Light Tank Shs	
			Crew of 2 and Machine Gun Mtd	
			Land Mines carried	
DARWIN		0916	NAVY & Civil Censorship NOT Exercised	Nav. Navy
			over 1300 K.G. Mixed "BALLARAT"	
			to be loaded	
TIMOR		0950	KOEPANG agent "HANYEI MARU" advises	
			no KAMAKURA ISLAND & PTOLOEE Anchorage	
			Clear Channel and Medium Lighter	
			Anchorage and Shallow Draft	
			Jetty NOT to FULLY NO Lighterage	
			Available Embarkation	
DARWIN		1210	Radio M360 Now identified as U.S. merchant	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7 M.D. Date and Time.—From 1215 14 Dec To 1230 Hrs 14 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	14 Dec 41		Weekly summary sent out two copies	HQ. A.I.F.
DARWIN—		1215	C.W.R. wireless D/F bearing indicated that	
MANDATED			at OSSOJIKINA.TAA and transmitter was	
ISLANDS.			between TRUK and YSABEL ISLANDS. B.	
DARWIN		1230	Carrier aircraft intercepted enemy reconnaissance	
			following message to C.W.R. receiving	
			DARWIN Civil Wireless Station at 12	
			noon 14 Dec 41 Message No 1 & 2 (copies)	
			are Text (in 25 groups) Operations Officer	
			ordered DARWIN to Alert Air Force Units	
			and Civil Defence Organisations	
			C.O. R.A.A.F. DARWIN and C.D.O. DARWIN	
			wireless warning. Text of message C.W.S.	
			R.A.A.F. would be Alerted. Civil Authorities	

Right of message appears

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D. Date and Time.—From 25 12 42 : To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	12.12.42	1125	Local air raid warning NO 1 ...	ACK ACK.
			Enemy aircraft ...	
OVERSEAS		1215	Cable received ... 7th WING	C.W.K. ... A.C.H.
DARWIN		1430	... FLIGHT ...	APPENDIX NO. SER.
			...	
			...	
			...	HEADQUARTERS 7th D.
			...	
DARWIN		1510	...	...
			...	...
		x	A.H.Q. Darwin (II)	Appx. 1 Ser 14
		x	I.S.C.S. "	" 1 " 15
		x	A.A.O. "	" 1 " 16

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Unit GENERAL STAFF (INT) Date and Time.—From 0200 15 Dec 41 : To 0400 Jan 15 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	15 DEC 41	0200	ELLIOTT STATION [illegible]	TO ARMY [illegible]
			[illegible]	G/WD 425 HS
			[illegible]	HERN & C.O.70
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		0700	[illegible]	SPARROW - 0867
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	56 56 116.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 10 Dec 15 Hrs. To 20 Dec 24 Hrs

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	15 Dec 41	1030	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1700	[illegible]	[illegible]
TIMOR		1610	[illegible]	[illegible] HQ GENERAL STAFF
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2030	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2ND Date and Time.—From 20th 1600 To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19 DEC	2015	Bn Hqrs in close to Headquarters	H.Q. Bn
			Bn Ops Office at Fire & Darwin	Provisional Bn
			Liaison officer with Air Force and	Contact maintained
			Civil Authorities Darwin Area	
			Received	
DARWIN		2255	Report from Bn Commander	Bn Hqrs
			Information Received	
		x	A.L.O. Situation Report	Appx. 1 to 17.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF A.M.D. Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	16 DEC	AM	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		0930	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From 1210 16 Dec To 1545 Dec 16 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 DEC 41		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1210	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1215	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1540	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		1545	[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 1915 16 Feb To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	16 FEB	1915	[illegible]	ARMY AND NAVY TO [illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			6" BTY [illegible]	
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		10[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
		1915	"KURNAI" [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	(C.T. [illegible] DARWIN Terry Page).
			"VIGILANTE" [illegible]	
DARWIN		2220	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			A710: [illegible]	

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From ..... To 22nd Jan 16 to 24

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 Jan		DARWIN [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
		x	A.H.Q. Situation Review	Appx 1. Sec 18
		x	I.S.G.S. " "	" 1 " 19
		x	A.L.O. " "	" 1 " 20

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Unit GENERAL STAFF H.Q. Date and Time.—From 0001 17 Dec: To.....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	17th	0001	Air attack on Japs. at Timor —	ARMY & N.D.
			Thursday 17th Dec. 1942 0001 Darwin	0002.
			must be used as "SLEEPING" Quarters	
			for Personnel.	
DARWIN		0105	Office of HQ Staff of No. 1 Area Thursday	0105 ARMY 10780
			17th Dec. 1942 Darwin Northern Territory	A.M.D.
			Enemy aircraft are now approaching the	
			area of Darwin. All personnel not	
			engaged in Anti-Aircraft defence	
			duties will take shelter.	
			Anti-aircraft defence personnel will	
			remain at their posts.	
			Fighter aircraft will not be	
			operated from Darwin aerodromes	
			until further notice.	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF N.M.D. Date and Time.—From 12/5 17 Dec. To 12/8 Dec 17 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIMOR	17 DEC 41	1215	A.C.H. & Nucleus Mission SPARROW FORCE & Base	N.D. & ARMY
			Reconnaissance Company 2/40 LEWIS Group	WD 331 Coy
			155 INDEP Coy & Remainder of INDEP Coy Less	
			three Platoons Left & Command Post at KUPANG	
			Signal Section & One Platoon of Company to	
			remain with HQ Remainder of DILLI &	
			Arrangements to Evacuate all Men under Col	
			DUTCH Australian Troops	
DARWIN		1210	Lieutenant Col & NO Headquarters ARMY & N.D.	
			Commander Air Force and AD. Equipment	O. 706. Coy
			in Stores Equipment & Transport	
			Stores Personnel on Regimental Duties	
			with AD Equipment which will remain	
			to unit H.Q. NO Headquarters Left at	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D. Date and Time.—From 1440 17 Dec To 2400 hrs 17 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	17 DEC 41		Situation Summary being made available	
			Last Appendix C	
AMBON		1440	CULL Signal arrived AMBON 0200 12/17	(H.C.H) To ARMY CIWO 4357
DARWIN		2400	Movement of Aircraft &c 2 and 22	
			A.A. Bty Lewis Machine Guns issued to 7th D.	ARMY 0860 & 7th D.
		x	A.H.Q Situation Review	Appx 1 SER 21
		x	I.S.G.S. " "	" 1 " 22
		x	A.H.Q. " "	" 1 " 23.
		x	Report on RYAN	" 2 " 21

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Unit GENERAL STAFF TMD. Date and Time.—From 0840 15 DEC To 1530 Local 16 DEC 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
N.T.	15 DEC 41	0840	NGONAMAH H.Q. closed at 1330 hrs and	2 IN Pkt to HQ. TMD.
			headquarters at BATCHELOR at 1530 (?) hrs	[illegible]
OVERSEAS		0945	A.H.Q. Report of Situation force Darwin	App No. Ser.
			SPARROW reports [illegible] 23(?) Bombs	To TMD. 475
TIMOR		1120	of Maj. T.F. DAVIES - for info 2 A.M. SPARROW Force.	[illegible]
DARWIN		1120	Local warning that no reconnaissance can be	[illegible]
			done at KUPANG Points	
TIMOR		1730	SPARROW reports 9 bombs dropped [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible] water [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1625	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	No 137 Sqdn Bn
			[illegible]	2 HP 515 Sqdn
DARWIN		1850	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th Div. Date and Time.—From 2000 16 Dec To 2212 Hrs 18 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	16 Dec 41		Night raids on Darwin could be anticipated	
			Steps taken to	
DARWIN		2000	Owing to lack of defence equipment in Darwin	Army Hdqrs Signal No.
			it was decided that it was not to	
			attempt to hold Darwin & N.T. from	
			NII IRX 2012 until Darwin	
			with Dum Dum NC170 South of Darwin	
			was complete & work started on	
			runway at Batchelor Aerodrome	
			60 miles	
DARWIN		2356	Hrs [illegible] Darwin	Brig Hqrs
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2212	Hrs 3 Inf Bde Gp [illegible]	Brig to Bde
			to Katherine	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF A.I.D. Date and Time.—From ..... To 23/5 Dec 18 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIMOR	18 Dec	23.45	INDEPENDENT STATUS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO	SPARROW FORCE A.I. & M.D.
			PORTUGUESE TIMOR BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN	
			GREAT BRITAIN AND THE NETHERLANDS	
			GOVERNMENTS AND AUSTRALIA.	
			CHANGE OF STATUS DOES NOT AFFECT	
			NEUTRALITY	
DARWIN		2355	H. Recovery and identification diary	HQ. Q.O. 963
			maintained by Lt Col Whitmore A	
			A.A.	
		x	A.I.O. Situation Review	Appx I. Sec 2A

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Unit GENERAL STAFF H.Q. Date and Time.—From 12 Dec 41 To 24 Dec 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19 Dec	0130	Arrival of H.M.A.S. [illegible]	From NEI & N.Z.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
TIMOR			[illegible]	N.E.I.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		0650	[illegible]	From N.E.I. & N.Z.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		0900	[illegible]	N.E.I.
			[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF IND. Date and Time.—From 10th [illegible] To 16th [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	10th	10th	[illegible] SPARROW	[illegible]
TIMOR		1255	SPARROW [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
TIMOR			[illegible]	[illegible]
			"SAMARITA" [illegible]	[illegible]
N.E. I.		1400	[illegible]	ACK 86
DARWIN		1615	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible] SPARROW [illegible]	
TIMOR		1645	[illegible] SPARROW	SPARROW - A.I.D. - ARMY.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ Date and Time.—From 1940 hrs 19 Dec 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	19th	1940	[illegible]	ECHELON [illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			R.A.A.F. [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
TIMOR			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D. Date and Time.—From 1945 ~~MARCH~~ To 20/5/45 1800 HRS MARCH 1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	19/3/45		Main Stores to DILLI Rear Stores from [illegible]	
			"SONNARATH" Stores to be collected	
			Camp to VAN STAFFEN "CANOPUS" complete	
			Arrangements with [illegible]	
			to INDEX Copies Edition of Guides.	
			800 Tents Less Kitchens Loan to DILLI	
			and Office Tents will NOT move	
			Stores at Depots [illegible]	
OVERSEAS		1945	A.H.Q. Review of Situation to 1800 hrs 19/3	APP. No 1 SER. 25
		20/3/45	21 Ships sailed Thursday to [illegible]	From G.H.Q. A.D.
			to Australia "ZEMINDIA" to [illegible]	[illegible]
			civilian [illegible]	
			x I.S.G.S. Situation Review	Appx. 1. Ser 26
			x A.H.Q. " "	" 1 " 27
			x I.S.G.S. " "	" 1 " 28

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From 0930 20 Dec To 1600 A.C.T. 21 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	20 Dec 41	0830	[illegible] VAN DER KOLFF [illegible]	H.Q.A. M.O.P.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1105	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible] I.O.	
DARWIN		1330	[illegible]	A.M.F. & W.I.R.S. H.Q.N.D.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
A. C. T.		1600	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2 I/C Date and Time.—From 1705 [illegible] To 2145 [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	20 DEC	1705	[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1730	[illegible]	[illegible]
			17-15-40 [illegible]	
DARWIN		2115	[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		2130	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2145	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF G.H.Q. Date and Time.—From ..... To 31st Dec 20 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 DEC		Admin Order & Arrangements for Evacuation of	
OVERSEAS			REPORT. Location of Personnel in this AREA	ARMY FORM 32
			A.H.Q. Situation Review	Appx I Sec 29
			I.S.G.S. " "	" I " 30

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th I. Date and Time.—From 0120 21 Dec. To 2355 hrs 21 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
OVERSEAS	21 DEC	0120	A.H.Q. Liaison Section to 12 Gp Main Gen.	APP. NO. 1 SEC. 29
		2355	I.S.G.S. Liaison Section to 12 Gp Main Gen.	APP. NO. 1 SEC. 31
		x	A.L.O. " "	" " 1 " 32

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ Date and Time.—From 0400 22 Dec To 1200 Dec 22 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	22 DEC	0400	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1015	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		1115	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20/12/42		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1100	[illegible]	To all units
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
TIMOR		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN TIMOR		2110	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
		2200	[illegible]	[illegible]
			I.S.C.S. " "	Appx. 1 to 33
			A.L.O. " "	" 1 " 34

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 12 Oct 43 To 16 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	12 Oct	15.0	Meeting of Commanders and Staff Officers	ADMIN 1349
			Conference with Commanders and Staff Officers	
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
DARWIN		11.0	Visit H.M.A.S. Gunboat [illegible]	ADMIN-0035/31 HC.
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	HQ ARMY 5/1/23
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
			Visit to H.M.A.S. [illegible]	
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
DARWIN		16.0	Visit to Commander Northern Command	ADMIN 32
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	
DARWIN		16.0	Visit to Commander Northern Command	Adm. Northern C.
			Visit to Commander Northern Command	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF H.Q. Date and Time.—From [illegible] To 24th [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	22 DEC	11.40	[illegible]	A.H.Q. 1500
			[illegible]	G.H.Q. [illegible]
DARWIN		21.40	WARNING ORDER (1) [illegible]	H.Q. L/N C-1305
			[illegible]	G.H.Q. [illegible]
			[illegible] DARWIN	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From ..... To 23 March 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	23.3.41		Not received by the addressee	AA & C.2134-5
			(31) Air H.Q. Communique Number	
			Issued by A.H.Q. at 10 A.M.	
			to-day is attached for	
			record purposes.	
			Additional to the D.M.O. & I. Daily	
			Intn. Summary	
		x	A.H.Q. Situation Report	Appx. 1 Sec. 35

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Unit General Staff HQ Date and Time.—From 10th August To 17th August 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	8th Aug	10 AM	Conference at Advanced HQ Darwin with Lt Gen Sir Thomas Blamey KBE CB DSO MC ED Commander Allied Land Forces, Brig Gen S.F. Rowell DSO OBE MC ED Chief of the General Staff, Brig Gen C.A.L. Graves CBE MC ED Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Brig Gen J.J. Dedman MC ED Director of Organization and Training, Brig Gen E.M. Herring CBE DSO ED Deputy Director of Medical Services, Lt Col A.S. Kenyon OBE ED Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, Lt Col A.G. Wilson ED Assistant Director of Supply and Transport, Lt Col A.G. Caldwell ED Assistant Director of Works and Buildings, Lt Col A.G. Mackay ED Assistant Director of Signals, Lt Col A.G. Ramsay ED Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Lt Col A.G. Wilson ED Assistant Director of Supply and Transport, Lt Col A.G. Caldwell ED Assistant Director of Works and Buildings, Lt Col A.G. Mackay ED Assistant Director of Signals, Lt Col A.G. Ramsay ED Assistant Director of Engineering Services,	Appendix — M.D.
			Brig Gen S.F. Rowell DSO OBE MC ED Chief of the General Staff, Brig Gen C.A.L. Graves CBE MC ED Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Brig Gen J.J. Dedman MC ED Director of Organization and Training,	Appendix — M.D.
			Brig Gen C.A.L. Graves CBE MC ED Deputy Chief of the General Staff, Brig Gen J.J. Dedman MC ED Director of Organization and Training,	Appendix — M.D.
			Brig Gen J.J. Dedman MC ED Director of Organization and Training,	Appendix — M.D.
DARWIN		11 AM		
				Appendix 24/12
DARWIN		1700		HQP No. 3 Sec 1

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Unit GENERAL STAFF I.M.D. Date and Time.—From ..... To 24th-25th Dec. 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
OVERSEAS	1st Nov.		H.M.S. "Prince of Wales" and "Repulse" sailed from Singapore for Darwin.	Admty. Sec.
DARWIN			Re-fuelled & left Darwin. Course for	M.O. 03 Germany
			Rendezvous with Admiral Phillips in	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		0115	[illegible]	Army Signal
			[illegible]	to M.O.
			[illegible]	M.O.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			36 Vickers aboard	
DARWIN		2105	[illegible] returned	Army Signal M.O.
			x I.S.G.S. Situation Review	Appx-I, Pge 36
			x A.A.O. " "	" 1 " 37

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
OVERSEAS	25 Dec	1020	A.H.Q. [illegible]	ADM NO. SER.
OVERSEAS		1700	A.H.Q. [illegible]	ADM NO. SER.
TIMOR		1410	DILLI [illegible]	SPARROW FORCE - ADM -
			[illegible]	A.H.Q. MESS
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN			[illegible]	ZONE CONTROL
			[illegible]	H.M.D.
TIMOR		1420	[illegible]	SPARROW FORCE
			[illegible]	S.D.F.D. MESS.

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2ND. Date and Time.—From 1150 24th To Midnight 25th Dec. 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIMOR	25th Dec	1150	DILLI-Arrival with Brigadier Sparrow	SPARROW - M.D-
			Conference at Governor's Palace at 1700 hrs	B.H.Q. Operation
			Visit to Portuguese Military Hospital	
			Conference with Governor and Portuguese Military Officers	
			Visit to Portuguese Military Hospital	
			Conference with Governor	
			Visit to Portuguese Military Hospital	
			Conference with Governor	
			Visit to Portuguese Military Hospital	
TIMOR		1800	Arrival at KUPANG via MALACCA STRAITS	SPARROW - M.D-
			Visit to Netherlands Military Hospital	H.Q. Operation
DARWIN			Arrival at DARWIN via M.S.S.M. PINDARI	H.Q. Operation M.D.
		2010	Arrived at DARWIN and left for Melbourne via Alice Springs	
			ARRIVED MELBOURNE 28th Dec 41	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 3rd. Date and Time.—From 11th ... To 19th ...

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	16 DEC	11.30		
DARWIN		11.30		
DARWIN		12.15		

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Unit GENERAL STAFF G.H.Q. Date and Time.—From 1st Jan To 31st Jan

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	2nd Jan		[illegible]	[illegible]
TIMOR		10.45	DILLI [illegible]	G.H.Q. - N.E.I.
			[illegible]	N.E.I.
			[illegible]	N.E.I.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ Date and Time.—From 21st DEC. To 31st.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	26 DEC		H.Q. A.I.F. - BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES IN DELI CON-	
			-FERENCE	
DARWIN		0130	ARRIVAL OF G.O.C. AND STAFF OF "GORAK"	A.H.Q. NARRATIVE
			DEPARTURE OF G.O.C. AND STAFF	G.H.Q.
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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		[illegible]	[illegible]	H.Q. 7 Aust. Div.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1120	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
N.E.I.		0115	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN			2/11 Fd Coy L. M. G. [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From CAIRO 22 Dec To 16 KM 25 Dec 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TUNIS	22 Dec	CONT	SPENDING THE NIGHT AND MORNING IN TUNIS	
			GENERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL EISENHOWER	
			EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF OVERLORD	
			DUTCH AIR UNITS (3) WILL MOVE	
			AIR DEF. UNITS (2) AIR FIELD (AFHQ)	
			REVISED ESTIMATE AIR REQUIREMENTS	
			LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER	
TIMGAD		NOON	AT AIRFIELD MEETING OF CMH WITH	
			AIR STAFF IN THE EISENHOWER	
			CAR TO ARMY HQ	
		1610	AT ARMY HQ WITH GENERAL	
			BRIEFING BY ARMY STAFF	
			EISENHOWER ARRIVES	
TIMGAD		1615	EISENHOWER LEAVES FOR	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF HQ. Date and Time.—From 1030 25 To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	20 Dec 44		[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
TIMER -		1030	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From 26 Dec. 41 To .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			[illegible]	M.D. & A.H.Q.
			[illegible]	C 4 bits.
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN.	28 DEC 41		Total Civilians including DUTCH EAST INDIES	ARMY to M.D.
			Unit Reinforcements FD. REGT. Offrs 41 O/R 669	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7th D. Date and Time.—From 1045 28 Dec To 1225 hrs 28 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 DEC 41		Reliable 2 Bdes 6 8th R Qlds. Armd Regt	
			12 QMR. Administrative Convoy Groups	
DARWIN		1045	Practice with rockets night 26/27 Dec.	Ack units.
			Motorised equipment for SPARROW left	
			SYDNEY via SOERABAYA 13 Dec.	
DARWIN		1007	AMERICAN ships arrive Dr. Captain Boots	
			Fleet.	
TIMOR		1225	SPARROW returning AUSTRALIA one casualty	
			suffering from a type of malaria causing	
			fits & delirium.	
DARWIN			BLAKE to ROWELL in answer to enquiry	G 4615
			Concerning arrangements for complete Relief	
			Coast and Base Units Last out by request	
			of naval message 11 Dec & suggested reduction	

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Unit GENERAL STAFF J.M.D. Date and Time.—From ..... To 2300 hrs 28 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	28 DEC 41		Situation at all times Obscure. Lack Liaison	
			some improvement and further actions	
TIMOR			being taken when received of	
			SPARROW dispositions Aus Corps 2/40 Bn on	G H 613
			beach defence OELAPA BESAR & Radio Station	
			One Coy at aerodrome, two Pls covering	
			Coast defences, one Coy Mobile Reserve	
			Reinforcements; one Coy Battalion for	
			Kupang HQ. unit O.P. in use C.H. at	
			R.A.F. Station Rear HQ. and Line at	
			TJAMPALONG DUTCH beach defence	
			KOEPANG & TENAV: H.Q KOEPANG; Line	
			at BAOEN. INDEP. Coy at DILLI	
DARWIN		2300	2/4 M.G. Bn will be disembarked with Gen:	ARMY M.50. 1085

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Unit GENERAL STAFF IND. Date and Time.—From ..... To 28 Dec 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			Prior to final MIGRATION from AUSTRALIA Unit to ship and stow to 13 LEWIS guns so that they are readily available for action to arrive Embarkment BRISBANE will assist in completing war equipment by withdrawing items from others if necessary & Advise AHQ of replacements required at DARWIN	
OVERSEAS	28 DEC		A.H.Q. Situation Reviews to 1200 hrs 2 Jan 45	APPS. NO: SER
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Unit GENERAL STAFF 7MD. Date and Time.—From 0005 29 Dec To 1225 Hrs 29 Dec 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
OVERSEAS	29 DEC	0005	A.H.Q. receive of situation to 1200 hrs 28 Dec.	APP.No. SER.
AMBON		0010	Offr [illegible]	ARMY - M.D. - GOLL
			[illegible]	R.A.A.F.
			[illegible]	1116 1805
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
N.T.		1100	ADELAIDE RIVER [illegible]	TO 7 M.D. H.H.W.C.
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1110	N.C.A.D. [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1225	[illegible]	TERRITY Area
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIMOR	20 DECEMBER		[illegible]	S.M.A. KNOW HIGH-[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN-		0515	[illegible]	[illegible]
TIMOR			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
N.T.		1100	[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1314	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN —		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
BERRIMAH			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		[illegible]	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1500	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		1917	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]

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Unit GENERAL STAFF (INT) Date and Time.—From ..... To 2355 hrs 30 Dec 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	30 DEC	2355	KOWELL & BLAKE Hqs [illegible]	A.H.Q. 51745
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF 2ND Date and Time.—From 0140 24th To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	24th DEC	0140	The Commanding Officer BATHURST Island	A.F.O. G100A
			[illegible]	56 M.D.
			[illegible]	(Admiralty &
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	Northern Area).
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
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Unit [illegible] Date and Time.—From [illegible] To [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	[illegible]		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
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			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STORES TYPE. Date and Time.—From 1ST JULY To 15TH JULY 1942.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DARWIN	1 JULY	1145	Commenced unloading [illegible]	SS SPARROW and
			ELEVATOR & CARGO [illegible]	COLL [illegible]
DARWIN		1500	[illegible]	N.O. 935.
			[illegible]	[illegible]
DARWIN		1530	[illegible]	A.M.Q. 61942
			HOWARD SOMMER [illegible]	[illegible]
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			V.D.C. [illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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Unit GENERAL STAFF H.Q. Date and Time.—From 2100 Hrs. To 2400 Hrs.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	31/10/41		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
DARWIN		2100	[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
N.T.			[illegible]	
OVERSEAS			[illegible]	App. No. 5
GENERAL			[illegible]	
AT DARWIN			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
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			[illegible]	

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO MILDISTRICT DARWIN

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ARMY MELBOURNE	M.I./I. 9900	8/12.	

A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NUMBER ONE TO 1200 HOURS DECEMBER 8th. (.) INDO CHINA AIRCRAFT REPORTED 3 JAPANESE CONVOYS ACCOMPANIED BY CONSIDERABLE NAVAL ESCORT SOUTH OF CAPE CAMAU F.I.C. AT 1745 K/6 (.) 1st. convoy 22 SHIPS OF 10,000 tons EACH 1 BATTLESHIP 5 CRUISERS 7 DESTROYERS (.) 2ND. CONVOY 21 MERCHANT SHIPS 3RD. CONVOY 3 SHIPS OF 10,000 TONS 1 CRUISER(.) ALLOWING 5 TONS PER MAN 3 CONVOYS ESTIMATED CARRY APPROXIMATELY 80.000 TROOPS(.) JAPANESE ATTEMPTED LANDING KOTA BHARU STATE OF KELANTAN NORTH EAST COAST MALAY PENINSULA 0600 K/8 (.) NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE (.) AT 0642 K/8 ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTED COMMENCE HOSTILITIES AGAINST JAPAN AT ONCE (.) RADIO REPORTS OF JAPANESE BOMBING NAVAL ACTION HAWAII AREA MANILA GUAM WAKE NOT YET OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED (.) CABLE COMMUNICATION SOUTH WEST SINGAPORE REPORTED AS SEVERED 0940 K/8 BUT RESTORED BY 1630 K/8 TROUBLE DUE TO LANDLINES (.) ENEMY SUPPORT GROUPS DROPPED BOMBS ON OCEAN ISLAND 1100 K/8 (.) NO CASUALTIES TO FORCE (.) NO FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST JAPAN MADE YET BY UNITED KINGDOM OR AUSTRALIA (.) IT IS INTENDED TO ISSUE REVIEWS OF THIS NATURE DAILY.

AS WRITTEN

IN CYPHER

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T.H.I. 2255

T.O.R. 2315 Dec. 0240/9

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Sec. 2

ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 9 DEC, 41.

BASED ON INFORMATION FROM C.W.R. CONFIRMED TO 1800/k/9.

THAILAND-FRENCH INDO-CHINA . JAPANESE forces are landing in strength at SINGORA (SONGKLA) and PATANI in South THAILAND.
Enemy a/c are operating from SAIGON, PNOM PENH and SOCTRANG IN southern FRENCH INDO - CHINA. It is estimated that 200 enemy a/c are operating from SAIGON alone.
R.A.F. losses are believed considerable.
BRITISH machines cannot reach CAMBODIA.
N.E.I. are sending reinforcements of 3 bombing squadrons for attacks against the JAPANESE. O.Bs. in FRENCH INDO-CHINA and U.S. are being asked for similar assistance.

WAKE: Further attacks have been made on WAKE from the air.

MIDWAY IS. has been shelled.

NAURU: At approx. noon today 3 JAPANESE four-engined F/Bs. bombed NAURU.

RABUAL (NEW BRITAIN): This morning a JAPANESE twin-engined bomber flew over RABUAL, apparentlycarrying out photographic reconnaissance.

TRUK: The flagship of the FOURTH FLEET is now at TRUK. This may indicate the possibility of a project to detach ships for an attack on RABUAL.

NUKUNONO IS. (North of SOMOA): At approx. noon today gunfire was heard east of this island. The U.S. cruiser "PENSACOLA" with a convoy of merchant ships is in this area.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO MILDISTRICT DARWIN

FROM	ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER	DATE	IN REPLY TO NUMBER
ARMY MELBOURNE.	MI/G 9938	9/12.	

A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION No. 2 1200 HOURS 9 DECEMBER 1 INFORMATION
CONFIRMED TO 1200 K/9 (.) JAPANESE FORCE WERE LANDED 0400 K/8 IN STRENGTH
AT SINGGORA (SONGKLA) AND PATANI (?) SOUTHERN THAILAND (.) ENEMY AIRCRAFT
OPERATING FROM SAIGOU PHOM PHEN SOC-TSANG IN SOUTHERN FRENCH INDO - CHINA(.)
ESTIMATED 200 ENEMY PLANES OPERATING SAIGON AERODROME (.) R.A.F. LOSSES
BELIEVED CONSIDERABLE (.) BRITISH MACHINES CANNOT REACH CAMBODIA (.)
N.E.I. SENDING REINFORCEMENTS 3 BOMBER SQUADRONS FOR ATTACK JAPANESE A.O.B'S
IN HUDO CHINA, AND U.S.A. BEING ASKED FOR SIMILAR ASSISTANCE (.)
ON 8TH DEC. ENEMY AIRCRAFT BOMBED OCEAN ISLAND WITHOUT DAMAGE(.)
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER RABUAL 1000 K/9 REPORTS HEAVY AIR ATTACK ON
WAKE ISLAND AND MIDWAY BEING SHELLED (.) BRITISH AND N.E.O. HAVE DECLARED
WAR ON JAPAN (.) 2 CONFIRMED (.) ENEMY AIR ATTACKS HAWAII AREA MANILA
GUAM BANKOK REPORTED HEAVY (.) AIR ATTACK SINGAPORE LIGHTER SCALE (.)
MITIGATE LANDING BRITISH NORTH BORNEO ATTACK UPON HONG KONG AND OCCUPATION
SHANGHI ALL REPORTED WITHOUT DETAILS AND NAVAL ENGAGEMENT HAWAII WATERS
BELIEVED PROGRESSING AND U.S.A. SAID TOBE SENDING AIR REINFORCEMENTS
THREATEN INABILITY LOCALITIES (.) NUMBER OF AMERICAN BOMBERS ARRIVED
HAWAII WATERS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

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REPORT ON R.A.A.F. ACTION AGAINST ENEMY VESSEL AT DILLI, 8 & 9 DEC., 41. BY Lieut. P. MARQUET AT C.D.H.

1. On 8 Dec. a P/B reported a JAPANESE three-hundred ton motor vessel, possibly a mother ship, north of DILLI.
2. A.C.H. DARWIN ordered the vessel to proceed to KOEPANG, and, if orders were NOT obeyed it was to be attacked.
3. At dusk a/c dive-bombed the target, and subsequently reported it apparently out of action as the result of a near miss and drifting north, seemingly abandoned, as men had been seen to leave the vessel, but NOT sunk.
4. A recce was arranged for the morning of 9 Dec., when the vessel, still drifting north and apparently abandoned and out of action, was mine gunned.
5. Shadowing was ordered and maintained. reported
6. After the action one HUDSON a/c was/damaged by enemy fire and was u/s 9 hours. The bullet narrowly missed the petrol tank, and the pilot was unaware of the damage until after landing.
7. A message was then despatched from C.W.R. requesting that C.Z.M. be approached with a view to salvaging the vessel.
8. In view of the need for conserving fuel in the N.E.I., A.C.H. DARWIN requested advice from C.W.R. as to whether to continue the shadowing or to cease that and sink the ship.
9. A.L.O. BANDOENG then requested that all C.O.s. N.E.I. bases be informed of the need for strict conservation of fuel and instructed to make early demand for replenishment and to advise A.L.O. of any difficulty in this respect.
10. A reply was received fromC.W.R. giving orders to sink the ship.
11. It was thought that this was done, but the vessel was later sighted beached on KAMBING IS. north of DILLI.
12. Then the PORTUGUESE tried to refloat it.
13. Subsequently the vessel was towed to the mainland and found to contain quantities of wirelessequipment.
14. The crew was interned, except the captain and one member who escaped to the hills, probably with a wireless set, with which he might well have attempted to pass on valuable information to the JAPANESE.

APPENDIX NUMBER: 3 SERIAL: /

FROM: ARMY MELBOURNE.

TO : MILDISTRICT DARWIN. A 1465 24/12.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE CO-ORDINATION HAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING AUTHORITY TO THE COMMANDANT 7 M.D. QUOTE. IN PURSUANCE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY REGULATION 32 OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY REGULATIONS, I, JOHN CURTIN, MINISTER FOR STATE OF DEFENCE CO-ORDINATION, HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE PERSON FOR THE TIME BEING HOLDING THE OFFICE OR PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT OF THE 7TH MILITARY DISTRICT TO ACT UNDER THAT REGULATION IN RESPECT OF AREAS WITHIN THAT MILITARY DISTRICT. DATED THIS TWENTY THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER 1941. SIGNED JOHN CURTIN, MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE CO-ORDINATION. UNQUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN ADVISED ALL NECESSARY CO-ORDINATION. THE AUTHORITY ENABLES THE COMMANDANT TO MAKE ORDERS UNDER THE SUB-REGULATIONS 1 AND 2 OF REGULATION 32 AND SHOULD BE IN RECITALS IN ALL ORDERS. SUB-REGULATION 5 PROVIDES SPECIFICALLY THAT A PERSON CAN BE REMOVED COMPULSORILY, IF NECESSARY, FROM THE AREA TO BE EVACUATED.

APPENDIX NO. 1 SERIAL NO. 4

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A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION 8p. 3 TO 1200 HRS. TO DEC.

CONFIRMED INFORMATION MALAYA TO 0700/10. NOW THREE AREAS OF ENEMY OPERATIONS: KELANTAN, SOUTH THAILAND IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE KEDAH FRONTIER, SOUTH THAILAND EAST OF KROH. FURTHER LANDINGS TOOK PLACE AT PATANI. ALL BRITISH LEFT KOTA BHARU WHICH WAS THREATENED BY ENEMY GROUND TROOPS AT 1600/8AND FLEW TO KUANTAN. AT 0300/9 KOTA BHARU AERODROME WAS DEMOLISHED AND THE 8 INF. BDE. (INDIAN) HOLDING THE LINE JUST NORTH OF KOTA BHARU S.S.E. TO SIMERAK WAS WITHDRAWN. THE POSITION IS CONFUSED. ENEMY BELIEVED TO BE LANDING TROOPS SHELTERING BEHIND THE PERHENTIAN ISLANDS. NO KNOWLEDGE OF A.F.VS. YET LANDED. IN SOUTH THAILAND RECONNAISSANCE CROSSED THE FRONTIER P.M. 8/12 CONTACTING THE ENEMY AT BAN SADAO, ENEMY HAD IC A.F.VS, AND AFTER INFLICTING CASUALTIES, OUR FORCES WITHDREW, DESTROYING 2 MAJOR BRIDGES. AT KLONG KOAE A RAILWAY BRIDGE (12 MILES NORTH OF PADANG BESAR) WAS DEMOLISHED BY OUR ARMOURED TRAIN. ENEMY CONCENTRATING ON OUR AERODROMES HAVE BOMBED KOTA BHARU, ALOR STAR, SUNGEI PATANI, BUTTERWORTH AND PENANG. ALOR STAR AND SUNGEI AERODROMES EVACUATED. DUTCH BOMBERS ON WAY. WARNINGS BUT NO AIR RAIDS SINGAPORE. OUR CONSECUTIVE ACTION HANDICAPPED BY ATTACKS IN NORTHERN AREA WHICH WILL HAVE EFFECTS ON THE LAND OPERATIONS OF THE BRITISH FORCES. THAILAND: IN ADDITION TO LANDINGS AT SINGORA AND PATANI ON 9/2, LOCAL W/T INTERCEPTS MENTION LANDINGS AT BANDON AND PRACHUAB GIRIKHAN (192 AND 198 MILES SOUTH OF BANGKOK) WHICH MAY BE A THREAT TO BURMA. HONG KONG: TIMED 1530/8/12. ENEMY CROSSED FRONTIER KOWLOON ON BROAD FRONT, OUR TROOPS WITHDRAWING. ALL DEMOLITIONS SUCCESSFUL. LIGHT AIR ATTACKS NAVAL INSTALLATIONS. PACIFIC AREA: W/T SIGNALS INDICATE FURTHER BOMBINGS OF NAURU AND JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF THE MAIN ISLANDS OF THE GILBERT GROUP.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 1 - ISSUED BY

INTELLIGENCE SECTION - GENERAL STAFF - 7 M.D.

8OTH DECEMBER, 1941.

At about 1800 Z/7, reports stated JAPANESE were carrying out landing Operations in the district of KATA BAHRU in North Eastern Coast MALAY. The results at time of message were unknown.

About 0100 Z/8, Aircraft were reported to be bombing OCEAN ISLAND, but without damage.

At 0100 Z/8, JAPANESE aircraft flew over NAURU.

INDO-CHINA aorcraft reported at 1200 K/8 that 3 JAPANESE Convoys accompanied by a considerable naval escort were noticed South of Cape CAMAN. (These were noticed at 1756 K/6).

1st Convoy of 22 ships of 10,000 tons each with 1 Battleship, 5 Cruisers and 7 Destroyers.

2nd Convoy consisted of 21 Merchant ships.

3rd Convoy consisted of 3 ships apparently of 10,000 tons each with 1 cruiser accompan ying. The convoys are estimated to carry approximately 80,000 Troops.

At 0642 K/8, the Admiralty gave instructions to commence action against the JAPANESE at once. An unconfirmed Radio report stated that the JAPANESE had bombed HAWAII, MANILA, GUAM and WAKE Island areas.

Cable communication from SINGAPORE was reported severed at 0940 K/8. Communication was restored at 1530 K/8. The trouble was due to landlines.

1100 K/8, Enemy support group dropped bombs on OCEAN ISLAND without casualties to force.

At 0621 Z/8, N.E.I. declared war on JAPAN.

NOTES FROM AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION: 0715 K/9.

U.S.A. and Britain declared war on JAPAN.

THAILAND held out for 5½ hours. JAPANESE troops can now pass through THAILAND.

CANADA declared war against JAPAN, apparently before BRITAIN OR U.S.A.

SOUTH AFRICA is expected to declare war at any moment.

Questions being asked in Congress - U.S.A. are

(a) How was caught unprepared regarding the attack on HAWAII;

(b) Of the 3,000 population, 1,500 were reported killed;

(c) The total casualties of JAPANESE aeroplanes and submarines.

The JAPANESE attack on NORTH BORNEO was driven off by BRITISH troops.

REPORT OF ACTION AGAINST ENEMY VESSEL AT DILLI 8 and 9 Dec.41:

1. On 8 Dec. 41 a flying boat reported a JAPANESE 300 ton motor vessel, possibly a mother ship NORTH of DILLI.

2. A.C.H . DARWIN, ordered the vessel to proceed to KOEPANG, and if orders were disobeyed to attack it.

3. At dusk aircraft attacked and divebombed the target, subsequently reporting it out of action and drifting seemingly abandoned.

4. Reconnaissance on morning of 9 Dec. reported vessel still drifting and apparently abandoned.

5. Shadowing was ordered and maintained.

6. During the action one HUDSON aircraft was damaged and reported unserviceable for nine hours.

7. A message was despatched to C.W.R. requesting that C.Z.M. be approached with a view to salvaging the vessel.

8. A.C.H. DARWIN requested advice from C.W.R. as to whether to continue shadowing or sink the vessel in view of the need for conserving fuel.

9. C.W.R. replied with orders to sink the vessel.

CONFIRMED reports to 1200 K/9 are :- JAPANESE force were landing 0400 K/8 in strength at SINGORA (SONGKLA) and PATANI in Southern THAILAND. Enemy Aircraft operating from SAIGOU PHOMPHEN SOC-TSANG in Southern FRENCH INDO-CHINA. Estimated 200 ENEMY planes operating SAIGON aerodrome.

R.A.F. losses believed considerable.

BRITISH machines cannot reach CAMBODIA.

N.E.I. sending reinforcements of 3 bomber squadrons for attacking JAPANESE A.C.B's. U.S.A. is being asked for similar assistance.

At 1000K/9: Reports that heavy air attacks were taking place on HAWAII Area; also heavy attacks were reported on MANILA, GUAM and BANKOK.

A light scale attack was made on SINGAPORE.

Naval engagement believed progressing in HAWAII waters. U.S. "PENSACOLA" with convoy of eight Merchant ships in this Area.

A number of AMERICAN bombers have arrived at HAWAII Waters from SAN FRANCISCO.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2.
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Overseas situation up to 1200 Hrs. 10 Dec. 41.

MALAYA. :- The following information up to 0700 Hrs/10 is confirmed by A.H.Q. Land Operations appearing to be taking place in three areas, viz. At KELANTAN in Southern THAILAND,
Immediately North of KEDAH, and
Frontier Southern THAILAND East of KROH.
Further landings took place at PATANI.
All BRITISH are reported to have left KOTA BHARU which was threatened by Enemy ground troops at 1620 K/8 and flew to KUANTAN.
The Aerodrome at KOTA BHARU was demolished at 0300 K/9.
The 8th Inf. Bde. (Indian) were holding a line from just North of KOTA BHARU South East to SEMERAK, the position seems to be confused.

The Enemy were reported to be landing troops from Ships which were sheltering behind the PERHENTIAN ISLANDS.
There was no knowledge of the enemy having landed A.F.V's.

SOUTH THAILAND.
Reconnaissance personnel crossed the frontier on the afternoon of the 8 Dec. contacting the Enemy at BAN SADAO. The Enemy are reported to have had 10 A.F.V's. and after inflicting casualties our forces withdrew, destroying 2 major bridges. The Railway bridge at KLONGNGAE, which is 12 miles North of PADANG BESAR, was demolished by our Armoured Train.

AERODROMES. :-
The Enemy appear to be concentrating on our Aerodromes, and those at KOTA BHARU, GONG-KEDAK, KUACHANG, ALOR-STAR, SUNGEI, PATANI, BUTTERWORT, AND PENANG were bombed.
Our forces are reported to have evacuated the aerodromes at ALOR-STAR, SUNGEI and PATANI.
Air Raid warnings were sounded at SINGAPORE but no raids have been reported.
DUTCH bombers are said tobe on the way, but the numbers and destination of such is not known here.
Our consecutive action has been handicapped, and general operations by BRITISH FORCES has been somewhat affectedby the attacks in the Northern Areas.

THAILAND.
In addition to the landings at SINGGORA and PATANI on 9 Dec. local wireless telephony intercepts mention enemy landings at HUAHIN and PRACHUABKIRIKHUN WHICHare about 142 and 198 miles South of BANGKOK respectively.
These landings may mean a threat to KERGUI.

HONG KONG. TIMED 1530 8 Dec.
The Enemy are reported to have crossed the frontier of KOWLOON on a broad front. Our troops are withdrawing after successfully carrying out all demolitions.

Light air attacks are reported to have been made on our Naval Forces which are in SOUTH CHINA SEA.

PACIFIC AREA.
Wireless telephony signals indicate that further bombing attacks have taken place on NAURU, also that the JAPANESE have taken up occupation of main islands of the GILBERT ISLAND group.

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Dec. 7

ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 10 DEC. 41.

MOST SECRET.

To:- A.C.H. DARWIN.

From:- F.O.C.A.S.

Information confirmed to 1800K/10.

MALAYA. Now three areas of land operations.
(i) Kelantan. (ii) South Thailang immediately North of Kedah frontier. (iii) South Thailand immediately North-East of Kroh.
All our aircraft vacated Kota Bahru aerodrome at 1620Z/8 and have flown to to Kuanta (?). Kota Bahru aerodrome demolished and Indian Infantry Brigade evacuated. There has been considerable infiltration and working around flank by well-armed enemy. No A.F.Vs are yet known to have landed.
South Thailand. Reconnaissance Force crossed the frontier p.m. 8/12 and made contact with enemy at Ban Sadao. The enemy had ten A.F.Vs. Our forces withdrew destroying two major bridges. Klong Kgae railway bridge demolished by our armoured force. Japanese forces are landing in strength at Singora and Patani. Heavy attack on Northern Malayan aerodromes handicap land operations. Alor Star and Sungei Patani aerodromes evacuated.
Alarm but no raid Singapore.

HONG KONG. Enemy troops comprising one Division with one Division in reserve attacking Hong Kong. Our troops withdrew ~~in~~ after carrying out planned demolition. Light air raid.

Australia Station.

Japanese Heavy bomber circled Kavieng at approx same time as reconnaissance over Rabual yesterday. German mine considered less than ten weeks old located between Maryborough and Fraser Island suggesting undetected minefield North of Maryborough. Unidentidied Aircraft heard off Gladstone at 1320Z10. Graded B.3. Gunfire reported South of Hobart p.m. today.

Adjacent Areas.

Nauru bombed again today by one aircraft. Japanese force occupied Tarawa and Butaritari in Northern Gilberts. A.M. today a suspicious vessel North of Timor at 1315Z/9 course South-West. Japanese Tender "Nanei Maru" sunk by Hudson aircraft off Dill yesterday.

1338Z/10

11/12/41

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT — 11 DEC. 41.

NR. 27 IMPORTANT
To ACH TOWNSVILLE, DARWIN, FREMANTLE, MELBOURNE, AMBON. Racas
FROM CWR.

Z 639- e306 11/12 SECRET. Information confirmed until 0800Z/11.

MALAYA.
Admiralty confirms sinking of H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES AND H.M.S. REPULSE off east coast of Malaya. Japanese air dispositions in Malaya South Thailand area disclose preponderance fighter types majority new type "O" Air recce. Dec. 9 reported no. of transports off Khota Bahru one off Kuantan and fifteen together with one aircraft carrier off Singora. Escort comprised one battleship and two cruisers and seven destroyers KOTA BAHRU. One aircraft barrier and four transports in vicinity of PULAU CONDOR (SOUTH OF SAIGON). P.R. tenth. Eleven Blenheims bombed Singora aerodrome where forty bombers seen on ground and approx forty fighters in air.

five Blenheims lost. Heavy enemy attacks reported on ALOR STAR and SUNGEI PATANI. Dutch fighter squadron arrived Singapore. Eighth infantry brigade reinforced and now ob LORE PERLIKAT MULONG (South of Kota Bahru) at 2200/9 enemy forces landed just North of KUANTAN in small numbers but driven off. KUANTAN evacuated by our aircraft. Oil demolition and destruction of aerodrome completed at OIR (SARAWAK).

SUMMARY.
Enemy primary object seems to be establishment of aerodromes in Northern MALAYA and at the same time to test our defences on a wide front. HONG KONG situation satisfactory enemy pressure slight and bombing has caused little damage.

AUSTRALIAN EXTERNAL STATION.

NAURU and OCEAN IS. instructed to demolish loading gear immediately. Unidentified aircraft heard over NEWCASTLE N.S.W. at 1437/Z.10 graded ~~

Segment. Time similar to aircraft heard South of Gladstone on previous night.
Adjacent Areas. Three enemy warships at Tarawa (Gilberts) yesterday 10/12. Tabi Island (Nelson Reef) bombed by our aircraft from Laha yesterday. Storehouses machinegunned. Direct hits on buildings. No damage to W/T masts. No resistance.

e300Z/11

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ABDA LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 12 DEC. 41.

SECRET.

TO ACH'S MELBOURNE TOWNSVILLE FREMANTLE DARWIN AMBON RACAS.
FROM CWR MELBOURNE.

A308 11/12 information confirmed to 1600/11.

DISPOSITIONS. Key Japanese authorities and Naval Units in South CHINA MALAYAN AREAS as follows; C in C Combined Airforce at SAIGON C in C. Southern Expeditionary Force probably SAIGON; C in C. combined fleet and C in C. Third Fleet at SAMA (HAINAN); C in C. South China Fleet in HONG KONG area ; C in C. Fourth Fleet in TRUK area.

Third Aircraft Carrier Squadron RYUJO and HOSYU in

One Battleship and Three Cruisers Eleven Destroyers off N.E. MALAYAN coast.

AUSTRALIAN STATION. NAURU heavily bombed radio closed down indefinitely Demolition completed at OCEAN ISLAND. Object resembling submarine off ROBE (SA) at 0930 today graded B4.

ADJACENT AREAS. Portion of South China Fleet now in JALUIT area composition unknown. COMMENT. This unusual movement may indicate impending offensive from this area to cut Allied Trans Pacific communications. Indications Japanese submarines and at least one Aircraft Carrier operating between HONOLULU AND AMERICA. Many Japanese submarines reported painted CHOCOLATE BROWN.

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TO MILDISTRICT DARWIN

FROM ARMY MELBOURNE | ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER G. 349 | DATE 13/12 | IN REPLY TO NUMBER

1ST OF 2 PARTS A.H.Q. REVIEW OF SITUATION NO. 6 TO 1200 HRS 13TH DEC (.) 1 MALAYA (.) ENEMY AIR ACTIVITIES 11/12 LIMITED TO SEVERE DAYLIGHT BOMBING ATTACKS PENANG BY ABOUT 80 AIRCRAFT (.) CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE POWER STATION WATER SYSTEM SHOPS AND DOCKYARDS AREA (.) CASUALTIES HEAVY (.) NO DAMAGE FIXED DEFENCES AND NO MILITARY CASUALTIES (.) ELEVENTEEN DESPATCHED TO BOMB SINGORA AERODROME DURING NIGHT (.) ALL RETURNED BUT RESULT NOT YET KNOWN (.) KELANTAN (.) 8 INDIAN BRIGADE IN COVERING MACHANG (.) KEDAH (.) ENEMY INFILTRATION IN CHANGLUN ASTOUNDING (.) ADVANCED TROOPS 11 INDIAN DOMINATE NOW SOUTH OF CHANGLUN ABOUT 6 MILES BELOW FRONTIER (.) TRENGGAN ENSURE NO CONFIRMATION REPORTED LANDINGS AIR RECCE ON EAST COAST MALAYA TO KUALA TRENGGAN FAILED REVEAL ANY SPECIAL ACTIVITY BUT VISIBILITY BAD (.) 2 (.) SARAWAK (.) 15 IUTONG GARRISON ORDERED TO KUCHING (.) 3 (.) BURMA (.) ENEMY WHO LANDED AT CHUMPORN REPORTED OCCUPIED TAPLEE (.) JAVOY AERODROME BOMBED AND MACHINE GUNNED BY 23 AIRCRAFT).) NO DETAILS BUT COMMUNICATIONS INTACT (.) END OF PART 1 PART 2 FOLLOWS

2ND AND LAST PART (.) 4 (.) HONG KONG (.) DURING MORNING 11 DEC STRONG ENEMY PRESSURE LEFT FLANK KOWLOON BRIGADE (.) SITUATION STABILISED BY LOCAL COUNTER ATTACKS BUT POSITION UNSUITABLE FOR PROTRACTED DEFENCE (.) STONE CUTTERS IS. HEAVILY BOMBARDED MUCH DAMAGE ON MILITARY BARRACKS CASUALTIES THERE LIGHT (.) DURING NIGHT 11 DEC MAINLAND EVACUATED (CANCEL ARRANGEMENTS) NETTLS PEACE POSITION (.) TROOPS REMAINING ON MAINLAND WILL BE EVACUATED TONIGHT (.) SPARODIC BOMBARDMENT HONG KONG IS. BY AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY ESPECIALLY NAVAL DOCKYARDS R.A.F.C. AND ORDNANCE DEPOTS SOME DAMAGE BUT FEW CASUALTIES (.) CIVIL POPULATION HONG KONG CALM BUT SITUATION IN KOWLOON BAD (.) 5 I.) OCEAN ISLAND (.) NO ENEMY PLANES OVER ISLAND ON EITHER 11 OR 12 DEC (.) INDICATIONS OF BAD WEATHER APPROACHING (.) MESSAGE ENDS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO. 5.

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION - 7 M.D.

REVIEW OF SITUATION TO 1200 HRS. 13 DEC. 41.

MALAYA: Enemy air activities on 11 Dec. were considerably heavier than previously, and severe daylight bombing attacks were made on PENANG. About 80 aircraft were used, and damage was done to the Power Station, Water System, shops and Dockyards area. Casualties were heavy but no damage to Fixed Defences and no military casualties.

BLENHEIMS were despatched to bomb SINGORA aerodrome during the night. All returned but the result is NOT known.

KELANTAN: The 8th INDIAN Bde. is covering KAMPAR.

KEDAH: The enemy infiltration in CHANGLUN is astounding. Advanced troops of 11 INDIAN Bde. now South of CHANGLUN, about 6 miles below the frontier.

TRENGGANU: ensure that there is no confirmation of the reported landings, and an Air reconnaissance on the East Coast of MALAYA to KUALA TRENGGANU failed to reveal any special activity, but visibility was bad.

PAHANG: The 15th LUTONG garrison was ordered to KUCHING.

JOHORE: The enemy who landed at CHUMPORN are reported to have occupied TAPPEH.

JAVOR Aerodrome was bombed and machine-gunned by 23 aircraft. NO details are available but communications are intact.

HONG KONG: During the morning of 11 Dec. strong enemy pressure was exerted on left flank of KOWLOON Bde. The situation stabilised by local counter-attacks, but the position is untenable for protracted defence. STONE CUTTER Is. was heavily bombed, with much damage to military barracks, but casualties were light. During night 11 Dec. the mainland was evacuated (cancel arrangements) BATTLE peace position. Troops remaining on the mainland will be evacuated tonight.

Spasmodic bombardment of HONG KONG ISLAND by aircraft and artillery, especially Naval Dockyards. R.A.S.C. and CROWNLAND DEPOT suffered some damage but few casualties.

The Civil population at HONG KONG, calm, but situation in KOWLOON bad.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND: No Enemy planes on either 11 or 12 Dec. There are indications of bad weather approaching.

Distribution:-

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D.A. & Q.M.G.	G.S.O. II (Ops.)
A.A.G.I	H.Q. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Dec. 13 SECRET.

ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 13 DEC. 41.

(Based on information received up to 0900IK/13th December)

GENERAL SITUATION.

Enemy Forces in Kelantan are estimated at one Division. The Kelanatan 8th Brigade (our troops) has been re-organised and is moving into position covering landings reported at Dungana and Kuala. We are in contact with forward elements in North Kedah and our forces have advanced along the Kroh-Yala Road. No further attacks are reported at Kuantan.

HONG KONG. Pressure is confined to Tolshing Mun Area. Our line has been readjusted and one battalion holds strong position on Golden Hill line. Enemy air activity is spasmodic and artillery shelled the island at night with few casualties.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

N.E.I. Intelligence report the sighting by a Dutch submarine of a convoy of enemy ships including probably one aircraft carrier sighted at 1400Z/10 in 03 31's 109 25'E steering South at 12 knots. Submarine attack failed and Dutch air reconnaissance is being maintained.

Koepang. An enemy submarine was sighted and attacked by our aircraft in Semau Strait (entrance to Koepang at 0235Z/12. Two bombs were dropped and nil result observed. Further patrols in progress.

Sparrow Force arrived 2300Z/11th Dec.

Ambon. The eight three-engined monoplanes reported off Serang by Coast-Watchers at 0815Z/11 have now been identified by Ambon as ONE Dutch Catalina.

Rabual. Flashing lights observed E.S.E. 10 miles off shore at 1345Z/12. This is considered significant in view of recent reports of aerial reconnaisance over New Britain, and Japanese penetration into the Gilberts.

Gilbert Islands. Further enemy landing has been reported at Namatani (?Not Hamatanai in New Britain). Three ships possibly one cruiser and two destroyers reported off Tarawa. Another report states that four warships and four seaplanes are anchored at this place. Submarine was reported off Abaiang at 0230Z/11th.

Pearce W.A. Aircraft engines were heard and light observed from Pearce at 1810Z/11. Two Wirraways endeavoured to intercept with negative results.

Darwin. Two luggers reported by Coast-Watcher off Kilingimbi at 0900Z/12. Aerial reconnaisance is to be carried out a.m. 13/12.

Air Alarm. 11/12. Further investigations failed to reveal the source of the second flare, but in view of the fact that the hearing of aircraft was reported by no other authorities, it is considered improbable that enemy aircraft were in the vicinity.

JAPANESE INTENTIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

It is considered that Japan cannot stand a long war and her obvious plan is to interfere with our reinforcements whilst concentrating an attack on the important objectives of Luzon and Singapore. Probable plan is to capture Luzon first and then Singapore. Hong Kong to be blockaded and N.E.I. to be attacked later. The essential part of this strategy must be an increased attack on sea communications which will involve raider activity on a large scale.

Malaya. Strength of enemy forces is estimated as foll

One Battleship. 7 Cruisers, 17 Destroyers, one Aircraft Carr
Two or three Army Divisions.
250 - 300 Aircraft.

Japans First-line Air Strength is estimated at 2660 including Mandated Islands (100) Malaya (300) and Phillipines (25).

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PART TWO STOP NUMBER OF SHIPS IS CONSISTENT 6 DIVISIONS (.) C IN C EASTERN FLEET EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS AS TO ACCURACY OF REPORT (.) 4 (.) PHILLIPINES ISLANDS (.) LUZON (.) REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON - ATTACKS AIR RAIDS 10/11 DEC. ON CAVITE NICHOLS AIR PORT - ZABLAN FIELD AND SHIPPING IN MANILLA HARBOUR (.) 5 (.) HEAVY JAPANESE BATTLE SQUADRON AND ELEVEN DESTROYERS OPERATION OFF PROVINCE ZAMBALES ON WEST COAST LUZON JUST NORTH MANILLA ON 12 DECEMBER (.) JAPANESE HAVE LANDED LEGASPI IN EXTREME SOUTH EAST OF LEGASPI AND CUT COMMUNICATIONS AT NAGA (.) ORIGINAL JAPANESE LANDINGS AT APPARI AND VIGAN IN NORTHERN LEGASPI REINFORCED (.) 5 (.) HAWAII (.) ON 11 DECEMBER 3 to 5 SUBMARINES SIGHTED NORTH EAST OF OAHU ISLAND (.) THESE BOMBED BY AIR CRAFT AND FORCE SUBMERGED NO FURTHER REPORT OF ENEMY ACTION (.) 6 (.) N E I (.) DUTCH AIR CRAFT ATTACKED BY THREE ENEMY PLANES NEAR AMBAS ONE - BUT ATTACK REPELLED TIMOR REPORTS JAPANESE SUBMARINE NEAR KOEPANG SUNK BY AIR CRAFT (.) 7 (.) NEW CALEDONIA (.) PUBLIC MORAL REPORTED APPEARS GOOD (.) LYING AND ARRANGEMENTS OBSTRUCTING AERODROMES IN HAND (.) 8 (.) NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS HAVE CARRIED OUT DEMOLITION PHOSPHATE LOADING PLANT (.) GILBERT ISLANDS (.) REPORTED FROM NEW ZEALAND INDICATE ENEMY IS IN OCCUPATION OF TAPAKA AND BUTARITARI ISLAND (.) UNKNOWN NUMBER JAPANESE LIGHT NAVAL FORCES THERE REPORT THAT ENEMY PLANE IS FLYING OVER ABAIANG INDICATES THAT ISLAND NOT YET ATTACKED (.) 9 (.) THAILAND TO BE TREATED AS ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY (.) MESSAGE ENDS.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO.6.

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION - 7 M.D.

CONFIRMED INFORMATION TO 1330/8/14.

MALAYA:

The pressure of the Enemy attacks, mainly East of road SINGORA-ALOR STAR, has caused our forces to withdraw to a line just NORTH of ALOR STAR.

The Enemy are reported to be at DUNGUN (on the East Coast of MALAYA, about 70 miles North of KUANTAN).

Patrols are reported to be moving towards PRACHUAPKHIRI KHAN, which is on the East side of the ISTHMUS, approx. 150 miles South of BANGKOK.

No official information has been received regarding the PHILLIPINES.

Australian D/F Station bearings indicate that Enemy transport were operating between the Islands of TRUK and YSABEL, (in the SOLOMON group). See PACIFIC OCEAN MAP (YELLOW PAD)

GILBERT ISLANDS:

Single engined aircraft were over ABIANG Island at 0300 2/13. PACIFIC OCEAN MAP (RED PAD)

HONG KONG:

A report at 0825/Z states that the mainland has been evacuated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MALAYA: No confirmation of fresh enemy reinforcements. An unconfirmed report states that DUTCH K submarines sunk 4 JAPANESE troop laden transports steaming Southwards off PATANI on night of 12 Dec.

Strong Enemy attacks by light tanks and artillery have driven our force at EDOR back towards the frontier.

T. KOHANU: The situation seems confused. Enemy are reported to be at DUNGUN and KUALA-KRENGH in the South.

Patrols towards PRACHUAPKHIRIKHAN report that the troops landed some aircraft on the landrome. X Above

MERGUI: bombed by 30 aircraft on 12 Dec.

INDO-CHINA: A usually reliable source reports that 140 JAPANESE ships including 6 Destroyers, 2 Auxiliary cruisers, several submarines, 1 or 2 Aircraft Carriers and 100 Transport off coast of INDO-CHINA going South South West.

The number of ships is consistent with 6 divisions, but the C. in C. expressed some doubts as to the accuracy of the report.

PHILLIPINE ISLANDS:

LUZON: Washington reports that air attacks were launched against

CAVITE NEGROS Air Port, also ZABLAN field and shipping in MANILLA harbour on 10/11 Dec.

Heavy JAPANESE squadron and eleven destroyers were reported off PROVINCE ZAMBALES on West Coast of LUZON just North of MANILLA on 12 Dec.

JAPANESE have landed in extreme South East of LEGASPI and cut communications at NAGA.

Original landings by JAPANESE at APPARI and VIGAN in North LEGASPI have been reinforced.

HAWAII:

On 11 Dec. 3 to 5 submarines were sighted N.East of OAHU ISLAND. These were bombed by aircraft and forced to submerge.

N.E.I.

DUTCH aircraft were attacked by three enemy planes near ANAMBAS; The attack was repelled.

TIMOR reports that a JAPANESE submarine was sunk by aircraft near KOEPANG.

NEW CALEDONIA:

Public moral is reported to be good. Mining and arrangements for obstructing the aerodrome are in hand.

NAURU and OCEAN ISLAND: have carried out demolition of Phosphate Rowing plant.

GILBERT ISLAND:

A report from NEW ZEALAND indicates that the Enemy is in occupation of TARAWA and BUTARITARI Island.

Unknown number of JAPANESE light NAVAL forces are there.

The report that an ENEMY plane is flying over ABEMAMA indicates that the island has not yet been attacked.

THAILAND is to be treated as ENEMY occupied territory.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 14 DEC. 41.

(Based on information received up to 0900IK.14th December.)

GENERAL SITUATION.

1. MALAYA.
Strong enemy air attack was carried out against Penang and Tavoy. No change is reported in the Kelantan Area. In Kedah our advance troops have established positions South of the Chang Lun district. Further Japanese landings have been made on the Kra Isthmus, where enemy has advanced to the extreme Southern Thai-Burma frontier.

2. HONG KONG.
The enemy is exerting strong pressure against th left flank of our Brigade in Kowloon. It is anticipated that all troops will be withdrawn from mainland by 13th December. Stonecutters Island was heavily bombed and Hong Kong shelled from the sea, and subjected to further air attacks.

3. Phillippines.
Where enemy landings are occurring in North Luzon transports are being attacked by aircraft and some have been sunk. High level and dive bombing raids have been carried out on Manila and Japanese hold a preponderance of air strength.

4. Midway and Wake Islands.
W/T communications are still operating at these bases and enemy attacks are being resisted.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

5. Netherlands East Indies.
The enemy convoy with arivraftcarrier in Carimata Straits reported by a Dutch submarine has been proved to be (by aerial reconnaissance) a U.S. merchant vessel under tow by two tugs.

6. Instructions have been issued to prepare for total demolition of oil stocks and installations at Tarakan.

7. Timor.
Quantas Flying-boat bound Singapore sighted an unidentified destroyer at 0630Z/13 in position 09 25'S,125 50'E, on North-Easterly course. As known dispositions of Dutch warships did not indicate that a Dutch vessel was likely to be in this area, a search of the coast of Timor was ordered from Koepang. This has been cancelled on receipt of advice from C.W.R. that the vessel was probably a Dutch destroyer.

8. "Nanyei Maru" now reported beached at Kambing Island, North of Delli, Portuguese are attempting to refloat the vessel.

9. Nauru. Nauru Radio is again functioning and no further attacks have occurred.

10. Aneityum.(New Hebrides). An unidentified aircraft was sighted over Aneityum at 0015Z/12. Course South-West.

11. Millingimbi. Aerial reconnaisance 13th December, fail to locate two luggers reported off Millingimbi, 12th December. Sighting was made by one native only. He was unable to furnish any particulars, and report is graded at D4.

13. JAPANESE NAVAL DISPOSITIONS.

Saigon Area. C in C Southern Expeditionary Fleet, C in C Japanese Third Fleet, Fladship 4th Destroyer Sqdn ("Naka") two aircraft carriers, two new aircraft squadrons.
Saigon Gulf - Thailand Area. Battleship "Kirisima" Aircraft-carrier "Syokoku", 4th Destroyer Flotilla, and at least 5 oth warships, C in C Japanese Combined Fleet.
The Third and Fourth Aircraft Carriers Sqdns are now operating with Second Fleet which appears to have been reinforced sin hostilities commenced.

ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 15 DEC. 41.

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(Based on information received up to 0900IK/15 Dec. 41.)

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. Large enemy convoy of 140 ships, including 8 destroyers, 1 auxiliary cruiser, 1 or 2 aircraft carriers, several submarines and 100 transports were reported off the coast of INDO-CHINA at 1004/13/12. Source of report is considered usually reliable and the number of transports mentioned would be consistent with the removal of 6 divisions known to be available from JAPAN.

Enemy attacks are directed mainly east of SINGORA-ALOR STAR ROAD and a withdrawal has been made to a line just north of ALOR STAR. Enemy forces are reported at DUNGON on the east coast.

THAILAND. THAILAND is now regarded as enemy occupied territory, all THAI assets are frozen, ships will be diverted to BRITISH ports.

PHILLIPPINES. The enemy have landed at LEGASPI and have cut the communications to NAGA. the original landing at APPARE nad VIGON have been augmented.

HAWAII. Three to five submarines were sighted on the surface 11/12 proceeding east in an area approximately 175 miles north-east of OAHU. No further enemy attacks have been carried out at HAWAII.

Aircraft reinforcements have arrived.

MIDWAY. The situation is obscure.

WAKE. Marines are believed to be stillholding the island.

GUAM. No communication is possible.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

SOLOMONS. D/F bearings indicate that a JAPANESE army transport was between TRUK and YSABEL ISLAND on 14 Dec. Graded BI.

GIBBERTS. A single-engined aircraft was reported over ABAIANG at 0300Z/13.

N.E.I. A local civilian officer reported a submarine off the south coast of SOEMBA at 0900Z/12. Graded E3.

TIMOR. SPARROW force has completed disembarkation of stores at 0200Z/14. Two companies will move to positions for beach defence on 15/12. One platoon of INDEPENDENT company moves to ATAMBOEA on 15/12, and will be followed by remainder of company when transport returns. This force will co-operate with the DUTCH in occupation of PORTUGUESE TIMOR when their Government authorises this action.

DARWIN. GULL force departed DARWIN at 0417Z/14 in 3 DUTCH transports escorted by H.M.A.S. ADELAIDE and BALLARAT. Air cover will be provided by DARWIN until dark on MONDAY 15/12. C.W.R. have been requested to arrange air protection (through A.C.H. HALONG) from TUESDAY morning until disembarkation is completed a.m. WEDNESDAY 17 Dec.

MIDGET SUBMARINES. It has been definitely established that JAPANESE mother ships have launched midget submarines with a crew of two and carrying four torpedoes. Maximum range is considered to be 20 miles.

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A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NO. 8 TO 1200 HOURS 16th. DEC (.) 1 MALAYA (.) TO 1130 LOCAL TIME 14th. DEC. (.) PROBABLE SIZE JAPANESE AIRFORCE 250 TO 300 PLANES POSSIBLY 2 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS (.) BY 11th. DEC. ALL SERVICABLE AIRCRAFT WITHDRAWN FROM NORTHERN AERODROMES AND BOMBER EFFECT FLIGHT TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO 6 BLENHEIMS(.) 2 INDIAN DIVISION HOLDING LINE ALOR STAR AREA (.) ENEMY MAIN EFFORT PRESENT KEDAH (.) 2 BURMA (.) TAVOY DESIRE MERGUI BOMBED (.) 3 (.) THAILAND (.) FRONTIER FORCE OPERATING AGAINST RAILWAY BELOW PRAC HUAR KIRI KHAC MET STRONG OPERSITION (.) REPORTED NO JAPANESE CHIEN GRAI AREA BUT 100 JAPANESE REACHED FRONTIER POSTS KENGTUNG 11th. DEC. BY LAUNCH UP MEKONG RIVER (.) 4 (.) HONG KONG (.) QUARRY GUN MOUNT DAVIS DESTROYED DIRECT HIT (.) BELCHIS FORT SET ON FIRE(.) RICE DISTRIBUTION SERIOUS(.) 5 (.) CHINESE TROOPS ORDERED INTO BURMA AND OFFENSIVE PREPARES RELIEVE PRESSURE APIA (.) 6 (.) GILBERT ISLANDS ~~BARAWA~~ ISLAND ALL CLEAR 13/12 JAPANESE LEFT AFTER DISTRUCTION RADIO CANOES BUIDINGS (.) 2 SHIPS TOOK PART (.) HIDDEN RADIOS NOW IN USE (.) 7 (.) INDO- CHINA (.) REPORTED LARGE NUMBER UNSPECIFIED SHIPS CAMRANH BAY (.) JAPANESE MANDATES (.) JAPANESE VESSEL VICINITY KAPINGAMARANGI CAPTOR 15th DEC NEAR MISS SCORED (.)

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REVIEW OF SITUATION up to 1200 hours 16Dec.

MALAYA. to local time 14 Dec.
It is estimated that the probable size of the JAPANESE air force is 250 to 300 planes and possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers.

By 11 Dec. all serviceable aircraft were withdrawn from the Northern Aerodromes, and the bomber effective flight was temporarily reduced to 6 HURRICANES.

TWO INDIAN Divisions are holding the line in the ALOR STAR area.
The enemy's main effort at the present time appears to be in KEDAH.

BURMA. Since 7/12 it is estimated that 30% of our aircraft have been destroyed.
Enemy Aircraft are reported to have bombed TAVOY, DESTRE(?) and MERGUI.

THAILAND. The frontier force operating against the railway below [illegible] met strong opposition.
It is reported that there were no JAPANESE in the CHUMPON area; but 100 JAPANESE reached the frontier post KRONGTUNG on 11 Dec. by launch travelling up the MEKONG RIVER.

HONG KONG The Quarry gun at MOUNT DAVIS WAS DESTROYED BY a direct hit.
BELCHER'S FORT was set on fire.
The position relating to the rice distribution is reported as serious.
CHINESE troops have been ordered into BURMA, and the offensive prepared to relieve the pressure in the area (?)
VICTORIA Pt. aerodrome demolished.

GILBERT ISLANDS. TARAWA Island reports 'all clear' on 13 Dec.
JAPANESE left after destruction of Radios, canoes and buildings. Hidden radios are now in use. It is reported that 2 ships took part.

INDO-CHINA Reported large number of unspecified ships at [illegible] BAY.

JAPANESE MANDATES. JAPANESE vessel was sighted in the vicinity of [illegible]. An attack was launched but near miss scored.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 16 DEC. 41.

(Based on information up to 0900IK/16 DEC. 41)

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. No additional information regarding military operations or the movement of a large convoy reported off INDO-CHINA on 13 DEC. has been received. (B.B.C. report the occupation by JAPANESE of VICTORIA POINT, southernmost point of BURMA and intermediary alighting area between SINGAPORE and RANGOON.)

Large number of unspecified ships in CAMRANH BAY 14 Dec.

PHILIPPINES. Landings in LUZON are expected to be reinforced, but the terrain is unsuitable for employment of a large offensive force. The enemy objective is believed to involve the establishment of air fields for bombing aircraft operating from FORMOSA. If this is accomplished, a major landing effort can be expected. In the meantime, daily air attacks are probably with a view to wearing down U.S. air strength and destruction of air fields and supplies.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

TIMOR. DUTCH commander at KOEPANG and O.C. SPARROW force are proceeding to DILLI in the "CANOPUS" (DUTCH patrol vessel) to interview the governor. E.T.A. 2330Z/16. H.N.M.S. "SOERABAJA" will embark troops at a.m. 16/12 and follow "CANOPUS". Resistance is considered unlikely from the PORTUGUESE. R.A.A.F. aircraft from KOWPANG WILL provide air support.

One HUDSON aircraft reported submarine sighted at 2140Z/15 in approx. position 0930S, 12340E (off coast due north of KOEPANG) One bomb was dropped with negative results, and further reconnaissance is being carried out.

GULL FORCE. Air cover for GULL force is being provided by A.C.H. AMBON as follows:- (a)Clearing search a.m. Tuesday 16 Dec from SERMATA ISLAND. (b)A/S patrol a.m. Tuesday 16 Dec. until arrival of convoy.

(c)Scarch north of AMBON p.m. 16 Dec.

MANDATED ISLANDS. A JAPANESE cargo vessel was sighted by aircraft off KAPINGAMARANGI at 0030Z/15. Three aircraft have been despatched to locate and attack.

A JAPANESE merchant considered within 70 miles of 05'S, 165'E at 0200K/15. Graded B3.

GILBERTS. TARAWA is reported all clear. The JAPANESE departed after destroying canoes and buildings. No EUROPEAN casualties. Two ships of approx. 10,000 tons. two funnels, probably A.M.Cs. were used by the enemy.

INDIAN OCEAN. D/F bearings indicate enemy unit 250 miles south of COCOS ISLANDS.

JAPANESE NAVAL FORCES MANDATED ISLANDS.

Additional warships in JAPANESE MANDATES probably include:-
Aircraft carriers: AKAGI, KAGA, SORYU, HIRYU.
8" Cruisers: TONE, TILUMA.
6" Cruisers: ABUKUMA.
16 destroyers, and at least 30 additional units from the Combined Fleet, including possibly battleships HIYEI and KIRISIMA.
COMMENT: Concentration of these heavy ships in the MANDATED ISLANDS where facilities must be presumed to be comparatively limited indicates an early major move.

Hawaii. Two small fifty foot submarines took part in the initial raid on shipyards.

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A.H.Q. REVIEW SITUATION NUMBER 9 TO 1200 HOURS DEC. 17th (.)

(MILCOMMAND BRISBANE MILCOMMAND PERTH MILDISTRICT DARWIN MILDISTRICT MORESBY MILCOL DUNTROON FROM ARMY MELBOURNE)

1 (.) MALAYA (.) 6 JAPANESE CRUISERS REPORTED 200 MILES SOUTH SAIGON MOVING SOUTH (.) ENEMY REPORTED USING M.E.'s 109 and 110 (.) ESTIMATED ONE DIVISION ARMOURED DIVISION SUPPORT KELANTAN ONE DIVISION ARMOURED DIVISION SUPPORT KROH (.) KEDAH (.) WE WITHDREW TO LINE 22 MILES SOUTH ALOHSTAR WITH ENEMY TRYING PENETRATE BETWEEN HERE AND KROH FORCE (.) KROH FORCE LIKE EAST OF BALING (.) MANY ENEMY REPORTED WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES(.) LATE JAPANESE MALAYAN RESIDENTS ACTING AS GUIDES (.)

2 (.) BURMA (.) VICTORIA POINT GARRISON EVACUATED NIGHT DEC 12 (.)

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

4 (.) HONKONG INTENSITY ACCURACY ENEMY SHELLING INCREASED (.) ENEMY APPEAR COLLECTING FERRIES LAUNCHES JUNKS KOWLOON SIDE (.)

5 (.) SARAWAK AIRCRAFT ATTACKED GARRISON MOVING MIRI TO KUCHING (.)

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REVIEW OF SITUATION UP TO 1200 hrs.17DEC.

MALAYA. Six JAPANESE cruisers are reported 200 miles south of SAIGON moving in a southerly direction.
The enemy is reported to be using M.E. 109's and 110's.

It is believed that one Division and One Armoured Division are in support at both KELANTAN and KROH.

KEDAH. Our forces withdrew to a line 22 Miles south of ALOR STAR with the enemy trying to penetrate to between here and forces at KROH. KROH force is holding line east of BALING.

It is reported that many of the enemy are wearing civilian clothes, and that JAPANESE, until recently residents of MALAYA, are acting as guides.

BURMA. The garrison at VICTORIA POINT was evacuated on the night 12 Dec.

THAILAND. An unconfirmed report states that heavy JAPANESE guns and tanks have arrived at LOPBURI on the railway 90 Miles north of BANGKOK. Bridges being used for transport of above heavy guns and tanks are being strengthened.
JAPANESE troops have occupied LAMPANG.

HONG KONG. The intensity and accuracy of enemy shelling of HONG KONG has been increased. The enemy appears to be collecting ferries, launches, junks and river craft on the KOWLOON side.

SARAWAK. The garrison moving MIRI to KUCHING was attacked by aircraft.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 17 DEC. 41.

(Based on information up to 0900/IK/ 17 Dec.)

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. Reconnaissance has proved enemy landings in strenght at SINGORA and PATANI. There is no change in the position on the east coast, and and the enemy's main effort continues in KEDAH. Our line just north of ALOR STAR is still held, and reinforcements have arrived. We are consolidating in the vicinity of KROH. It is reported that the enemy have demolished VICTORIA POINT AERODROME. Since 7/12 our A/Closses in MALAYA are approx 50% total strenght.

HONG KONG. Enemy forces were hard hit prior to our evacuation from the mainland. (B.B.C. reports siege of HONG KONG by air land and sea and states that the CHINESE TROOPS on the mainland are endeavouring to releive the situation.)

PHILIPPINES. No further change is reported in LUZON.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

TIMOR. Supplementary reports concerning the submarine norht of KOEPANG ON 15/12 state that the vessel was dark brown. The stern was clearly visi visible when it dived. Grading has now been raised to B.2.

NEW GUINEA. An unidentified motor vessel sighted off NISSAN ISLAND 1330/K/15 was possibly enemy. Graded A.3 Air search 16/12 negative. Smoke from an unidentified vessel was reported off ARAWA(BOUGAINVILLE) at 0700/Z/15 course N.N.W. Graded C.3.

JAPANESE MANDATES. A Japanese ship was attacked 40 miles north of KAPINGAMARANGI(GREENWICH ISLAND) at 1700/K/15. One near miss recorded Earlier reconnaissance of this base disclosed 19 barges, 22 lighters, 11 launches, 11 large buildings, and 33 slipways.

GILBERTS. Enemy seaplane reported over TARAWA and ABALANG 14/12 which suggests that a 6000 ton vessel, possibly converted seaplane carrier is still at BUTARITARI

SOLOMONS. Japanese merchant ship reported north east of the Solomons at 0200/K/15 Graded B. 2.

JAPANESE NAVAL DISPOSITIONS. C. IN .C. Fourth Fleet reported as being now east of TRUK(FOURTH FLEET is MANDATED Is Fleet.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT - 18 DEC. 41.

Based on information received up to 0900 LK/18th December, 1941.

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. Our forces have withdrawn to positions about 22 miles South of Alor Star. (B.B.C. state that our line is 10 miles North of Penang along Euda River.

No change ~~in~~ at Kelantan.
It is estimated that enemy forcesin Malaya comprise one Division on the Kroh-Kota Bahru front and one Division on East Coast about Kelantan. Both formations have Armoured support.

PHILLIPINES. JAPANESE are consolidating positions at APPARE. Legaspi and Vigan Areas in LUZON.

BORNEO. (B.B.C. Confirm that landings have taken place at MIRI. Oil installations have been demolished by British troops.

N.E.I.
One 4-engined flying boat dropped bombs on Ternate at 0130Z/17.

SARAWAK.
Unidentified warship sighted approaching BARAM POINT at 0250/Z/17. There are indications that transports were included in the force.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

PAPUA.
Two strange small vessels approached BUNA a.m. 16/12. Possibly Japanese.

BUTARITARI.
Intelligence suggests that the JAPANESE are Developing BUTARITARI as a seaplane base.

WARSHIP DISPOSITIONS.
Reconnaissance located six JAPANESE cruisers 90 miles S.E. of Southern French Indo-China early 15th December.
D/F bearings located C in C Second Fleet about 170 miles West of Baram Point (Sarawak)

AIRCRAFT.
Air photographs confirm the belief that the JAPANESE are using ME 109 and R11 (180)

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MALAYA (-) PERAK (ENEMY SOME STRENGTH) ATTACKED DETACHMENTS GRIK (-)

[illegible] REINFORCEMENTS SENT (-) THIS ATTACK MAY DEVELOP MAY THREATEN MAIN

COASTAL COMMUNICATIONS [illegible] ALSO DUTCH COAST MAY ATTEMPT [illegible]

[illegible] CROSSING CREEKS SMALL RIVERS AND OF INFLAMABLE ROW BOATS (-) PENANG

[illegible] WITHDRAWAL PROCEEDING (-) KELANTAN LINE 12 MILES SOUTH OF [illegible]

[illegible] AND (-) UNCONFIRMED REPORT 2000 JAPANESE OPPOSITE VICTORIA POINT 6000

[illegible] GUNS POSSIBLY A.A. PRACHUAP KIRIKHAN (-) 3 (-) HONG KONG (-)

[illegible] SHELLING BOMBING BOTH ACCURATE (-) COLOURED CORAL IMPROVING RICE

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REVIEW OF SITUATION AS AT 0900 19 DEC.

Commercial Radio reports the following:-

MALAYA. PENANG has been subjected to severe attacks by land, sea and air, and must be considered to be in danger owing to JAPANESE occupation of the mainland facing the Island.

KUALA LUMPUR. in S.E.MALAYA had its first daylight warning yesterday.

It is generally admitted by commentators that JAPANESE losses in MALAYA have been terrific.

BORNEO. It is claimed by the JAPANESE that big gains have been made in N.W.BORNEO. DUTCH bombers yesterday carried out a raid on ship and troop concentrations off the coast of BORNEO.

HONG KONG Intense shelling of HONG KONG continues, and the JAPANESE forces are reported to have command of the neighbouring districts.

CAROLINE ISLANDS. JAPANESE concentrations at GREENWICH Island have been bombed by machines of the R.A.A.F. who successfully drove off attacks by JAPANESE fighters.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO (NEW GUINEA) It is reported that further reconnaissance flights over NEW GUINEA were carried out by the JAPANESE.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS It is reported that JAPANESE forces were decisively defeated at LINGAYEN on the West Coast of LUZON Island by a strong AMERICAN counter attack.

MANILA. The NICHOLS airfield has been unsuccessfully attacked by JAPANESE bombers, but heavy damage and considerable casualties were caused in the region of the airfield. At least 43 JAPANESE aircraft were shot down during these attacks.

PORTUGUESE TIMOR. It is officially reported that our forces have occupied DILLY without resistance.

DUTCH TIMOR Anti submarine patrols are being carried out by our aircraft continuously covering the area KUPANG, SOERABAIA, DILLY.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT.

(Based on information received up to 0900IK/19th Dec, 1941)

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. Reconnaissance indicates that one more Division landed in the SIngora - Kota Bahru area 16th. Dec.
In Kedah our withdrawals to the River Krian are proceeding. An enemy attack about 22 miles S.S.W. of Kroh are seriously affecting the position in KEDAH.

BORNEO. Enemy has occupied Miri. Our garrison has withdrawn to Huching. Reconnaissance on 17/12 revealed a battleship or battle-cruiser, and air-craft carrier and three destroyers off Miri. One destroyer further North on Westerly course attacked by Dutch aircraft.

PENANG

Japanese have dropped mines in Penang North Channel without using parachutes.

PHILIPPINES. It is conformed that a battleship of "HARUNA" class was bombed and set on fire 14/12 off LUZON. (U.S.Aircraft Captains state that attack was carried out by one Flying Fortress with 500 Lb bombs.)

AUSTRALIA STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

TIMOR.

Occupation of Dilli was carried out without resistance. Governor refused protection but offered no active opposition. Full Military control has been deferred pending a reply to the Governor from Lisbon to his message advising landing.

NEW GUINEA.

No details are available of an attack carried out on Kapangamarangi.
There are indications that an enemy Aircraft-carrier or Seaplane is between Kapangamarangi and Nissan, as two unidentified aircraft were sighted over Nissan steering South at 0635K/18, two unidentified float-planes were over Rabaul at 0924K/18 steering North, attacks were made on Hudson by enemy aircraft apparently engaged in the above attack on Kapangamarangi.

PAPUA.

An unidentified vessel reported to resemble a cruiser reported off Samarai at 1920 K/15 was possibly "Hoegh Silvastar".

JAPANESE DISPOSITIONS.

There are indications that the Japanese Fourth Fleet is now at Truk.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION UP TO 1200 hrs 3.2.42.

MALAYA PERAK. Enemy forces of considerable strength are reported to have attacked detachments at GRIK. The report also indicates that few reinforcements were sent, and if this attack is developed, the main coastal communications will be threatened.
Also the INDIAN CORPS operating in the area may have to withdraw behind the PERAK RIVER.
The enemy are crossing creeks and small rivers with the aid of inflatable row boats.
PENANG. THE withdrawal of our forces is proceeding in the PENANG area.
KEDAHAN. The 'LINE' in this State is now reported to be about 12 miles south of ALORANG.

THAILAND. An unconfirmed report states that 2000 JAPANESE are operating opposite VICTORIA POINT. A further unconfirmed report states that 6000 to 7000 JAPANESE troops with GUNS possibly A.A. are at PRACHUAPKIRIKHAN.

H ONG KONG The Island is still being subjected to bombing and shelling attacks, both of which are very accurate. The morale of the coloured race is improving and the rice problem is expected to be solved in a few days time.

TIMOR There does not appear to be any enemy activity in the DILLI area. It is now known that our forces occupy the western end of DILLI, which includes the aerodrome, while the DUTCH have occupied the Eastern end.

FEATURES OF ENEMY TACTICS. The main features of the enemy tactics in MALAYA as far appear to be
(i) That single close ordre are issued, and attacks are made on definite objectives. These features seem to suit the mentality of the troops.
(ii) The enemy has great powers of endurance, and no type of ground can be considered an obstacle. For example, creeks and the ll rivers are crossed by means of inflatable rubber boats.
(iii) The enemy advance through jungle is carried out by Company columns preceded by patrols which find the flanks, sometimes 50, & and then keep distance in rear. The attacks by forward bodies are pressed with great determination.
(iv) In defence, the terms ad patrols go to ground and & then the attack to pass through, then open fire on the road.
(v) The equipment carried by the man is light, and each man carries only 40 rounds of ammunition.
(vi) A high proportion of enemy hand & rifle grenades are used. These grenades are not as effective as those used by our forces. The shell have remarkable fragmentation power, & all the officers of INDIAN companies are shot.
(vii) Considerable use is made of small boats, which can increase the rubber plantations with infantry accompanying.
(viii) The enemy tactics & are calculated to obtain effect by sheer daring, and this is made to have considerable effect on the morale of the troops in front of him. The best answer appears to be the same that has been used by ourselves and with all round defence, acting & & pivots of manoeuvre for supporting reserve.

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SECRET(.) A.H.Q. SITUATION REVIEWED NUMBER 11 TO 1200 HRS. 20th. DECEMBER (.) 1. MALAYA (.) PENANG(.) ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL BRITISH VOLUNTEERS SOME MALAY VOLUNTEERS BRITISH CIVIL POLICE AND OFFICIALS EVACUATED (.) ALL GUNS DESTROYED REMAINING VEHICLES DAMAGED PRAI POWER HOUSE BLOWN UP AERODROME DESTROYED MAJORITY 1st. LINE TRANSPORT AND AMMUNITION SAVED PERAK (.) TROOPS CONTACTED ENEMY ROAD KUALA KANGSAR TO GRIK (.) 11th INDIAN DIVISION AND 12th. BRIGADE WITHDRAWN FROM LINE PERAK RIVER WITHOUT INTERFERENCE KEBANTAN PATROL CONTACTED ENEMY NEAR MACHANG NIGHT 18th/19th. (.) Railway UNDAMAGED 2. BORNEO (.) KUCHING SARAWAK BOMBED ALSO PONTIANAK WEST COAST DUTCH BORNEO 3. BURMA (.) TROOPS FROM VICTORIA POINT NOW MERGUI(.) 4 JAPANESE MANDATES (.) ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORTED KAPINGA MARANGI.

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Review of situation up to 1200 hrs, 20 Dec. 41.

1. MALAYA.

PENANG. All Military personnel, including BRITISH VOLUNTEERS; some Malay volunteers, British Civil Police and Officials have been evacuated.

All guns have been destroyed and any remaining damaged.

PRAI. Power house has been blown up and the aerodrome destroyed.

The majority of our 1st. Line Transport and ammunitions has been saved from PERAK.

Our troops contacted the enemy on the road Kuala Kangsar to GRIK.

The 11th. INDIAN DIVISION and the 12th. Brigade have withdrawn from the "LINE" inthe vicinity PERAK RIVER without any interference.

KELANTAN patrols are reported to have contacted the enemy near MACHANG on the night of 18/19 Dec. The Railway in this area is reported to be undamaged

2. BORNEO.

KUCHING in SARAWAK is reported to have been bombed, also at PONTIANAK on the West Coast of DUTCH BORNEO.

3. BURMA The troops previously reported as having been withdrawn from VICTORIA POINT are now at MERGUI.

4. JAPANESE MANDATES.

Some enemy activity is reported at KAPINGA MARUNGI, Gilbert Is. Group, 154° East, 1° North.

5. AMBON

Air Raid alarms have been sounded at AMBON, and fighter Aircraft have been sent up within the last two days, but no details have been received regarding such activities.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION UP TO 1200HRS. 21 DEC. 41.

1. MALAYA:

PERAK - The 12th Brigade are reported to be at KUALA KANGSAR. The 6th and 15th Bde. and other Divisional Troops are re-organising in the IPOH Area. One Battalion of the 28 Bde. is at SELAMA on the KRIAN River. The enemy is reported to have reached MAHANG on KRIAN River situated 10 miles north of SELAMA on Dec. 20. No contacts have been made between here and the coast.

The 11th Indian Div. now holds the line on the PERAK River, but other arms are reported to have surrendered on the KRIAN River. IPOH has been raided twice by enemy aircraft.

Troops previously believed missing are rejoining their units daily. The rate of the enemy's advance has been slowed, and the general policy of our forces is to hold the enemy on the West PERAK River.

Contact with enemy forces is reported to have been made at MAHANG on the night 19/20 Dec.

2. BORNEO:

Bombers of the DUTCH Air Force claim to have scored hits on an enemy cruiser and a large vessel. BORNEO detachments have arrived at SINGAPORE. Repair of damage done to KUCHING Aerodrome is being carried out.

3. BURMA:

No signs of enemy activity are reported from the vicinity of the Aerodrome at VICTORIA PT.

4. THAILAND:

There are further indications of strengthening of railway bridges LAMPANG-CHIENGMAI probably for transport of heavy guns and tanks.

5. HONG KONG:

Deep enemy penetration is reported from HONG KONG. The W/T Station has been abandoned. The situation appears to be confused.

6. TIMOR:

DUTCH (Queenstown ?) troops have occupied town of DILLI and an independent Coy. is in occupation of the west side of DILLI and the aerodrome.

4. PORT MORESBY:

Evacuation of women and children from PORT MORESBY began on Dec. 20 and many are reported to have been evacuated.

Small flare bombs probably in strings of 6 or 8 are being dropped by the JAPANESE. They explode with a flash and smoke and cause chocolate colour stain. Pending thorough investigation - these bombs should on no account be touched.

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS FROM COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS:

In a raid over Kuala Lumpar last night one JAPANESE plane was shot down.

A Berlin message says that Hitler has now taken over complete command of the German army.

British forces in Libya are a few miles from Benghazi where the main German armoured units are sheltering.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/ IK/21. No. 32

GENERAL SITUATION.

MALAYA. Enemy bombing raids have been carried out on IPOH aerdrome on the WEST COAST, and the EAST COANI Railway at ARAPOT.

All Japanese transports operating in the CHINA SEA are provided with Anti Aircraft Guns on a very large scale.

AUSTRALIAN STATIONS AND ADJACENT AREAS.

KOEPANG. Native sailor in a launch reported sighting submarine in the SEMAU STRAIT today Saturday. Graded D. 5. Air Search negative result.

On the West bound KNILM second pilot reported submarine entering KOEPANG BAY, submerged at 0340/Z/16. Investigation is being carried out.

AMBON. Air raid alarms have been sounded in AMBON area several times within the last two (2) days, and fighter aircraft have been sent up. Alarm presumably caused by aircraft proceeding from MANILA.

PAPUA. Possible unidentified aircraft reports from TROBRIAN ISLANDS in the GULF of PAPUA areas on 18/19 Dec. Native report, grading unknown.

MISIMA. Floating mine reported by native. Grading unknown.

SAMARI. Searchlights reported approx. one hundred miles West of SAMARI on 16/17 Dec.

MADONG. Unidentified ship reported approaching appx MADONG at 1245/19.

BORNEO. Enemy aircraft attack against PONTIANAK (West Borneo) 19/12 caused severe damage.

HELEN REEF. Unidentified aircraft West of HELEN REEF at 0130/Z/19.

MALACCA. Sound of engines , possibly submarines heard three degrees fifty minutes East of WAIPERANG AT 1230/ Z/16. Reported travelling easterly direction. A light was also seen by a native chief . Graded E.O. These indications may have been of three vessels previously reported.

DARWIN. AIR VICE MARSHALL BOSTOCK arrived from the EAST, proceeding South. (Left this a.m.)

21 Sqn. lost 18 out of 21 planes in Malaya.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST UP TO 1200 Hours 22DEC.

MALAYA. Enemy pressure along our front is reported to be slight. KUANTAN HAS BEEN BOMBED and machine gunned, and it is also reported that leaflets have been dropped by the enemy.
Enemy Aircraft are operating from bases at ALOR STAR and TRENGGANU.
BRITISH Motor Transport reports the capture of 400 JAPANESE.
Five JAPANESE soldiers were shot in hired cars at North KEMAMAN - 30 miles north of KUANTAN.
DUTCH Aircraft have bombed MAADYAI rail junction situated 20 miles S.W. of SINGORA.

HONG KONG. Although the position at HONG KONG is still obscure, it is known that JAPANESE forces have landed on the Island. Two enemy vessels have been sunk by our Motor Torpedo Boats.
Air activity is on a small scale, but enemy shelling is still heavy. The civil population remains calm, but reports indicate increase in 5th. column activities.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS The following Islands are being used by the JAPANESE as bases for fighter Aircraft:-
LEGASPI, VIGAN and APARRI.
AMERICAN forces possibly the 11Oth. Division have contacted the enemy at DAVAO.

WAKE ISLAND has been subjected to two further air raids.

See YELLOW FLAG PACIFIC OCEAN MAP

It is reported that enemy submarine attacks are being made principally under cover of darkness, and off the coast of CALIFORNIA, four AMERICAN ships were attacked one being sunk.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/K/22

MALAYA. Our forces withdrew behind RIVER KRIEN and further withdrawal to th rear of BERAK RIVER is in full progress. British have successfully disengaged from the KRIEN And are reorganising on the PERAK RIVER. Enemy advance slowed down and numbers of our missing are returning to their units. An encounter at GRIK KANGSAR ROAD (North of IPOH) resulted in the enemy force being wiped out.

Enemy landed East of KUALA BEDAIT.
Thirty (30) Japanese fighter aircraft were parked on the landing area at SUNGEI PATANI Aerodrome . 19/12.
At PRAHC PAB KIRKMAND nine (9) aircraft probably THAI. Aircraft exactly similar to JU-88 observed over Islands 25 miles off the Coast of JOHORE.
HAINAN. Enemy transport sunk off HAINAN.

HONG KONG. No official confirmation of Japanese claims to have captured the Island. Situation very serious owing to deep enemy infiltration.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

BORNEO. Aircraft attacked KUCHING AERODROME (SARAWAK) 19/12. SINKAWNG Aerodrome bombed a.m. 19/12. NO DAMAGE.
Raid on enemy shipping off MIRI 19/12, one hit, two near misses on large vessel possible seaplane tender, seven (7) enemy bombers seen on the water.

N.E.I. BATAVIA advises Japanese aircraft used DUTCH markings during raid on PONTI A NAK. 19/12.

KOEPANG. Report of submarine in SEMAU STRAIT 20/12. Graded D.5.
AMBON. VAN DER LYJN estimated time arrival 24/12.

PAPUA. Reference native reports aircraft in TROBIANDS 18/12 and searchlights West of SAMARAI 16/12 & 17/12, now Graded C.5.

PHILIPPINES. MANILA bombed 19/12, ground activity increasing.

GREENWICH ISLAND. Reconnaissance of Island revealed four (4) sampans in the harbour, two (2) double float planes patrolling above.

D'ENTRE CASTEUAX ISLAND. Report of submarine near at 1630/Z.19. Graded E.2.

TANDJOENG ISLAND (West SERANG) Four (4) submarines reported off Island 20/12 Graded. D.4.

LOUISIADE. Further native report of aircraft heard 19/12 search in area today.

TAMPA. Unidentified aircraft course S.W. over TAMPA Island (North East Coast New Ireland) Graded:- E.O.

CAPE YORK PENINSULAR. Unidentified aircraft heard at 1532/Z/19 twenty (20) miles out of KARUMBA.
SHIPPING. Indications of Japanese raiders within five hundred (500) miles of 116 degrees B.O. (?)

AIRCRAFT. Following from a P. 40 pilot (U.S.) begins:- Consider Japanese bombing only accurate first (1st.) day.(.) Think they used many 100 lb. bombs, causing craters 3 to 4 feet deep, and 5 to 6 feet across (.) Formations mostly in single file, intervals approx. 500 feet(.) Type "O" highly manoeuverable, can turn inside a P. 40 (.) High rate of climb (.) Uses only incendiary bullets. Dive bombers based FORMOSA that have attacked PHILIPPINES have ply wood tanks and drop same when empty(.) Japanese will only attack P. 40's when AMERICAN's out numbered.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/IK/21.

MALAYA. Our Forces now hold line KURAU RIVER.

BURMA. No confirmation of enemy penetration to MESHOD.

HONG KONG. During night 18/19 Dec. 41. the enemy effectedlandings at two (2) points on East side and by 20/12 were in possession of approx. half the Island.

Fragments of shell indicate that attacking ships mounted C.122 5.5 inch guns.

PHILIPPINES. No official information. (B.B.C. & A.B.C. report landings of from 30 to 40 thousand men).

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

N.E.I.

Dutch patrol from AMBON sighted possible Japanese seaplane at 2310/z/20. Approx. 50 miles S.W. of TERNATE.

Reference to four (4) submarines off TANJOENG ISLAND on 20/12 R.A.A.F. and DUTCH PATROLS NEGATIVE.

LORENGRU. Unidentified aircraft heard at 1500/K/21.

MISIMA. Mine reported 21/12. Graded E.4.

TROBIANDS-LOUISIADES. Air search proved negative.

NEW CALEDONIA. Warship reported off South East corner 2110/21, course N.N.W. Possibly FREE FRENCH "CHEVREUIL".

TABAR. Eight (8) warships reported off TABAR between 1240/Z/21 and 1350/Z/21. Graded B.2. Aircraft investigating.

MADANG. Report unidentified vessel 19/12, now cancelled.

CAPED'URVILLE. Probable submarine sighted 0800/Z/21 near the CAPE, DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

NAMATANAI ISLAND.

Four (4) engined, high wings, long range monoplane, sea-plane, sluggish swept tail, united square formed wings, chord large at wing tips, long nose. (.) ends.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION TO 1200 HOURS 24 DEC.41.

MALAYA. PERAK. Our troops holding the GRIK road have been withdrawn across the PERAK River. It is believed that severe enemy casualties stopped the enemy's advance on the GRIK road. Our reserve troops are situated a t SUNGEI SIPUT, 8 miles eastward of the railway bridge across the PERAK river, and at KAMPAR - 25 miles south of IPOH.

SELANGOR. Port SWETTENHAM has been raided, but damage is reported to be slight.

EAST COAST Reports from KELANTAN dated 21 Dec. indicate the arrival of shipment of enemy tanks to replace these previously sunk.
It is known that a landing planned by the enemy at TRENGGANU with the assistance of local JAPANESE was stopped.
Some enemy troops which landed at KEMAMAN on Dec. 20 were taken prisoner by immobilisation of the lighters in which they made the landing.

THAILAND Three enemy Troop Trains in close order were observed moving Southward to CHUMPON, where large numbers of enemy troops are in barracks at N.CHUMPON.

BURMA PROVINCE In the MOULMEIN area four JAPANESE bombers have been destroyed and others damaged.

HONG KONG It is reported that two areas of the Island are still holding out - one a t REPULSE BAY a nd other WEST HALF Island. Small isolated detachments on the Eastern half are still holding out. CHINESE forces are reported at TIRS BAY 20 Miles N. [redacted] a nd at SHAM CHUN 15 miles north of KOWLOON.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES. It is reported that a number of Warships including some AIRCRAFT Carriers and transports were observed North East of MANADO on the North arm of the CELEBES moving southward. An attack on MANADO may be p ossible.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS Reports from commercial radio state that large JAPANESE forces are attacking MANILLA from the North and East, and the situation is described as being serious for the U.S.A. forces there.

LIBYA The rest of GERMAN forces in LIBYA continues. Our forces are reported to be closing in on BENGHAZI. Huge stocks of "AXIS" material have been destroyed.

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ARMY LIAISON REPORT AT 0900. 24/12.

MALAYA. Enemy floating troops down PERAK RIVER at night probable intention to occupy SITPUT. KUALA LUMPUR AERODROME bombed, damage negligible.
KAULA SITPUT RAIDED, no details received.
KAULA LUMPUR raided since 21/12 by 18 type "O" FIGHTERS.
Damage to NANIFURAI RAILWAY. Preparations our withdrawal KUANTAN.
43 enemy fighters, 5 twin engined aircraft at SUNGEI PATANI on 20/12.

HONG KONG. Enemy pushing westward across middle gap BENNETT HILL, REPULSE BAY HOTEL to STANLEY HILL.

PHILIPPINES. No official information on unofficial report of heavy fighting in the LINGAYEN GULF AREA, where JAPANESE attempting landing in force.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

ANAMATANAI. Further description of aircraft reported over ANAMATANAI 20/12 indicates type 97 flying boat.

N.E.I. SOEMBA. Submarine sighted off north west coast SOEMBA 1000/Z/20 course east.

MINDANAO.

Dutch aircraft carried out attack 23/12 on enemy shipping in DAVAO HARBOUR and in the GULF of DAVAO consisting of five (5) transports, several cruisers, and destroyers, 8 large seaplanes. Direct hit on largest transport, several near misses. Report of two (2) large destroyers and three (3) large transports sighted South of DAVAO on ~~xxxxxx~~ Southerly course. Speed 5 knots. Graded B.O.

SORONG. Enemy air attack to-day, no damage.

DARWIN. Tanker "BRITISH SAILOR" over due DARWIN from TARAKAN since 17/12.

SUBMARINES. Japanese submarines have been sighted off CEYLON and other places Eastwards to the West Coast of AMERICA.

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REVIEW OF SITUATION TO 1200 HOURS 25 DEC. 41.

MALAYA. PERAK Contacts were made with enemy forces on Dec. 23 on River bridges at KUALA KANGSAR. Bridges have been demolished, and troops taking part in those operations moved towards CHEMOR - 10 miles north of IPOH.
Our forces were still established on the western side of the PERAK River at BIDARA on the evening of 25 Dec. One Battalion is at BATU GAJAH, 8 miles south of IPOH.

KELANTAN. Our troops have withdrawn to KUALA KRAI, but their equipment is reported to be intact. A demolition party with an armoured train was left behind to demolish railways as they withdrew.

BORNEO. There are indications that an enemy force consisting of 5 Warships and 10 Transports are moving southward with the possible intention of attacking KUCHING.

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The following is a summary of JAPANESE tactics and methods of dealing with them:-

1. The JAPANESE force in North MALAYA is a highly trained army using gangster methods, and it is equipped with a high proportion of TOKEN guns and MORTARS. LIGHT TANKS which are usually used to give support are a type of armoured carrier vulnerable to our Anti Tank Rifle and heavy weapons. The force has little ARTILLERY. JAPANESE forces are full of low cunning, and use artificial noises such as mortars with loud explosions, Chinese crackers and bullets which make loud noise on impact to lower morale and cause premature withdrawals.

2. Enemy tactics in attack. (a) Send forward screen of men to locate our positions and employ above methods. These troops are dressed in ordinary shorts and shirts and running shoes and mix with the civil population where possible.
(b). As soon as screen has located our positions, strong forces, often a battalion, deploy in the rear and pass round flanks of the position.
All the above are done very rapidly and every endeavour is made to maintain momentum of attack.

3. JAPANESE are able to move very rapidly through jungle swamps and across rivers, for which they are sometimes equipped with rubber boats. They are prepared to live on the country to a greater extent than our troops, and are therefore less dependent on lines of communication.

4. Minor tactics and attacks are often made in close formation over open ground.

5. Counters to JAPANESE tactics :-
(a) High discipline and unfailing steadiness is essential, and positions must not be disclosed by opening fire unless the target is a good one.
(b) Our flanking and infiltration tactics must not lead to withdrawals, which should only take place on the order of higher authority.
(c) Experience has shown that the way to defeat the enemy is to counter attack. Such attacks must be immediate, planned beforehand if possible, and carry to completion regardless of losses, usually by small bodies of not a company or less on the initiative of the local commander.

6. Suggested method of defence is
(a) Holding group dug in astride main communications.
(b) Striking force forward on flanks ready to attack as soon as the enemy makes contact with holding group.
(c) Defence must be in depth to deal with outflanking force, and usually only the holding group should be dug in.
(d) Essentially war of movement and attack, and too much digging in is likely to create defence complex.
(e) Armoured cars are of value for attacking down roads, particularly types which can be driven freely in either direction.

7. Spreading of rumours and exaggerated reports of enemy efficiency must be rigidly suppressed.

8. Sore feet. Prolonged operations in water logged country have caused sore feet and loss of marching efficiency. Constant attention s hould be paid to this important factor by junior commanders.

9. Summary. In this type of warfare, efficiency, alertness and cunning of the individual count. Troops must expect to be shot at from unexpected directions and everyone must be prepared to hit back. The enemy cannot be defeated by sitting in prepared positions and allowing him to walk round us. We must play him at his own game and attack him on every possible occasion.

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JAPANESE ATTACK ON PHILIPPINES.

The following extracts are based on information received from a reliable source

BOMBING. It is considered that the JAPANESE bombing was only accurate on the first day; possibly due to GERMAN experts being in command.

One of the main causes of the erratic bombing by the JAPANESE after the firstday was due to the anti-aircraft guns, although the gunners were certainly not accurate. They seem to have an upsetting effect on the JAPANESE.

Twin Rudders Heavy Bombers were used, probably Type 96 Mitubishi Heavy Bomber (Naval Air Service) Serial 37.

The JAPANESE used many 100 lb. bombs which made craters from 3 to 4 feet deep and 5 to 6 feet wide.

Many times single file attacks were made at intervals of approximately 500 feet between each aircraft.

The JAPANESE bombers do not seem to have a high rate of speed.

AIRCRAFT. Type "0" (Naval Air Service) (Serial 43) is a highly manoeuverable aircraft. It can turn inside a P.40 and has a high rate of of climb. From its appearance it is thought it has a fabric covering.

The informant stated that "Dog Fights" should be avoided with Type "0" as it is found that 'She can flick round and on to your tail in no time.' He considered that the best method of attack was a long dive on the Type "0" and get well past before turning. Also when attacked by the Type "0" to put the nose down and dive well away before turning. The Type P.40 is approximately 40 to 50 M.P.H. faster than the Type "0"

JAPANESE dive bombers and fighters only use incendiary bullets.

Dive Bombers (Possibly T.97 Mitubishi Torpedo Bomber, Naval Air Service) based at FORMOSA have plywood belly petrol tanks and drop them when empty.

The self sealing tank has proved itself and enables the aircraft to get back to its base, but must be repaired immediately.

JAPANESE BASES.

The beaches at APPARI and VIGAN are used as bases The informant said that he actually saw the JAPANESE aircraft (T97 S.S.F. fixed undercarriage Serial 3) on the beach, wing tip to Wing tip (No attempt at dispersal)thus providing the AMERICANS an easy target.

The JAPANESE only attack the P. 40's when they have the advantage on at least two to one over the AMERICANS.

AMERICAN pilots confirm JAPANESE markings on aircraft as light orange circles, as indicated in R.A.A.F. Publication No. 142 of Jan. 41

It has been reported that the JAPANESE used DUTCH markings on some of their aircraft.

JAPANESE LANDINGS.

Reports on the JAPANESE landings in the Northern part of the PHILIPPINES indicates that the following methods were used by the JAPANESE.

(a) The beach area and defence points were first bombed by heavy bombers from a great hight out of range of light A.A. Guns.

(b) Battle Cruisers and cruisers stand well off land and s shell the beach area while destroyers convoy the Mother Landing Craft as near to thebeach as possible. Aircraft carriers also stand well off land and Naval Fighters and Dive Bombers, bomb the beach area and strong points of the defence.

(c) The barges (M.L.C.) are then launched and the landing takes place.

(d) The combined fire effect of the Navy and Airforce is so great that the troops are able to disembark and land against a temporarily subdued force and hardly a shot is fired against them.

The above method of landing seems to indicate that the defence of beaches must be sited in depth.

INCENDIARY BULLETS.

JAPANESE Strafing 'planes (dive-bombers) not only carry bombs but also a .6 In. (approx.) cannon which fires incendiary bullets/ They dive on their targets and continue firing until the target is alight and has burst into flames.

The JAPANESE have destroyed many AMERICAN 'planes before they have left the ground in this way. Also much valuable material.

SLIT TRENCHES.

Slit trenches again proved to be the only real protection against dive bombing and machine gunning from the air. Elaborate shelters are a waist of time and unless properly built are easily destroyed by bombs. The best dimentions are 3'6" deep and 2' wide.

PARACHUTISTS.

JAPANESE parachutists are evidently led by GERMANS and their parachute tactics are similar to those used by the GERMANS in HOLLAND and CRETE.

Two GERMAN officers have been captured in the PHILIPPINES.

The local PHILIPPINES dealwery effectively with the parachutists and adopt the policy of "shoot on sight". Such weapons as long handled knives as well as rifles are used in their attacks against the parachutists. If prisoners were taken they were treated harshly by the natives, taken to their villages and tortured before putting them to death.

MOVEMENT OF NAVAL FIGHTER PLANES FROM FORMOSA TO LANDING GROUNDS In Northern PHILIPPINES.

The distance covered is too great for the fuel capacity of the planes. The JAPANESE probably used the method of hopping. That is . aircraft carriers were approximately half way between FORMOSA and the PHILIPPINES and acted for a refueling and maintenance base for the aircraft.

The above information is unconfirmed, but is considered reliable.

ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/IK/25. Ser. 39 SECRET.

BURMA ROAD. AMERICAN volunteer group attacked JAPANESE bombers over KUNMING, 24 were shot down, several damaged. There were no American casualties. Our fighters from RANGOON emmoblised six enemy aircraft on the ground at PRACHUAL KIRKMAND.

HONG KONG. Naval forces blockading 20/12. Consist of two cruisers, two destroyers, two torpedo boats. Fresh enemy troops landed on the North East portion of the Island on 23/12. The Island is divided into three portions. Our main body is west of a line WAN CHAI GAP - MOUNT CAMERON - BENNETS HILL. The CHINESE ARMY is reported in the MIRS BAY AREA, and fighting well, south of SHUN CHAN.

PHILIPPINES. No official information is available on the major attack on LINGAYEN GULF.

HAWAII. Official information to 22/12 states one enemy submarine destroyed in PEARL HARBOUR. Another was located South of OAHU.

BORNEO. On the 23/12 three large cruisers and one destroyer were sighted 110 miles North of SARAWAK. Reconnaissance seven hours later reports two cruisers, three destroyers, and ten (10) transports approx. 130 miles South West of earlier position. The position and course suggest a move against KUCHING or North Coast of DUTCH BORNEO. A DUTCH squadron left SINKAWANG to attack and while they were absent the aerodrome was heavily bombed and considerable damage done.

INDO CHINA. A JAPANESE transport with troops was sunk 199 miles North of CAMRANH BAY.

CHUMPORTN. Three (3) trains were observed 23/12 moving in a Southerly direction near CHUMPORTN. A large number of troops are also in Barracks North of CHUMPORTN.

SAMBAS. At midday 23/12 between 40 and 60 aircraft were over SAMBAS.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

N.E.I. Three aircraft passed over NISSAN at 2 a.m. 24/12, one circled LAGOSTOK twice and departed in a Westerly direction. They sounded like single engined planes with a high note. Unidentified:- Graded C.2.

GILBERT ISLANDS. Air reconnaissance presumably by Type 97 was carried out on the 17/12, 19/12, 22/12. Graded B.2.

ELLICE ISLANDS. A submarine was reported off NUKUFETAU at 0830/Z/24, course North West. Graded C.3.

THURSDAY ISLAND. N.O.I.C. reports that an Islander on board an Australian lugger whose Japanese crew boarded Japanese sampans fitt with radio receivers stated that 12 sampans proceeded to MERAUKE, and intend after fishing there to make slowly to POO LAU. No Australian surface vessels are available. N.O.I.C. is prepared to confirm the intelligence by air reconnaissance if C.W.R. can make a surface vessel available subsequently.

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TEXT: GROUP MESSAGE Nr 4 4355 (-) PHILIPPINES (-) ENEMY BOMBED CEBU HARBOUR (-) SLIGHT DAMAGE SHIPPING SUFFERED BUT AERODROME UNTOUCHED (-) REPORTED ENEMY TAP 1 ARMY NOW IN LUZON (-) 4 (-) PACIFIC (-) RABAUL (-) GUNS FRIED POINT REPORTED S UNREPAIRABLE (-) AIR RAIDS REPORTED 11 VESSELS IN HARBOUR 5 CRUISERS 1 DESTROY 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER 5 BATTLESHIPS OFF FRIED POINT 2 MOTORSHIP 2 CRUISERS OFF BATAN ISLAND (-) SITUATION RABAUL OBSCURE (-) MORESBY REPORTS UP TO 2330 HRS 23rd NO RADIO CONTACTS ARE SERVICES RABAUL TAKING LOOKOUT A.A.A. RADIO CONTACT AU (-) REPORTED LANDING AT KUTA BOUGANVILLE ISLAND DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE BOAT ATTACKED W/T STATION THEN LANDED SEA LATER LEFT (-) REPORTED 1000 TON SHIP HOURS SUB AT 1000 HRS 60 MILES NORTH CAPE YORK 1035 HRS 23rd 1 PASS LEADQUARTERS REPEAT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS (-) MESSAGE ENDS

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION 7 M.D.

REVIEW OF SITUATION TO 1200 HOURS 26 DEC.

MALAYA. PERAK Haphazard dive bombing attacks are reported to have been made at TREGGANU.
Air attacks are also reported from KUALA TREGANNU and DUNGUN - 40 miles further south.

BORNEO. Large enemy forces are reported off the coast a t SANTUBONG, 16 miles north of KUCHING where la ndings are being attempted. Fighting is reported to have taken place at PENDING - 3 miles East of KUCHING on 24 Dec.

BURMA JAPANESE infiltration is reported in the BOKOYIN area - 100 miles north of SANTUBONG POINT.

HONG KONG. The JAPANESE are reported to be stripping our wounded and using British uniforms and Gas Masks taken from them, thus causing confusion and making identification of our troops difficult.

AUSTRALIAN AREA. The only cable open for traffic is DARWIN - SAMARANGI (Java).
A JAPANESE Cruiser carrying a seaplane has been reported from the north GILBERT ISLANDS.
Our troops are now located at KOEPANG and AMBON - strength being one battalion at each, and one Independent Coy. is located at KOUPANG.
A report was received from A.C.H. last night (27 Dec) that both Naval and R.A.A.F. radios were being jambed. The jambing was caused by R/t and its location is stated to have been in the region of DARWIN.

The following items are reported from Commercial Radio (B.B.C.) late last night :-
MANILA was heavily bombed yesterday (Saturday) for two and a half hours, despite the fact that it has been declared an open city. Severe damage was caused to buildings, large fires were started flames spreading over the city.

NEW ZEALAND reported that JAPANESE forces have landed on another un-named island in the GILBERT Group

In the LIBYAN campaign BRITISH forces claim the loss of 763 planes by the "AXIS".

A RUSSIAN vessel is reported to have been sunk by the JAPANESE off the PHILIPPINES yesterday

It is officially announced from LONDON that a state of emergency has been declared in the BENGAL Presidency.

It was announced from LONDON yesterday that Lieut. Gen. Sir Henry PONSALL has been appointed to succeed Air Chief Marshall Sir Robert BROOKE-POPHAM as Commander in Chief of the British forces in the Far East.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/IK/26 SECRET.

MALAYA. The enemy contacted at PERAK RIVER. The bridges were demolished and withdrawal made to the CHEMOR AREA 10 miles North IPOH. Some troops are still West of BLANJA RIVER pontoon. The pontoon was bombed but is still in use. IPOH was bombed nine times in 24 hours.

PHILIPPINES. MINDANAO. Air searches from TARAKAN and TONDANO yesterday failed to locate the convoys sighted South of MINDANAO 23/12

WAKE ISLANDS. Japanese forces landed 22/12. Japanese destroyers are aground.

GILBERT ISLANDS. Japanese bombardment prior to landing reported at ABAIANG 0310/24. Graded B.I. One 8,00 ton cruiser was present. Graded C.2

BORNEO. A NETHERLANDS Submarine torpedoed and sunk three large transports and one tanker off KUCHING between 1200 and 1400 On 23/12. Two other submarines are continuing the attack on the remainder of the convoy further North.

JAVA. Mines of foreign origin were sighted at the Northern entrance to SOURABAYA.

KAVIENG. The district officer reports an unidentified 1 plane flying West at 10,000 feet with three of four engines at 11/15/K/25. It flew South at 11.19 K, returned and circled very high at 1125/K, at 1132/K it had gone up out of sight possibly North wards. Graded B.I. It was considered an enemy reconnaissance aircraft.

NUKUNANU ISLAND. An enemy aircraft was sighted at 0410/Z/25 over NUKUNANU Aerodrome flying at 6,000 feet on a North Westerly course. It was a Type "97", 42543, colour grey. It disappeared to the North West in a cloud after flying the length of the aerodrome. Graded A.I. It followed up the horizon returning from a raid on KAPINGAMARANGI. All available aircraft pursued but no intercept was made.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

NEW GUINEA. 12 Japanese sampans are reported as having proceeded past MERCUKE (South Dutch New Guinea) on route to PALAO. Graded B.2.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS.

One off WEWAK at 1355/Z/24. Graded. C.3.
Two ~~off~~ off Cape Willoughby at 1400/Z/24. Course Norht West.
Three off Cape Otway 1645/Z/24 course east.
Four off Albany (W.A.) at 1430/Z/24 course East. One was possibly "Nellore"or "Barbara"

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/IK/27.

MALAYA. Heavy fighting North and South fronts, whilst enemy continues to land reinforcements.

BORNEO DUTCH submarine sank a Japanese destroyer near TANJONG SIPANG (WEST BORNEO) at 1600/Z/24.

VICHY Surface vessels, submarines, aircraft may sink at sight any VICHY ships encountered in the Gulf of SIAM or CHINA SEA.

AUSTRALIAN STATION.

~~KANGAROO IS.~~

KANGAROO IS. Unidentified vessel 20,000 to 30,000 tons sighted at 1835/Z/24 sixty miles West of KANGAROO ISLAND, travelling West at great speed. Graded B.I. One squat funnel, two masts painted grey, possibly converted Japanese merchantmen aircraft carrier.

Further information received enlarging on previous reports.

CELEBES. Six Dorniers based on TONDANOA attacked enemy shipping in DAVADO Gulf a.m. 23/12, one Dornier failed to return. The others on return to TONDANO reported convoy consisting of two large destroyers and three transports in a position Wouth of GULF DAVADO on course 170 speed five knots. Further sighting 23/12 were as follows, 0430/Z/23 two transports and three destroyers, one aircraft carrier sighted 04 degrees N. 44 125 dgs. 44 E. course 225 0421/Z/23. Four warships uncertain whether cruisers or destroyers sighted 04 39 N. 124 20 E. Course 180 time not reported, one cruiser 05 06 N. 125 29 E. 180. Graded A.I.

HALONG. A.C.H. HALONG considered that an attack was imminent and dispatched six Hudsons from NAMLEA. These aircraft arrived inthe traget area at dusk recorded negative result.

AIRINTEL LAHA. Advice received at 1145/Z/23 from Airintel LAHA stated that it was considered that the convoys reported were heading either for TARAKAN or BALIKPAPAN or MENADO. Dutch and AMERICAN Catalinas carried out search 24/12 the result which are NOT yet known. The pilot of a B.17 returning from MANILA reported sighting two Naval vessels 04 N 12 41 E proceeding on a course of 120 at ten knots 25/12. a.m.

DILLI. Report from AIRINTEL KOEPANG dated 23/12 states that the Portugese Administration and Army (Strength about 500) have retired to the hills , and the Governor has issued instructions that NO food is to be brought to DILLI.All Japanese in DILLI have been interned except the Captain fo NANEI MARU and one who escaped to the hills, probably taking with them the wireless equipment from the vessel which is missing.

PHILIPPINES. B.17 aircraft based at BATCHELOR carried out attacks on JAPANESE shipping in DAVAO GULF between 22/12 and 25/12. Owing to bad visibility the results of the initial attack could NOT be determined, although bombs are believed to have been on the target. In the second attack two B.17's were intercepted Japanese fighters between 15,000 and 25,000 feet, some damage to one aircraft and casualties were, one gunner killed, two wounded.

COMMENT. With increased landing by enemy troops in the PHILIPPINES and the establishment of air bases at various points, the position of the defending forces is rapidly becoming more precarious.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/IK/28.

MALAYA. All troops withdrawn East of PERAK RIVER no longer in contact with the enemy. Reconnaissance to 08/26 observes no shipping from South of SINGORA to well South of KHOTA BAHRU. There were no aircraft at SINGORA, PATANI, KOTA BAHRU, or GONG KEDAH.

BURMA. Sixty (60) aircraft attacked RANGOON 23/12, ten being destroyed, and it is believed there was a considerable loss of the remainder.

HONG KONG. All confidential records were destroyed, and all necessary demolition carried out before Japanese occupation.

PHILIPPINES. One battle cruiser, one cruiser and two (2) flying boats were anchored in SULU ARCHIPELAGO (west MINDANAO) 26/12.
Enemy landed LAMON BAY and occupied MAKA and DAET.
U.S. Submarines have sunk two (2) transports, one (1) mine sweeper, and possibly one (1) seaplane tender. An enemy submarine was destroyed by a U.S. destroyer 25/12, two (2) others were sighted in the area on 26/12.

BORNEO. A large enemy force from transports was attempting a landing at the mouth of the SARAWAK RIVER 24/12. Fighting was reported at the junction of the SARAWAK-KUAP RIVERS.
A Blenheim bomber sank a transport and probably damaged a tanker in an enemy convoy off KUCHING 24/12.

CELEBES. Two (2) black naval vessels were observed 150 miles North of MENADO course 120 deg. speed 10 knots, at 0842/Z/24. Graded B.3.
An attack was made on TONDANO 26/12 by six (6) type "0" fighters, possibly based at DAVAO (Philippines) Machine gun and cannon attack, but no bombs were dropped.

WAKE ISLAND. No informationsince reported Japanese landing.

AUSTRALIAN STATION AND ADJACENT AREAS.

SOLOMON ISLANDS. A type 97 flying boat was made over RABAUL at 0410/Z/25 and KAVIENG at 0115/Z/25.

NEW CALODONIA. A grey vessel like a destroyer was reported off NOUMEA at noon 26/12. An aircraft investigation will be made if necessary.

JAVA. The BRITISH SAILOR has arrived at TJILITJAP.

GILBERT ISLANDS. Areliable source reports that a cruiser, two (2) destroyers and possibly another cruiser previously reported at TARAWA left at 0400/Z/25.
A report of a cruiser and two (2) destroyers based at BUTARITARI is now confirmed. Four (4) vessels, a light cruiser, and also two (2) cargo vessels were unloading, and a seaplane wharf is being extended confirming the view that the Island is being developed as an advanced base.
No information is available since the reported bombardment of ABAING. A ship was observed at 0800/Z/24 at MAIANA (25 miles south of TARAWA) which launched aircraft at 1905/Z/24.
A reliable source further reports a cruiser, two (2) destroyers, and possibly a fourth undescribed vessel now based at BUTARITARI.

[redacted] ISLAND. A further reconnaissance of an attack on [redacted] was made by our aircraft.

CAPE WILLOUGHBY. Cancell report of unidentified ship 1400/Z/24.

KANGAROO ISLAND. Unidentified vessel report now graded B.3 owing to lapse of time without obvious action.

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Review of situation up to 1200 Hrs. 27 Dec. 41

MALAYA.

PERAK. :- It is reported that our troops are now all on the Eastern Side of the PERAK RIVER.
ALL bridges have been demolished.
Patrols are reported to have contact one mile North of DUNGI SIPUT.

TRENGGANU :- Our patrols made contact with 150 Enemy North of KAHAMAN on the 24th. Dec. but no furtherdetails are available as yet.

BORNEO.

There have not been any communications from KUCHING since 24 Dec. 41
SIBU which is 120 miles East of KUCHING and about 40 miles inland was bombed by JAPANESE land based aircraft probably operating from KUCHING, which now appears to be in their hands.
SINGKAWANG aerodrome signal centre is now unserviceable.

HONG KONG.

4000 JAPANESE have withdrawn from the KOWLOON area to SHAM CHON area about 15 miles North and are reported to be fiercly fighting the CHINESE.
All documents are reported to have been destroyed and the necessarydemolitions effected.

PACIFIC.

Two JAPANESE cruisers Two destroyers and two large vessels are said to be unloading at BUTARITARI in the GILBERT Is. group.

AUSTRALIA.

A ship's Captain reported that a very large vessel was moving West in haze South of SPENCER GULF at 0405 Hrs. on 26 Dec.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE 29 DEC. 41

MALAYA.

PERAK. :- JAPANESE BOMBERS carried out bombing attacks on Railway lines at TAPAH, TANJONG ? MALIM KUALA LUMPUR SERENBAIN and TAMPIN on Dec. 26th. The damage to rails at TAMPIN is reported to have been repaired the same night.
On the 27th. Dec . the Enemy was slowly following our withdrawal to a line just North of CHEMOR. here are indications that an attempt is being made by the Enemy to turn our Right Flank. It is reported that the Enemy are preparing Raft Bridges in the KLANJA area.
Many JAPANESE have been captured dressed as MALAYANS.
Three small boats containing JAPANESE troops have been sunkin thevicinity of PANGKOR ISLAND 20 miles North of the mouth of PANGKOR RIVER.

KELANTAN:- The Enemy is carrying out repairs to the railway bridge at KAMPA UDAL.
Our patrols failed to contact the Enemy at SOUTH DABONG and are now searching for the flanks.

PAHANG. :- Enemy lorries have been sighted on the coast 10 miles North of KUANTAN. They were subjected to fire from our artillery and two were hit.
The aerodrome at KUANTAN is reported to be unserviceable.

KEDAH.:- Considerable ENEMY activity is reported from KUALA KETIL aerodrome - 20 miles East of PENANG.
2 00 (Two hundred) small craft and 10 barges are reported off the coast on the East side of the ISLAND.
Approximately 120 aircraft are said to be at PATANI.
34 Transports have been sighted at SINGORA. This may indicate reinforcements comprising not less not less than 4 Divisions for the North MALAYA.

BURMA.

An acute labour shortage is reported from RANGOON. The internal situation is quite. An air raid was reported on the 25 Dec.

BURMA continued.

The Enemy forces comprised 82 Bombers escorted by 20 -40 fighters. The damage caused was only small and 10 Enemy bombers and 10 Enemy fighters were destroyed.

We lost two pilots killed and two are missing.

BORNEO.

It is reported that the aerodrome at KUCHANG has been successfully demobilised.

LABUAN ISLAND was machine gunned by aircraft on 27 Dec.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 1100/K/29.

MALAYA — To a.m. 27/12 enemy aircraft attacked railway communications at ARAPOT, TANJONG, MARIAN, KUALA-LUMPUR, and TAMPIN.
Several aircraft were over SINGAPORE 26/12 a.m.
KUANTAN aerodrome is unserviceable.
Seventy one (71) aircraft were at SUNGEI PATANI, and SINGORA, thirty three (33) being at PATANI.

PHILIPPINES. — A 1,000 ton cargo vessel, and an 18,500 ton transport were anchored in the SULU ARCHIPELAGO Harbour, and one (1) heavy cruiser, (probably the MOGAMI) two (2) light cruisers were off the harbour. All were attacked by U.S. aircraft 27/12. Heavy A.A. fire was encounterdd. There were fifteen (15) fighters in the air, and fifteen on the aerodrome.

BORNEO — The aerodrome at MIRI, KUCHING, and SINKAWANG are unserviceable.

NEW GUINEA — Information from civil authorities state thatSORONG was bombed, and afterwards machine gunned by two groups of eight bombers at 0215/Z/28. Houses, shops, and offices were destroyed, fires were still burning. One (1) native was killed, the wounded have not yet been assessed. The Island is now considered uninhabitable. Graded A.1. Unidentified aircraft was reported circling over SALAMAUA., from 1100/K/28 to 1115/K/28 to 1115/K/28 at 10,000 feet, it departed in the direction of WAU. It was similar to a flying boat, or DC type.
Another aircraft was over SALAMAUA at 1228/K/28 at 20,000 feet. Graded B.2. The latter cannot be identified, but the former was probably a Douglas evacuating aircraft.
The District Officer at UADANG reports a large unidentified aircraft with an unfamilar engine sound flying over UADANG atapprox. 17,000 feet at 1230/K/28. Graded B.2.

N.E.I. — A large vessel was sighted near KISAR.

AUSTRALIAN STATION

SHARK BAY — The coast line control Officer reports a large Schooner sighted 6 p.m. 28/12.

PORT HEDLAND — Reception jammed at 6430 KC's, had interference on D/F. Report bearing 310. 8 degrees, Station M.L. is listed under GREAT BRITAIN.

TASMAN SEA — A floating mine was reported in position 34 degrees 50 minutes South, and 164 degrees 58 minutes East at 0246/Z/23.

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INTELLIGENCE SECTION, 7 M.D.

REVIEW OF SITUATION UP TO 1200 HRS. 29 DEC. 41.

MALAYA:

PERAK: Our troops have withdrawn according to plan.

Our reserves are said to be at KAMPAR and SIDOR which is 20 miles South of KAMPAR.

PENANG: Pill boxes on the beach at KUANTAN were bombed and machine gunned by aircraft on 28 Dec. No damage has been reported.

BORNEO:

It is reported that some of our troops from KUCHING have arrived in the SINGKAWANG Area.

The enemy are reported to be holding KUCHING.

The oil port at [illegible] on the East Coast has been bombed, but no details are available.

N.E.I.

SORONG which is on the West end of [illegible] is reported to have been bombed on 25 Dec. [illegible].

BURMA:

Our patrols are reported to have contacted the JAPANESE at BOKPYIN.

PACIFIC:

Enemy air reconnaissance has been reported from [illegible] in the PORT MORESBY Area.

Reports from the A.B.C. on 30 Dec. stated that the U.S.A. troops in the PHILIPPINES were fighting fiercely and that JAPAN had been obliged to bring in reinforcements.

A further unconfirmed report states that the N.E.I. claims to have sunk 18 JAPANESE transports off [illegible].

British forces are reported to have withdrawn from IPOH. Also one Enemy plane was destroyed in action in this area.

R.A.A.F. claim to have scored direct hits on a JAPANESE convoy in MALAYAN waters. JAPANESE broadcast admits the loss of 2 destroyers and one transport ship in this area.

The widespread demand by the people of AUSTRALIA on their leaders to make attacks on TOKYO has caused the JAPANESE to hurriedly construct air raid shelters and to make other Air Raid Precaution measures.

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 0900/K/30

MALAYA Military position little change, Japanese reinforcements continue to arrive there, now four (4) divisions in MALAYA. Further to air attack 27/12 on SUNGEI PATANI, reconnaissance shows seven (7) fighters were destroyed, damage to eight (8) other aircraft. At PERAK our withdrawal continu ing, local counter attacks successful heavy enemy casualties. Three (3) small enemy craft sunk by Naval patrol, vessel vicinity PANGKOR ISLAND. Approx. one hundred and twenty (120) aircraft now at SUNGEI PATANI, result of attack by Blenheims this aerodrome, destroyed several aircraft, number of fores caused large explosion and fires afterwards.

PENANG Three (3) ships, two (2) other small craft sighted.

TANJONG SIPANG Four (4) transports, 1 (one) on fire, light cruiser, destroyer, small vessel, and some barges.

BORNEO Six (6) small ships at the wharf, at KUCHING. (Attacked by A/c 28/12)

TARAKAN Attacked by aircraft 28/12.

BURMA RANGOON attacked by eighty two (82) bombers 25/12, slight damage, enemy losses, ten bombers, and ten fighters.

N.E.I. U.S. Catalinas sighted unidentified destroyer 03. 00 N. 123. 03 E course 160 (T) at 0229/Z/28. Three Hudsons proceeded proceeded to attack 0416/Z28.
DATUM 0804/Z28 one Hudson reported MANADO W/T installation.

CELEBES Nil communications MANADO since attack TONDANO yesterday.
Five U.S.Catalinas searched for survivors of four Catalinas lost 27/12. Crew of one boat rescued, four returned safely HALONG, one proceeded BALIKPAPAN. (BORNEO)

KOEPANG Report received 0910/Z/28 of large vessel near KISAR, course West 2200/Z/27, no other description given. This vessel would now normally be outof aircraft range, and no further action is contemplated.

SUMATRA Seventeen (17) enemy aircraft attacked MEDAN aerodrome, yesterday and parachute troops reported.

JAVA A submarine sighted 70 miles east of TJILATJAP westerly course 27/12. Graded C.3.

CELEBES No landing yet at MENADO or TERNATE, but repeated air attacks may be a prelude to attempt. Japanese have occupied KUCHING. Two direct hits obtained by Hudsons on Jap. Destroyer 40 miles N.W. MENADO 28/12.

PHILIPPINES
There is now a concentration of Japanese combined fleets in the vicinityof the PHILIPPINES, and the position in those Islands may be considered very serious.

NEW GUINEA
Reports received LAE indicate unidentified four engine silver air craft approach from SE at 1112/K/28 circle about 18,000 feet and depart N.E. direction. Graded B.2. Cannot identify N.O.I.C PORT MORESBY please check movements Douglas air craft evacuating women from the territory of NEW GUINEA. N.E.I. air radio station, PORT MORESBY reports not Douglas airliner.

SORONG SORONG was bombed 28/12 reported uninhabitable. Unidentified aircraft over SALAMAUA and LAE a.m. yesterday, probably Type 97. Flying Boat, also reports aircraft heard over KERSMA (PAPUA) and MADANG yesterday 28/12

SOLOMONS Two Japanese Naval Units (Types unknown) were on a line between TRUK and KAVIENG at 1510/Z/28.

AUSTRALIAN STATION
Reports of various gradings of aircraft have been received from NISSAN (NEW GUINEA) NAURU and OCEAN ISLAND.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 19

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Review of Situation up to 1200 hrs. 31 Dec.

MALAYA

The road bridge at KUALA DIPANG which is approximately 5 Miles North of KAMPAR has been demolished.

BURMA.

Seven THAILAND Regiments are reported to be in the MESHOD area which is from 60 to 90 miles East of MOULMEIN.

It is reported that the MAE-HEOK river on which PHENGRAI is situated is being bridged.

N.E.I.

SUMATRA.

Reports that JAPANESE parachutists had landed at MEDAN area are denied

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

BABO in McCLURE gulf which is 200 miles South East of SORONG has been bombed by JAPANESE on 30 Dec.

THAILAND.

It is reported that no rail traffic has been operating either SOUTH or East from BANGOK..

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ARMY LIAISON SITUATION REPORT AT 1530/K/31

MALAYA The JAPANESE are using only PN OM PENH and KOMPONG TRACH aerodromes in CAMBODIALAND. Allothers have been evacuated, and equipment and personnel moved to THAILAND.

BORNEO During a DUTCH air attack on MIRI 28/12 a direct hit was registered on a transport.

N.E.I. AMBON reports that following the bombing of BABO 30/12, three HUDSONS were despatched from LAHA to occupy the aerodrome for an indefinite period, the object being to protect valuable equipment at BABO abd to establish an aircraft base within easy striking distance of TOBI ISLAND (HELEN REEF). The base inspected 22/12, was found satisfactory. The mainland was undamaged by bombing.

AIRINTEL at LAHA considers that the repeated attacks on SORONG, TERNATE, TONDANO, MENADO are preliminary to the ultimate intention of the enemy to deny the use of cumulative areas to allied air forces. There is a possibility of a landing invasion either by transport or parachute.

OCEAN ISLAND One bomb was dropped near the residency 29/12. No casualties were caused.

SOLOMON ISLANDS. At KAVIENG two unidentified aircraft were sighted on a westerly course 29/12. Also weather observation balloons were seen.

NEW GUINEA. NISSAN reports at 0024/Z/29 an aircraft similar to the flying boat reported by natives down in the sea S.W. to west of NISSAN. This morning it was close to NISSAN and was sighted at intervals until 0955K. When last seen, it was drifting towards the N.W. Graded B2. HUDSON aircraft is proceeding to investigate. By 0855/Z/29 JERVIS had been interrogated by teleradio and revealed that the aircraft in the sea was a silver coloured flying boat which took off at approx. 0100Z and departed S.E. GRADED C2. The HUDSON arrived for the search at approx. 0110Z and was seen and recognised by JERVIS. It failed to locate the flying boat. The aircraft in the sea was sighted by a native chief who speaks fluently and by other natives. JERVIS who lives on the Eastern side of the lagoon, did NOT sight it.
The possibility is suggested of the aircraft proceeding to SARTARET on the east side of NISSAN for repairs.

AUSTRALIAN STATION

GOULBURN ISLAND

A message received 1827K stated that a native had sighted a small boat about the size of a pearling lugger coming from a westerly direction. NO action is contemplated.

MELVILLE ISLAND

The Control Officer reports further with regard to the schooner sighted 28/12 that it was seen by five natives who are in charge of the SHARK BAY outstation during the officer's absence at the boat. After thorough investigation he is convinced that the schooner was seen with two masts, one sail up, painted black, direction S.W. from MARSLANE ISLAND and under power, hugging the coast.

GENERAL - ENEMY AIRCRAFT

It has been reported that JAPANESE aircraft, NAVY TYPES 96 (bomber) and 97 (fighter) are fitted with cannon.

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REPORT OF RYAN BY LIEUT. P. MARGUET AT C.D.H. ON 17 DEC. 41.

1. A R.A.A.F. officer reports that he was informed by a civilian workman that RYAN, Union Secy., is endeavouring to influence men against working overtime on defence works at BATCHELOR, on gun emplacements etc.

2. It is difficult to assess the grading of this report, but it is forwarded for consideration with a view to investigation.

Note: Lieut. MACLAGAN, I.S.C.S., later called re the investigation of this matter.

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Notes on Enemy tactics in Field.

The main features of Enemy tactics in Malaya so far have been:-

(1) Clear and simple orders for attacks on definite objective to suit the mentality of the troops.

(2) Enemy has great powers of endurance and no type of ground can be considered an obstacle.

(3) Advance through jungle has been by company columns, preceded by patrols which find flanks, infiltrate and take the defence in rear.

(4) Attacks by forward bodies are ~~pressed~~ pressed home with great determination.

(5) In defence, forward patrols go to ground allow the attack to go through, then open fire on its rear.

(6) Equipment is light, often carry 40 lbs only.

(7) A high proportion of Tommy Guns and grenades are used. Small bore ammunition inflicts minor wounds. The grenades are "duff" as effective as ours, and effects of their mortar ammunition is small.

(8) Considerable use is made of small tanks which which can traverse rubber plantations with infantry accompanying.

(9) Enemy tactics are calculated to defend static or linear defence and have considerable moral effect on troops taken in rear.

(10) The best answer is the L.M.G. of each post which must be self-contained for all-round defence. Each post must be prepared to act as a pivot of manoeuvre or as an aggressive reserve.