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SOUTHEASTERN ASIA & ADJACENT ISLANDS.

SITUATION March 2, 1942

ENEMY

Prior to Feb. 23

Occupied Areas

During Past Week

Sea or Ground Attacks

Bombings

SCALE

200 400 600 Miles

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ON LAND - W.F.I. Invasion of JAVA, the last stronghold north of Australia, was begun by the Japanese during the night Feb. 26-March 1. Official reports of Japanese progress are lacking. Extensive press reports indicate that beachheads were established at BENGKULAI (about 90 miles southeast of SUMBARAYA), with an advance inland of about 16 miles in the northern part of JAVA. Reports also indicate that BATAVIA, the capital of JAVA, from which point the advance is reported to have reached SUBANG on the northern east coast of JAVA, and either a reinforced division or a division in SUBANG Province. The Dutch are destroying the oil installations at SUBANG (60 miles west of SUMBARAYA).

The Japanese, moving up the southern half of SUMBARAYA, have reached GUNTHER near Sumbaraya, with the Dutch troops in north central SUMBARAYA have made contact with the enemy. Isolated resistance continues in southern SUMBARAYA. The invaders suffered losses as they strengthened their grip on both Dutch and Portuguese Timor, while holding their positions by heavy fighting on NIOI.

BENGKULAI - Rangoon - British destroy all installations, property and supplies of military value in Rangoon. In the British withdrawal across Sittang River both sides suffered severe casualties. The railway and the highway from Rangoon to Mandalay were cut about 12 miles north of Pasai. There are reports of native uprisings, looting and attacks on all foreigners. Burmese native troops are reported deserting with their arms to the Japs. Advance units of a Chinese division were south of Mandalay near the battle zone.

ON THE SEA - American, Dutch and British warships fought sharp engagements with invasion convoys under Japanese naval escort. This battle in the Java Sea began Friday night. Authentic details are lacking, but several cruisers and destroyers were sunk by each fleet.

IN THE AIR -Japanese. The Japanese were very active in extensive air operations. They concentrated with systematic bombing on the larger cities and strategic points on JAVA as a prelude to invasion. Port MORESBY (S. coast eastern New Guinea) was subject to more damaging air raids and SABAHARA (central east coast NEW GUINEA) was hit again. RABUAL (on S. coast of SABAH) and JAVA (on S. coast of neighboring SUMBARAYA) were bombed. Japanese air forces attacked PORT HEIR, the capital of the ANDAMAN Islands (about 400 miles S.E. of RABUAL). Japanese air reconnaissance continues over RABUAL.

United Nations. The oil refinery left intact near PALMAU was bombed. Attacks on Japanese shipping in BANCA STRAITS continued and a number of transports are reported sunk. The Australians continued their air attacks on RABUAL and also attacked OASHMA, new Britain. On the SUMBARAYA front the R.A.F. and R.A.F. continued to inflict material losses on the Japanese.
ON LAND - N.A.1. Invasion of Java, the last stronghold of the Japanese in the Pacific, began in February when Gen. MacArthur advanced to hold the island. Initial landings were made on the western coast near BANDUNG, about 90 miles south of BATAVIA, and on the eastern tip of JAVA in BANTU Province. A total of between 25,000 and 30,000 troops, divided into three divisions, were landed in the two areas, with the divisions moving to the interior of JAVA. The Japanese attempted to hold the island by a series of land operations, but they were unsuccessful in their efforts.

MATCHO - British destroyed all installations, property and supplies of military value in Malaya. The British air force continued its operations, bombing and strafing the Japanese positions. The Japanese air force continued its operations, bombing and strafing the British positions.

BATAAN - A Japanese force consisting of about 15,000 men, including infantry and artillery, landed on the south coast of JAVA. The Japanese air force continued its operations, bombing and strafing the British positions.

Mandaly - The Japanese air force continued its operations, bombing and strafing the British positions.

Philippines - Bataan was relatively quiet with the Japanese apparently attempting to hold the island. MacArthur's forces continued their advance, gaining territory and inflicting losses on the Japanese. The Japanese air force continued its operations, bombing and strafing the British positions.
I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Little activity reported on the fronts.

Burma: After heavy fighting the British were forced to withdraw in certain sectors to avoid encirclement. Japanese bombers were active as allied aircraft sought to stem the advance of enemy ground troops. Japanese pressure toward north Burma continues. N.E.I.: The Japanese have effected a landing on Bali and have achieved control of one airfield. The Netherlands Government in London states that the greater part of the Japanese fleet used for the invasion of Bali has been destroyed. Tokyo reports Japanese air units attacked Bawan Island north of Soerabaja. The N.E.I. High Command states Netherlands planes attacked Japanese in Palembang area. Australia: No new developments to report.

II. Western Theater.

R.A.F. bombers attacked ports and other objectives on the night of February 22/23 in Northwest Germany.

III. Eastern Theater.

No change in the situation has been reported. (A situation map will not be issued today.)

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Libya: Cairo communique indicates that British patrols operating east of TMIM and south of TMIM and MEKILI are meeting "heavier resistance" from Axis columns operating in the same area. The communique also indicates that Axis activity is on an increasing scale. German High Command reported on February 22 that 2 British Merchant vessels had been sunk as a result of German attacks off Sidi Barrani, Egypt.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: There were no new developments on Bataan. Fighting has become temporarily positional. Artillery dueling continues between our harbor forts and the enemy’s Cavite shore batteries. Burma: Despite small enemy penetration on Bilin river, there were no important changes in the situation. Rangoon has been partly evacuated; those remaining have been urged by the Governor to put up a last ditch fight. Bombing of Bassein and Rangoon-Mandalay Railway are reported. Japanese push seems directed toward Sittang River, the last barrier between them and above railway. Bali: The battle of Bali continues and is believed to be greater than the Battle of the Macassar Straits. Three enemy naval vessels sunk; five damaged. One transport sunk and several damaged. Australia: All ferry traffic discontinued from Australia, according to ABDA Command.

II. Eastern Theater.

Hard Fighting continues along the general front. There is no reported change in situation. (A situation map will not be issued this date.)

Air: German Stukas attacked Murmansk railroad line at several points.

III. Western Theater.

No land activity reported.

Air: British planes raided western Germany and laid mines in North Sea.

IV. Middle East Theater:

No change in general situation.

Air: German bombers attacked shipping in Tobruk harbor and mechanized columns in the Libyan desert. Malta bombed again, hits scored on air dromes and barracks.
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SOUTHEASTERN ASIA & ADJACENT ISLANDS.
SITUATION February 23, 1942

Prior to Feb. 16

Occupied Areas
Sea or Ground Attacks
Bombings

During Past Week

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February 23, 1942

SUMMARY

LAND, SEA AND AIR ACTION

For Week Ending February 22nd

ON LAND - Between 60,000 and 100,000 men in SINGAPORE were reported to have surrendered to the Japs. Relatively few troops were evacuated.

NOTES: Two Jap divisions are now believed to be on SUMATRA where their troops have pushed to the eastern port across from JAVA. The small Dutch forces there have caused numerous enemy casualties in withdrawal from PALEMBANG, destroyed many installations, although one of largest refineries left intact, and successfully crossed over to JAVA.

JAVA was invaded by the Japs at two points, near the main city center at BILIN (N.W. coast) and Dutch air base of KOLONAN (western end). On JULY, successful landings made at BUKIT (S. coast) and on N.E. shore. NRT GUNNERA was landed upon for the first time by the Japs in occupying PAKO (N. end).

JAVA. The SIBUNA River line was taken by the Japs who seized TANAH. During last few days intense fighting has brought little change along present BILIN River line. RANCON has been cleared and British troops may be expected to withdraw to much stronger SIBUNA River line for last stand. This is only 20 miles N. of B. The Chinese troops continue to reach the SIBUNA-THAI border north of CHINOHAI, also at previously reported point to the N.W. i.e. north of CHINOHAI. If timely arrival of force enables Chinese to employ counteroffensive the pressure on BILIN might be relieved, but probably too much is being anticipated. The Japs have rushed strong reinforcements north in Thailand to meet this threat.

PHILIPPINES. No further change in southern islands since Japs occupied MINDAN last week. On JULY relatively quiet. Some damage done to American harbor forces by bureas of Jap shelling. It may be that the anticipated final assault has been put off and that General MacArthur has won another reprieve.

ON SEA - Japanese naval forces in the S.W. theater, according to various observation reports, consist of: 10 vessels in MINDAN STRAIT; in the general vicinity of TANOY, 2 cruisers, 6 transports, 2 destroyers, 3 subs, and 1 large aircraft carrier off BILIN, 2 cruisers, 4 transports, and 6 destroyers; noting south from Celebes, a 17 ship convoy and sailing S.W. between New Ireland and New Britain, 1 cruiser and 6 destroyers.

UNITED NATIONS. In combined naval and air attacks several Jap warships and transports were sunk or seriously damaged off BILIN, but the smaller allied naval forces also sustained losses.

IN THE AIR - Japanese. Over 100 Jap aircraft raided PORT BILIN (chief northern AUSTRALIAN base). Serious destruction resulted to harbor and airfield; several warships and transports of three allied nations were sunk or damaged. JAVA was evacuated by civilians. SUMABAY (chief Dutch Naval base) continues to be punished by air attacks; also, on JAVA, TALANG (near Surahaya), BUKIT (W. Java) BANBOK, and BUKIT (S. of Batavia) heavily bombed. Over JAVA the Japs bombed RANCON (E. coast at head of INANGAY River delta) possibly preparatory to a landing - from Jap ships reported in Bay of Bengkal - and to an attack upon RANCON defenders from the rear. NAMLAW and nearby towns also bombed.

UNITED NATIONS. The tiny and diminishing allied air force has tried to carry on against tremendous odds. Some successes can be noted on enemy ships off MINDAN, and in cooperation with naval forces off BILIN. Not much hope left in fighting off Jap air attacks. Over JAVA the A.V.S. and R.A.A.F. hit hard at Jap supply lines and coastal bases, and generally ground forces. Allied air losses heavy and replacements few.

JAVA. There is every indication of Jap preparations for quick invasion of this key island. Little more can be done to check the Japs and once they establish beach heads the defense of JAVA may be of short duration. This is due chiefly to lack of aircraft by the defenders, especially fighter planes. The Japs may attack both ends of the over 600 mile long island for purposes of diversion before launching the major assault on the northern coast.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: General increase reported in Infantry, Artillery and Air action. To the south: no changes reported. Singapore: Prime Minister Churchill reports that Singapore has fallen. There are indications that British evacuation was negligible, with large casualties resulting. Burma: In heavy fighting northeast of Thaton, the British were forced to withdraw. The Japanese are thus approaching the head of the Gulf of Martaban. British and American air units support ground troops effectively in some areas. R.A.F. planes attacked the Pa-an and Martaban areas. Australasia: An enemy concentration in the New Britain area is believed to threaten Port Moresby and the northeast coast of Australia.

II. Eastern Theater.

Fighting continues at various points along the front. Although officially there is no reported change in the situation, press reports indicate deep penetration in the direction of VITEBSK and south of KHARKOV.

III. Western Theater.

The Air Ministry announced that R.A.F. planes last night bombed Mannheim and other Rhineland points, as well as docks at Le Habre, Dunkerque and Ostend.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: No major changes. Considerable Axis activity in rear area of Mekili-Timimi sector is noted from press dispatches.

Air: Axis aerial bombardment of Malta is decreasing. Both Axis and Royal Air Forces are extending their attacks to include ground troops in Cyrenaica. The British Middle East Command claims the R.A.F. destroyed almost entirely a formation of 30 Axis planes.
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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M.
Feb. 16, 1942

LEGEND
Front Line
Bombings (Feb 1 - 16)
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
a. Continuing Russian pressure in VALDAI HILLS sector.

b. Strategic stabilization of CENTRAL and SOUTHERN Fronts.

ACTION
1. Russian attacks toward VITEBSK.
2. German attacks northeast of KHIBIN.
3. Slight Russian advances with heavy German counter-attacks south of KHARKOV.

For further details of today's situation see mimeographed M.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:00 a.m.

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SOUTHEASTERN ASIA & ADJACENT ISLANDS.
SITUATION February 16, 1942
Prior to Feb 9th

Known Enemy

Occupied Areas

Sea or Ground Attacks

Bombings

SCALE

200 400 600 Miles

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**ON LAND**

Japanese attacked in force PAIKA Island and Southern Sumatra over the week-end. The first assault on PAIKA by Jap. parachute troops was repulsed. The second attack, flanked by Jap. landings at the south of the coast, captured the city, with the airfield undamaged. The oil refineries are reported destroyed which added to the losses already sustained in Borneo and Celebes means that 90% of the H.E.I. production is now lost to the United Nations. At least 1 Division of Jap. troops landed from a convoy of 22 transports and 20 warships (including, Aircraft Carrier). BALIENI (S. coast Java), and YACASSAR (S.W. tip of Celebes) were both overwhelmed by Jap. forces during the week although some fighting continues. BAYLES, on Borne Island (500 of Ambon) reported captured. MYANMAR (S. Central New Britain coast) was taken while an attack reported opposite Guassa on northern coast.

**Singapore**

The unconditional surrender of Singapore followed exactly one week of vain but stiffening resistance as Japs overran the island. The City proper was held until the last to cover evacuation. Demolition was generally effected on stores and installations of use to enemy.

**Burma**

YANGON, across PAKHATAN was taken by a force of 3,000 Japs who pushed on to the M.I. The enemy also crossed the Salween River near PAM but counterattacks have enabled Imperial troops to hold their positions while heavy fighting continues. A second Jap Division is believed moving into Burma. Chinese troops have engaged Thai troops in the north near point where Burma, Thai, and Indo-China borders meet.

**Philippines**

Relatively quiet on TAPA: front as enemy regroups forces after repulse of two weeks. Japs have suffered severe casualties, intermittent shelling, throughout the week by Jap batteries on S. Jap. shore have caused little serious damage to American harbor defenses and island forts. More Jap. dive-bombers brought down. Estimated over 200 Jap. planes lost in Philippines as 167 actual count shot down by American forces. Japs occupied town and island of BAGHAT (S. of southernmost tip of Japs). This gives enemy two airfields and control over strategic San Bernardino Straits. No other change in the Visayas and little action on Mindanao.

**Sea**

No carrier naval action of significance. Additional Jap. convoy reported moving south from Java and China.

**IN THE AIR**

During first part of week strong Jap. air reconnaissance carried out over southern half of India and reaching to northern Australia also over eastern Java islands and remaining southern sections. Coastal (S.W.) tip of Java (Gianen) and S.W. other sections. Coastal (S.W.) tip of Java (Gianen) and S.W. sections.
the Solomon Islands. SALAMALI (S.S. tip of New Guinea) and SALAMANDA (Central E. coast of N.G.) bombed. During last half of weak Jap air activity noticeably slackened.

Over Buna considerable air activity on both sides in close support of ground troops.

United Nations. Air reinforcements continue to arrive for Buna and Japs. Some fairly successful air attacks were made during week on Jap ships near Anibas Island base, around Buna Island and off Kwassar.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: The Japanese have been repulsed again, after suffering severe casualties, during intermittent but savage engagements along our front lines. Our artillery executed counter-battery missions on hostile guns firing from the Cavite coast. Seven Japanese planes were shot down yesterday. There is no change in the Visayans or at Mindanao.

Hawaii: No further reports of enemy activity. Malaya: Press reports indicate that severe fighting is taking place on Singapore Island, with the Japanese claiming substantial gains in the north. An artillery battle continues across the Johore Strait. Burma: No important change. Light patrol activity continues.

Australasia: This morning's Netherland's East Indies communiqué announces that the Japanese have made a landing at Bacsassar (southwest Celebes) and states that communications between Java and Bandjermasim (southern Borneo port) have been interrupted. Elsewhere in this area the situation remains relatively unchanged with both sides active in the air.

West Coast: No reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

There is no change in the general situation. (A situation map will not be issued this date).

III. Western Theater.

No operations of any importance have been reported.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: The press reports the establishment of a North-South British defense line in the vicinity of Gazala. British patrols are said to be operating considerable distances to the north and west of this line.

Air: The R.A.F. is concentrating against Libyan ports, airfields, and Mediterranean convoys.

Axis air activity is directed against ground troops and supply lanes to Cyrenaica. According to the press, the German Air Force yesterday bombed a British convoy in the eastern Mediterranean. Results were not announced.
ON LAND Singapore. Japanese landed in force during the night, established beachhead on west coast of Singapore, an extremely critical situation. Heavy air and artillery bombardment are almost continuous.

Burma. British seem to be holding well on Salween as Chindits Regulars and reinforcements from India arrive. Reported aid to Y. Rangoon being evacuated by Japanese.


Batangas offensive in Bataan area continues.

Malaya. Malaya falls to Japanese but Archibalds 1 Japanese cruiser and hit other warships. Pantalan, H. Borneo taken over.

ON SEA. Present position of large Japanese convoy noted sailing south along China coast in weak, believed to be Manchuria, India.

China. Report at Swatow Islands 200 miles east-northeast of Singapore 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, and 4 other naval vessels. At Rabaul (New Britain) 1 cruiser, 4 destroyers, 10 transports, and 12 seaplanes. At least one Japanese aircraft carrier believed in Java Sea. Strong Japanese naval forces remain in Manchuria Strait region. Sibuyan Island above Kendari east of Celebes reported being made Japanese air and sub base.

IN AIR. Already noted were continued strong Japanese air attacks in Philippines, Bataan and Singapore.

ANZAC. Heavy repeated bombing of Port Moresby, southwest New Guinea. Japanese bombing raids on Kora Harbor, off southwest Borneo; the Island of Malog; on Java; on several attacks on Surabaya and nearby airfields at Malang and Tidore. Also Batavia bombed, first time; now attacks on Palembang are off; 1st attack on Palembang on Island of Buka to the northeast; also on Sulawesi, 1st hit again and Bago nearby.

General. Despite the obvious pressing objectives: to overrun Generalissimo's forces, to invest Singapore, and to take Rangoon or cut the Burma Road, there are increasing indications of imminent Japanese drive to capture Port Moresby and close the Torres Straits; to seize control of Banka Island and the South Sumatra area around Rama 3; and, finally, a general attack upon Java, possibly preceded by seizure of bases on Celebes or Timor.
January 31, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Daily Situation Summary

In accordance with instructions of the Chief of Staff, the Daily Situation Summary now being published by this Division will be discontinued. The last issue of this Summary is No. 47.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: On January 30-31, mutually coordinated frontal attacks were launched by the Japanese 16th and 60th Divisions against the east and west sectors of our lines. Fierce units made a desperate thrust against what they mistakenly thought was our left flank and rear and were forced back to the coast by our infantry, supported by artillery and mortar fire. Those of the enemy who attempted flight by sea were drowned; the rest were destroyed or captured. In the east, the Japanese 60th Division attempted a frontal attack in the Pilar area with the 142d Infantry, and at the same time an envelopment by the 141st and 142d Infantry. The frontal attack hardly moved before it was stopped, and the envelopment failed with heavy enemy losses. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. Malaya: No important change in the situation. The British have been ordered by the arrival of reinforcements at Singapore, Burma: Apparently the British are still in a position behind the Salween River. The press reports that the enemy is attempting to bridge the river north of Moulmein. Australia: The Japanese drive toward Australia continues, with Japanese aircraft carrying out widespread raids on the northeast coast of New Guinea, on Ambon, Kepang (Dutch Timor), and Buka Island, east of Sumatra. The R.A.A.F. this morning bombed Japanese shipping in the occupied port of Rabaul. Ground fighting is obscure. West Coast: No further reports.

II. Eastern Theater.

Both sides admit hard fighting, especially on the southern front. The Russians, in unofficial reports, claim deep penetrations in the Ukraine. (No situation map will be issued this date.)

III. Western Theater.

The Germans claim that the German Air Force attacked three merchant ships off the east coast of England yesterday, sinking one.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Axis appears to be consolidating its hold upon Benghazi. There have been no further Axis penetrations eastward in the desert sector south of the Gebel Ashdar mountains. Press reports indicate an eastward Axis movement in the coastal sector north of the mountains, with advance elements between Barce and Bora.

Air: Axis aircraft are continuing to harass British motor transport behind the British North African lines and have increased attacks on Malta. The R.A.A.F. is directing its principal efforts against Axis supply lines.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: There was light fighting all along our lines yesterday, with enemy air activity negligible. Activity in Mindanao is limited to patrolling. In the Visayas there is no change. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. Malaya: Official communiques report Japanese advances on the east coast and in the center. No change on the west. Air action continues over Singapore. Burma: Preparations for an attack on Moulmein continue. Air action over Rangoon is reported on a reduced scale. Australasia: No further reports have been received on the progress of the Japanese convoy in the Macassar Straits. It is believed, however, that that force is still being subjected to heavy Dutch and American air and sea bombardment. Aerial activity by both sides continues, but there is no important change in the general situation throughout this area. West Coast: No further reports of enemy activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: Both sides report continuous fighting in spite of deep snow and severe cold. The Germans report defensive fighting in the Donets area. The Russians claim to have captured Barvenkova and Lozovaya (76 miles south of Kharkov).

III. Western Theater.

No activity of importance has been reported.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: British Middle East Headquarters announced the capture of Benghaz by Axis forces January 30. Press reports indicate the British forces south of Benghaz were forced to retire from the city. The main Axis effort was northward along the coastal plain coordinated with a flanking attack northwest out of St. Mers. This flank attack succeeded in cutting the road north of Benghaz and the status of British forces in this area is somewhat obscure. An Axis screening force is in operation east and northeast of St. Mers. Minor actions are reported from this area.

Air: Malta is still under Axis air bombardment. Present aerial activity in North Africa is largely confined to attacks on rear areas and supply lines.
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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
II AM
Jan 30, 1942

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Jan 26
Germans (Blue)
Russians (Red)
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Russian advances and German counter-attacks south of KHERSON.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. German counter-attacks south of LAKE ILIM.
2. Continued Russian pressure in VALDAR HILLS sector. Severe fighting at PERO.
3. Russians claim recapture of ALMAZNE.
4. Russians claim recapture of LOZOVAYA.

For further details of today's situation see mimeographed M.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:00 AM.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: For several days the enemy has been building up for a prepared attack on our left. For this effort, fresh hostile troops were brought in under the protection of naval units. Their air preparations were heavy. In addition, night efforts at penetration were made along the Subic Bay coast in an effort to outflank our entire position. The attack was launched yesterday, and under its pressure we were forced to give ground with some loss. At this time, however, General MacArthur's right flank forces launched a counterattack with smashing success, supported by a heavy concentration of 155-mm. fire. Our Infantry found the enemy completely disorganized in this area, leaving hundreds of dead on the field as well as quantities of supplies and equipment. The situation is now stabilized. There is no further change in the Visayas or in Mindanao. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. Malaya: The British have had some success in stabilizing a line from Batu Pahat on the west to Nerning on the east. The Japanese main effort is in the west. Burma: Japanese preparations for an attack on Rangoon continue, with scattered fighting in the Moulmein district. The press reports that U.S. and British fighter pilots destroyed 11 more enemy planes yesterday, including 7 twin-engined bombers. Australasia: Japanese activity in New Guinea and New Britain continues, according to aerial reconnaissance. West Coast: No further reports.

II. Eastern Theater.

Fighting continues on the eastern front in spite of the cold. There is no reported change in the situation. (No situation map will be issued this date.)

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Axis forces are moving large bodies of their troops eastward from El Agheila. A strong column is moving along the Agheila-Agedabia-Zoibib coastal road. Sporadic fighting is reported in the Antelot-Saumnu area.

Air: Axis Air Forces continue the attempted neutralization of Malta. In Tripolitania and Cyrenicia, both air forces continue actions against supply routes and dumps.
ON LAND: Malaya — Imperial troops cleared up confusing situation and are holding Japanese, at least temporarily, about 70 miles from Singapore.

Burma — Jap drive from Thailand slowed down about 35 miles east of Houlmein, but Jap advance north of Tavoy is noted.

Thai troops in action under Jap officers, and Thai War Declaration on U.S. and U.S.A., reported.


Japanese Attacks and Landings — Balikpapan (Borneo coast), Kambati (ex Celebes), Bubau I. (SS of New Ireland), Kavieng (N tip of New Ireland), Rabaul (N tip of New Britain), Kieta (on Bougainville of Solomons). Reconnaissance in force throughout area bordered by New Guinea, New Britain and Solomon Islands.

ON SEA: American and Dutch naval and air units sunk or seriously damaged 20 to 20 Jap warships and transports in Macassar Straits. This is in addition to Jap cruiser and tanker recently sunk by American forces off Jolo, and other previously reported sinkings by the Dutch.

Japanese subs or raiders sunk 2 allied ships in Bay of Bengal off Rangoon.


RAF. heavily bombed Bangkok, capital of Thailand.

RAAF. bombed Jap naval units at Rabaul, American and British fighters, with small losses, brought down about 10 Jap planes in two days over Rangoon.

RAAF. bombed Jap air bases at Kuching, Japanese continue bombing attacks on Singapore, doing some damage but losing increasing number of planes.

Jap scattered bombing attacks: strafing off Sebang, Belawan (the port of Pedan) and Belawan (all on Sumatra); Samarinda (N of Baling); Las, capital of T. S. New Guinea and Salama (S coast); Sorong and Tanabuli (N tip of New Guinea); Mannea (on Daru); and Cebu harbor (Visayas, Phil.).
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: The enemy is continuing to land reinforcements in Luzon. Again yesterday hostile pressure increased, and the enemy attacked our left heavily during the day and attempted infiltration along the coast during the night. Some of these attempts were expelled, but a few enemy gains have not been retaken. Serious losses were suffered by both sides during engagements. Hawaii: No further reports of enemy activity. Malaya: The fighting is still obscure but apparently quite heavy in western Malaya. There is no report of further contact in the east. The general situation seems to be unchanged. Burma: The press reports that British forces are making a new stand east of Moulmein after withdrawing slightly from their outpost near the Thailand frontier. Air activity is increasing, with American and British flyers reported to have successfully driven off a heavy Japanese air raid on the Rangoon area yesterday. It is stated that Allied flyers accounted for some twenty hostile planes. Australasia: There are continued reports of hostile landings on islands east of New Guinea, but there is no definite information as to the situation in this area. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Fighting continues on the eastern front. The Russians have advanced through the Valdai Hills and Seliger Lakes region and captured Kholm, Staraya Toropa and Oleino.

III. Western Theater.

Press reports state that the R.A.F. is continuing its air attack on German-occupied areas, with bombing attacks on airfields in Holland and docks at Dunkerque.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Official sources confirm the capture of Agedabia by Axis forces. Press reports indicate a battle field extending from the Gulf of Sirte eastward to the town of Saunnu. Contact between the ground forces is reported at Saunnu and Antelot. This represents a penetration of 30 miles north and east of Agedabia.

Air: Axis air forces continue the neutralization of Malta.
M.I.D. WD.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Jan.24, 1942

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Jan.23
Germans
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Extensive Russian Advances in Valdai Hills Sector.

ACTION
(See enclosed numbers on map)
1. Russians attack on Aumpa Isthmus sector.
2. Russians establish four bridgeheads between Novgorod and Chudovo.

For further details of today’s situation see mimeographed M.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:00 a.m.

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FINISH ARMY

NORTH FRONT

LAPLAND
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Several strong enemy attacks on our Luzon line were repulsed yesterday. The fighting was extremely heavy and continued throughout the day. Air activity was limited. In the vicinity of Davao, on Mindanao, Japanese civilians formerly residing in that area are being organized into a hostile armed force of more than 9,000. Hawaii: No further reports of enemy action. Malaya: Confused fighting continues in the Maer section of western Malaya, with the press reporting that the British are conducting a general withdrawal to shorten lines across the peninsula. Apparently there is no major fighting going on along the east coast. Burma: According to the press, comparatively small British and Japanese forces are engaged in fighting east of Moumein, near the southern Burma-Thailand border. The same source reports that the British are withdrawing slightly in that area. Australasia: Japanese forces are active in this theater, with the press reporting that enemy troops have made landings in New Guinea and in the Solomon Islands. There is nothing further on the reputed Japanese landing at New Britain. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Both sides report heavy fighting at various points along the front. The Russians continue to advance west of Kharaisk. The Germans claim that a counterattack in the central sector inflicted heavy losses on the Russians.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The press states that R.A.F. bombers in force continued heavy attacks last night on the ports of Bremen and Emden, as well as on airdromes in German-occupied Holland and the docks at Boulogne.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: What the British thought to be an Axis reconnaissance in force has apparently turned into a strong Axis counterattack. Press reports state that Aghitta is now in the hands of Axis forces. This would indicate a penetration of at least 50 miles.

Air: Axis and British air forces continue bombing and strafing of rear supply areas. Axis air forces continue the bombing of Malta.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: The enemy is increasing pressure along our lines in Luzon. New hostile forces are being landed in the Lingayen Gulf. There is no change in Mindanao, where enemy air activity is light. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. Malaya: No important change reported. Ground troops are being supported by aircraft in confused fighting on all fronts. Burma: A strong Japanese thrust toward Moulmein resulted in sharp fighting. Thai troops are reported operating with the Japanese. Australasia: Heavy Japanese air activity over New Britain and New Guinea suggests imminent invasion attempt. West Coast: No further reports of enemy activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: Fighting continues at various points along the Russian front. There have been no changes reported in the situation this date. (A situation map will not be issued today).

Air: According to The German High Command, German planes operating on the Kerch Strait off the Crimea damaged a large merchant ship. Other planes were said to be active in the support of land operations in this area.

III. Western Theater.

Air: On the night of the 21st, the R.A.F. carried out attacks on the Ports of Bremen and Emden, on airdromes in Holland, and on the docks of Boulogne.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is no change in the general situation. The British successfully brought a large convoy into Malta on the 15th.

Air: The press reports that the R.A.F. is continuing its air attack on Sicily.
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RUSS GERMA SITUATION Jan 1942

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Russians intensify pressure on Mozhaisk.

ACTION
(See enclosed numbers on map)
1. Russians claim capture of Shakhovskaya.
2. Russians claim occupation of Mozhaisk suburbs.
3. Russian pressure on Orel, Kursk, and Kharkov continues.
4. Feodosia retaken by Germans.

For further details of today's situation see mimeographed M.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:00 a.m.

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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Jan 20, 1942.

LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line, Jan 19
Germans (Advance)
Russians
Bombings

Direction of
Attack

SCALE

BARENTS
SEA

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Russian attack in LENINGRAD sector.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)

1. Russians attack at Schlüssel-
burg.
2. Fighting for Mozhaisk continues.
3. Russians claim Vereya and
Kondrovo.
4. Heavy fighting at Oreal.

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situation see mimeographed M.I.D.
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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Hostile pressure increased yesterday with brisk fighting near the center of our line. There was some artillery and air activity with our air force and antiaircraft destroying four enemy planes. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: The situation is becoming more stabilized as British reinforcements meet Japanese infiltrations. The threat to the British left continues. According to the press, enemy air activity continues over Singapore, with large formations of Japanese bombers over that city today. No results have been announced. Burma: British withdraw from Tavoy, in the Kra peninsula. Sharp air action is reported. Australasia: The press reports that Rabaul, Australian air base in New Britain, was subjected to a heavy Japanese air attack, probably from carrier-based planes. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Fighting continues along the entire Russian front from the Crimea to Leningrad. The Russians are attacking at Leningrad and Schlusselburg and claim the capture of Kenyys and Kondrovo (south of Mozhaisk). Heavy fighting has developed at Orel. The German High Command claims the interruption of the Murmansk railway by air.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: The situation remains the same.

Air: The Italian High Command announced today that British bombers started fires in Augusta and Syracuse on the east coast of Sicily last night. The Italian Air Force is said to be active in bombing and machine-gunning British motorized columns and supply centers, while German planes continue their bombardment of the ports and airfields of Malta.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: There is intermittent fighting along our entire front. No decisive engagements are taking place. Enemy air operations are comparatively light. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity.

Malaya: The press reports that the Japanese advance has been slowed down by fresh British troops. Strong Japanese pressure continues in the west, however. Heavy aerial bombardment of Singapore continues.

Australasia: Slight enemy aerial reconnaissance is reported over the New Guinea region.

China: According to the press, an American volunteer squadron shot down three Japanese bombers not far from the French Indo-China border.

West Coast: No further reports.

II. Eastern Theater.

Russian pressure continues along the general line from Rzhev to the Donets Basin. The Russians claim to be in the suburbs of Mozhaisk. The German High Command reports the repulse of attacks in the Donets Basin at Sevastopol and the recapture of Feodosiya (on southeastern coast of the Crimea).

III. Western Theater.

The Air Ministry announced today that British bombers attacked Bremen, Emden, and other places last night in continued raids over northwest Germany.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

The situation is unchanged.
LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line, Jan. 12 (Yesterday)
Front Line, Jan. 13 (Today)
Russians

Bombings

Direction of Attack

SCALE

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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION

11 A.M.  Jan. 14, 1942

LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line, Jan. 12 (Yesterday)
Front Line, Jan. 13 (Today)
Russians

Bombings

Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

RESTRICTED AREA

NORTH FRONT

RUSSIAN ADVANCES SOUTH OF VYAZMA

ACTION

(See encircled numbers on map)

1. Finnish counter-attack on IROK.
2. Heavy fighting in Staraya Russia sector.
3. Russians claim capture of Kirov.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Japanese suffered heavy losses yesterday when their reconnaissance in force, well supported by artillery and aircraft, were repulsed. Our losses were comparatively light. Hawaii: Negative reports of hostile military activity. Malaya: Situation virtually unchanged, with the British in position slightly south of Kuala Lumpur. According to the press, Port Swettenham is in enemy hands. The press also states that Singapore suffered another heavy air raid yesterday, but damage was slight. Netherlands East Indies: It is reported by the press that Tarakan (off northeast Borneo) and Kema (north Celebes) have been occupied by the Japanese. Dutch planes have been bombing these enemy forces. Burma: Light enemy air activity continues. West Coast: No further reports.

II. Eastern Theater.

Russian pressure continues along the eastern front. The Russians claim the capture of Kirov (north of Lyudinovo). The Germans claim the repulse of Russian attacks east of Kharkov and only minor action in the Crimea and Donets Basin.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Halfaya Pass area is still undergoing heavy bombardment from artillery, air, and naval guns. Minor actions only are reported from the Agheila-Agedabia sector.

Air: Axis continue bombing Malta. The press reports an apparent increase in Axis aerial activity in Western Cyrenaica. Harassment of rear supply bases and supply routes is being carried on by both Axis and British Air Forces.
I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Artillery battled along entire front all day yesterday. Enemy targets were heavily engaged upon exposure or discovery. Our counter battery was particularly effective, silencing eleven hostile batteries and dispersing groups of armored vehicles, foot troops and mechanized columns. Enemy artillery positions have been forced back along the entire front. Japanese dive bombers were active over the front. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: No further reports from the East. According to the press heavy fighting is going on slightly south of Kuala Lumpur, which apparently is in Japanese hands. Press indicates that large flights of Japanese warplanes have been attacking the Singapore area during the last twenty-four hours. These attacks were said to have caused little damage. The Japanese plane loss was heavy. Netherlands East Indies: The press states that heavy fighting is raging at Tarakan (off the northeast coast of Borneo) and in the Celebes. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Fighting continues on the Russian central front. No change in the situation has been reported. (The situation map will not be issued today).

III. Western Theater.

Air: According to the press, German bombers made a daylight attack yesterday on military objectives on the northeast coast of England. The Germans claim some damage by several bomb hits and state that German planes also machine gunned their objectives. The R.A.F., according to this morning's communiqué from Cairo, subjected Halfaya Pass to heavy bombardment again.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: No major actions in the Agheila-Agedabia sector. British Middle East Headquarters announced the capture of Salum. Halfaya Pass apparently remains in Axis hands.

Air: Axis planes continue to bomb Malta. Axis and British planes continue harassing activities in rear supply areas in Cyrenaica and Tripoli.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Air activity continues limited. Japanese patrols and artillery active as more Japanese troops move toward the Luzon front. On January 9 United States planes bombed Japanese forces in the Davao Bay area, scoring a direct hit on a shore-based antiaircraft battery and another direct hit on a battleship in Malalag Bay, setting the latter on fire. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: Press reports that the Japanese have occupied Kuala Lumpur, and that British forces have withdrawn slightly south of that city. No further reports from the east. Burma: Light air activity constitutes the only action. Netherlands East Indies: No further reports on the landing at Tarakan, northeast of Sorneo, but the press reports that other landings have been made in Minahassa (northern tip of Celebes Island). West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Operations continue on the central sector of the eastern front. Russian pressure is being extended west of Kaluga. The Russians claim the capture of Lyudinovo (70 miles west of Belev) and Tikhonovo Pustyn (north of Kaluga). There are no important operations reported on the remainder of the front.

III. Western Theater.

Air: Air Ministry stated this morning that British bombers again attacked Brest last night. All the planes returned safely.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Diminishing of activity in the Agheila-Agedabia sector is probably due to shortage of fuel and supplies for both forces. Continued aerial, naval and artillery bombardment, broken by minor raids cover activities in the Salum-Halfaya sector.

Air: Bombing of rear supply areas is continued by both British and Axis air forces. Axis air forces continue bombing Malta.
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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
A.M.  Jan 12, 1942

LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line, Jan 12

Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Russians reach VIAZMA - BRATYNE railway.

ACTIVITY

(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Russians attack in NURINASKE sector.
2. Pions claim advance in AUNUS sector.
3. Russians claim LUDINOGO.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Sharp enemy attack on our right flank has been thrown back with heavy Jap losses. Hostile air activity comparatively light. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: Heavy fighting in the vicinity of Kuala Lumpur where the situation is confused. No report from the East. British Borneo: Japanese are reported in Jesselton, British North Borneo. Burma: Slight air activity continued on both sides. Borneo: According to the press, a strong fleet of Jap transports began last night to land troops on the Island of Tarakan off the Northeast coast of Borneo. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

The Russians are maintaining pressure on the central front west and southwest of Moscow. There is no reported change in the situation.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The air ministry stated that the R.A.F. bombed Valen and the Naval Base at Wilhelmshaven, as well as airfields in the low country and docks at Boulogne.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Libyan Theater.

Ground: No change.

Air: Axis air forces continue to bomb Malta. Press reports indicate a growing aggressive spirit on the part of Axis aircraft in the Cyrenaica - Tripolitania sector. R.A.F. continue actions against Melfa and supply routes in Tripolitania.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Air activity is still limited. On the front, there is no action except intensive patrolling and artillery fire. The enemy is continuing his preparations for a major attack. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: Heavy fighting is in progress in the area north of Kuala Lumpur. Contact between opposing forces seems to have been lost in the general vicinity of Kuala Lipis. Japanese air activity continues, with little opposition from Allied aircraft. According to the press the Japanese have reported the capture of the Kuala Kubu airbase, 25 miles north of Kuala Lumpur. N.E.I.: The press states that Tarakan, in east Borneo, was attacked for the third successive day by Japanese airplanes. Burma: No further reports have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: Both sides report violent and bitter fighting on the central front. The Russians claim the capture of Mosalsk and Serpeisk (50 miles west of Kaluga).

Air: The German High Command claims that the German Air Force is active along the eastern front bombing Russian communications and transports in the Black Sea.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The RAF made another heavy air attack on Brest.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Increased artillery, air, and naval bombardments characterize activity in the Salum-Halfaya sector. Axis forces recently reported as withdrawing from the Agedabia sector into Tripolitania are stiffening their defense in the vicinity of El Agheila where the terrain is very favorable for a defensive action.

Air: The RAF continues its attack on the retreating Axis forces and on Axis supply lines. Enemy bombing of Malta is undiminished, according to the press.

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11 A.M. Jan. 8 1942

LEGEND
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Front Line
Front Line, Jan. 7
Germans (Redlines)
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Continued Russian pressure in TULA sector.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Poles admit Russian penetration north of LAKE ONega.
2. Russians claim MISHUNOY.
3. Germans counter-attack northeast of KHARKOV.
4. Russian landing operations and German counter-attacks at YEVPAZORIA.
5. Germans claim repulse of attempted Russian landings southwest of PEROZIA.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: No enemy air activity by bombers. Fighting continues along northern front. Situation unchanged. Hawaii: No further reports. Malaya: Japanese flanking attempts in the west have apparently been halted, but pressure continues on the front. In the east the situation is unchanged. China: The Japanese communiqué announced that the Japanese have withdrawn from Changsha, Thailand. According to the press, the R.A.F. bombed Bangkok today for the first time, starting huge fires. Malay Coast: No further reports of hostile activity have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Russian advance in the Tula sector continues. The Russians claim the capture of Meshchovsk (10 miles north of Suchinichi).

The German High Command states that the Russian penetration northeast of Kharkov was eliminated by counterattack. In the Crimea the Germans claim that the Russian landings at Feodosiya and Yevpatoria have been smashed, although remnants still remain.

Air: According to the Germans, C.A.F. bombers once again attacked Soviet landing forces in the Crimea.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The press states that the R.A.F. continued its renewed offensive last night, bombing both St. Nazaire and Brest. Berlin admits that British bombers also raided northwestern Germany.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Press reports indicate a slow withdrawal of Axis Forces in the Suez Canal Sector under cover of severe sandstorm. Frontier situation remains unchanged.

Air: Axis and British Air Forces continue harassment of rear supply areas.

The British Air Ministry announces that a full scale aerial offensive is under way against Axis forces in the El Alamein area with R.A.F. and Free French air forces uniting in the attack.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: There is heavy fighting all along our front. Hostile air activity continues. Yesterday about 45 enemy bombers made an air attack on Corregidor. This raid, which lasted several hours, caused some damage and casualties. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. Malaya: Japanese pressure continues in the west, where the scale of operations has increased. The British have withdrawn in the Kuantan sector. Enemy air activity is intensified as the Japanese seize forward landing fields. China: The Japanese are attempting to withdraw in the Changsha area. N.E.I.: According to the press, the Dutch island of Amboina (west of New Guinea) was bombed by 8 Japanese planes and later machine gunned from low altitude. West Coast: No further reports.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Russian pressure continues on the central front west of Moscow. Russians are attacking between Byelgorod and Oboyan (40 miles north of Byelgorod) and claim to have penetrated the German line. In the Crimea, the Russian advance continues to the north from Feodosiya.

Air: Stockholm press releases state that the Russian air force cooperated with the Black Sea Fleet yesterday morning in protecting the landing of Russian troops at Yevpatoriya (on the coast slightly northwest of Sevastopol).

III. Western Theater.

The British claim that the R.A.F. made bombing attacks on northern Germany and occupied France. The German press alleges that the German air force scored direct hits on a large industrial works on the east coast of Britain last night. Location unknown.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Patrol activity continues in the Agedabia sector. There is evidence that some reinforcements have reached the Axis forces. Situation in the Halfaya area unchanged.

Air: Axis continued to bomb Malta. R.A.F. operated against Axis supply routes in Tripolitania.

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LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line, Jan. 6
Germans
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Russian penetration south of KURSK.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)

1. Germans hold line: RESEV-MOCHAISK-YUKHNOV-SUKHINICH.
   Russian attacks toward RESEV and northwest from KALUGA.

2. Russian drive toward KURSK.

3. Russian breakthrough between OBOYAN and BIELGOROD.

4. Russians reach SEA OF AZOV in drive from FEODOSIA. Heavy Axis aerial counter-attacks at FEODOSIA and TAVPATORIA.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Fighting continued along all lines with increasing enemy pressure. Yesterday the Bataan-Corregidor area was under hostile air bombardment for four hours. Antiaircraft fire hit at least 7 of the 50 attacking Japanese planes. The Press reports that an enemy destroyer was sunk and three bomb hits were scored on an enemy battleship by American planes attacking Davao Harbor. There was no damage to the American planes. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity. China: Conflicting reports. Heavy fighting continues, apparently with some Chinese gains. Malaya: In the west, pressure on the British left flank is increasing. The Press reports that the British have withdrawn to positions farther south. In the east, according to a British communiqué, British forces have been withdrawn from the Kuantan area. West Coast: No further reports. N.E.I.: Japanese reconnaissance over Dutch territory continues.

II. Eastern Theater.

The Russians claim a continued advance west of Moscow. The German High Command reports the repulse of Soviet forces along the central front.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The Press states that the R.A.F. carried out heavy air raids against Brest and Cherbourg last night. A single German plane dropped bombs along the north coast of England early this morning causing slight damage. Germany claims they damaged 23 ships last night in German bomber attacks on supply lines off the west coast of England.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Agedabia sector remains relatively quiet. Only minor actions between mobile columns and the air strafing of rear area supply routes are reported. In the Salam-Halfa area British pressure is increasing through heavy and continuous aerial and artillery bombardment.

Air: R.A.F. activities include the bombing of Greek air and submarine bases. Axis air forces have continued the bombing of Benghazi and Malta.

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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
8 A.M. Jan. 6, 1942

LEGEND
- Front Line
- Front Line, Jan. 2
- Germans (Advance)
- Russians
- Bombings
- Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
German defenders hold KERCHO
ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Increased Russian activity along the eastern STER River.
2. Russian advances claimed in KERCHO Peninsula.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Manila was occupied by the Japanese in the early afternoon of January 2. Enemy air activity has moderated slightly. No important news from the front lines, Jolo, the capital city of Jolo province (island in Sulu group) has been occupied by a small Japanese landing force. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile action. Malaya: Hostile air raids on Singapore resulted in small damage. There is no change in land operations. Caroline Islands: The press states that Australian planes have opened an offensive on the Japanese Mandated Caroline Islands. China: Press reports allege that the Japanese are on the outskirts of Changsha. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is little change in the situation on the Russian front. The Russians claim the capture of Staritsa (30 miles northeast of Rzhev and 40 miles southeast of Kalinin).

Air: The Press reports that German planes in the Crimea have counterattacked Russian troops which recaptured Kerch and Feodosiya. The Germans claim a Russian freighter and a small warship were sunk by these attacks.

III. Western Theater.

Air: British bombing attacks on airfields of northern France continued.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: In the Agedabia sector there is a decrease in activity. The Axis forces under General Rommel apparently have dug in, awaiting reinforcements, while the British are gathering strength to continue their push into Tripolitania.

In the Frontier Area, Bardia is under heavy attack by British forces.

Air: According to the Press, Axis aircraft have attacked British land forces on the Agedabia front at the eastern edge of Tripolitania. The British planes carried out attacks against Misurata and El Melaha deep in Tripolitania.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Following a northward movement throughout the past few days, our southern Luzon force has made contact with our northern Luzon force, thus forestalling a separation of the two forces by enemy infiltration from the east. Manila will be left uncovered by this movement, but the previous evacuation of the city by our troops has destroyed Manila’s military value. Our forces have the entrance to Manila Bay entirely covered. Hawaii: A few rounds of gunfire from unseen hostile vessels damaged a shed on Hawaii and fired a canefield on Kauai. No other hostile activities reported. Malaya: Light activity in the east, but no change in the general situation. Enemy air raids on Singapore and British lines of communication continue. West Coast: No further confirmed reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Russians continue to push their advance west of Tula and report the capture of Kaluga and Novi Kirishi.

On the Crimea the Germans are pressing their attacks against the fortress of Sevastopol.

Air: The German High Command reports that German planes in the Crimea have counterattacked Russian troops which recaptured Kerch and Feodosiya. It further claims units of the German Air Force attacked Russian lines on the Moscow front.

III. Western Theater.

Air: A very heavy British attack was made on Brest during the day of December 30. According to the Press, two German Messerschmitts machine gunned towns along the Sussex coast yesterday.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Fighting continues in the Agedabia area, with Axis forces counterattacking to prevent encirclement.

Air: German High Command reports day and night raids against Malta. According to the Press, the R.A.F. made low-altitude attacks upon retreating Axis motor transports and columns.
MI.D. W.D.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Jan. 1, 1942

LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line Dec 31
Germans (advance)
Russians

Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Steady Russian advances in TULA sector.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map.)
1. Russians claim NOV KIRISH.
2. Russians claim KALUSA and PERESTSHI.

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

General Russian advance along TIM-KALININ line.

ACTION

(See encircled numbers on map.)

1. Russians drive toward LIVNI.
2. Continued Axis attacks on SEVASTOPOL.
3. Attempted Russian landings at KEREN with heavy German aerial counter-attacks.

For further details of today's situation see Appendix K.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:30 a.m.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Hostile air operations continuing. Japanese are dive-bombing roads. In the north, Japanese pressure is developing on U.S. right. In the south, planned withdrawals are being made. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: No substantial change in the situation. Singapore, Kuantan (on east coast), and Kluang (Johore Province) were bombed by the Japanese. Sarawak: The Japanese have occupied Kuching. West Coast: No further reports have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

The German High Command reports the repulse of strong enemy attacks on various sectors of the eastern front. Russians claim the capture of Kozelek, south of Kalgan.

In the Crimea the Russians claim to have taken Kerch and Theodosia.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is a noticeable stiffening of the Axis defense in the Agedabia sector.

Air: The R.A.F. continues offensive operations despite bad weather conditions.
M.I.D. WD.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M.
Dec. 31

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Dec. 30
German Advance
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Successful Russian landings in CHINA.

ACTION
(See circled numbers on map)
1. Russian attacks in KURILANSK sector.
2. Russians claim KUSEL.
3. Russians claim KERCH and PYEDEKIA.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Corregidor was heavily bombed for three hours yesterday by some sixty Japanese planes, four of which are known to have been destroyed by antiaircraft fire. Fighting continues in the north and south with no apparent change in the situation. Hawaii: Negative reports. Malaya: Situation unchanged in the east. Japanese pressure continues in the vicinity of Ipoh in the west. According to the press, Ipoh has fallen into Japanese hands. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity. China: The press reports that Japanese troops have crossed the Milo River (Mi Shui), north of Changsha, and that heavy fighting is in progress thirty miles north of that city.

II. Eastern Theater.

Hard fighting continues along the Russian front. There has been no appreciable change reported in the front line.

III. Western Theater.

According to the press, British bombers attacked La Palice in northern France and industrial centers in western Germany. No results of these raids have been reported. The press also states that the Germans made a heavy air attack on northeast English towns, causing some damage.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Fighting in the vicinity of Agedabia continues.

Air: The Italian High Command announced that the British bombed an area near Athens last night. According to the press, African-based, British planes bombed ports in the Aegean.
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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Dec 29

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Russians advance west of the Oka River.
ACTION
(See circled numbers on map)
1. Russian attacks along the SVIR River repulsed.
2. Russians claim LUKACH.
3. Front line in ERED sector is at NOVOIL - TIK - HELIERRY.
4. German counterattacks in the extreme southern sector.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Japanese air activity continues. Fighting is continuing in the northwest and southeast, with the heavier pressure in the southeast. There has been no substantial change in the last twenty-four hours. Manila is clearing up after severe raids in violation of its status as an open city. Hawaii: Negative military reports received. Malaya: Japanese have crossed the Perak River above Ipoh, and there is increased pressure on British in the vicinity of Ipoh. Active enemy patrolling continues on the east coast. Borneo: According to press reports, believed reliable, the Japanese have landed and taken Kuching in Sarawak. Sumatra: The press reports that Japanese parachutists who landed yesterday near Medan (northeast Sumatra) have been blocked about ten miles from that city. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activity.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Russians report hard fighting along the general front. No important changes have been reported.

Air: German High Command claims that a Russian troop ship has been sunk and six other Russian vessels damaged by German Air Force operations over the Black Sea.

III. Western Theater.

According to the press, the R.A.F. made heavy attacks upon submarine bases at Wilhelmshaven and Emden, the Rhineland industrial areas, German airfields in Holland, and the docks at Dunkirk, France. The press also states that British long-range bombers attacked the German airfields, while Coastal Command planes attacked ships off Netherlands' coast.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

British pressure was increased on Axis forces in the Agedabia region. The area between Agedabia and Bengasi is practically clear of hostile forces.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Fighting continues on a reduced scale along all ground fronts. No report of any change in the general situation. According to the press, Manila has been subjected to another heavy air raid. The city itself was bombed four times and the port once. Casualties heavy. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity have been received. Malaya: Confused reports. Apparently no change in the situation. Sumatra: The press reports a Japanese air raid on the airport at Medan (east coast of Sumatra). Parachutists were said to have been dropped about ten miles outside of that city. West Coast: No further reports have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: Both sides report hard fighting. The Soviet Information Bureau states that Russian forces have occupied Likhvin (west of Tula), Novosil (east of Orel) and Tim (east of Kursk). No situation map will be issued today because of the lack of important changes on the front.

Air: German High Command claims that German Air Forces sank 3 Russian transports in the Straits of Kerch.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: British are attacking main axis forces in the vicinity of Agedabia. Mopping up operations continue south of Benghazi.

Air: The British High Command announced that R.A.F. and Free French bomber aircraft made heavy attacks on Tripoli, smashing ships and stores. Other R.A.F. bomber formations attacked Bardia and scored hits on defense positions and motor vehicles and set fire to barracks buildings.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Fighting desultory in the north but very heavy in the southeast (Atimonan sector). Japanese reinforcements landing from transports in Lingayen area and at Atimonan. Hostile air activity heavy. According to the press, the Japanese have disregarded the declaration that Manila is an open city and have bombed it heavily, causing many civilian casualties and starting numerous fires. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity received. Malaya: Press reports heavy Japanese casualties in the west with little progress. Active enemy partrolling along east coast, north of Kuantan. Burma: Rangoon raided the 25th. The Japanese lost 23 planes. West Coast: Reports of continued hostile submarine activity but no confirmed contacts. Borneo: Press states that Dutch airplanes sank large Japanese ship off Borneo.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is little change along the general Russian Front. Both sides have reported hard fighting. The Russian Information Bureau claims the capture of Nara Fominsk (40 miles southwest of Moscow).

Air: German High Command claims German dive bombers have sunk four Russian troop transports in Straits of Kerch and damaged five others.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Minor engagements continue between British Forces and isolated Italian units in northwestern Cyrenaica. Other British Troops are in contact with the bulk of retreating Axis Forces at Agedabia.

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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION  
11 A.M.  
Dec 26  

LEGEND  
Front Line  
Front Line Dec 24  
Germans (advance)  
Russians  
Bombings  
Direction of Attack  

SCALE  

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS  
Russians take offensive from LAKE IJOKA to TULA sectors.  

ACTION  
(See encircled numbers on map)  
1. Russian attacks toward SCHILLINGSFORS and NOVGOROD.  
2. Main Russian effort in KOKON sector southwest from VOLGORADSK toward VIACHRA.  
3. Russian pressure continues toward OREZ from east and northeast.  

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I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: In the north fighting continues in the general areas previously reported upon. Enemy air activity continues. The situation in the south is obscure. According to the press, General MacArthur has declared Manila an open city. Hawaii: No further reports of enemy activity have been received. Malaya: Fighting continues along the Perak River in the west. The Japanese have been bombing British communications in that sector. In the east the British have withdrawn slightly without contact. Hong Kong: The press reports that the British Colonial Office has confirmed the fall of Hong Kong. Borneo: The Dutch claim new naval successes off Sarawak. Japanese have conducted air raids on Singkawang (southwest coast) and Tarakan (northeast coast). West Coast: No further reports of hostile action.

II. Eastern Theater.

There is no indicated change on the Russian front. Both sides report hard fighting in the Moscow area. The Germans continue to hold the line: Orel-Kursk-Kharkov.

III. Western Theater.

Air: No reports on British offensive action. On the night of December 24, German Air Force sent out several planes and a number of long range bombers, but only one of these aircraft was seen inland over Great Britain.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: With the fall of Bengasi on December 24, control of Cyrenaica virtually passed into British hands. Groups of isolated Italian troops remain in Cyrenaica, but the remainder of General Rommel's Armored Forces are endeavoring to break through to Tripolitania via Agedabia, where the British are pressing the retreating forces. Inclement weather continues to hamper the R.A.F. and British Motor Transport.

Air: It has been reported that a number of German planes were destroyed on the ground by Axis forces before their evacuation of Bengasi. Numerous Axis aircraft at Aghela airdrome were reported grounded by fuel shortage. British bombers carried out a nuisance raid of several hours' duration on Tripoli.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Enemy forces have probably landed near Batangas, 60 miles south of Manila. The general situation is apparently the same, with heavy fighting continuing in all sectors, particularly in the northwest part of Luzon. The press reports widespread air raids yesterday. Hawaii: There has been no new enemy activity. Hong Kong: According to the press, Japanese Imperial Headquarters at Tokyo announced today that the British Hong Kong garrison had surrendered and that hostilities ceased at 19:30 g.s.t. Malaya: British defense line along Perak River is now in contact with the enemy. The situation in the east is obscure. Wake Island: The Navy announced that Wake probably has fallen. West Coast: Continued hostile submarine activity is reported.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is an increase in German resistance to continuing Russian attacks. No important changes in front.

Air: Fighters and bombers operating in central and northern sectors raided troop concentrations, and numerous Russian transport columns east of Tikhvin were heavily damaged. On the other hand, Russian press announces a lull in aerial activities due to weather conditions and heavy German aircraft losses.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle East Theater.

Ground: British Imperial Forces have captured Bengasi. There is an unconfirmed report that Indian troops have taken Barce. British are continuing their attacks on Bardia and other frontier garrisons which are still in Axis hands.

Air: British aircraft are operating against the retreating Axis forces in western Cyrenaica. German High Command states that German bombers raided Malta yesterday seeking German hits on harbor facilities at Valetta. German air units also attacked British armored corps in Cyrenaica and British aircraft on the ground.
MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Russians claim encirclement in TAGANROG sector.

ACTION

(See encircled numbers on map)

1. Germans strongly contesting possession of MOSHAIK sector.
2. Russians claim advances to OKA River.

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I. Pacific Theater.


II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: No change in general situation on Russian front. Apparently, the front is beginning to harden with both sides reporting intense fighting, especially southwest of Tula.

III. Western Theater.

Air: All activity curtailed by weather.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Libya: British forces continue occupation of Northern Cyrenaica. Axis forces are now concentrated in coastal area of Gulf of Sirte between Benghazi and Agedabia. Italian forces hold Benghazi and vicinity while German troops are operating in the area south of Benghazi.

Air: R.A.F. continues offensive action against aerodromes and road columns on Axis line of communication. Enemy activity slight.
M.I.D. WD.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 AM. Dec. 24

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Dec. 23
Germans (northern advance)
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Severe fighting on the front from Lake Ladoga to Tula.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Continued Russian pressure in Volkhov River area.
2. Russians claim capture of ODEN.

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Last definite advance British position reported (Dec. 20)
50 miles west DAKA
50 miles west TUNIS.
E.A.F. continued bombing, aids airfields, road columns,
and bombing and ground strafing ground troops.
This has contributed materially to confusion of enemy's
counterattacks.
British Long Range Desert Forces with parachute troops
attack SIEFFE airport, halfway between BENYONI and TREMOLI.
Twenty-two planes, tanks, and fuel stores destroyed.
Reported heavy concentration axis troops at SOLUA; about 50
miles south of BENYONI.
Disorganized Italian forces in area 40 miles north BENYONI.
Major Development

Strong Russian attacks on Volkov River line.

Action
(See circled numbers on map)

1. Russians claim recapture of Grezino.
2. Russians claim recapture of Krapivno.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Situation at Davao is obscure. Fighting is in progress. Japanese landing attempts are under way slightly north of Lingayen from the 70 to 80 enemy transports concentrated in Lingayen Gulf. A major drive at the Philippines is indicated. Hawaii: No further reports of hostile activity have been received. Malaya: Japanese major attack expected momentarily in the western sector. In the east, the British are withdrawing to more favorable positions. British North Borneo and Sarawak: Dutch air and submarine action continues. Hong Kong: No further reports received. West Coast: No further reports have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

There is no change in the general situation on the Russian front. The Russians are maintaining pressure against the Volkhov River west of Tikhvin and have made gains southwest of Tula.

III. Western Theater.

Air: No R.A.F. offensive because of weather conditions. There were some limited reconnaissance and anti-shipping patrols by German air units over the eastern coast of Great Britain.

The German communiqué this morning states that two British bombers were shot down during raids last night by single planes over Helgoland Bight and German-occupied regions along the Channel. The German bombers attacked port installations on the southwest coast of Great Britain.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Axis retreat continues toward Bengasi from North Cyrenaica. Heavy troop movements reported south from Bengasi, and large concentrations of German troops are reported 50 miles south of that place. Italian troops massed in disorganized state north of Bengasi.

Air: British light bombers attacked motor transports near Derna and Mechili yesterday, and other planes bombed railroads around Zuara. R.A.F. continues bombing and strafing of Axis troops. Yesterday's Cairo communiqué stated that R.A.F. is leading the assault in Libyn, harassing air bases, railroads, and supply centers of Tripolitania.

The German high command claims that German aircraft attacked heavily the British naval base at Malta last night.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Enemy air raids over Luzon, Cebu and Mindanao. Land activity continues. Hawaii: No further reports have been received. Malaya: Heavy fighting continues in northern Malaya. The British are continuing withdrawal to a new defensive position in the west, and in the east the situation remains unchanged. Hong Kong: There seems to be no change in the situation at Hong Kong, where the press reports that Japanese naval units are attacking the British artillery positions on the Island. West Coast: A U.S. tanker was attacked by shell fire from a large submarine 8 miles off Santa Cruz. There were no casualties. Another U.S. tanker was torpedoed 20 miles off shore and 10 miles north of Cape Mandocino. There were slight casualties. Sarawak and Borneo: Further Japanese landings threatened as Dutch air attacks on Japanese naval units continue. No contact of land forces has been reported.

II. Eastern Theater.

There is no change in the general situation on the Russian front. The Russians claim the capture of Colokolemsk (west of Moscow). (No situation map issued today.)

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Libya: Axis retreat in Cyrenaica continues, apparently towards Benghazi. The R.A.F. is still bombing airports and harbors and road-strafing retreating columns.

*NOTE: Situation Report No. 576 was erroneously dated December 19, 1941. That Report should have been dated December 20, 1941.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Hawaii: No further reports have been received. Philippines: Press reports that Japanese troops landed yesterday morning at Davao in southeast Mindanao. The general situation remains the same.

Borneo: According to the press, N.E.I. planes made bombing attacks over the Miri area yesterday, and Japanese planes made an air raid on Pontianak (southwest coast of Borneo).

Malaya: No change reported south of Kota Bharu. In the west, the British are withdrawing to a new defensive position.

Hong Kong: The situation at Hong Kong seems serious. The press reports this morning that the British garrison there is still holding against Japanese forces which have landed on the island.

West Coast: No further reports of enemy activity have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The German High Command reports no change on the Eastern Front and claims the repulse of the Russians. The Russians claim the capture of Ruza (north of Mozhaisk), Tarussa (southwest of Serpukhov), and Khanino (15 miles west of Dubna).

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.


Air: According to the German High Command, German bombers successfully raided military installations in Tobruk harbor. The Italian High Command admitted that Derna airport is in British hands and that the British had bombed Tripoli and Benghazi. Malta, claim the Italians, received a series of bombing attacks by formations of the German Air Force.
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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Dec. 20

LEGEND

Front Line
Front Line (Dec. 19)
Germans
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Strong Russian pressure west and southwest of MOSCOW.

ACTION

(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Russian attacks with minor advances at RUZA.
2. Russian advances toward KALUGA; reception of KURSKO claimed.

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I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: No apparent enemy effort during yesterday. Situation around Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi remained inactive. British Borneo: Japanese have landed parties north of Miri, in northwest Borneo. Netherlands East Indies: Australian and Dutch troops occupied Portuguese Timor 17th. Malaya: Heavy fighting continues in the Kedah area. According to the press Japanese troops are threatening Penang. In the Kelantan sector, the press reports Japanese have suffered heavy casualties in attacks on British positions. Hawaii: No further reports of enemy activity have been received. Hong Kong: Serious fighting continues with no clear picture of the situation. West Coast: No further reports have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The situation at Leningrad continues unchanged.

The German withdrawal to a previously selected line for winter stabilization continues along the general line: Kursk-Moscow-Kalinin.

There is no information covering the Donets Basin.

Air: The German High Command announced that units of the Finnish air force yesterday attacked the Lunnansk railway south of Soreka and the railway station at Karna. Two trains, one a supply train, were bombed.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Axis rear guard in Gazala area has given way. British advance elements have reached Timimi-Mechili road. Direction of withdrawal of Axis main body not clear at this time.

Air: According to the British Air Ministry, R.A.F. attacks on Axis motorized columns in Libya are continuing. The German High Command claims that German torpedo planes scored two hits on a British heavy cruiser in the Mediterranean yesterday. The Italian High Command admitted another R.A.F. attack on the Italian naval base at Taranto.

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RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Dec. 18

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Dec. 17
Germans (Advance)
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Russian attacks on front from VOLKHOV River to YULA continue; no important changes in line reported.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Moscow front follows general line VOLOKALASHK-ALKESEK-SUKHAI-VOLGOY.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: American forces had situation well in hand yesterday. There were no new developments. Small Japanese forces at Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi still under attack. Hostile ships off the coast under air attack. Hawaii: Submarines reported off Oahu but no attacks made. Maui Island was shelled by a submarine on the 15th with no apparent damage. No further activity has been reported. Wake Island: Japanese submarine reported at Wake. The island received hostile air raid last night and at noon the 16th. Results unknown. Johnston Island: Two hostile ships raided Johnston after sunset yesterday. Malaya: Heavy fighting continued in Kedah area in northwestern Malaya, according to the press, with Japanese making slight advances. Hong Kong: Confused reports. Apparently the island is still under heavy Japanese attacks. West Coast: No further reports of hostile activities have been received.

II. Eastern Theater.

There is no change in the situation at Leningrad. The Finns report Russian activity along the Svir river, especially at Osta (near Lake Onega).

The Germans are continuing their withdrawal from the salients north and south of Moscow. The Russians claim the capture of Kalinin (north of Moscow) and Volovo (north of Yefremov).

III. Western Theater.

Air: British Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. last night attacked the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven, Bremen and other cities in northwestern Germany. Further attacks were made on Ostend, Dunkirk and Brest.

According to the German High Command, German planes bombed British ports of Plymouth and Dover last night and damaged a supply ship in British coastal waters.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Air: The Italian High Command admitted R.A.F. attacks at Brindisi, Italy, and at Catania on the Island of Sicily.

Ground: Bad weather has hampered British operations in the Gazala area. Axis rear guards are still holding with apparent difficulty.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION

Dec. 17

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Russians continue advance north and south of KOSOVO.

ACTION

(See encircled numbers on map)

1. Russian attacks at GULF OF FINLAND.
2. Russians claim recapture of KALININ.
3. Russians claim recapture of VOLGO.

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SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: No further reports on yesterday's hostile attacks. Apparently the principal land activity is still concentrated at Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi. Hawaii: It is reported that enemy submarines are operating in the Hawaiian area, but no further hostile activity has been reported. Malaya: A small Japanese force landed in the early morning of the 14th at Kuala Pahang, which is on the east coast approximately 200 miles southeast of Kota Bharu. The fighting in north Malaya continues but reports are confusing. Gilbert Islands: The Japanese have made a landing in the Gilbert Islands, just south of the Marshall Islands. Hong Kong: Japanese communications near Hong Kong were being attacked yesterday by Chinese west from Waichow (northeast of Hong Kong). These attacks are not thought to be of a very serious nature. The general situation is still confused. West Coast: No further reports received. Wake and Midway: No further reports received.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The German withdrawal continues on the Russian front. The Russians claim a forty-mile advance at Tikhvin and the capture of Uzlovaya (southeast of Tula), Verkhova (northwest of Livny), and Dubna (west of Tula). Germans admit the Russians are making counterattacks along the entire line from Murmansk area to the Donets Basin, inclusive.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports received.

IV. Middle East Theater.

Ground: Axis retirement toward the Derna area continues. Axis rear guard still holds at Gazala. This rear guard has been bypassed by small task forces which are harassing Axis withdrawal as far northwest as the vicinity of Timimi and as far west as the vicinity of Mechili.

Air: Air activity by both sides has increased.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Wake Island: The Navy reports further air attacks on Wake yesterday. Two Japanese bombers were shot down and several were said to have been damaged by antiaircraft fire. Malaya: A confidential press release announced this morning that heavy fighting continued in North Malaya today as British ground and air forces sought to dislodge invading Japanese forces which have gained a foothold on both sides of the peninsula. Sharp action is reported in the Kedah area (northwest coast of Malaya) and in the Kelantan area (Northeast coast) with no indication of the turn the fight is taking. Philippines: Continued fighting in Aparri, Vigan, and Legaspi areas. The press reports that Japanese bombers flew at a high altitude over Manila last night without dropping any bombs. Hawaii: No further reports received.

Thailand: The R.A.F. raided the airfield at Singora (southeast coast) on the 12th. Results unknown.

II. Eastern Theater.

Germans appear to be continuing the withdrawal from the salients north and south of Moscow. The Russians claim to have captured Volkowo (90 miles southeast of Leningrad) and, east of Orel, the towns of Yefremov and Livny.

III. Western Theater.

No further reports have been received.

IV. Libyan Theater.

Ground: British mobile columns are continuing flanking operations against Axis forces holding lines stretching 40 miles into the desert from Gazala.

Air: The German High Command stated that German and Italian fighter planes had destroyed 15 British planes in this area.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

No change reported in Hawaii. Navy reports contact with Wake, Johnston, Palmyra, and Midway as of 6:00 a.m., the 12th. Navy-confirms loss of Guam. Hong Kong: Press reports state Japanese have made substantial gains on the Chinese mainland toward the harbor.

Thailand: Netherlands submarines are reported by the press to have sunk four Japanese troop ships off Patani in South Thailand. Malaya: The situation apparently is unchanged. Costa Rica: Punta Arenas fishing boat, with Japanese crew, carrying fuel oil cargo and flying American flag, was forced to return to port by U.S. Naval patrol planes. Crew arrested.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The situation at Leningrad remains unchanged.

The Soviet Information Bureau announces that the Russian forces in general counterattacks on the Moscow front have cleared the Dmitrov salient to the Moscow-Kalinin road. In a counterattack against the Tula-Ryazsk salient the Germans have been defeated and the Russians have captured Yenev, Stalingorsk and Yefipan. The Germans deny defeat and claim to be retiring to a previously selected line and stabilizing for the winter.

III. Western Theater.

Air: It is reported that British bombers attacked the docks at Brest and Dunkirk in occupied France last night. Bombers of the Coastal Command attacked the oil refinery at Donges, near St. Nazaire, starting a large fire. Yesterday, British fighter planes maintained offensive patrols over occupied territory. R.A.F. bombers carried out their third consecutive day of offensive over northwestern Germany and occupied territory. An oil refinery at Emmerich, on the Dutch-German border, was attacked. Other objectives were bombed at Nieuport in the Netherlands and Calais.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Pursuit of Axis forces northwest of Gazala continues, Axis rear-guard at that point having been by-passed. Axis material and personnel losses have been heavy. Situation in frontier area unchanged.

Air: British raids yesterday at Comiso and Croton in the Calabria area of southern Italy and on Sicily were admitted by the Italian High Command. The British were also admitted to have made raids on Tripoli in Libya and Patras in Greece. According to Italian High Command, German planes in Libya made dive bombing attacks on British motorized columns. Ten British planes were said to have been shot down by the Axis in Libya yesterday.
M.E.D. W.D.
FAR EASTERN SITUATION
13 Dec. 11 A.M.

LEGEND

ALLIED

JAPANESE

BOMBINGS

At Kota Bharu (1) British forces have established a line 25-30 miles south of the city against an actively patrolling Japanese force. Northeast of Fook (2), the Japanese have offered little resistance to a slight British column moving toward Thailand. Japanese mechanized elements have forced a slight British withdrawal north of Alor Star (3). Two Japanese divisions are landing in the final section of the Siam peninsula, threatening British positions in the peninsula of Boneo. Minor Japanese efforts have been made along the east coast of Malaya without significant results.

PHILIPPINES

Landings continue in force at three points: Baler, Vigan and Legazpi - strength unknown. Barracks destroyed at Taguig or Erong (airfield captured - undamaged). Near reported enemy fleet in flight - Bataan east and Ilocos damaged. 135 enemy stragglers on sporadic raids over Manila area - 11 dropped (12 Dec.).
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.

Philippines: Japanese air activity continued through December 11, 1941. Further air raids were made in the Manila area. Hostile landing forces were being augmented at Aparri and Vigan. Landings were repulsed south of Vigan and north of San Fernando, also at Lingayen. Five heavy Japanese ships and eleven destroyers were reported off Zambales Province. Landing on island of Lubang (northwest indoro) admitted. Air raids with use of parachutists were reported at Tuquegarao and Ilagan. Landing at Legaspi confirmed – communications cut at Kaga. (North of Legaspi). Japanese air raid at Davao (Mindanao).

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Germans report the repulse of Russian local counterattacks.

The Russians claim advances near Kalinin and west of Ylets. Strong pressure is being exerted in the Stalinogorsk area.

III. Western Theater.

Ground: The R.A.F. bombed Cologne and other targets in western Germany last night, as well as docks at Brest and LeHavre in occupied France. Other British aircraft sowed mines in "enemy" waters. Three planes were listed as missing.

Yesterday British bombers attacked a dock near Emden, and an airdrome in Holland. No British planes were lost.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Axis rear guards west of Tobruk have given way and British mobile columns have penetrated to Ain el Gazala. The situation is confused and number of Axis troops left behind in this withdrawal is at present unknown. Nothing has been heard from British forces in the Gialo area.

Air: Nazi planes were said to have dispersed British armored columns attacking Axis forces west of Tobruk. Other Nazi planes bombed rail lines near Sidi Barrani. Six British planes were said to have been shot down in Libya.

The Italians admit that the British have made an aerial bombing attack on Derna.
M.I.D. W.D.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M.
Dec. 12

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Dec.
Germans
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Continuing Russian attacks on the Central Front.

ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Finnish report gain northeast of PONENTS.
2. Russians claim advances near KALININ.
3. Strong Russian pressure at STALINGRAD.
4. Russians push west of YELETS.

For further details of today's situation see mimeographed M.I.D. Situation Report issued as of 11:00 a.m.

Distribution
THE PRESIDENT
Secretary of War
Chief of Staff
Office of Naval Intelligence
State Department
Distribution "A"
I. Pacific Theater.

General: Germany and Italy have declared war on the United States. Philippines: Continual attempts at landing are being made by Japanese in northern Luzon. One Japanese battleship, the Haruna, 29,000 tons, was sunk yesterday by American Air Force north of Luzon. Hawaii: Naval action is reported off the coast of Hawaii. Wake, Midway, and Guam: Situation is still obscure with air raids reported in progress. Malaya: The Japanese have landed about three divisions north of Kota Baru. Heavy resistance by British continues. Hong Kong: The British are holding against Japanese attacks.

II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: There is no change in the situation on the Russian front. Because of lack of information, no situation map will be issued today.

Air: In the Kalinin sector, Russia claims that one Soviet air unit destroyed 600 Nazi soldiers and considerable material of war in a single day of fighting.

III. Western Theater.

Air: According to the British Air Ministry, the fact that the Russians now claim air superiority over the entire Soviet-German battle front is considered by some quarters in London to be a bad sign, as it is thought that the Germans may be withdrawing planes from Russia for a renewal of heavy assaults on England.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: Axis withdrawal northwest from El Adem and Dir El Gobi continues. British Army maintaining contact with Armored Car Patrols and small task forces. Axis rear guards have thus far prevented large-scale pursuits and are effectively covering withdrawal. German High Command has admitted defeat in northern Africa. Axis now holds only three points in frontier area: Halfia, Bardia, Mizwet, El Gherbiya.

Air: A British cruiser was hit in an attack by Axis torpedo-carrying planes during the shelling of the Libyan port of Derna by British naval units yesterday.
General withdrawal of Axis forces continues. British pursuit has begun to develop in some strength around Tobruk. German High Command has admitted defeat in North Africa. Axis resistance in frontier now limited to three points.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.


II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Germans and Russians claim local actions only along the general front.

The Russians have recaptured Tikhvin (110 miles east of Leningrad). Fighting at Kalinin and Tula is reported.

III. Western Theater.

No reports received.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Axis forces have successfully accomplished a general withdrawal to the westward of Tobruk. While scattered pockets of Axis resistance still exist, the area between Tobruk and Bardia has been generally evacuated. Gambut and El Adem have been occupied by the British. Axis rear guards and air forces have been effective in preventing large-scale British pursuit.

Air: British planes raided Sicily again last night, bombing the city of Trapani. Only minor damage was said to have been caused.
Axis rear guards west of Tobruk have given way. British officer column has penetrated to Ain el Halfa. The situation is confused. The number of Axis troops left behind in this withdrawal is at present unknown. Failing has been heard from Allied forces in the El Ala area.
M.I.D. W.D.
RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION
11 A.M. Dec. 10

LEGEND
Front Line
Front Line, Dec. 9
German
Russians
Bombings
Direction of Attack

SCALE

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS
Russians claim recapture of TIKHVIN.
ACTION
(See encircled numbers on map)
1. Russian attacks at KALININ,
2. Russian attacks at TULA.

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Distribution
THE PRESIDENT
Secretary of War
Chief of Staff
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State Department
Distribution "A"
Pursuit of Axis forces continues. Axis material and personnel losses have been heavy. Axis rear guard at Gassa has been bypassed.
SITUATION REPORT

I. Pacific Theater.


II. Eastern Theater.

Ground: The Finns claim the capture of Povenets located on the northeast shore of Lake Onega.

The Russians claim local successes southwest and south of Moscow. The Germans claim extreme cold has stopped operations.

III. Western Theater.

Air: The R.A.F. made daylight sweeps across northern France yesterday, with several losses admitted. The day raids followed others on western France and the railway centers of Aachen the night before.

IV. Middle Eastern Theater.

Ground: German armored forces have apparently withdrawn northwestward after recent combat with British in Bir el Gobi area. German armored forces were not destroyed, nor is there evidence of British pursuit. British armored units severely depleted. Axis forces in frontier area still hold out.

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