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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ACNB MELBOURNE		OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0247			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WHITTAKER/ORMOND/LYNCH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

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TEXT (DIGEST FROM ACNB MELBOURNE)

- 12 BOMBERS EITHER T98 OR T99 AND 8 ZERO FIGHTERS ATTACKED 7 MILES AERODROME PORT MORESBY 2258Z 2ND DESTROYED 35 DRUMS FUEL. 10 P39'S INTERCEPTORS 1 MISSING. 2 AIRCRAFT DAMAGED ON GROUND 3 ENEMY BOMBERS BELIEVED DESTROYED, 1 ZERO SHOT DOWN.
- (2) 1 B17 ATTACKED SHIPPING IN RABAUH HARBOUR AT 1740Z 2ND ANOTHER AT 1830Z. PROBABLE HITS ON 2 SHIPS. FIRST ATTACK ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE VERY INACCURATE 2ND HEAVY AND ACCURATE.
- (3) TULAGI ^(Florida Id. in Solomons) REPORTS SOME ENEMY VESSELS DEPARTED WESTWARDS 0745Z 3RD. 1 VESSEL VICINITY SAVO ^(near Florida Id.) ISLAND THROUGHOUT 3RD MAY. SERIAL 103 MAY 3RD FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM.
- (4) B25 ON RECCE ATTACKED 3RD MAY BY 4 ENGINED FLYING BOATS OVER NORTH WEST CORNER OF BOUGAINVILLE AND SLIGHT DAMAGED. ENEMY AIRCRAFT BADLY DAMAGED.
- (5) ENEMY REPORT 27 IN HARBOR INLAND FROM LAE. ENEMY FIGHTER RESEMBLING ME 109'S OVER LAE 28TH APRIL.

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TEXT (6) SMALL UNIDENTIFIED SILVER AIRCRAFT DIVED ON ALLIED VESSEL
 IN POSITION 015-15 SOUTH 110-45 EAST AT 1915Z 2ND.
 (7) REFERENCE SERIAL 102.
 10 AIRCRAFT OVER WYNDHAM IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY. ADMTY
 NUMBER 126.

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FROM <u>A.C.N.B. (Melbourne)</u>	FOR ACTION	DIGEST	PP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>3 MAY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>031632</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>MR EDMUNDS/ORMOND</u>			ROUTINE
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TEXT

(DIGEST FROM A.C.N.B.)

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AIRCRAFT, SIGHTED 2 LARGE 3 SMALL VESSELS BETWEEN GATUKAI AND ETIPARI ISLANDS (SOLOMON IS.) A.M. 2ND MAY. COAST WATCHERS REPORT 3 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS 1 POSSIBLY ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER 2 SMALL OFF SANTA ISABEL ISLANDS 0530Z 2ND WHICH LATER HEADED TULAGI.

2.6 AIR RAIDS ON TULAGI 1929Z/2ND FIRST TO 0615Z 2ND. 1 BY 3 T95 RECONNAISSANCE FLOAT PLANES OTHERS BY 3T 97 RECONNAISSANCE FLOAT PLANES. ALL PERSONNEL EVACUATED 2335Z 1ST EXCEPT SIGNAL STAFF NO COMMUNICATION SINCE 0825Z 2ND. SERIAL NO. 142 FROM C W R MAY 2ND

3. AIRCRAFT SIGHTED ENEMY SUBMARINE 07-53 SOUTH 153-33 EAST 2ND MAY.

4. ENEMY SUBMARINE REPORTED 2ND MAY 22-10 SOUTH 157-08 EAST, COURSE SOUTH GRADE B 2.

5. 7B26 ATTACKED SHIPPING RABAU 0020Z 2ND. HITS ON BUILDINGS-WHARVES. DIRECT HIT ON 1 TRANSPORT 3 NEAR MISSES ON ANOTHER. 2 ZEROS SHOT DOWN 4 DAMAGED. 1B26 MISSING. 1 LIGHT CRUISER 1 DESTROYER

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TEXT

- 19 TRANSPORTS OBSERVED IN AREA.
- 6.6 PROBABLY SUBMARINE CHASERS SIGHTED ALEXISHAFEN (NEW GUINEA) 1ST MAY.
- 7.7 MILE AERODROME PORT MORESBY ATTACKED 2ND MAY BY 15 ZERO FIGHTERS 2 DESTROYED 1 PROBABLY DESTROYED, 2 DAMAGED. 1 (?) 40 DESTROYED 2 DAMAGED.
- 8. ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE 2ND MAY OVER PORLOCK HARBOUR (NEW GUINEA) PORT LUCINA AND MEGOURA (QUEENSLAND) .
- 9. AIRCRAFT GIVING TOWNSVILLE FIGHTERS SECTOR'S CALL SIGN REQUESTED TOWNSVILLE WEATHER. AIRCRAFT'S CALL SIGN NOT KNOWN INFORMATION NOT GIVEN.
- 10. UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT 2ND MAY OVER BROOME AND WYNDHAM (?).

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DATE 29 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1158			PRIORITY
DECODED BY WHITTAKER/EDMUNDS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

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TEXT

DIGEST FROM ACNB (MELB).

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7 MILES AERDROME PORT MORESBY ATTACKED 0058Z 28TH BY 8 HEAVY BOMBERS AND AT LEAST 7 "ZERO" FIGHTERS. RUNWAYS DAMAGED SMALL FUEL DUMPS DESTROYED. 6 P40'S INTERCEPTED 2 CRASHED 1 BADLY DAMAGED. 1 ENEMY BOMBER PROBABLY DESTROYED 1 DAMAGED. 1 ZERO FIGHTER RECONNOITERED AERDROME 0400Z.

(2) AIRCRAFT SIGHTED ENEMY SUB APPROXIMATE 009-36 S 147-15 EAST AT 0120Z 28TH. SERIAL NUMBER 98 FROM CWR APRIL 28TH.

(3) 6 B 17'S ATTACKED LAE AERDROME AT 0300Z 28TH. DIRECT HIT ON BUILDINGS AND POSSIBLY AMMUNITION DUMP. NO ENGAGEMENT. APPROXIMATELY 15 FIGHTERS 15 BOMBERS OBSERVED ON AERDROME DURING PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE AT 0400Z.

(4) HITHERTO NOT SIGHTED BY ARMY RECONNAISSANCE 27TH APRIL SALAMOA AREA. ADMTY NUMBER 56.

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FROM	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 28 APRIL 42			ROUTINE
DATE 1451/28	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM ATKIN/LOVELL			PRIORITY
DECODED BY GILKER			ROUTINE
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 TEXT (DIGEST FROM AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD)

DARWIN AERODROME ATTACKED 0237Z 27TH BY 17 HEAVY BOMBERS 9 ZERO FIGHTERS. BUILDINGS ROADWAYS POWER LINES SEVERELY DAMAGED FEW CASUALTIES. P40'S INTERCEPTED 1 SHOT DOWN 3 MISSING. ENEMY LOST 3 BOMBER'S CERTAIN 4 ZERO'S CERTAIN, 2 PROBABLE.

(2) 3 B17 ATTACKED CONVOY CONSISTING OF 3 TRANSPORTS 2 DESTROYERS 2 POSSIBLE SUBMARINES APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES SOUTH EAST OF KAVIENG HEADING FOR RABAU AT 2205Z 26TH. 1 DIRECT HIT AND 5 NEAR MISSES ON 6000 TON TRANSPORT, POSSIBLE NEAR MISSES ON ANOTHER TRANSPORT. 1 TRANSPORT SIGHTED 25 MILES TO SOUTH HEADING FOR RABAU 2 TRANSPORTS 003-57 SOUTH 150-15 EAST.

(3) AIRCRAFT ON RECONNAISSANCE CAPE GLOUCESTER (NEW BRITAIN) TO KAVIENG ON 27TH APRIL REPORT 2 SINGLE FREIGHTERS AND 3 IN COMPANY PROCEED RABAU. TRANSPORT 8/12000 TON IN PALMER HARBOUR DYAUL ISLAND. ALL CONSIDERED ADDITIONAL TO SHIPS IN PARAGRAPH 2. NO AIRCRAFT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED CAPE GLOUCESTER OR

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TEXT
KA VIENG AERODROME. SERIAL NUMBER 97 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM
APRIL 27TH.

(4) 2 CATALINAS ATTACKED (FAISISORRY) TWICE ON 27TH APRIL.
BUILDINGS AND WHARF POSSIBLY DAMAGED. NO SHIPPING OBSERVED.

(5) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER (MEGOURAQUAY)
0225Z 27TH AT 10000 FEET COURSE SOUTH EAST. ADMIRALTY NUMBER 36.

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DATE <u>APRIL 21, 1942</u>	FOR ACTION		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM <u>1935</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>EDMUNDS/WHITTAKER</u>	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CAMBRON</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

(DIGEST FROM ACNB)

SALAMADA AERODROME ATTACKED BY 5 AIRCRAFT AT 0035Z APRIL 20TH. DIRECT HITS ON BUILDINGS AND FUEL DUMPS CAUSING 2 FIRES. 1 HANGER COMPLETELY WRECKED. SMALL LAUNCH AND 4 FLYING BOATS OBSERVED IN HARBOR.

(2) ENEMY AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE OVER WIDE AREA EAST OF PORT MORESBY ON APRIL 20TH.

(3) NEW BRITIAN. JAPS ARE ENCOURAGING THE NATIVES TO RECOGNIZE AS DISTRICT OFFICER A SWEDE NAMED KYLLERT, STATIONED AT STOCKHOM (WEST COAST OF GAZELLE PENINSULA) AND MARRIED TO A GERMAN WOMAN.

THIS IS SERIAL NO. 90 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM APRIL 20TH. ADMIRALTY NO. 947.

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DATE <u>21 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>3657</u>		DECLASSIFIED JCS MEMO, 1-17-73 BY RT, DATE NOV 7 1973	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PINKUS GRAF</u>			ROUTINE
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TEXT

(CINC FAR EASTERN FLEET(BR) CINC EAST INDIES NZNB NAVY OFFICE
COMSWPAC NAVFORCES COMDESDIV 57 COMTASKFOR 17 CINCPAC CAPTAIN ON
STAFF COLOMBO BSO OPNAV USS BOISE USS PHOENIX FLAG OFFICER 2ND IN
COMMAND EASTERN FORCES(BR) HMS AMBASSADOR GRIFFIN FROM ACNB)

DISPOSITION MAIN ORDERED UNIT AUSTRALIAN STATION 21TH APRIL.
SYDNEY HMAS STUART HMAS WESTRALIA FRENCH LIGHT CRUISER LE TRIOMPHANT

USS WHIPPLE REFITTED HMAS CANBERRA HMAS HOBART REPAIRED NETHERLAND
CRUISER TROMP USS WILLIAM B PRESTON. DEPARTURE SYDNEY 18TH APRIL

FOR ESCORT DUTIES HMS ACHILLES. DUE SYDNEY 22ND APRIL FROM NOUMEA
HMAS AUSTRALIA HMS ADELAIDE USS J D EDWARDS. MELBOURNE HMAS KAN-

IMBLA HMS VENDETTA (DAMAGED) AND US OILER GEORGE C HENRY. DUE
21TH APRIL HMAS VOYAGER. BRISBANE US SHIP GRIFFIN, GOLD STAR, ROYAL

AUSTRALIAN FLEET AUXILIARY OILER KURUMBA. FREMANTLE USS BARKER
USS BULMER USS PARROTT USS PAUL JONES US DESTR. TENDER BLACKHAWK

USS OTUS AND OILER ERLING BROYIN (NOR) TRINITY. DEPARTURE FROM
FREMANTLE 15TH APRIL HMS ATHENE FOR TRINCOMALEE 18TH APR USS BOISE

FOR MELBOURNE 19TH APR USS PHOENIX FOR ESCORT DUTY. DUE FREMANTLE
21TH APR HMNZS MONOWAI USS JOHN D FORD. ALBANY US TENDER HERON US

TENDER HOLLAND. SHARK BAY US TENDER CHILDS. NOUMEA HMNZS LEANDER
USS CHICAGO USS PERKINS USS TANTIER ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY OILER

BISHOPDALE. DUE NOUMEA 23RD APRIL FROM WEST HMAS MANOORA USS ALDEN.
USS VILA USS LAMSON. HMAS BUNGAREE DUE PALM PASSAGE 21TH APRIL.

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TOR CODEROOM 1454/1425			PRIORITY
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TEXT

REAR ADMIRAL ROCKWELL IN GRIFFIN HAS THIS DATE ASSUMED
 COMMAND UNIT SAIL SUBMARINES EASTERN AUSTRALIA CONSISTING
 OF GRIFFIN TULSA SUBDIV 53 SUBDIV 201 IN ACCORDANCE
 COMMANDER ALLIED NAVAL FORCES SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
 ORDERS OF SIX APRIL

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DATE <u>10 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2120/9</u>	INFORMATION	ADMTY CINC PAC FLT COMANZAC	PRIORITY
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DEFENCES OF WELLINGTON

(A) THE FOLLOWING DEFENCES OF WELLINGTON ARE EITHER IN THE COURSE OF ERECTION OR APPROVED:

- (1) ANTI-BOAT PILE OBSTRUCTIONS BETWEEN HOPE SHOAL BEACON AND WARD ISLAND, AND BETWEEN WARD ISLAND AND ROBINSON BAY.
- (2) CONTROLLED MINEFIELD BETWEEN GORDON POINT AND HOPE SHOAL BEACON. (SUPPLIED FROM ALLOCATION ALREADY MADE BY ADMTY).
- (3) COMPLETE BOOM GEAR WITH GATE AND GATE VESSEL BETWEEN WARD ISLAND AND KAU POINT 500 YARDS NORTH OF (1) ABOVE.
- (4) 4 H.D.M.L.
- (5) 28 HEAVY A/A GUNS, 50 LIGHT A/A GUNS, 42 SEARCHLIGHTS.
- (6) 9 A.M.T.B. UNITS (1 TWIN 6 POUNDER, 4 TWIN 12 POUNDERS, 4 12 POUNDERS).

(B) IN VIEW OF -

- (A) GROWING IMPORTANCE AS COMMERCIAL PORT,
- (B) DOCK AND REPAIR FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR WARSHIPS.

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(C) POSSIBILITY OF AUCKLAND BEING OUT OF ACTION EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DUE TO ENEMY ACTION,

IT IS PROPOSED THAT DEFENCES SHALL BE FURTHER INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A/T NETS TO PROTECT FLOATING DOCK AND NAVAL OILING BERTH APPROXIMATELY 3.500 FEET.

(2) INDICATOR LOOPS IN MAIN CHANNEL-MATERIAL REQUIRED: PATTERN 1989 INDICATOR LOOP CABLES (76.5) MILES, PATTERN 13149 LOOPS 642 CABLES 3 MILES TYPE 802 1942 STATION WITH POWER SUPPLY (LESS HUTS) ONE IN NUMBER.

(3) 1 H.D.A. IN MAIN CHANNEL-MATERIAL REQUIRED: TYPE 131 H.D.A. INSTALLATION (LESS HUT) 1 IN NUMBER H.D.A. CABLE 3.0 MILES.

(4) 1 ADDITIONAL R.D.F. SET AT PENCARROW HEAD.

(5) ADDITIONAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES AMTB UNIT AND SEARCHLIGHTS. REQUIREMENTS TO BE SIGNALLED LATER.

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IT IS THE US POLICY THAT SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE
 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND MECHANICAL
 FACILITIES KEPT AT A MINIMUM AND THE MAXIMUM OF MATERIALS
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FROM COM SW PACFOR	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY RRRRRRR ROUTINE
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DATE 25 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION	COMANZACFOR HQ USMC WASHINGTON	PRIORITY RRRRRRR DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1729 / 1702			
DECODED BY BERRY / TIERS			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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TEXT

UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES WEST AUSTRALIA CENTERED GERALDTON
PERTH FREMANTLE ALBANY AREA ARE ASSUMING PROPORTIONS
REQUIRING SECURITY MEASURES WHICH WILL BE BEYOND OUR
PRESENT MEANS TO FURNISH EXCEPT BY SEA GOING PERSONNEL
WHICH CAN ILL BE SPARED ASHORE. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE OUT-
LYING AMMUNITION STORAGE, TORPEDO REPAIR WORK SHOP,
EXPENSIVE BASE FORCE SUPPLY STORAGE, OUTLYING RADIO
COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS AND CENTERS, REGISTERED
PUBLICATION ISSUING OFFICE, HEADQUARTERS OFFICES ASHORE.
AUSTRALIAN ARMY UNABLE PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY.
RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO EMPLOYMENT U.S.
MARINES FOR THIS PURPOSE IF SMALL DETACHMENTS CAN BE
OWXEH NOW OR IN NEAR FUTURE. A BATTALION IN THIS ENTIRE
AREA WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE PRESENT AND IF EQUIPTED
AS FLEET MARINE FORCE WOULD PROVIDE MOST WELCOME ADDITION
TO CARRISON THIS AREA.

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MYDIS 041551 ROYAL AIR FORCE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE HAS FURNISHED UNITED STATES ARMY WITH 680 TONS OF UNITED STATES NAVY AVIATION GAS EX DIPLONDON X UNFORMATION ADDS THAT AUSTRALIAN MINISTER IN WASHINGTON STATED ENTIRE DIPLONDON CARGO COULD BE USED FOR COMMON USE X ROYAL AIR FORCE HAS REPLIED THAT IT ASSUMES THAT COMMON USE PRINCIPLE IS NOW IN FORCE IN AUSTRALIA AND THAT ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE WILL ADEQUATELY PROVIDE FOR ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ROYAL AND UNITED STATES NAVIES XX HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH ADMIRALTY ADJUSTED REQUIREMENTS FUEL DIESEL AVIATION FROM COMMANDER SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

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CINC EAST INDIES, ADMTY, REAR ADM MALAYA, N.O. WELLINGTON,
 CINC CHINA, F.O.C. ANZAC SQD 953, NOIC SYDNEY, HMS CACHALOT,
 COMINCH, CINCPAC FROM A.C.N.B. MELBOURNE.

ARRIVALS FREMANTLE 2300Z 19TH NETHERLANDS SUB K-12
 ADMIRAL KOENRAAD ON BOARD AND MINESWEEPER ABRAM CRYNSSEN.
 ADMIRALTY NUMBER 559

NEARBY HUNTERS (HEAVY), ASCERTAIN FIRE ENGAGED EARLY AT APPROX-
 IMATELY 02,00Z FEB AND CLAYD ONE BOMBER. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES
 REPORTED. TARGET APPEARED TO BE THE HARBOUR AND CAMP STORE
 SHIP YANAKA.

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SERIAL NO. 58 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 19TH.

(I) AIR RAID DARWIN 0212Z 19TH BY 7 TYPE 96 HEAVY BOMBERS (NAVY). TARGET APPEARED TO BE NAVAL H.Q. AND RESIDENTIAL AREA. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO NAVAL QUARTERS. CASUALTIES 2 KILLED, FEW INJURED.

(II) RAID NUMBER 14 PORT Moresby 0005Z 19TH BY 6 TYPE 96 HEAVY BOMBERS (NAVY). ASCERTAIN FIRE ENGAGED ENEMY AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FEET AND CLAIM ONE BOMBER. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES REPORTED. TARGET APPEARED TO BE THE HARBOUR AND RAAF STORE SHIP VANAKA.

(III) FURTHER ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE OVER SOUTHEASTERN GUINEA.

(IV) ONE TYPE 97 FLYING BOAT MADE RECONNAISSANCE OVER BASE R (?) (Florida Is. - Solomons) AND TOWNSHIP TULAGI FROM 0050Z TO 0220Z 19TH AND CANNONED AND BOMBED CATALINA (So. Solomons) WITHOUT INFLECTING FURTHER DAMAGE. 2 BOMBS DROPPED ON FLORIDA ISLAND, NO DAMAGE.

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- (S.E. Java)
- (V) RAAF AIR RECONNAISSANCE (A) MADANG REVEALED PLACE DESERTED BUILDINGS DESTROYED HOLES ON RUNWAY NOT FILLED IN (B) LAE REVEALED 10 ZERO FIGHTERS & HEAVY BOMBERS ON THE GROUND. BUILDINGS APPEARED REBUILT AND DISPERSAL BAYS APPEARED SOUTH OF RUNWAY. (C) SALAMAUA PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES NO SHIPS IN HARBOUR NO AIRCRAFT, A/A FIRE OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
- (VI) COAST WATCHER REPORTED ENEMY BUILDING P BRIDGE OVER RIVER AT SALAMAUA.
- (VII) UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIP IS REPORTED NEAR TABAR ISLAND (NORTH OF NEW IRELAND) AT 0012Z 19TH.
- (VIII) (? TULAGI) JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT CONNECTED WITH AIR AND REPORTED IN MY SERIAL NO 57 IN OCEAN ISLAND AREA HAD PROCEEDED NORTH OF OCEAN ISLAND 10TH MARCH.

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(X) INDICATIONS THAT JAPANESE WARSHIP PROCEEDED SOURABAYA
AREA TO SUMBA AREA 18TH MARCH.

(X) JAPANESE MARU AUXILIARY WAS IN POSITION 015 DEGS SOUTH
121 DEGS EAST AT 0800Z 17TH.

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UNDERSTAND WEST POINT ARRIVING FREMANTLE TWO FIVE ¹¹⁻¹⁵ AMLE RETURNING
 US REQUEST ROUTING VIA MELBOURNE TO EMBARK CONVALESCENT AND OTHER
 NAVAL PERSONNEL ALSO CIVILIAN EVACUEES. ALSO SUGGEST CALLING
 WELLINGTON FOR AIR TRAINEES. REQUEST ADVICE ALSO DESTINATION.

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TEXT (RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM B.A.D.)

SERIES NO. 57 FROM C.W.R./18TH.

(1) TWO B-17'S ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPING RABAUH HARBOR BETWEEN 2300 Z 17TH AND 2325 Z 17TH. 8 500 POUND BOMBS DROPPED FROM 30,000 FEET. ONE DIRECT HIT ON STERN OF HEAVY CRUISER SMOKE (OBSERVED). THREE NEAR MISSES ON 2 LARGE SHIPS. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE INEFFECTIVE. TOTAL SHIPPING OBSERVED INCLUDED ONE HEAVY CRUISER ONE LIGHT CRUISER ONE DESTROYER 9 MERCHANT SHIPS. ALSO 6 FLYING BOATS IN HARBOUR 7 BOMBERS VUNAKANAU. ONE 6,000 TON VESSEL OFF CAPE ST. GEORGE HEADING RABAUH. (HEAVY) SHIP OBSERVED GASMATA.

(2) EXTENSIVE ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE PRACTICE NEW GUINEA AREA MARCH 18TH.

(3) 20 ZERO FIGHTERS COMPLETED THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE OF ISLANDS IN TORRES STRAIT INCLUDING HUELVA AND THURSDAY ISLAND BETWEEN 0300Z 18TH AND 0400Z 18TH. 9 FIGHTERS CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE WHILE OTHER 11 REMAINED FURTHER EAST. MERCHANT SHIP CANBERRA MACHINE GUNNED IN TORRES STRAIT ANZAC AREA 0415Z 18TH BUT PROCEEDING ON COURSE.

(4) THREE T-97 FLYING BOATS BOMBED TULAGI AT 2145Z 17TH ONE CATALINA DAMAGED. AT 0130Z 18TH 9 TWIN ENGINED BOMBERS ATTACKED SAME CATALINA AND DROPPED BOMBS ON TULAGI TOWN AND GAVUTU. NO DETAILS OF DAMAGE YET REPORTED.

(5) ENEMY NAVAL FORCE KESSA (BUKA). MY SERIES NO 56 DEPARTED MORNING OF 17 MARCH HEADING TOWARDS NISSAN.

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(6) 6 HUDSONS ATTACKED AERODROMES AT KOEPANG PRIOR TO DUSK 18TH MARCH. 16 BOMBS FELL ON TARGET. LARGE FIRES VISIBLE 50 MILES. EXTENSIVE A/A FIRE ENCOUNTERED. ONE HUDSON FAILED TO RETURN.

(7) NUMBER OF ENEMY A/C REPORTED OVER DARWIN AREA AT 0400Z 18TH NO ATTACK DEVELOPED.

(8) INDICATIONS THAT FLAGSHIP OF SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FLEET MOVING FROM SUMBA ISLAND AREA TO FLORES SEA AREA 17TH MARCH.

(9) UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT CONNECTED WITH AIR MOVES FROM MARSHALLS TO OCEAN ISLAND AREA 16TH MARCH.

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CASEY AUSTRALIAN LEGATION FROM EVATT DBE ARRIVE SANFRANCISCO FORE-
 NOON EIGHTEENTH. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR BOOKINGS ON AMERICAN AIR LINES.
 ANXIOUS CONTACT LEADING EXECUTIVES CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT WHOSE
 HEAD OFFICE SAN DIEGO AND EXPECIALLY DESIRE TO SEE ROGERS AND MCKNAKIN
 ON FERRYING. PLEASE ARRANGE THAT PRESIDENT SHALL GRANT ME OPPORTUNITIS
 SEE HIM IN BEHALF COMMONWEALTH THE FIRST POSSIBLE MOMENT AFTER ARRIVAL
 WASHINGTON.

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IMPORTANT. SERIAL NO. 55 FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM MARCH 16TH.

1.- DARWIN R.A.A.F. AERODROME RAIDED BY 3 14-T-96 HEAVY BOMBERS AT 0400Z/16TH. APPROXIMATELY 100 BOMBS DROPPED FROM 15,000 FEET. MOSTLY ANTI-PERSONNEL. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS. ONE HUDSON SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. CASUALTIES 2 SERVICE PERSONNEL KILLED 11 WOUNDED.

2.- UNIDENTIFIED MULTIEGINED AIRCRAFT RE-PORTED OVER KARUMBA (GULF OF CARPENTARIA) AT 2000Z/15TH.

3.- ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE SAMARAI IOMA AND PORT MORESBY AREAS 16TH MARCH.

4.- 8 ENEMY NAVAL UNITS REPORTED KESSA (BUKA) 15TH MARCH AS PER MY SERIAL 54 STILL THERE AT 0400Z/16TH.

5.- REFERENCE MY SERIAL 53 AIR RAID HUELVA ISLAND 14TH MARCH PILOT FROM MISSING U.S. FIGHTER NOW SAFE.

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6.- UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED FROM GROOTE EYLANDT AND ROPER RIVER (AIR STATION?) AREA (BOTH GUNNERY) 16TH MARCH.

7. MINES WITH JAPANESE MARKINGS REPORTED WASHED ASHORE AT MAPOON (WEST COAST CAPE YORK PENINSULA) GRADED C-3. INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING.

8.- INDICATION OF PORTION OF YOKOSUKA AIR SQUADRON WITH KAMO; IN NEW BRITAIN A-REA.

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TEXT

NOW IN PORT DARWIN NUMBER SUNKEN VESSELS SALVAGEABLE WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY. ORIGINATOR ALUSNA MELBOURNE. WHOLE JAPANESE AIR ~~FREE~~ FREE TO ATTACK UNMOLESTED. LOOKING FUTURE HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGE WORK ON A LARGE SCALE WITH E.M. GRIMM OF LUZON STEVEDORING CO. OF MANILA. HE THINKS PROBABILITY MAKING SUNKEN SHIPPING AGAIN AVAILABLE QUITE FEASIBLE. THIS SALVAGE ORGANIZATION TO FOLLOW AN OFFENSIVE. EQUIPMENT FOR THIS MUST BE PROVIDED AND ASSEMBLED IN U.S.

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DIGEST:

FROM AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD. SERIAL NUMBER 52 FROM CWR
13TH MARCH.

- (1) ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE MELVILLE ISLANDS AND DRIPSTONE CAVE 7
MILES EAST DARWIN APPROXIMATE 1400Z 13TH BY 1 AIRCRAFT.
- (2) ONE B-17 ATTACKED VUNAKANAU AERODROME RABAU AT 2035Z 12TH.
DIRECT HIT ONE AIRCRAFT 2 MORE PROBABLY DESTROYED ON GROUND SOME
DAMAGED RUNWAY. NEW BUILDINGS OBSERVED WEST SIDE RUNWAY 1 LARGE
TRANSPORT AT WHARF. 3 LARGE VESSELS (PROBABLY CRUISERS) 10 SMALL
VESSELS (SOME PROBABLY DESTROYERS) IN HARBOR. 1 DESTROYER ENTERING
HARBOR. 10 AIRCRAFT NEAR RUNWAY VUNAKANAU. SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT
VICINITY LAKUNAI.
- (3) ONE HUDSON ATTACKED GASMATA AERODROME 2100Z 12TH NO AIRCRAFT ON
AERODROME. DISPERSAL BAYS OFF RUNWAY BOMBED. RESULTS NOT OBSERVED.
VERY HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE ENCOUNTERED.

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- (4) ONE DESTROYER ONE LARGE TRANSPORT OBSERVED 65 MILES SOUTH OF GASMATA AT 2300Z 12TH COURSE EASTNORTH EAST.
 - (5) FIVE ZERO FIGHTERS ATTACKED AERODROME AT PORT MORESBY AT 2234Z 12TH WITH MACHINE GUNS AND CANNON FIRE. 1 CIVIL AIRCRAFT DESTROYED. ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT POSSIBLY DESTROYED.
 - (6) NO SHIP OBSERVED GASMATA AT 2300Z 12TH.
 - (7) UNKNOWN JAPANESE NAVAL UNITS MOVED RABOUL AREA TO POSITION NORTH OF SUKA ISLAND 12 TH MARCH.
- ADMTY NUMBER 427.

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ADEQUATE AND IMMEDIATE AIR COVERAGE FOR DARWIN AREA IMPERATIVE. FIGHTERS WITH DIVE BOMBERS FOR DEFENSE. HEAVY LONG RANGE HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBERS AGGRESSIVELY USED FOR ATTACK ON ALL ENEMY BASES TO NORTHWARD AND BASED WELL TO REAR OF DARWIN WILL DELAY AND MAY PREVENT ATTACK UNTIL FIGHTERS AND DIVE BOMBERS ARE AVAILABLE. ESTIMATE THAT TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS CAN OCCUPY AREA FROM ~~BLOUIN~~ TO DARWIN IN FIVE DAYS WITH PRESENT SETUP. *Bloome?*

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GENERAL BRETT HAS RECOMMENDED TO WAR DEPARTMENT THAT TWELVE ARMY B SEVENTEEN BOMBERS NOW IN AUSTRALIA BE PLACED UNDER HIS COMMAND FOR BETTER HANDLING OF MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING AND FOR DIRECTION IN PERFORMANCE OF URGENT TASKS X PARAPHRASED REPLY OF WAR DEPARTMENT TO BRETT FOLLOWS QUOTE NAVAL FORCES IN SOUTH PACIFIC ARE OPERATING OFFENSIVELY TO CHECK JAPANESE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH CONTROL NORTHEAST AUSTRALIA AND ADJACENT ISLANDS COMMA AND FOR PROTECTION OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA X THESE NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE AND FOR SUCCESS IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY HAVE ADEQUATE LONG RANGE AIR RECONNAISSANCE AND BOMBER SUPPORT X ARMY B SEVENTEEN SQUADRON IN TOWNSVILLE AND NAVY VPB SQUADRON IN NOUMEA WERE SENT DOWN TO PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT X IN ORDER TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS ARMY PLANES MENTIONED IN YOUR FIVE SEVENTY ARE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR

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COMMAND X YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO NAVAL FORCES
 YOUR AREA MAXIMUM SUPPORT PRACTICABLE AND YOU WILL
 ARRANGE OPERATIONAL DETAILS WITH ADMIRAL LEARY UNQUOTE X
 COMINCH AND CHIEF OF STAFF ARMY BOTH DESIRE CLOSEST
 POSSIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN YOU AND BRETT FOR THE
 EFFICIENT EXECUTION OF YOUR COMMON TASKS AGAINST THE
 ENEMY X AS THE TIMING OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY
 DEPENDS ON ADEQUATE AIR COVERAGE IT IS NECESSARY FOR YOU
 AND BRETT TO SEE TO IT THAT AIR OPERATIONS ARE
 COORDINATED WITH NAVAL OPERATIONS ACCORDINGLY

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FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM, MARCH 10TH.

(1) ENEMY REPORTED LANDED FINSCHAFFEN AT 0400Z/10.

(2) 10TH. AIR RAID PORT MORESBY BY 7T 97 HEAVY BOMBERS IN 2 V FORMATIONS AT 0200Z/10. AERODROME ATTACKED, 20 BOMBS DROPPED ON SOUTH EAST END OF RUNWAY.

(3) 6 SINGLE-ENGINE MONOPLANES RECONNOITRED DARWIN AREA AT 0153Z/10. AIRCRAFT FORCED TO 25,000 FEET BY OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. NO ATTACK DEVELOPED.

(4) 3 ENEMY MONOPLANES BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED LORENGAU (MAY ISLAND) AT 0130Z/10. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. ISLAND THOROUGHLY RECONNOITRED.

(5) 1 HUDSON MACHINE-GUNNED 1 T 97 FOUR-ENGINE FLYING BOAT ON WATER OFF GASHATA AT 2230Z/9. PIPES STARTED.

(6) 8 U.S. FLYING FORTRESS AIRCRAFT DROPPED 68 BOMBS ON ENEMY SHIPPING AT SALAMOA HARBOUR AT 0115Z/10. PRELIMINARY

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- REPORTS REVEAL 8 TRANSPORTS (INCLUDING 1 VERY LARGE) WERE HIT, 4 OBSERVED BURNING, 1 BEACHED, 1 SINKING.
- (7) 1 HUDSON BOMBED TRANSPORT ENTRANCE TO SALAMOA HARBOUR AT 0723Z/10. SCORED 1 NEAR MISS.
 - (8) 1 HUDSON DROPPED 8 BOMBS ON CENTRE RUNWAY SALAMOA AERODROME AT 0720Z/10.
 - (9) 1 HUDSON ATTACKED DESTROYER AND TRANSPORT HANISCH HARBOUR AT 2345Z/9. SCORED 2 NEAR MISSES.
 - (10) RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT REPORTED 2 CRUISERS 3 DESTROYERS 2 LARGE TRANSPORTS ENTERING LAE AT 2050Z/9 ALSO 1 TRANSPORT AT ANCHOR.
 - (11) ALL OUR AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY FROM ABOVE OPERATIONS.
 - (12) SINGLE-ENGINEED FLOAT PLANES MACHINE-GUNNED BUNA AT 0012Z/10.

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This message is for General Marshall.

A tendency among the United Nations to place the blame on each other has already resulted from the fall of the Dutch East Indies. An exaggerated impression of the amount of possible and promised assistance is the main basis for some recrimination against the U. S. which has already appeared, in spite of the fact most of the blame will fall on the British. In order to avoid the kind of troubles experienced in France by General Pershing, all executive branches of the U. S. government must cooperate. The difficulties which are likely to crop up among Allies when their activities are not successful must be clearly realized.

Until the accuracy of the facts can be ascertained by questioning and inquiry, I strongly urge the War Department not to accept or sympathize with any reports as unwarranted as in the Eubenks case. That a noteworthy contribution to the defense of the Dutch East Indies was made by Eubenk and his associates in both effectiveness and gallantry and that jealousy inspired Van Oyen's report is indicated by my personal knowledge and additional inquiry. By encouraging mutual bitterness such as we labored under in the last war and must certainly evade this time, immeasurable future harm may be done to our cause and our Alliances if the value of contributions such as in the Eubenks case are not realized.

The withholding of news releases or public statements which will raise false hopes in Australia is also strongly urged. A realistic policy regarding broadcasts and newspapers, with a complete understanding of the time necessary to transport supplies and soldiers and to train and equip units for battle even following their reaching Australia, will, I trust, be taken by all government departments. When the current censorship on news concerning the existence of U. S. forces in Australia is lifted by the War Department, we will try as best we can to lead and control news releases from this theatre in accordance with the above thoughts.

Reports of "forces pouring into the southwest Pacific" have been headlined by morning newspapers in Melbourne since I wrote the above. When you consider that our combat forces consist of the following units at present, it is my opinion that future troubles may result from the kind of publicity from America of which these reports are examples:

c a. Two Antiaircraft Regiments, one Aircraft Warning Battalion

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and 3 partly trained and equipped Field Artillery Battalions, all of which may require more than 30 days to dispose.

b. One Dive Bomber Squadron, one Heavy Bomber Squadron and one Fighter Group, all of which are under my command and ready for combat except that only 50% of the fighters are manned by personnel properly trained for battle.

A false impression is gained here from such news releases from America. Hence, I recommend that the release in America or for forwarding outside of America of any reports implying or (reference G-2 cable No. 983) regarding the presence in Australia of U. S. forces be forbidden by the Office of the Censor in Washington until the general censorship is raised.

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DIGEST FROM ACNB MELBOURNE SERIAL NUMBER 48 FROM 09Z MARCH 9TH.

(1) 9TH AIR RAID PORT MORESBY BY 11 T97 HEAVY BOMBERS AT 0100Z 9TH. ~~0100Z~~ AERODROME ATTACKED SLIGHT DAMAGE SOUTH EAST END OF RUNWAY. ONE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY BOMBED 1 AIRCRAFT NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

(2) AIR RECONNAISSANCE BY ONE HUDSON 9TH MARCH REVEALED (A) RABAU 8 TRANSPORTS IN HARBOR ONE MOVING OUT. ONE CRUISER SOUTH EAST END OF HARBOR WITH ONE TANKER IN VICINITY. 19 TWIN ENGINED BOMBERS ON

(2) UNAKANAU AERODROME NEAR RUNWAY. FOUR FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION BUT WERE EVADED.

(8) GASVATA NO SHIPPING SIGHTED 2 FIGHTERS ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION BUT WERE EVADED.

(3) NO FURTHER INTELLIGENCE REGARDING ENEMY FORCE AT SALAMOA AND LAE. 1 DESTROYER REPORTED AT 2200Z 8TH OFF SALAMOA PROCEEDING SOUTHEAST

ALONG COAST AND 1 SHIP STATIONED OFF HANISCH HARBOR (NORTHEAST OF SALAMOA).

(4) ENEMY SUBMARINES REPORTED POSITION 28-49 SOUTH 155-03 EAST AT 0010Z 8TH GRADE 02. *East Coast of Australia.*

(5) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED SOUTH OF NAVRU TRAVELLING SOUTHWEST AT 0012 8TH.

(6) JAPANESE SEAPLANE CARRIER KAMOI DISBURSING IN RABAU AREA PROBABLY SLIGHTLY EAST RABAU AND IS IN COMPANY CINC 4TH FLEET FLAG OFFICER

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MANDATED AIR FORCE C.O. 17TH AIR SQUADRON AND TWO OTHER AIR UNITS. ADMIRALTY NUMBER 352.

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPNAV FROM SYDNEY

DATED MARCH 10 1942 RECD 12:45 AM

SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

135 MARCH 10 10 PM

MASTER OF AMERICAN VESSEL OPERATING UNDER ORDERS UNITED STATES
ARMY REPORTS AS DESERTERS EIGHT MEN WHO LEFT SHIP DURING BOMBING
DARWIN AND CAME BY LAND TO MELBOURNE. URGENT REQUEST AUTHORIZATION
TO CHARGE SOME GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATION WITH ANY NECESSARY
EXPENSES CONSULS OR AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES MAY INCUR FOR MAINTENANCE
AND RETURN OF ANY SEAMEN TO THEIR OWN OR OTHER AMERICAN SHIPS OR
TO UNITED STATES WHETHER THEY BE CITIZENS ALIENS DESERTERS OR
OTHERWISE.

EXPENSES OF MERCHANT SEAMEN WILL USUALLY BE MET BY
AGENTS BUT THIS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE AND IMPERATIVE
WE BE ABLE TO ACT PROMPTLY REGARDLESS OF STATUS OF VESSEL OR MEN.

WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS WILL BE BILLED COST OF HANDLING
MEN FROM SOME PUBLIC SHIPS AND ARMY MAY BE ABLE WHEN NECESSARY TO
CARE FOR SOME MERCHANT SEAMEN UNTIL OTHER SHIPS AVAILABLE.

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TOR CODEROOM <u>1327/1405</u>	INFORMATION	COM S.W. PACFOR C.N.O. CHIEF OF STAFF ARMY	OP OP OP OP
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MAKE APPROPRIATE AND URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO AUSTRALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND TO US ARMY AUTHORITIES IN AUSTRALIA THAT CONTINUANCE OF US NAVAL OPERATIONS IN ABDA AREA IS PREMISED ON USE OF FREMANTLE AS OPERATING BASE WHICH ACCORDINGLY REQUIRES SUITABLE LOCAL DEFENSE PRIMARILY AGAINST AIR ATTACK.

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(OPNAV FROM ALUSNA MELBOURNE)

YOUR 042230. THESE SHIPS LOADED WITH TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT FOR NOUMEA. REFERENCE MY 020435 DOES YOUR MESSAGE MEAN THEY ARE TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA FOR HOMEWARD LOADING. URGENT INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

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TEXT YOUR 231502Z TO COMINCH. AFTER FULL EXCHANGE OF INFO WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE HERE AND SPENAVO IT HAS BEEN DEFINITELY ASCERTAINED THAT SUFFICIENT FUEL IS PROGRAMMED TO MEET ALL KNOWN REQUIREMENTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AREAS THROUGH APRIL. THIS EXCLUSIVE OF ACTION INDICATED MY 031645 BY WHICH YOUR NEEDS WILL BE MET INDEPENDENTLY COMMENCING EARLY APRIL. ASSUME FIFTEEN THOUSAND TONS MONTHLY REQUIRED BY YOU IS ONLY FOR US PORTION PRESENT ANZAC FORCE. IF INCORRECT PLEASE ADVISE WITH DETAILS. DUE LENGTH OF TIME NECESSARY TO LAY DOWN SUPPLIES THE SMALL SHORE STORAGES AVAILABLE AND CRITICAL SHORTAGE TANKERS ALL THEATRES ESSENTIAL THAT FUEL ESTIMATES SUBMITTED BE ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. IN GIVING BRITISH INFO REGARD US CARGO SHIP AND TRANSPORT BUNKER REQUIREMENTS ASSUMPTION MADE THESE OFFTAKES ALL TO BE FROM AUSTRALIA PROPER. THESE VESSELS SHOULD THEREFORE NOT REPLENISH BUNKERS IN NEW ZEALAND UNLESS URGENTLY NEEDED.

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FROM 18 SOMSOUWESPAC ARRIVED PERTH AND HAS SET UP HEADQUARTERS
 THERE X BASE FORCE ESTABLISHED FREEMANTLE X SHIPS
 IN PORT HOLLAND SCULPIN STUR^{CE} SNAPPER TANKER
 WITH GED HENRY XX OTHERS ENROUTE AT VARIOUS
 PORTS AND WILL BE FOR OTHER PORTS AS REQUIRED BY
 ARMY. For ACTION SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH LOCAL ARMY

ARMY COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM FOR EFFICIENT AND
 ECONOMIC USE OF SHIPPING WITH EXCEPTION OF VESSELS BOUND
 TO BARBOUR COAST TO NAVY OR NAVY TO UNITED STATES
 SHIPPING OR US CONTROLLED SHIPPING WILL BE UNDER DIRECTION OF
 NAVY SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION. UNLESS TICK X BY TERRY AND
 FOR THE VISION REGARDING MILITARY PERSONS WITH TICKS AND OTHER

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YOUR 190610. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BROWN BEING ISSUED BY WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION. HIS HEADQUARTERS BEING CHANGED TO MELBOURNE. FUEL AND BUNKER REQUIREMENTS BEING COORDINATED WITH BRITISH. SHIPS WITH ARMY CARGO SHOULD BE DISCHARGED AT VARIOUS PORTS AND OR RELOADED FOR OTHER SOWESPAC PORTS AS DESIRED BY ARMY. SUCH MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH LOCAL ARMY AUTHORITIES AND WITH BROWN TO ACCOMPLISH PROPER EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL USE OF SHIPPING. WITH EXCEPTION OF VESSELS OWNED OR BAREBOAT CHARTERED TO ARMY OR NAVY ALL UNITED STATES SHIPPING OR US CONTROLLED SHIPPING WILL BE UNDER DIRECTION OF WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION. CANCELLATION M MY 161800 ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION REGARDING AMERICAN PIONEER LINE AGENTS AND OTHER SIMILAR CASES. REGARDING LANDS CABLE DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO WAS STATE.

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RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE <u>3 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1327/3</u>				PRIORITY
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DISPOSITION OF MAIN NAVAL UNITS AUSTRALIAN STATION 2ND MARCH.
AT SYDNEY (NSW) HMAS ~~EXHIBIT~~ BUNGAREE RAFA KRUMBA

REFITTING HMAS CANBERRA, HMAS VOYAGER, HMAS KANINGLA
DEPARTURES FROM SYDNEY HMS WARSPITE 26TH FEBRUARY FOR FREEMANTLE HNZS

MONOWAI 26TH FEBRUARY FOR NOUMEA. HMAS WESTRALIA 1ST MARCH FOR BRISBANE.
AT MELBOURNE HONOLULU (US) HMAS STUART (REFITTING) HMS ATHENE DEPARTED

26TH FEBRUARY FOR FREEMANTLE. DEPARTURES FROM FREEMANTLE DUTCH CRUISER
TROMP. 27TH FEBRUARY FOR SYDNEY US OILER GEORGE HENRY 26TH FEBRUARY

DESTINATION UNKNOWN. FOLLOWING SHIPS ON PASSAGE TO FREEMANTLE - HMAS
ADELAIDE WITH HMAS VENETTA IN TOW DUE 4TH MARCH FROM INDIAN OCEAN US

S/T HOLLAND FROM EXMOUTH GULF. AT NORTH WEST CAPE EXMOUTH GULF US DESTROY-
ER TENDER BLACK HAWK. ONE USN DESTROYER DEPARTURE 26TH FEBRUARY DESTINA-

TION UNKNOWN ONE US DESTROYER 2 US SUBMARINES ON PASSAGE TO EXMOUTH GULF
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DESTROYERS. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF US SHIPS FROM BROOME 25TH FEBRUARY -
AIRCRAFT TENDER W.B. PRESTON SOUTHBOUND US A/C TENDER HERON DESTINATION

UNKNOWN 26TH FEBRUARY. MINELAYING FLOTTILLA DESTINATION UNKNOWN. AT
TOWNSVILLE RAN OILER BRITISH SAILOR. AT BRISBANE USS MUGFORD AND USS

JARVIS. AT NOUMEA HMAS AUSTRALIA, USS CHICAGO, US DESTROYER LAMSON AND
RAN TANKER FALKEJELL OCEAN ISLAND AREA F/S LE TRIUMPHANT

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SERIAL NO. 40 FROM OUR MARCH 1ST.

- (1) 5 HUDSONS ATTACKED GASMATA NIGHT 28TH FEBRUARY 4 250 POUND BOMBS EXPLODED ON RUNWAYS. 2 A/A GUNS NEAR WEST END OF RUNWAY. 1 SHIP OBSERVED IN HARBOUR.
- (2) 1 ENEMY FLYING BOAT OVER SALAMAUA 0043Z 1ST.
- (3) 9 HEAVY BOMBERS FLYING WEST FROM FINSCHAFEN 0122Z 1ST 4.
- (4) 4 HEAVY BOMBERS OVER SALAMAUA AT 0135Z 1ST COURSE SOUTH.
- (5) 1 SINGLE ENGINED UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT SIGHTED 50 MILES SOUTHEAST OF TANIMBAR ISLAND AT 0635Z 1ST.
- (6) QANTAS FLYING BOATS FROM JAVA OVERDUE (2) (2ND) FEARED LOST.
- (7) 3 DESTROYERS REPORTED IN MY SERIAL 38 AT (20035)Z 27 NOW DEFINITELY REPORTED AS BEING AT LANISSO BAY NEAR CAPE BOUGAINVILLE.
- (8) SUBMARINE REPORTED OFF DARNLEY ISLAND (TORNEO STRAIT) AT 0325Z 28TH, GRADING C.3.
- (9) CONVERTED CARRIER NITTA MARU AT TRUK 28/2.
- (10) CATALINA ATTACKED BUILDING ON VUNAKANAU AIRDROME (RABAU) NIGHT 27/28 FEBRUARY. 7 BOMBS DROPPED IN TARGET AREA. 1 VERY LARGE FIRE STARTED.

HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF LIGHT A/A FIRE WHICH CEASED AFTER BOMBS DROPPED. NO FIGHTERS ENCOUNTERED. ADMIRALTY NO.222

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Subject: Brief of Report from Brigadier
General Patrick J. Hurley.

Enclosed is a brief of a report to General George C.
Marshall from Brigadier General Patrick J. Hurley, sent
from Melbourne, Australia, on February 21, 1942.

Joseph T. McHarney
JOSEPH T. McHARNEY,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Acting Chief of Staff.

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BRIEF OF MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MARSHALL FROM GENERAL HURLEY, MELBOURNE,
FEBRUARY 21, 1942.

JAPANESE PLANS

These two opinions are held in high military circles in Australia:

- a. The object of Japanese activity in the East Indies is protection of the flank while they overrun Burma and penetrate India.
- b. The Japanese will make a general offensive against Australia and New Zealand.

JAPANESE ATTACKS

Attacks executed by the Japanese are preceded by careful reconnaissance and preparation. They have had air control and superiority in every attack. General Hurley saw 17 ships in the harbor at Darwin, none of them with steam up and all of them open targets, although the wharf could accommodate only four. The attack on Darwin came almost simultaneously with the alarm, and no patrol was up. First bombing was followed by low-altitude dive-bomber strafing, and the attacks were continued in quick succession until great damage had been done. A few airplanes left undamaged were not put into the air but were destroyed by another attack an hour later. General Hurley sustained no permanent injury. At Bali the United Nations were aggressive and made a remunerative aerial attack although overwhelming enemy forces later occupied the island.

ATTITUDE OF OUR FORCES

Although General Hurley found Australia very vulnerable in February, our own forces and those of our allies were inclined to be casual and carefree. The opposite attitude pertained in the East Indies.

CONCLUSIONS

The static defense concept appears to permeate all planning in Australia, but the war cannot be won by defense or by attempting to wear down an enemy whose strategy is positive. A mobile striking force with emphasis on air strength could change the situation rapidly.

"Assumption of the offensive need not wait on more men, tanks, planes, and guns. The offensive is not only a matter of men and material but a matter of mind - a state of mind that is prepared to fight from start to finish wherever contact is made with the enemy, and with whatever weapons are available."

General Hurley feels that General Brett is "a happy choice" for his difficult position.

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