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10:00 AM
3/3/42
TO
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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

PACIFIC

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From: Ft. Mills (Pro)
Filed: 3/3/42, 0950

Journal #1, 3/4/42

FT. MILLS
PRO

PRESS RELEASE FOR MARCH 3. NO CHANGE ON THE FRONT. WHEN THE HORDES OF THE NORTH SWEEP DOWN TO THE SOUTH LIKE WOLVES THE LEGEND OF JAPANESE MILITARY SUPERIORITY HAVE PRECEDED THEM. THE LEGEND WAS BUILT AROUND THE EMOTIONAL FANATICISM OF THE SAMURAI WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO INSPIRE SOLDIER TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE. FURTHERMORE THE DUAL CHARACTER OF THE EMPEROR AS MAN AND GOD WAS AN ADDED STIMULANT. THE INITIAL SUCCESSES OF THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BEAR OUT THE LEGEND BUT THE LEGEND IS NOW SHATTERED. THE SUPERIORITY OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MACHINE HAS BEEN REDUCED IN THE CRUCIBLE OF WAR. PHYSICAL CLASSES OF THE FRONT LINE FIGHTERS TELL THE STORY FILIPINOS AND AMERICANS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AND GREATLY OUTNUMBERED HAVE STOPPED AND THROWN BACK THE JAPANESE INFANTRY. THE JAPANESE SOL-

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(Journal #1, 3/4/42, Cont'd)

DIER EMERGES FROM THE SHATTERED LEGEND AS A MAN WITH FEET OF CLAY. WE HAVE SOME REVEALING STATISTICS ON PRISONERS OF WAR VIZ AVERAGE WEIGHT 125.8 LBS AVERAGE HEIGHT 5' 3", AVERAGE AGE 23.9 YEARS, THE YOUNGEST BEING 19 AND THE OLDEST 31, AVERAGE LENGTH OF MILITARY SERVICE 1 1/2 YEARS; THE INFANTRY FURNISHED 65% OF PRISONERS. THE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS SHOW A PREDOMINANCE OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL--70%--AND ABOUT 15% OF HIGH SCHOOL STANDARD. IN THE RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS FARMERS 30%, CLERKS 20%, MECHANICS AND TRADES 25%. THERE ARE RIBBON CLERKS, COOKS AND SUCH; THERE IS EVEN A WATER FRONT FISHBALL VENDER FROM OSAKA WHO KNOWS AND LIKES AMERICAN TOURISTS--AND THEY LIKE HIS FISHBALLS SO HE BOASTS. OF SUCH IS THE STUFF OUT OF WHICH THE SO CALLED JAPANESE SUPERMAN IS MADE.

PRO

From: Brett - S/O
Filed: 3/3/42, 2300

Journal #2, 3/4/42

BRETT
S/O

BRIEF MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO CASHING OF MONEY ORDERS AT APO USAFIA.

From: Brett - S/O
Filed: 3/4/42, 0020

Journal #3, 3/4/42

BRETT
S/O

RELAY OF MESSAGE REQUESTING FUNDS FOR AND STATING ACCOUNT OF J. D. LAHANIER (DISBURSING AGENT).

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #5, 3/4/42
Filed: 3/1/42, 0025

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF NAMED OFFICERS.

From: Brett - S/O
Filed: 3/3/42, 0020

Journal #6, 3/4/42

BRETT
S/O

MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES FOR POPPY FORCE AND PROMOTION OF NAMED OFFICERS.

From: MacMorland - Chungking Journal #7, 3/4/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 0700

MACMORLAND
CHUNGKING

MACMORLAND APPROVES PLAN FOR HAVING A SPARE PART SUPPLY POINT IN VICINITY OF BOMBAY.

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From: Brett - S/O
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Journal #8, 3/4/42

BRETT

IT IS REPORTED THAT ELECTRIC SIGHTS ARE NOT AS PRACTICAL AS IRON SIGHTS, POLMANO.

RECOMMENDS THAT CERTAIN NAMED ITEMS BE INCLUDED HERE-AFTER WITH CRATED AIRCRAFT BEING SENT FROM U.S.

From: Brett - S/O
Filed: 3/4/42, 1211

Journal #10, 3/4/42

BRETT
S/O

BRETT FEELS CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE EFFECT OF PRESS INFORMATION CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF FREE FRENCH ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC, U.S. REINFORCEMENTS FOR NEW CALEDONIA AND TRANSFER OF SW PACIFIC COMMAND TO MACARTHUR.

From: Emmons - Hawaii
Filed: 3/3/42, 10:46 A.

Journal #11, 3/4/42

EMMONS
HAWAII

INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED WITH RESPECT TO CODING.

From: Brett - Melbourne
Filed: 3/4/42, 1436

Journal #12, 3/4/42

BRETT
MELBOURNE

RECOMMENDS THAT LIGHTERS BE SENT TO MELBOURNE; FACILITIES FOR THEIR ASSEMBLY EXIST.

From: Emmons - Hawaii
Filed: 3/3/42, 1:35 P

Journal #13, 3/4/42

EMMONS
HAWAII

REQUEST FOR PORTABLE LANDING MAT MATERIAL FOR USE IN SURVEY OF ALTERNATE FERRY ROUTE.

From: PRO - Ft. Mills
Filed: 3/4/42, 0250

Journal #15, 3/4/42

FT. MILLS
PRO

PRESS RELEASE FOR MARCH 4. IN A SUDDEN AIR SURPRISE WE SWEEP SUBIC BAY DESTROYING MANY VESSELS INCLUDING ONE OF TWELVE THOUSAND TONS, ONE OF TEN THOUSAND TONS, ONE OF EIGHT THOUSAND TONS AND TWO MOTOR LAUNCHES OF ONE HUNDRED TONS EACH. MANY SMALLER CRAFT WERE DAMAGED AND LARGE FIRES STARTED ON THE DOCKS OF GRANDE ISLAND AND OLONGAPO FOLLOWED BY MANY HEAVY EXPLOSIVES.

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PACIFIC THEATER

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Journal #26, 3/4

From: BMY, COMINCH

OCT COSO/4 COM 14 Expect at LEAST 5 SUBS TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN SHORTLY. WILL PROBABLY BASE AT PENANG.

1 SS IN 25°N, 176°W, 1 SS IN 24°N, 169°W.

MAR 3 ALUSMA LONDON MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM COCOS IS. REPORTING ENEMY RAIDER ATTACKING, TIME 2058/3 (LET). CABLE COMMUNICATION WITH COCOS CRASHED.

MAR 3 BR. GOV/T LONDON COCOS IS. REPORT BY RADIO AT 2250/3 (LET) THAT STATION WAS HIT BY SHELL FIRE. DARKNESS PREVENTED IDENTIFICATION OF RAIDERS. IT IS HOPED TO ESTABLISH EMERGENCY CABLE COMMUNICATION ON MAR. 4.

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Journal #29, 3/4

From: FSS NAVY LIAISON (AIR SECT)

LARGE ENEMY FORCE REPORTED 180 MILES S. OF TJILATJAP. NAVAL DEFENSE OF JAVA, EXCEPT SUBS NOW IMPOSSIBLE. STOP ALL SHIPPING. U.S. FORCES EXCEPT SUBS ALSO WITHDRAWING. SURVIVORS OF LANGLEY SENT TO FREEMANTLE.

Filed: 12 noon 3/4

Journal #39, 3/4

From: NAVY WAR PLANS

1. FROM INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST 1 SUB SQUADRON (NO. 10) & POSSIBLY 2 SUB TENDERS ARE PROCEEDING TO THE INDIAN OCEAN VIA STRAIT OF MALACCA FOR OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA, BASING AT PENANG.
2. 10 ENEMY SUBS ARE BELIEVED NOW OPERATING IN PACIFIC. U.S.S. MILWAUKEE REPORTS SIGHTING 1 & POSSIBLY 2 ENEMY SUBS ON MARCH 2 AT POSITION 160 MILES NORTH OF GALAPAGOS IS.

Filed: 12:10 A 3/4

Journal #17, 3/4

From: ETO (GHC) WATKINS

RADIO INTERCEPT INDICATES SUB SIGHTED AT 26° 16' N,
80° 05' W HEADING SOUTH FROM A POINT 4 MILES OFF HILLSBORO
INLET.

Filed: 11:07 P 3/3

Journal #18, 3/4

From: ETO (GHC) WATKINS

SUB SIGHTED ON SURFACE AT 28° 44' N, 59° 15' W AT 0210
GMT. SIMILAR REPORT FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR 1001 GMT.

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Journal #30, 3/4

From: G-2 ETO, (GHC)

"SS NORWANTIC" RADIOT AT 0848 GMT THAT SHE WAS BEING
FOLLOWED BY SUSPICIOUS CRAFT AT 35° 30' N, 75° 20' W. THIS
INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO NOB, NORFOLK.

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Journal #39, 3/4

From: NAVY WAR PLANS

SUNK: SS ESSO COPENHAGEN, AT 2255 OCT FEB 25. POSITION
10° 32' N, 55° 20' W, OR 330 MILES NORTH OF CAYENNE, FRENCH
GUIANA.

G-2 Note: ONI STATES THAT 38 SURVIVORS OF THE ESSO
COPENHAGEN HAVE ARRIVED IN TRINIDAD.

Filed: 10:58 P 3/4

Journal #40, 3/4

From: ETO (GHC)

WATKINS

EASTERN SEA FRONTIER REPORTS SS GYPSUM PRINCE SUNK DUE TO
COLLISION. NO HURT ACTION INVOLVED. LOCATION GIVEN AS OFF
CAPE MENLOPEN, 30° TRUE BEARING, BRIGHTWATER LIGHT. VESSEL
SIGHTED STANDING IN BY N E C P, PHILADELPHIA SECTOR AT 1043
GMT TODAY. A FEW MINUTES LATER, BOARDING-BOAT DISCOVERED
ITS SURVIVORS ON LIFE RAFT. THE 69TH OBSERVATION SQUAD WAS
NOTIFIED AT 1200 GMT.

Filed: 2/2/42, 8:04 P.

Journal #58, 2/2

SAN JUAN

From: Collins, San Juan

PRIVATE ORR HELD FOR HOMICIDE, ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

From: Congdon - Montevideo

Journal #6, 3/3/42

CONGDON

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I.B. #4, 3/3/42

MONTEVIDEO

THE ALERT WAS PARTIALLY RELAXED TODAY BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE TROOPS HELD SINCE THE START OF THE COUP D'ETAT. POLICE LESS IN NUMBER, BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT COUP D'ETAT ACTION WAS SUCCESS UNLESS FOREIGN INFLUENCES COME IN THAT ARE NOW UNFORESEEN. AXIS PROPAGANDA ORIGINATING IN ARGENTINA IS ON INCREASE ACCORDING TO REPORT NOT YET CONFIRMED. BLADOMIR'S PROMISE OF ELECTION BELIEVED TO BE SINCERE.

From: Pratt - Port of Spain

Journal #16, 3/3/42

PRATT

Filed: 3/2/42, 7:00 P

PORT OF SPAIN

NEED SPECIAL TYPE RANGE FINDER FOR SINGLE STATION CONTROL.

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From: Bushner, Ft. Richardson
GENERATOR WAS LOST ON OLVEDON.

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From: Chaney, London

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LONDON

HAVE ACCEPTED BRIT. OFFER OF SPACE TO RETURN BY DIRECT
PLANE & RTG OFFICERS.

From: Chaney - London
Filed: 3/2/42, 7:15 P

Journal #2, 3/3/42

CHANAY
LONDON

REQUEST MODIFICATION OF ORDERS, CAPT. CASTLES, A.C. TO
READ, INVESTIGATE EFFICIENCY OF FOREIGN AIR CRAFT, AND
OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY AIR LINES.

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Journal #51, 3/2

From: Navy War Plans COMINCH

PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OF 1200 2/28 DISCLOSED TIRPITZ AT
AAS FJORD & 1 POCKET BATTLESHIP & 1 HIPPER CLASS CRUISER
IN LO FJORD.DECLASSIFIED
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KOUIBICHEV

From: Kouibichev - Michels

I.B. #48, 3/2

W.O. MAPS SHOW FOLLOWING FRONT LINE: TAG AN ROG, PAVLO-GRAD, KARKOV, SLIGHTLY EAST OF KURSK-ORTOL, KIROV, DOMOGOSUCH 50 KMS. S. OF VYAKNA, HALFWAY BETWEEN MOZNAISK-VYAKNA, KIROV, 30 KMS. E. OF KALIK ILUNI, KROLM AND AYK RUSSIA.

BELIEVE ABOVE IS AS OF FEBR 26. LIAISON OFFICER SAID INFORMATION OLD, EVADING MY INQUIRY.

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BERN

From: Legge, Bern

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EXCELLENT YUGOSLAV SOURCE CONFIRMED BY TURKISH STATES 4 ITALIAN DIVS ARE ENROUTE TO S. BALKANS AND 200 ITALIAN TRAINS BEARING TROOPS HAVE PASSED THRU HUNGARY, LIKELY ENROUTE TO THE UKRAINE. YUGOSLAVIA GARRISONS HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO PREVENT UPRISING DURING SPRING OFFENSIVE. RUMANIAN AND BULGARIAN PORTS ON BLACK SEA ACTIVE. 4 OR 5 DIVS REPORTED ENROUTE BALKANS FROM S. BAVARIA.

Filed: 3/2/42, 11:00 A.M.

Journals ----

HELSINKI

From: Schoenfeld, Helsinki THRU ST. DEPT.

I RECEIVED YESTERDAY AN INTIMATION THAT THE FINNS ARE SOON GOING TO BEGIN THEIR OFFENSIVE IN THE NORTH, PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE THE OCCUPATION OF SOROKKA, CUTTING OFF MURMANSK AND THE REMAINDER OF RUSSIA.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS THE RESULT OF A CONVERSATION WITH FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ERKKO.

Filed: 3/1/42, 9:00 A.M.

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BEIRUT

From: Engert, Beirut thru St. Dept.

IT IS REPORTED BY THE SOURCE GIVEN IN MY TELEGRAM NO. 40 DATED FEBR 18 THAT AT LEAST FOUR GERMAN DIVISIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY BULGARIAN AND HUNGARIAN DIVS. THE 1942 AND 1943 CLASSES HAVE BEEN CALLED UP IN THE RUMANIAN ARMY AND ALL RUMANIAN REGIMENTS HAVE GERMAN OFFICERS ATTACHED. BARGES WHICH CAN CARRY ABOUT TWO HEAVY TANKS AND ONE THOUSAND MEN EACH HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE GERMANS IN GREECE AND OTHER ARE BEING BUILT.

ENGERT

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BEIRUT

From: Engert, Beirut thru St. Dept.

GEN CATROUX FEELS THAT THE GERMANS WILL SOON OPEN THEIR CAMPAIGN IN THIS DIRECTION AND HE TOLD ME THAT HE FEARS THAT THE GERMANS MIGHT ATTACK SYRIA DIRECTLY BY SEA AND AIR WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH TURKEY. THE BRIT. WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BRING IN TROOPS IN ADDITION TO A NEW ZEALAND DIVISION WHICH HAS JUST ARRIVED. GEN. CATROUX WOULD LIKE TO SEE AMER TROOPS HERE FOR DEFENSE AGAINST THE COMING

CONTD.

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DRIVE AND HE ALSO THINKS THAT TWO OR THREE MORE ALLIED OR
BRITISH DIVS WOULD KEEP THE NATIONALISTS QUIET IN SYRIA.
THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN DAMASCUS IS DISTURBED BECAUSE OF
THE WEAKNESS OF THE ALLIES.

From: Waddell - Stockholm
Filed: 3/2/42, 1705

Journal #9, 3/3/42
I.R. #10, 3/3/42

WADDELL
STOCKHOLM

REPORTS TO SWEDISH INTELLIGENCE SHOW MOSCOW CORRECT
REFERENCING TO PLACES AND UNITS BUT WRONG ABOUT OPS. OR
LOSSES.

GERMAN 16TH ARMY NOT SURROUNDED. SOUTHERN OF TWO CON-
VERGING ATTACKS BROKE THROUGH (BOTH SOUTH OF LAKE ILMEN)
SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES RESULTED. NORTH OF THIS POINT SPAN-
ISH SS DIV. ROUTED. THESE TWO OCCURRENCES CAUSED SHIFTING
OF RESERVES FROM Leningrad front. GERMAN COMMAND NOT
ALARMED.

SWEDISH EXPERTS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE EFFECT ON POTENTIAL
OFFENSIVE STRENGTH OF GERMAN WINTER CAMPAIGN.

From: McClure - London
Filed: 3/2/42, 10:31 P

Journal #13, 3/3/42

MCCLURE

DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL ON BRIT. MISSION INVOLVED
IN TANK (PRODUCTION?)

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From: Edwards, Tangier

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TANGIER

REPORT OF AIRFIELD NEAR FES (FES ?) NEAR FES SEFROM HIGH
WAY. 1200 METERS SQUARE; BARRACKS FOR 4,000 MEN; LIGHTS
AVAILABLE FOR NIGHT FLYING.

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From: McClure, London

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LONDON

REPORT OF PRESENT GAP IN NORWAY AS FOLLOWS:
51 COASTAL, 27 REG. BOMBERS, 20 LRB, 78 SE FIGHTERS,
9 DIVE BOMBERS, 20 T E FIGHTERS, 45 PLANES BASED NORTH
OF TRONDHEIM, 120 TRONDHEIM AREA, 120 AROUND STAVANGER.
CERTAIN JU 88'S RETURNED TO NORWAY TO FORMER BASE,
INDICATING FLEXIBILITY OF GAP.

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From: Fellers, Cairo

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CAIRO

HEAVY AXIS SHIPPING TO TRIPOLI DURING PAST WEEK. LARGE
CONVOY (22 VESSELS) ESCORTED BY MOST OF ITALIAN NAVY WAS
ATTACKED BY 3 SEPARATE BRITISH FLIGHTS BUT ACHIEVED NO
POSITIVE RESULTS.

3,500 AXIS WORKERS IN BULGARIAN DOCK YARDS, MECHANIZED DIV.
DIV. IN FORMATION THERE.

FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS APPEAR TO BE LEAVING AFRICA FOR
FRANCE.

INTENSE AIR ATTACKS ON MALTA CONTINUE, MOSTLY FROM SICILY.
SICILY.

L.R. REG. & BOMBERS ACTIVE OVER EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN,
5 ENEMY REGO. PLANES REPORTED OVER ALEXANDRIA.

INSTALLATIONS BETWEEN DERA AND ALEXANDRIA ATTACKED BY
ENEMY BOMBERS. STRENGTH & LOCATION GAP IN EASTERN MED.
UNCORROB.

Filed: 2/28/42, 12:15 P.
From: Maxwell, Cairo

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CAIRO

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

From: Edwards - Tanger
Filed: 3/2/42, 1635

Journal #8, 3/3/42
I.B. #5, 3/3/42

EDWARDS
TANGER

AIRFIELDS LOCATED 1 KM. SE TAZA. CHARACTERISTICS OF
FIELD WHICH IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO EXPAND.

ALSO BILLET (TOWN) NO SUITABLE FIELDS OR RUNWAYS.

From: Ondrick - Teheran
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ONDRICK
TEHERAN

HELD FOR SERVICE. UNINTELLIGIBLE.

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From: Buckner - A.D.C. Journal #17
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LOCATION AND STATUS AIRCRAFT IN ALASKA.
PARTLY GARBLED, TO BE SERVICED.

BUCKNER
A.D.C.

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #20, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 1556
REQUESTS 24 COPIES W.D. CORRESPONDENCE FILE, REVISED EDITION.

BRETT
SANS ORIGIN

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #21, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 1619

BRETT
SANS ORIGIN

AS SHIPS ARE REQUESTING THIS HQ FOR SPARE PARTS FOR THEIR ARMAMENT WHICH CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE SUGGEST SUCH BE PROVIDED BEFORE SHIPS LEAVE U.S.

From: Emons - Ft. Shafter Journal #22, 3/3/42
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EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PERMIT 2 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES TO MAKE PLANE FLIGHTS.

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From: C.O. ETO

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C.O.

ETO

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LIASON OFFICER FROM ETO GIVES FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM
NAVY LOG 2120. PLACE NORTH OF ATLANTIC CITY AND OFFSHORE
ABOUT 5 MILES, TIME 10:30. CAPT. WICKELSEN OF WINE PLANTER
L 76 REPORTED A SUBMARINE AWASH 200 FEET LONG. 1630 TIME OF
REPORT TO NAVY.

DRUM

From: Bonesteel - Iceland

Journal #23, 3/3/42

BONESTEEL

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ICELAND

FLIGHT PROGRAM REPORT. NO HOSTILE ACTIVITIES. WEATHER
REPORT.

From: Bonesteel - Iceland

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BONESTEEL

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ICELAND

NO ENEMY ACTIVITY. NO OPERATIONS BY US.
WEATHER REPORT.

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From: Ensign - Ft. Shafter Journal #1, 3/3/42
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I CONCUR IN THE REASSIGNMENT OF LT. COL. MONT. T. LANDRY,
A.C.

FT. SHAFER

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #4, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/2/42, 2315
2D LT. CHAS. A. GIBSON, A.C. PROMOTED TO TEMPORARY
1ST LT. AS OF 2/15/42.

BRETT
SANS ORIGIN

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #5, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/2/42, 2315
RECOMMEND RALPH BRITLAND TEXTILE EXPERT BE SENT TO
AUSTRALIA AS TEXTILE EXPERT, GRADE OF MAJOR, Q.M.C.

BRETT
SANS ORIGIN

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #7, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/2/42, 2315
2D LT. R. W. DEBORD, A.C., LOST HIS WALLET AND IDENTI-
FICATION CARD FEB. 17, AT CANTON ISLAND.

BRETT
SANS ORIGIN

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #10, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 0305
BOMBED AIRDROCK AT DEN PASSCH. ALSO ATTACKED ENEMY
CONVOY AT THAT POINT AND A CONVOY N OF REMANO. 1 DES-
TROYER SUNK, 1 DESTROYER DAMAGED.

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SANS ORIGIN

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #11, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 0035
BATAAN FRONT NORMALLY ACTIVE.
VISAYAN AREA HAS A JAP CRUISER WITH DESTROYERS SHELL-
ING VESSELS AND PORT UTILITIES AT
ANGAO (CHINA)
CEBU ISLAND (DUMAGNET)
WATERFRONT CEBU CITY
MISOS
TOLANO
MARICA RONG (NEGROS)
JAPS LANDING FROM CRUISER AND 4 TRANSPORTS AT ZAMBOAN-
GA IN MINDANAO. CITY BURNING. DOCKS AND SHIPPING AT
BUJO SHELL BY DESTROYER AND DESTROYED.

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #12, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 0300
ADVICE AS TO CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BRIG. GEN.
S.J. CHAMBERLIN REQUESTED.
ALSO DATE OF SUCH ACTION.

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SANS ORIGIN

From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #14, 3/3/42
Filed: 3/3/42, 0050
REPORT OF AUSTRALIAN AIR RECONNAISSANCE.

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From: Brett - Sans Origin Journal #15, 3/3/42
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INVENTORY SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO MACARTHUR.

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SANGS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sans Origine

ENEMY LANDINGS REPORTED AT INDRAMAJOB, BANTAM AND BAY OF RENDANG. DUTCH ANTICIPATED LANDINGS, BUT HAD ONLY STRENGTH TO MEET BANTAM FORCE. 11 ENEMY RECO. PLANES OVER SALAMARA-TIMOR AREA. PLANE FROM EAST, TYPE UNREPORTED, POSSIBLE RECO. OVER TASMANIA ON 28TH.

5 HUDSONS ATTACKED NASMATAW (SIC) (NASMATA ?). LITTLE DAMAGE EXCEPT HITS ON RUNWAY.

ROUTINE PATROLS BY RAAF OVER AUSTRALIAN COAST SOUTH TO TASMANIA. ENEMY CONVOY NEAR HAWAIIAN ISLAND NORTH OF SOURABAYA ATTACKED BY 2 B-17'S AND 1 DIVERBOMBERS. NEAR MISSES ON CRUISER.

ROUTINE PATROLS OUT OF DARWIN.

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Journal #40, 3/2

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF 1 RM TO REPLACE ANOTHER QUOTED FOR INFORMATION OF GG WIFE.

Filed: 3/2/42, 2230

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SANGS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sanga Origine

REPORT OF MEDICAL FACILITIES IN A CONVOY.

Filed: 3/2/42, 2215

Journal #43, 3/2

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

NO CALIBRE 30 RIFLES NOR MECHANICAL FUZES OR ADAPTORS ABOARD NORMACSTAR; ANSWER TO YOUR QUERY.

Filed: 3/2/42, 2215

Journal #37, 3/2

SANGS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sanga Origine

REPORT OF DEATH OF LT. KANE.

Filed: 3/2/42, 2:40 P.

Journal #38, 3/2

LONDON

From: McClure, London

NO INFORMATION IN BRIT W.O. FROM N.E.I. EXCEPT OFFICIAL DUTCH PRESS REPORT THAT NIGHT FEBR. 28 - MARCH 1 THE JAPS LANDED NEAR INDRAMAJOB IN BANTAM PROVINCE, AND NEAR RENDANG. UNOFF. PRESS REPORTS GIVE SONBANG IN JAP POSSESSION AND DUTCH DESTRUCTION OF OILFIELD AND REFINERY NEAR TJENPOH. THE W.O. ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 4 JAP DIVS IN JAVA.

OFF. DUTCH STATEMENT SAYS JAPS HAVE PROCEEDED IN NORTHELY CONTD.

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DIRECTION FROM PALEMBANG AND THAT THEY ARE ENCOUNTERING STUBBORN RESISTANCE IN CENTRAL SUMATRA.

THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT ON SITUATION IN BURMA FOR THREE DAYS BUT W.O. THINGS BRITISH STILL HOLD RANGOON AND PROV.

ACCORDING TO MESSAGE RECD THIS MORNING FROM CHUNGKING THE REASON THAT THE MOVEMENT OF CHINESE ARMIES INTO BURMA IS TWO WEEKS BEHIND SCHEDULE IS TWOFOLD: (1) CHIANG KAI SHEK'S ABSENCE IN INDIA AND (2) THE DESIRE OF THE CHINESE TO MOVE A VERY STRONG FORCE INTO POSITIONS THAT WILL PROTECT THE FLANK OF THEIR MAIN BODY WHILE MOVING AND THEN MOVE EN MASSE SO AS TO PROTECT AGAINST JAP ATTACKS ON CHINESE IN DETAIL.

A REPORT FROM THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IS CHUNGKING STRESSES THE URGENCY OF GETTING OIL AND PETROL TO CHINESE IMMEDIATELY SO AS TO OVERCOME ADVERSE EFFECT ON CHINESE OF THE REALIZATION THAT OIL AND PETROL FROM BURMA IS CUT OFF.

4:00 P.M.
3/2/42
TO
4:00 P.M.
3/3/42

Filed: 3/2/42, ---
From: Ft. Mills

Journal #41, 3/2

FT MILLS

FRESHEN FROM MARCH 2 NO CHANGE ON THE FRONTS.

JAP CAN GIVE BUT CANNOT TAKE SHE HAS FILLED THE AIR WITH PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS DROPPED IN OCCUPIED AREAS AND BATAAN SHE HAS FILLED THE ETHER WITH FALSEHOOD AND MORE FALSEHOOD WITH HER CONTINUOUS RADIO BROADCASTS SHE HAS FILLED THE EARS OF THE FILIPINOS WITH DECEITFUL PROMISES AND ENTICING PICTURES OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA MOVEMENT. BUT JAP KNOWING HOW FLIMSY IS THE STRUCTURE THAT SHE HAS BUILT WITH SUCH UNFOUNDED PROPAGANDA IS AFRAID OF TRUTHS AND UNABLE TO ANSWER FACT FOR FACT.

THE FORCES OF EVIL THRIVE IN DARKNESS THEY SHUN LIGHT. HENCE THE JAP MILITARY ARE ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH IN THE PHILIPPINES ALL THE LIGHTS OF FREEDOM AND TO PLUNGE THE PEOPLE IN THE DARKNESS OF THEIR INTOLERABLE SUBJUGATION. THE LAMP OF A FREE PRESS HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED IN THE

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PHILIPPINES THE LAMP OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM BEGAN RAILING WHEN THE FIRST SHADOW OF THE INVADER DARKENED PHILIPPINE SHORES. AND NOW IT IS THE LAMP OF THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT THAT JAPAN WOULD EXTINGUISH.

MUCH AS THE JAP WAR LORDS WOULD LIKE TO THEY CANNOT PREVENT THE RADIO STATIONS IN AMERICA, AUSTRALIA, CHUNGKING AND EVEN GENERAL MACARTHUR'S STATION "THE VOICE OF FREEDOM IN THE PHILIPPINES" FROM BROADCASTING. BUT THEY DO NOT PLUG THE EARS OF THE PEOPLE BY JAMMING THE AIR. RADIOS STATIONS HAVE BEEN BUILT BY THE JAP TO BROADCAST ON THE SAME OR NEARLY THE SAME FREQUENCY AS CERTAIN IMPORTANT STATIONS IN AMERICA. HOWLERS INTERRUPTERS AND KEYS ARE USED TO MAKE THE HETED TRUTH AS UNINTELLIGIBLE AS POSSIBLE.

THE EXTENT OF JAP CONCERN AND THE FREENY OF THEIR FEAR WAS PARTICULARLY APPARENT THE NIGHT THAT PRES. ROOSEVELT SPOKE TO THE NATION AND TO THE WORLD. THEY USED EVERY TRICK KNOWN

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TO RADIO TO TURN BACK THE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THE PROPHECY OF DOOM FOR THE INVADER. AND THEY FAILED -- FAILED AS THEY WILL ALWAYS FAIL IN THE LIGHT OF PERFECT TRUTH. THE JAPS CANNOT ENTIRELY JAM THE AIR. THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES ARE AS WELL INFORMED ON THE PRESENT WAR SITUATION AS THE PEOPLE IN AMERICA -- AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE INFORMED. JAPAN HATES THE TRUTH FOR THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE MAN FREE AND FREEDOM IS THE ANTITHESIS OF NIPPON. THE TYRANT CANNOT CONTROL THE TRUTH -- HE DOESN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND IT.

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IN CLEAR

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Journal #46, 3/2

WDC thru GEC

From: WDC thru GEC

NOTHING ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE CONCERNING SINKING OF W.H. BERG REPORTED IN OUR PERIODIC 307 MARCH 1. NEITHER THE DESTROYER KING NOR TANKER BERG HAVE YET REPORTED TO THE NAVY.

F.B.I. BELIEVES FIRE AT ASSOCIATED OIL DOCK, AVON, CALIF. WAS CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS NOT SABOTAGE.

MASTER AND PILOTS OF SS DOWNNEY IDENTIFIED SUB MENTIONED IN OUR PERIODIC NO. 197 OF FEBR. 20 AS A JAP I 5-5 TYPE WHEN SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAP SUBS ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM NW SEA FRONTIER.

NO VERIFIED OBSERVATIONS AND NO CONTACT WITH HOSTILE SUBS DURING PAST 24 HOURS.

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Journal #47, 3/2

A.C.N.B.

From: A.C.N.B.

I.B. #30, 3/2

AIR RECON. REVEALED AT KOMPANG 2 DESTROYERS, 12 TRANSPORTS, 3 SMALL VESSELS UNIDENTIFIED. AIRDRONE BEING USED BY 2 TYPE FIGHTER.

RAAF AIRDRONE AT PORT MORESBY ATTACKED BY 11 HEAVY BOMBERS AND 5 DIVE BOMBERS OR FIGHTERS. RUNWAY AND LAND AIRCRAFT UNDAUNTED. 3 CATALINAS TOTALLY DESTROYED; 4TH SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Filed: 3/2/42, 2215

Journal #49, 3/2

SAN ORIGINE

From: Brett, San Origine

TACTICS, TECHNIQUE AND COMPOSITION OF JAP INVASION TASK FORCES. 560 WORDS.

Filed: 3/1/42, 2255

Journal #53, 3/2

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

QUERY WHETHER FERRY PLANES ARE EQUIPPED WITH SYKO MACHINES

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Journal #54, 3/2

Sans Origine

From: Brett, Sans Origine

GROUND PERSONNEL OF CENTRAL AIRCRAFT MFG. CO. INDUCTED; DETAILS OF FINANCES.

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 From: ~~Bratt~~, Ft. Snatter
 ACTIVATION OF CERTAIN UNITS FOR DEFEAT OF NAUJI.
 REQUEST FOR SIGNAL CORPS PERSONNEL.

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Filed: 5/2/42, 7:15 P.
 From: ~~Bratt~~, London
 RE: OF SITUATION IN INDIA AS A RESULT OF FALL OF
 SINGAPORE. JOURNAL #66, 5/2
 I.B. #61, 5/2 LONDON

MILITARY, INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF JAP ACTIVITY IN INDIA
 OCEAN INCLUDING DIRECT ATTACK ON CEYLON AND INDIA. INDIA
 PORTS ON EASTERN STRAITS MAY BE ATTACKED FROM SEA AND AIR.
 SO LONG AS RANGOON AND OR CEYLON DO NOT FALL JAPS NOT
 LIKELY TO LAND IN INDIA, BUT ARMS AND SUPPLIES MAY BE
 LANDED FOR FIFTH COLUMNISTS. DEVIATED RUMORS ARE NOW BEING
 SPREAD IN BENGAL. MORALE OF INDIA ARMY UNITS IN INDIA NOT
 AFFECTED.

POLITICAL AND SOCIAL. "CONGRESS" LEADERS HAVE CONDEMNED
 JAP AGGRESSION AND EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH CHINA. THEY WILL
 NOT COOPERATE WITH BRITISH GOVT BUT CLAIM THEY WILL RESIST
 ALL AGGRESSION. "MOULAN LAMOUN" ALSO CONDEMNED AGGRESSION
 BUT INSISTS ON SATISFACTION OF THEIR POLITICAL DEMANDS AS

I.B. #61, 5/2 CONTD.

PRICE FOR COOPERATION WITH BRITISH. ONLY DEFINITE ANTI-
 BRITISH ELEMENT IS FOUND IN "HINDU FOWARD BLOC" ESPECIALLY
 IN BENGAL. AMONG PEOPLE AS A WHOLE PARTICULARLY IN EASTERN
 INDIA THERE IS GREAT FEAR OF INVASION BUT DEFINITE HOSTILITY
 TO JAPS OR THE WILL TO RESIST IS ABSENT. THEY PREFER WAIT OR
 RESENT. FEAR OF AIR RAIDS AND REGULAR LOOTING AND RIOTING
 HAS EVOKED SOME COOPERATION WITH BRITISH AUTHORITIES AS TO
 ARP MEASURES EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF OPPOSED POLITICAL GROUPS COO
 COOPERATING IN BUT MORE. CONSIDERABLE SHORTAGE OF LABOR
 BECAUSE OF NATIVE FLEEING FROM INDUSTRIAL CITIES.

Filed: 5/2/42, --- JOURNAL #67, 5/2 SANS ORIGINE
 From: ~~Bratt~~, Sans Origine
 CHANGES IN SERIAL NUMBERS OF TWO NEW OFFICERS FOR A.G.O.

Filed: 5/2/42, 2207 JOURNAL #69, 5/2 SANS ORIGINE
 From: ~~Bratt~~, Sans Origine
 ALLOTMENT OF MAJOR SHURTS FOR HIS SISTER.

Filed: 5/2/42, 2215 JOURNAL #60, 5/2 SANS ORIGINE
 From: ~~Bratt~~, Sans Origine
 APPOINTMENT OF J.D. ROSS AS CAPTAIN, SPEC. RES.

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#9

PACIFIC THEATER

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Journal #31, 3/2

From: Navy War Plans, COMINCH

SS W. E. BERG REPORTS BEING ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE (SUB)
AT 0602 3/1 50 MILES WEST OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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Journal #25, 3/2

SUSPECTED SUB 6 MI S. AMBROSE LIGHT, NEW YORK WAS AT-
TACKED WITH 8 DEPTH CHARGES BY NAVY BLIMP AT 2100 GMT 3/1.
OIL APPEARED ON SURFACE & AIR BUBBLES FOR 2 HRS. NAVY
BLIMP BELIEVES SUB ON BOTTOM. ATTACK CONTINUED BY SURFACE
VESSEL. HEAVY OIL SLICK NEAR POINT OF ATTACK WAS REPORTED
BY NSCG ANTIFAM.

Journal #31, 3/2

ATLANTIC SUB SINKINGS.

2/23 SS ALCOA
Canadian

0719 TANKER 21 MI S OF AMER SHOALS, KEY WEST,
2/28 (UNCONFIRMED FLORIDA

2/28 BUT SINKING UNCONFIRMED)

0010 SS PLEIADON 39°57'N, 55°40'W - 310 MI SSW OF CAPE
3/1 (CONVOY) RACE

0900 SS CARPENBY 39°57'B, 55°40'W
(CONVOY)

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Journal #32, 3/3

From: Air Vice Marshall MALTBY

ON NIGHT OF 2/28-3/1 CONVOY NEARING BANTJAR PROBABLY
SUFFERED NUMBER OF DIRECT HITS WHEN TWICE ATTACKED BY 9
WILDBERSTES.

JAP CONVOY NEARING INDRAMAJOE ON NIGHT OF 2/28-3/1
RAIDED BY 2 HUDSONS WHICH RAN INTO NIGHT PURSUITS, BUT THEY
MADE DIRECT HITS ON 2 TROOPSHIPS, PROBABLY SANK AN AUXILIARY
VESSEL, & GOT IN MANY NEAR MISSES.

4 PLANES LOST (1 BY CRASH) & 2 DAMAGED.

U.S. AIR ACTIVITY: ON 2/28 AT 0840 (LOCAL) IN RAID ON BIG
CONVOY 2 B-17'S DAMAGED 1 TROOPSHIP & SENT ANOTHER TO THE
BOTTOM. THIS ATTACK WAS FOLLOWED UP BY 1 LB-30 & 4 B-17'S
WHICH LEFT 1 TROOPSHIP BURNING, GOT A HIT ON ONE & NEAR
MISSES ON 5 OTHERS. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT AS YET FROM
3 B-17'S.

DUTCH AIR ACTIVITY: CONVOY OFF INDRAMAJOE RAID BY MARTINS

J. #32, 3/3 Con't

RESULTING IN 1 WARSHIP BEING HIT & ANOTHER SUFFERING A NEAR
MISS WHILE 4 TROOPSHIPS, & PROBABLY A 5TH, RECEIVED DIRECT
HITS. ACTUAL LANDING OPERATIONS AT INDRAMAJOE WERE SUB-
JECTED TO ATTACK BY BREWSTERS WHICH MACHINE GUNNED BARGES,
SANK 1 BARGE & PROBABLY 3 OTHERS, & GOT DIRECT HIT ON
JETTY.

INDRAMAJOE LANDING BEING SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY
HURRICANES.

SERVICABLE PLANES AS OF 3/1 0080Z:

4 BLENNHEIM	(APPROX.)
12 HURRICANE	"
1 HUDSON	"
6 WILDBERSTES	"

ON FEB 27/28 MANY JAP TROOPSHIPS & MEN OF WAR SEEN NEAR-
ING JAVA, THERE BEING A MINIMUM OF 3 CONVOYS.

WHILE THERE ARE AS YET NO DETAILS JAPS ARE SAID TO HAVE

J. #32, 3/3

LANDED AT FOLLOWING: AJOE, IYDON, BANTJAR (KRAGAN), BANTAR,
TJILMAJA & MOEMA.

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Journal #27, 3/3

From: CG ICELAND (GHQ) BOWSTEEL

IMMEDIATE PROBABILITY OF INVASION OF ICELAND NOT INCREASED
BY PRESENT CONCENTRATION OF NAVAL UNITS, AIRCRAFT & TROOPS
IN NORWAY, ACCORDING TO WAR OFFICE.

Filed: 7:06 A 3/3

Journal #29, 3/3

From: CG ETO (GHQ) DRUM

SUB WAS SIGHTED BY SS SWIFT ARROW 10 MILES & 200° FROM
CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. (60 MILES S. OF DAYTONA BEACH) AT
0957 GMT ON MAR. 2.

Filed: 11:20 A 2/5

Journal #39, 3/3

From: ETO (GHQ) WATKINS

AS RESULT OF SUB ATTACKS ON 2/24 & 2/25, 7 SHIPS OF A
CONVOY WERE SUNK AT POINT APPROX. 43°N, 46°W IN US NAVAL
PATROL AREA. 112 SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN LANDED AT HALIFAX.
CONVOY SIGHTED 5 SUBS & SAME NUMBER INDICATED BY RADIO
DIRECTION FINDER. ALTHO DETAILS LACKING, IT IS REPORTED
THAT US DESTROYER ESCORT GOT 1 SUB BY DRIVING IT TO THE
SURFACE WITH DEPTH CHARGES.

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OED Letter, 6-3-72

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Journal #34, 3/3

From: N/O, (ONI) L.A. Section

PANAM PLANE, CAPT. BIGGERS, ARRIVES MIAMI TUESDAY. REPORTS 3 LONG COVERED BARGES GROUPED TOGETHER OFF ONE OF SALUT ISLANDS, FRENCH GUIANA, 06° 17' N, 52° 35' W. COULD BE CAMOUFLAGE FOR SUB.

Filed: 12:00 P 3/2

Journal 129, 3/3

From: M/A London McCLURE

W. O. BELIEVES THAT 25TH ITAL. INF DIV (BOLOGNA) WHICH WAS NEARLY DESTROYED DURING LAST ADVANCE BY BRIT NOW REINFORCED BY REPLACEMENTS FROM ITALY & TRIPOLI BUT QUITE REDUCED IN STRENGTH. DIV NOW BELIEVED NUMBERED AMONG ITAL FORCES NOW STATIONED ALONG COASTAL AREA BETWEEN EL AGHEILA & BENGAZI.

OPINION OF W. O. ON MAR 2 THAT HOSTILE ACTIVITIES IN LIBYA WILL START AT ANY TIME. ALSO BELIEVES THAT IF AXIS FORCES MADE 1ST ATTACK IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR BRIT.

LATEST SITUATION REPORT INCLUDES FEB 26, AT WHICH TIME ACTIVE OPERATIONS CONSISTED OF PATROL ACTIVITIES BOTH SIDES. Comment: W. O. DOES NOT KNOW NUMBER OF TANKS OF 133RD LITTORO DIV. AT TRIPOLI, OR WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE NOW IN TRIPOLI OR WHETHER ALL OR ANY PART OF THEM MOVED TO FORWARD AREA. SEEMS THAT BOTH BRIT & GERMANS WOULD STUDY THIS MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR TO DECIDE WHO WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE & TIME

J. #29, 3/3 Con't

AT WHICH IT CAN BEGIN. QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ARRIVAL OF THESE TANKS IS AWAITED BY GEN. SOMMEL & IT MAY BE THAT BRIT WILL ALLOW THEM TO ARRIVE IN FORWARD AREA BEFORE HE ATTACKS.

* (133RD LITTORO DIV HAVE ARRIVED AT TRIPOLI)

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Journal #51, 3/1

E.T.O. thru
G.H.Q.

From: E.T.O. thru GHQ

✓ CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR REPORTED AT 1051 GMT MARCH 1
A SUB ON SURFACE AT POSITION 44°10'N 63°15'W. NSF REPORTED
A CONTACT BY SOUND AT 1430 GMT AT 38°41'N 74°22'W BY #256
RESULTS OF DROPPING DEPTH CHARGES UNKNOWN. PHILADELPHIA
SECTOR STATES 2 DEPTH CHARGES DROPPED BY USS ZIRCONS ON A
CONTACT BY SOUND AT 1430 GMT AT 38°47'N 73°48'W WITH
UNKNOWN EFFECT.

FIRST BOMBER COMMAND STATES 29 DEPTH CHARGES DROPPED
BY USS DALLAS ON GOOD SOUND CONTACT 38°33'N 74°12'W AT
1840 GMT. DALLAS ASKED FOR AID. AN AIRPLANE WAS DIS-
PATCHED FROM LANOLLEY FIELD. NO REPORT OF FINAL OUTCOME
YET RECEIVED.

WATKINS

4:00 P.M.
3/2/42
TO
4:00 P.M.
3/2/42

✓ FROM: CG ETO VIA GHQ Journal # 3 3/2 3/1
FILED: 9:58 P.M. 3/1

Eto via GHQ
Drum

ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA SECTOR
RECEIVED AT ETO AT 7:50 P.M., A REPORT RECEIVED AT THE
AGCP, FORT WADSWORTH, NEW YORK "THAT A PERISCOPE WAS SEEN
AT 6:30 P.M. EWT, 3/1, ONE-HALF MILE OFF LONG BRANCH
PIER, MOVING EAST."

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OSD Letter, 5-8-72

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CG OF TBC VIA GHQ

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February

CG OF TBC

TBC # 12 - AT 10:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 28, HOSTILE SUBMARINE VIA GHQ PHATT
 WAS SIGHTED OFF SAINT MICHAEL BAY, ACCORDING TO REPORT
 FROM THE CO CURACAO.

FROM: HUGHES, RIO

I.B.# 3 3/1

FILED: 8:19 p.m. 3/1 Journal # 5 3/2

UNIDENTIFIED AIR CRAFT FORMATION OF 7 PLANES PAST OVER

RIO TACUTU REGION (BRAZILIAN TERRITORY) 2100 GMT/REYS, 2/28

MESSAGE FROM CO, OF GARRISONS AT RIO BRANCO TO BRAZILIAN

GEN STAFF 2/28.

CDC APPRISED

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Filed: 3/1/42, 3:22 P.
From: Chaney, London

Journal #48, 3/1

LONDON

SERVICING AND REPAIRS OF AMER. TANKS UNSATISFACTORY.
REQUEST NOMENCLATURE LISTS; DETAILS OF PARTS.

Filed: 3/1/42, 6:00 P.
From: Vichy, St. Dept.

Journal #46, 3/1

VICHI

NOTHING NEW.

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3/2/42

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From: Chaney, London

Journal #52, 3/1

LONDON

HAVE PASS BUTTON OF COMMANDING GENERAL NEW YORK PORT OF
EMBARKATION.

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From Chaney, London

Journal #54, 3/1

LONDON

DETAILS OF REQUEST FOR MACHINE RECORDS UNIT.

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Journal #37, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

ENUMERATION OF AMERICAN TROOPS AND AIRCRAFT IN AUSTRALIA
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Journal #40, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

REPORT OF ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS OF LT. JACKSON.

4:00 P.M.

3/1/42

TO

4:00 P.M.

3/2/42

Filed: 3/1/42, 2:07 P.

Journal #39, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

LIST OF MEN NOT ARRIVING IN AUSTRALIA WITH RECENT
ARRIVALS AND REASONS WHY.

Filed: 3/28/42, 1205

Journal #41, 3/1

Defense Dept.

From: Defense Dept, New Delhi

I.B. #41, 3/1

New Delhi

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT BANGLORE, WORKING ON 177 PLANES,
BUT WORK SLOWED ON SOME BY LACK OF PARTS FROM US. REQUEST
FOR SHIPMENT OF PARTS.

Filed: 3/1/42, 12:53 P.

Journal #42, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

REQUEST COMPLETE SHIPMENT OF BILL OF MATERIALS SET.

Filed: 3/1/42, 10:44 A.

Journal #43, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

OFFICERS MAKING CLASS E ALLOTMENTS.

Filed: 3/1/42, 2:34 PWT

Journal #44, 3/1

WDC thru GHQ

From: G2 WDC thru GHQ

HONOLULU'S ARMY RADIO STATION WTJ WIRELESSED RADIO
STATION OF 9TH CORPS AREA HERE THAT HAWAIIAN AIR RAID ALERT
AT 12:40 PWT WAS OCCASIONED BY AN INCOMING FLIGHT OF PLANES.
ALERT STILL IN EFFECT 1:35 PWT. NAVAL DIST HERE STATES THAT
NAVAL AIRPLANES ARE DUE IN HONOLULU IN ABOUT 1 1/2 HOURS OF
THE TIME OF THE ALERT. THE ALARM MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY
THIS COMING.

STROM

Filed: 3/1/42, 1:40 P.

Journal #45, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

REQUEST COL. THORPE BE RELIEVED PRESENT DUTY AND BE ASSIGNED OWN STAFF AT THIS Hq. HE WILL BE USED FOR INTELLIGENCE WORK.

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Journal #49, 3/1

LONDON

From: McClure, London

I.B. #46, 3/1

WITH REFERENCE TO LAST PARAGRAPH OF CABLE #2064 A REPORT RECEIVED IN W.O. NIGHT FEB 28 STATES THAT NO LANDINGS HAD BEEN MADE IN JAVA, BUT BRITISH NEWS BROADCASTS AT 9:00 A.M. MARCH 1 REPORT 3 LANDINGS IN JAVA. NO OFF. CONFIRMATION OF ANY LANDINGS IN JAVA.

A BADLY GARBLED MESSAGE RECEIVED IN W.O. MORNING MARCH 1, STATES THAT THE LINDLEY WAS SUNK BY BOMBING BUT DOES NOT GIVE DETAILS.

REPORT OF ENEMY FORCE OF 5 CRUISERS, 11 DESTROYERS AND 39 TRANSPORTS PROCEEDING NORTHWARD AT 16 HRS GMT FEB 27 ABOUT 70 MI NE OF REMBANG AND THOUGHT THAT THIS IS THE REMBANG INVASION FORCE DRIVEN OFF BY NAVAL BATTLE. REPORT GIVES JAP NAVAL LOSSES OF THAT BATTLE AS 1 EIGHT-INCH CRUISER SUNK, 1 EIGHT-INCH CRUISER DAMAGED, 1 DESTROYER SUNK.

CONTD.

I.B. #46, 3/1 CONTD.

NO NEWS FROM HURMA.

INDICATED THAT JAPS HAVE GREATLY REINFORCED AIR FORCES IN MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLES LARGELY FROM PALAN AREA AND THAT AT LEAST 2 SUB SQUADRONS ARE OPERATING FROM MARSHALL ISLE.

Filed: 3/2/42, 0045

Journal #53, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

RAAF HAS RADIO CHANNEL FREQ FOR BROADCASTS BETWEEN HONOLULU AND AUSTRALIA.

Filed: 3/28/42, 5:12 P.

Journal #58, 3/1

FT. SHAFTER

From: Emmons, Ft. Shafter

ONE QUEEN APPREHENDED DEC. 8, 1941; HELD AS SUSPECTED ENEMY AGENT.

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Journal #56, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN AUTHORIZING PAY DEDUCTIONS.

4:00 P.M.
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TO
4:00 P.M.
3/2/42

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FROM: MACARTHUR, FT. MILLS JOURNAL # 1 3/1
 FILED: 1/0525
 HOFFCUT, FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER ACCEPTED COMMISSION
 IN U. S. ARMY.

MACARTHUR

FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 4 3/2
 FILED: 10:40 P.M. 3/1
 STRENGTH REPORT: 2047 OFFICERS, 230 ARMY NURSES, 9
 WARRANT OFFICERS, 31,084 ENLISTED MEN DISTRIBUTED AMONG
 3 BASES, BESIDES OTHERS NOT ASSIGNED TO STATION.
AIRCRAFT INVENTORY IN AUSTRALIA:
NO CHANGE IN FIELD ARTILLERY.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
NO CHANGE IN 4 PRINCIPLE AMMUNITION STOCKS OR GASOLINE
STOCKS.
NO ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE OF STEAMSHIPS.

BRETT, MELBOURNE

(Service requested 2:35 a.m.)

FROM: MACARTHUR, FT. MILLS JOURNAL # 6 3/2
 FILED: 1450 2/28/42
 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARGO OF 1st THREE SHIPS. DETAILED
 REQUISITION ARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL SUPPLIES.
 (MESSAGE REPEATED) Journal # 23 3/1 Previous report.

MACARTHUR FT MILLS

~~PERRETT~~
 FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 8 3/2
 FILED: 1245 3/1
 ARRIVAL OF FORCE IS ANNOUNCED ENROUTE TO POPPY.
 PENDING ARRIVAL OF GEN PATCH, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING
 MADE FOR TRANS-SHIPMENT VIA NOUMEA. REQUEST INFORMATION
 AS TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLYING THIS FORCE, ALSO AS TO
 SOURCE LIGHT F.A. UNITS FOR THIS FORCE.

*New
Caledonia*

FROM: MACARTHUR, FT MILLS JOURNAL # 9 3/2
 FILED: 1415 3/1
 COLONEL CHIN WANG REPORTED AS LIAISON OFFICER.

4:00 p.m.

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FROM: MACARTHUR, FT. MILLS Journal # 10 3/2
FILED: 0330 3/2

ALL FRONTS NORMAL. A NEW PLANE TYPE HAS APPEARED IN
LOCAL BOMBING ACTIONS 3 TWIN-ENGINEED BOMBERS, BLACK WITH
WHITE CROSSES. (POSSIBLY GERMAN ME-109F PLANES RESERVE
STOCK IN JAPAN)

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ON Letter, 6-8-72FROM: EMMONS, FT SHAFTER Journal # 11 3/2
FILED: 3/2

INTERMENT OF ALL PERSONS DETAINED AND EVACUATED TO
MAINLAND ORDERED BY HEARING BOARD.

SOME U.S. CITIZENS, CONSIDERED DANGEROUS, INCLUDED DUE
TO PRO AXIS VIEWS. HURUM, A NORWEGIAN, USED HIS RESIDENCE
FOR MEETINGS OF PRO-NAZI TYPE. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
CHECKING RECORDS.

FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE Journal # 12 3/2
FILED: 1715 3/2

BOMBS SUNK USS LANGLEY NEAR TJILATJAP. SHIP HAD ABOUT
32 P-40 PLANES AND ARMY PERSONNEL. NO CASUALTY REPORT.

Filed: 2/28/42, —

Journal #38, 3/1

MADRID

From: M/A Madrid

I.B. #35, 3/1

IT IS CURRENTLY BELIEVED THAT FIRST DRIVE BY GERMANY IN SPRING WILL BE AGAINST TURKEY IF TRANSIT IS REFUSED. A DRIVE ON THE CAUCASUS WILL FOLLOW. REFER CABLE #188 FROM AMER EMBASSY TO ST. DEPT. FEBR 21.

DURING PAST FEW MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN NOTICEABLE LOWERING CIVILIAN MORALE. CONSUMPTION OF GAS & OIL STRICTLY CURTAILED AND TRAVEL RESTRICTED. RATIONS (1) REDUCED. INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY DECLINED AND EVIDENCES OF DEFEATISM AND WAR WEARINESS AMONG 60% OF POPULATION. SIGNS MOUNTING FRICTION BETWEEN SS AND ARMY. MANY PERSONS, WHO HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED INCLUDING THOSE EMPLOYED IN WAR INDUSTRIES, HAVE BEEN DRAFTED FOR LAND ARMY.

PREDICTION MADE THAT REVOLUTION IS TO TAKE PLACE, WILL ORIGINATE IN LOWER RANKS OF ARMY RATHER THAN AMONG CIVILIAN POPULATION.

I.B. #35, 3/1 CONTD.

ABOVE INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS RECENTLY RETURNED TO MADRID FROM GERMANY

NOTE: (1) PROBABLY REFERS TO FOOD.

G-2 COMMENT: REPORTS FROM BRITISH SOURCES INDICATE THERE HAS BEEN MARKED UPSWING RECENTLY IN GERMAN MORALE.

4:00 P.M.

3/1/42

TO

4:00 P.M.

3/2/42

Filed: 2/28/42, —

Journal #47, 3/1

TEHRAN

From: Ombick, Teheran

REQUEST CLERKS HANDLING CABLE 52 STATE CERTAIN INFO. SO CABLE MAY BE DECIPHERED.

Filed: 3/1/42, 4:40 P.

Journal #50, 3/1

LONDON

From: McClure, London

I.B. #45, 3/1

IN LIBYA SAND STORMS ABATED FEBR 27 RESULTING IN INCREASE ENEMY ACTIVITY. THEIR PATROL ADVANCED TO BIR THEROD AREA BUT WHEN ENGAGED BY BRITISH ARTILLERY THEY WITHDREW. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY ON FEBR 27 OVER BRITISH FORWARD AREA INCREASED.

FILED: 3/1/42, 1310

Journal #55, 3/1

CAIRO

From: Maxwell, Cairo

URGENT REPLY REQUESTED TO AMEMB 479. SITUATION REQUIRES PROMPT CLARIFICATION.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

G-2 WORK SHEET

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Journal #57, 3/1

CAIRO

From: Maxwell, Cairo

REQUEST INFO. ON PACINGS TYPE USED ON TRUCKS RECENTLY SHIPPED TURKEY.

4:00 P.M.

3/1/42

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4:00 p.m.

3/2/42

Filed: 3/1/42, 1310

Journal #59, 3/1

CAIRO

From: Maxwell, Cairo

INQUIRY CONCERNING CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND REPLACEMENT BY MILITARY.

Filed: 3/1/42, 1310

Journal #60, 3/1

CAIRO

From: Maxwell, Cairo

INFO RE EQUIPMENT AND CRANE FOR HANDLING TANKS.

FROM: MAXWELL, CAIRO JOURNAL # 61 3/1

FILED: 1310 3/1

REQUEST MESSAGES BE ADDRESSED AMSEO, NOT TO M/A.

MAXWELL
CAIRO

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March 2, 1942

NOTES ON RUSSIA

From the Press

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APC:

Nazi troops in the Donets Basin which were said to have repelled a Russian attack were described as being Italian and Slovak.

FCC:

A German prisoner from a SS division captured in the Staraya sector, stated that they were completely surrounded, were starving and not supplied with winter clothes; he further stated that the 257th and 85th Infantry Divisions newly arrived from the rear had been wiped out on the Southern Front.

Russians claim capture of (unnamed) important village near Staraya where 8 roads converge. They further claim to be within sight of the city of Staraya itself.

APC

On the Southwestern Front rain is turning the fields and roads into a condition in which heavy motorized units and artillery are bogging down.

LIBYA

FCC & AP:

Due to bad weather and wind storms, fighting in this area was handicapped. British bombers covered both Benghazi and Tripoli and fighter planes continued patrol over Cyrenacia.

The British are reported to have successfully engaged a small enemy column in the area east of MeKili.

There was some small patrol activity, but fighting for the most part was at a lull.

Filed: 2:50 PM 2/26
From: M/A Cairo FELLERS

IB # 38, 3/1
Journal #19, 3/2

STRENUOUS EFFORT BEING MADE BY BRIT TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY. THIS INDICATED BY TURN OVER IN COMMAND & STAFF PERSONNEL. REALIZATION OF CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES IN PERFORMANCE PRODUCED CHANGES WHICH INCLUDED ASSIGNMENT OF BRIG. GEN. DONNAN SMITH & MAJ. GEN. JOHN HARDING TO NEW DUTIES. GEN. SMITH WILL MAKE STUDY OF BALANCE OF FORCES, & MAJ. GEN. HARDING, FORMERLY SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF IN XIII CORPS, NOW HAS CHARGE OF TRAINING. BOTH MEN HAVE AN APPRECIATION OF THEIR PROBLEM & ARE CAPABLE.

FELLERS ESTIMATE OF SITUATION PRODUCING ABOVE IS: DURING CURRENT OPERATIONS NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY IN AIRCRAFT, ARTY, MOTOR TRANSPORT, SUPPLIES, TANKS & PERSONNEL ENJOYED BY BRIT. INADEQUATE TRAINING NOT SOLE REASON FOR LOSS OF PRACTICALLY ALL 2d ARMORED BRIG. BRIT REVERSALS MUST ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO:

IB #38, 3/1 Con't

- (1) LACK OF BALANCED UNIT WHICH IN TURN IS DUE TO INABILITY TO INTEGRATE WEAPONS & ARMS.
- (2) FAILURE TO USE WEAPONS & ARMS IN MOST EFFECTIVE ROLES.
- (3) CASUAL PLANNING IN HIGHER ECHELONS & FAILURE ON PART OF JUNIOR OFFICERS TO CARRY THROUGH.
- (4) IMPROPER TIMING.
- (5) ERRATIC SUPPLY OF FUEL & AMMUNITION.
- (6) ENGAGEMENTS BY BRIT UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE PROMPTED BY BRIT SENSE OF VALOR.
- (7) PERSISTENT INCLINATION OF HIGH COMMAND OF BRIT TO FRITTER AWAY ITS STRENGTH, PARTICULARLY ARMORED & AIR FORCES. AS RESULT OF THIS POLICY, BRIT NEVER OPPOSE ENEMY ATTACKS WITH FULL BRIT STRENGTH.

Note: Part of this message already paraphrased as IB #42 2/25/42.

Filed: 3/1

Journal #20 & 21 3/2

From: NAVY (OPNAV & COM 11TH M.D.)

COM 11TH NAVAL DIST. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY OF 2/28 FROM
OPNAV DENIES REPORT FROM G-2 WDC ON 2/27 OF SIGHTING OF
SUB OFF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO BEACH (SEE J. #47, 2/27 FOR
WDC REPORT).

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Journal #23, 3/2

From: Admiral HELFRICH, C in C, EF

BRIT WARSHIPS OF CHINA FORCE (?) & AMER. WARSHIPS WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF SUBS (?) ARE BEING WITHDRAWN. ALL OF MY
OTHER FORCES WILL ATTEMPT TO GET TO COLOMBO.

COMMAND OF ALLIED NAVAL FORCES HAS BEEN GIVEN UP BY ME.

Filed: 2/26

Journal #24, 3/2

From: JAVA AIR COMMAND

INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS UP TO 10:30 FEB 26.

OVER WEST JAVA THERE WERE NO JAP PLANES.

P-40'S INTERCEPTING OVER 40 JAP BOMBERS WITH FIGHTER
ESCORT OVER SOERABAYA FORCED BOMBERS TO DROP BOMBS IN
OCEAN & DOWNED 1 NAVY "Q".

A BLENHEIM GOT A HIT ON A MERCHANTMAN, IN RAID ON
VESSELS AT MUNTOK. THIS RAID WAS FOLLOWED UP BY 2 MARTINS
WHICH WERE UNABLE TO SEE EFFECT OF THEIR BOMBS BECAUSE OF
INTENSE PURSUIT OPPOSITION; WHILE 1 MARTIN HAS NOT RE-
TURNED 11 JAP NAVY "O" PURSUITS WERE KNOCKED OUT.

SHIPS OFF ABLI WERE INEFFECTUALLY RAIDED BY 2 B-17'S
WHILE STRONG JAP PURSUIT ACTIVITY INTERFERES WITH ACTIVITY
OF 3 MARTINS IN BAKKA (BANKA?) AREA.

Rec'd 12:10 P 3/2

Journal #28, 3/2

From: Navy Cominch

SUCCESSFUL LANDING IN BATEN & REMBANG PROVINCES, JAVA.
EFFECTED THROUGH SUPERIOR STRENGTH OF JAPS SURFACE & AIR
FORCES. PREPONDERANCE OF JAP SUPERIORITY NOW PROBABLY
SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT LANDING FORCES WITH REINFORCEMENTS;
ALIVE TO DANGER OF ATTACK, MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO
STRENGTHEN NEW BRITAIN - MARSHALLS - WAKE & MARCUS.

4:00 p.m.
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FROM: DIO 8th NAVAL DIST. JOURNAL # 44 2/28
FILED: 2007 2/28 VIA ONI

THE FOLLOWING TELETYPE MESSAGE HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM CIC LAREDO, TEXAS: " INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT ON NIGHT 27 FEB., 1942, PORTER GIL RALLIED HIS FORCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A DEFINITE BREAK IN THE STATES OF TAMAULIPAS & NUEVO LEON WITH THE PRESENT MEXICAN GOVT. GIL IS A WELL-KNOWN AXIS SYMPATHIZER & HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY ANTI-AMERICAN. IT IS FURTHER ALLEGED THAT THE MANY SHIPMENTS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHICH HAVE ENTERED MEXICO IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE BEEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF GIL. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE BREAK WITH THE PRESENT MEXICAN GOVT. WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REVOLUTION. HOWEVER, THIS IS DEEMED ENTIRELY POSSIBLE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. GIL IS ALLEGED TO BE THE CONTROLLING STOCKHOLDER IN THE JAP FISHING FLEET PRESENTLY OPERATING OFF THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO.

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IT IS STATED THAT GIL CONTROLS THE ENTIRE NORTH PART OF MEXICO EXTENDING FROM TAMPICO TO MATZALAN. IN THE EVENT INFORMATION IS RECEIVED RELATIVE TO AN UPRISING OR A REVOLUTION IN THIS AREA, HQS WILL BE ADVISED VIA TELETYPE."

ABOVE INFORMATION CREDIBLE, BUT ONLY PARTIALLY CONFIRMED. INFORMANT IS RELIABLE, EXPERIENCED GOVT. OFFICER, SECURING INFORMATION THROUGH HIS OWN INFORMERS WHOM HE CONSIDERS ARE RELIABLE.

Filed: 2/28/42, 5:10 P.

From: Andino, Costa Rica

COSTA RICA CONGRESS MEETS MARCH 2 TO

1. DISCUSS ABACA CONTRACTS
 2. DISCUSS SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES
- ADDITIONAL AXIS SUBJECT INTERVIEWED AS OF MARCH 1 (CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AGENT).

Journal #12, 3/1

I.B. #11, 3/1

COSTA RICA

4:00 p.m.

2/28

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6:00 p.m.

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FROM: G-2 HFO via GHQ JOURNAL # 33 2/28
 FILED: 1:05 p.m. 22/28

ETO
 WATKINS

AN UNIDENTIFIED TANKER HAS BEEN SUNK AND A FREIGHTER IS BEING FOLLOWED BY A SUB SIGHTED AT 15:00 GMT TODAY AT 24°35' N - 81°35' W. AN ARMY PLANE HAS BEEN SENT TO THE AREA.

EASTERN SEA FRONTIER REPORTS RADIO DIRECTION BEARING II INDICATES SUB AT 08:20 GMT, POSITION ABOUT 41°50' N - 70°30' W. NAVY IS SENDING SURFACE VESSEL TO INVESTIGATE..

REPORT RECEIVED 15:30 GMT THAT NAVY OBSERVER NEAR MONT AUK POINT, LONG ISLAND SIGHTED SUB HEADING SOUTH ABOUT 10 MILES OFF SHORE WITH THE LETTER "Q" ON ITS SIDE. NO FRIENDLY SUBS IN AREA. AN ARMY PLANE HAS BEEN SENT TO INVESTIGATE.

FROM: LN. O, NAVAL OPERATIONS, KEY WEST, FLA., via GHQ LN. O, NAVAL
 FILED: 1850 EWT 2/28 TRITON JOURNAL # 37 2/28 OPERATIONS
 6:50 P.M., EWT: USSS ~~WATKINS~~ REPORTS SUB SUNK AT KEY WEST, FLA
 5:50 P.M. EWT, IN VICINITY OF AMERICAN SHOALS. VIA GHQ

(ONI REPORTS AMERICAN SHOALS AS BEING JUST OFF KEY WEST)

FROM: SHARPE, GOVERNORS ISLAND I.B. # 46 JOURNAL # 38 2/28
 FILED: 2:48 2/27 8

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL SOON BE A BIG REDUCTION IN SHIPMENTS IN VIEW OF ACUTE TANKER SITUATION.

SHARPE
 GOVERNORS IS

FROM: ETO VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 43 2/28
 FILED: 5:05 p.m. 2/28

NORFOLK N.C.B. THRU SOUTHERN SECTOR REPORTS A SUB SIGHTED AWASH AT 0600 GMT, FEB. 28, BY A BRIT MERCHANT SHIP "EBILIGHT" AT A POINT ABOUT 60 MI SE OF DELAWARE CAPES. NAVY PLANE DISPATCHED TO POSITION OF SUB SIGHTED THIS MORNING AT 2425 NORTH 81°34 WEST, HAD ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH SUB. FOUR EXPLOSIONS HEARD. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

FROM: BERMUDA COFF VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 42 2/28
 FILED: 1:42 p.m. 2/28

RAIN AND LOW VISIBILITY LATE 27th CAUSED CANCELLATION NIGHT PATROLS.

BERMUDA
 STRONG
 VIA GHQ

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Journal #56, 2/28

From: E.T.O. thru ONI

FOLLOWING MESSAGE INTERCEPTED BY NEWFOUNDLAND BASE
COMMAND AND ALSO RADIO WIN AT 0012 GMT "ONE BRITISH SS
CARPENTRY GSIQ TORPEDGED AT 39° 57' N. - 55° 40' W."

4:00 P.M.

2/28/42

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FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 48 2/28

FILED: 7:55 P.M. 2/28

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO LANGFORD LODGE CHANEY PROJECT.

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FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 50 2/28

FILED: 7:75 p.m. 2/28

REFERENCE LT. COLONEL R. B. WARREN'S CLASS "E" ALLOTMENT. CHANEY

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL 46 2/28

FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/28

SHORTAGE OF HEAVIER AMERICAN TYPE BOMBS FOR OUR OPERATIONS IN BRITAIN INDICATED. REQUESTS ADVICE AS TO BOMB CAPACITY OF AMER PLANES. STUDIES SHOW THAT CERTAIN BRITISH BOMBS CANNOT BE INSTALLED IN U.S. PLANES.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 45 2/28

FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/28

IMPERATIVE THAT STEPS BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO IMPROVE MAIL SERVICE TO U.S. TROOPS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. RECOMMENDS THAT AIR MAIL SERVICE BE MADE AVAILABLE AT ONCE.

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 51

FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/28 JOURNAL # 55 2/28

THERE HAS NOW RETURNED TO BASES IN FRANCE, DENMARK AND HOLLAND THE MAJORITY OF THE GERMAN PLANES WHICH WERE SENT DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO NORWAY.

THE Bomber GROUP 40 AT TRONDHEIM IS REPORTED BY THE AIR MINISTRY TO HAVE BEEN RE-EQUIPPED WITH FOCKE-WULFE 200's; THE PRESENT CAPABILITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD PERMIT IT TO PERFORM A RECONNAISSANCE OVER ICELAND.

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 55 JOURNAL # 57 2/28

FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/28

MESSAGE LISTING PRODUCTION FIGURES ON CHEMICAL AGENTS PRODUCTIONS IN BRITAIN.

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Journal #11, 3/1

KUIBYCHEV

From: Kuibyshev - Michels

I.B. #11,3/1

YOUR CABLE REGARDING ANTITANK RIFLE. IT IS BRITISH
SUPPLIED. SUGGEST OBTAINING SPECIFICATIONS FROM BRITISH
IN WASHINGTON.



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Journal #14, 3/1

STOCKHOLM

From: Weddell, Stockholm

I.B. #15, 3/1

YEARS TRAINING, 1941 CLASS, WAS FINISHED RECENTLY
BY ARMY MANEUVERS IN EACH DISTRICT. THIS IS NORMAL PRO-
GRAM. LARGEST OF THESE MANEUVERS WAS HELD NW OF OSTERUND
WITH A REINFORCED BRIGADE ON EACH SIDE.

MOBILIZATION CHANGES NONE EXCEPT AS IN LEGATION CABLE
386, FEBR. 28.

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Journal #17, 3/1

LONDON

From: Chanay, London

RECOMMENDATIONS PRIORITIES MODIFICATIONS IN CERTAIN
ITEMS LISTED INCL. PLANE ACCESSORIES ORDNANCE. SIG.
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, COGO COLA.

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Journal #19, 3/1

LONDON

From: Chanay, London

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICAL SET UP.

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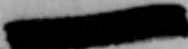
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LONDON

From: Chanay, London

REQUISITION FOR MISRALE EQUIPMENT USANIP.

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CAIRO

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO JOURNAL # 36 I.B. # 45 2/28
FILED: 2160 2/27

IT IS FELLERS' OPINION THAT RAF TESTS OF U.S. 6 x 6 TRUCKS PROVES THAT IT IS SUITABLE FOR USE IN THE DESERT. RAF SUGGESTS USE OF OVER-SIZE TIRES IN PLACE OF REAR DOUBLE WHEEL; THIS FELLERS BELIEVES TO BE UNNECESSARY IN VIEW OF SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN TESTS.

FROM: EDWARDS, TANGIER
FILED: 1805 2/28
SITUATION UNCHANGED.

I.B. # 53 Journal # 54 2/28

TANGIER

Filed: 2/28/42, 363
From: Maxwell, Cairo

Journal #3, 3/1

CAIRO

AIR FORCES IN INDIA NOW BEING ORGANIZED BY GEN. STILLWELL AT CALCUTTA. THEY ARE TO BE BASED FOR OPERATION IMMEDIATELY AGAINST BURMA, WAY OF HINDAL AND CHINA TO COVER EMERGENCY CAUSED BY ABDACOM COLLAPSE. THIS IS PART OF MESSAGE FROM ADLER ABQ INDIA TO GEN. ARNOLD OF AIR SEC. W.S. MISSION TO CAIRO. HE REQUESTS MY ASSISTANCE. I WILL THEREFORE, PENDING ORDERS TO CONTRARY, REMAIN IN INDIA UNTIL 10TH AIR FORCE ARRIVES.

PLAN PROPOSED IS AS FOLLOWS: KARACHI TO BE THE INITIAL CP OF 10TH AIR FORCE UNTIL ARRIVAL OF ITS HQ, USING ALL REINFORCING AIRCRAFT IN INDIA, THE COMMAND IS SET UP FOR ORGANIZING, OPERATING AND TRAINING SQUADRON FOR OFFENSE. TO AID IN THIS OBJECTIVE ALL REINFORCING AIR PLANES IN INDIA ARE BEING ORDERED TO KARACHI. SURVEYS AS PERMITTED ARE BEING MADE OF ADVANCED AIRPORTS EAST OF CALCUTTA REGARDING BOMB FUEL AND AMMUNITION. SOME ME 50 CAL AMMUNITIONS

JOURNAL #3, 3/1 CONTD.

ENROUTE. REQUEST AMER BOMBS BE SHIPPED TO KARACHI FROM US AS NONE ARE IN ME. CHI

AIR TRANSPORT SITUATION VITAL UNLESS 30 STANDARD ARMY CARGO PLANES ARE PROVIDED. WHOLE ORGANIZATION VERY WEAK. BREXTON TO ARRIVE ATDELHI FEBR 27. REQUEST CLARIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS IN RE FORWARDING REINFORCING PLANES TO DEFUNCT ABDACOM. GEN. STILLWELL WISHES IMMEDIATE ORGANIZATION OF ALL AIRCRAFT FOR OFFENSE. CONFER WITH BRADY AND STILLWELL IN CALCUTTA TODAY. SURFACE VESSEL CARGO FOR AIR ARM MUST GO TO KARACHI ONLY.

CHENNAULT PROVIDED PILOTS FOR FERRYING. THEY ARE ALL AVAILABLE. COOPERATION OF RAF AND PAA HELPS SOLVE PROBLEM. RAF IN KARACHI WITH P-43'S READY AND CAN QUICKLY ERECT. FERRYING PROBLEM WILL HAVE LOCAL SOLUTION. REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO ASSIGNMENT OF P-43'S. MESSAGES SENT TO ME WILL BE C/O AN Q INDIA.

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From: Kline, Ankara

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ANKARA

FIRST ARMY (of 14 Inf. Divs)
BETWEEN CORLU-CATALCA LINE 10 CORPS (1 INF. DIV. & 1 CAV. DIV.

IN AREA FROM DEFENSE LINE TO ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF BOSPORUS - 3d, 4th, 20th ISTANBUL CORPS AND MOTORIZED MECHANIZED DIVS.

FROM CORLU TO GEORGIAN BULGARIAN BORDERS. APPROX. 4 FRONTIER BNS. AND CAV. BRIGADES.

SECOND ARMY (Of 16 Divs)
CANAKKALE AND GALLIPOLY. I & II CORPS (4 DIVS ON EUROPEAN SIDE.

BANDIRMA, MUDANYA, IZMIT, 5TH & 6TH CORPS
IZMIR AND OPPOSITE DOBEGANESE ISLANDS 12TH CORPS.

JOURNAL #15, 3/1 CONTD.

THIRD ARMY
DIYARBEKIR-SIIRT 7TH CORPS (2 DIVS)
VICINITY OF SAMSUN-TOKAT 8th CORPS (2 DIVS)
TRABZON-ERZURUM-KARS 9th CORPS
VICINITY OF HATAY SHADOWS 17th CORPS
BELIEVED OPPOSITE SHADOWS AND RUSS FRONTIER 18TH CORPS
LAKE VAN AREA 19th CORPS

DIVISIONS IN ARMY 13 TO 15 INF. 2 CAV.
EQUIPMENT FOR 42 DIVISIONS ONLY, POSSESSED BY TURKEY
2-4 ADDITIONAL DIVS ORDERED PAPER EXISTENCE LARGELY.

FOURTH ARMY
WILL BE COMPRISED PROBABLY OF 5TH AND 6TH CORPS.

4:00 P.M.
2/28/42
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FROM: WDC via GHQ JOURNAL # 35 2/28
FILED: 2:50 p.m. 2/28
INVESTIGATION OF THE OIL DOCK FIRE IS CONTINUING BY
FBI.

WDC VIA GHQ
STROH

THIS REPORT IS # 205 PERIODIC TO 12:00 NOON, FEB. 28.
NO ACTUAL SURMINE CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE, BUT THERE
ARE MANY UNVERIFIED SUB REPORTS PARTICULARLY ALONG THE
SOUTH CALIFORNIA COAST.

ALASKA REPORTS EXCEPTIONALLY MILD WEATHER WITH ALL
INDICATIONS OF AN EARLY SPRING.

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FROM: GOVERNOR GENERAL, DUTCH E. INDIES I.B.# 39
FILED: 2/27 Journal # 39 2/28
REPORT INDICATES TRANSPORTS HEADING FOR WEST JAVA FROM
PALEMBANG AND BANGKA.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO ENEMY LANDINGS ON JAVA AS OF NOON
TODAY. STRIKING FORCE MISSED ENEMY FLEET. BANDOENG IS
BEING BOMBED BUT PROVISION FOR FIGHTER PROTECTION HAS BEEN
MADE.

FROM: C-in-C, NAVAL FORCES ABDA COM
FILED: 2/28 I.B.# 47 Journal # 40 2/28
SEA BATTLE NEAR BAWEAN AFTERNOON AND NIGHT FEB 27 AS
TWO HEAVILY ESCORTED JAP CONVOYS CAME OUT OF BANGKA STRAITS.
ALLIES LOST 2 CRUISERS & 3 DESTROYERS SUNK & 1 CRUISER
DAMAGED. ENEMY LOSSES NOT FULLY KNOWN BUT AT LEAST 3
DESTROYERS.

ENEMY CONVOY THAT WAS IN WESTERN JAVA SEA HAS APPARENTLY
RETREATED AND THE LANDING IN EASTERN JAVA HAS BEEN DELAYED.

LANGLEY WITH FIGHTERS SUNK FEB 28 BY JAP BOMBER SOUTH
OF TJILATJAP.

FROM: BRIT AIR I.B.# 49 Journal # 41 2/28
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RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS 1 SLOOP AND 9 FISHING BOATS BANTEN
BAY & FEB. 24 1 TRANSPORT OF 15,000 TONS, 1 AIRCRAFT
CARRIER, 2 CRUISERS & 3 DESTROYERS AT DILLI.

9 LARGE AND 3 SMALL TRANSPORTS UNLOADING DENPASAR. NO
SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM ENEMY BOMBINGS OF KALIDJATI, TJILITAN,
TANJONG, PRIOK, SOERABAYA, BATAVIA. ALLIES LOST 3 FIGHTERS
& 2 BOMBERS & JAPS LOST 2 FIGHTERS & PROBABLY 4 FIGHTERS
1 BOMBER DAMAGED.

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From: Brett, San Scrigine
 Filed: 0220, 3/1

Journal #47, 2/28 SAN SCRIGINE

RELAY OF MESSAGE FOR ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT
 REFERENCE TO HOLD-UP OF CABLES BECAUSE OF CENSORSHIP AND
 FINANCES DISCUSSED.

From: Buckner, Ft. Richardson, Al.
 Filed: 1111 OCT 2/28

Journal #49/2/28 FT. RICHARDSON

REPORT ON STATUS AND LOCATION OF PLANES.

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 TO
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From: Wemgroup, Bandoeng
 Filed: 3:55, 2/27

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 I.S. #48, 2/28

BANDOENG

OVER S SUMATRA THERE IS A STANDING PATROL BY JAP FIGHTERS
 27 PLANES WERE SEEN AT NEW AIRFIELD ON BALI LOCATED AT
 06°42" S - 115°12" E. IT IS REPORTED THAT AS A RESULT OF
 JAP AIR ATTACK ON SOURABAYA ON 2/26 ONE NAVY "O" WAS DOWNED
 AND THERE WAS NO LOSS TO US. ONE GLEN MARTIN LOST IN
 INEFFECTUAL BOMBING FORAYS.

ON FEB. 26, AMONG THE SIGHTINGS OF JAP SHIPS, INCLUDING
 A TOTAL OF 3 BATTLE CRUISERS, 12 CRUISERS, 11 DESTROYERS,
 ONE AUXILIARY, 15 MERCHANT SHIPS & 28 TRANSPORTS, (THESE
 SHIPS ARE LISTED UNDER 7 SEPARATE SIGHTINGS AS TO EACH
 OF WHICH EXACT TIMES AND LOCATION IS GIVEN IN MESSAGE) THERE
 WERE SEEN AT MUNTOK HARBOR AT 0700 LOCAL TIME A TOTAL OF
 14 MERCHANT SHIPS, AND AT 0500 LOCAL TIME, A CONVOY CONSISTING
 OF 24 TROOPSHIPS, 5 DESTROYERS & 3 CRUISERS WAS SEEN 20 MI
 OFF AREN DS ISLAND, BEARING 315° COURSE 245°.

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Journal #4, 3/1/42

SANS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sans Origine

DETAILED LIST OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES MACARTHUR NEEDS.

SUCH SUPPLIES FROM US AND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY SOURCES
 AUGMENTED BY PURCHASES FROM CIVILIAN SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN
 SENT AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. THESE SOURCES RAPIDLY
 BECOMING LESS. WILL CONTINUE FORWARDING. SUPPLIES SENT FROM
 FROM THIS TIME FORTH WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THIS SHIPMENT
 UPON ITS ARRIVAL.

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Journal #1, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

RELAY OF MESSAGE FOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE
 REFERENCE TO HOLD-UP OF CABLES BECAUSE OF CENSORSHIP
 AND FINANCES DISCUSSED.

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Journal #52, 2/28

From: McClure, London

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LONDON

NO INFORMATION HERE AS TO ENEMY LOSSES IN THE NAVAL ENGAGEMENT JAVA.

AN URGENT MESSAGE RECEIVED AT W.O. 11:00 A.M. REPORTS JAPS LANDING ATTACK AT REMBANG AND BELIEVED ATTACK STARTED ON BATAVIA.

UNREPORTED NUMBER JAP TRANSPORTS ESCORTED BY 5 CRUISERS & 8 DESTROYERS NW ARENDON ISLES MORNING FEBR 26 PROCEEDING CENTRAL JAVA. AT 12 HRS GMT FEBR 27 LARGE FORCE ENEMY TRANSPORTS WERE APPROACHING SOURABAYA. AT 4 HRS GMT FEBR 27 ANOTHER ENEMY FORCE WAS 110 MILES N. OF BATAVIA. THOUGHT THAT THE FORCE OFF SOURABAYA A PART OF THE FORCE REPORTED MACASSAR STRAITS ON 24TH, WHICH WAVELL EST. AS 2 DIV. AND TO ARRIVE CENTRAL JAVA DAWN 27TH. THOUGHT THAT FORCE OFF BATAVIA PART OF FORCE RECENTLY IN BANKA - PALEMBANG AREA AND TO BE ADVANCE ELEMENTS OF 2 DIV. FOR

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2/28/42

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ATTACK ON BATAVIA.

FIRST SITUATION REPORT FROM BURMA RECEIVED IN W.O. LAST NIGHT GIVES SITUATION TO 12 HRS GMT. FEBR 25. THIS REPORT GIVES ENEMY CASUALTIES DURING WITHDRAWAL ACROSS SITTANG RIVER SO SEVERE THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEMPT TO CROSS RIVER. ENEMY CASUALTIES SITTANG BRIDGE EST. 2000 OUT OF 5000 ENGAGED. BRITISH FORCES ARE BEING REFORMED ON LINE SITTANG. 5000 ENEMY IN SITTANG BRIDGE HEAD AREA AND ANOTHER LARGE FORCE MOVING NORTH FROM DONCAIT ON EAST BANK OF SITTANG.

THE SECOND SITUATION REPORT FROM BURMA DISPATCHED 27TH: BRITISH FORCES S. BURMA REORGANIZED AND BEING REFITTED. ENEMY ACROSS SITTANG AND ASTRID ROAD AND RAILWAY AT PEINSON 16 MILES N OF PPOU ON RANGOON-MANDALAY ROAD. STRENGTH NOT KNOWN. REPORTED THAT ENEMY FORCES ARE COM-

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VERGIN 0 AT MEIKYO FROM SITTANG VILLAGE AREA. ADVANCE CHINESE FORCES REACHED TOUNGOO AT 15 HRS GMT 27TH.

THOUGHT THAT THE JAP ADVANCE ON PEINSON EFFECTIVELY SERVE BOTH RAIL AND HIGHWAY BETWEEN RANGOON AND MANDALAY, AND THAT THE ENEMY FORCES PROCEEDING TO MEATKO INDICATES THAT THEY ARE REINFORCING THEIR POSITION.

AS SHOWN BY OTHER INFORMATION FROM BURMA THE 17 IND. DIV. FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM E OF BILIN AND SITTANG RIVERS HAD SUCH HEAVY LOSSES, MEN AND GUNS, THAT IT HAS REFORMED AS TWO VERY SMALL BRIGADES OF RIFLEMEN AND NOW TOTALS 4000. HAS BEEN SERIOUS NUMBER OF DESERTIONS WITH ARMS AMONG NATIVE BURMESE TROOPS. ON FEBR. 27 OUR AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 2 2 ENEMY PLANES WITH OUR LOSS ONLY 1, OVER RANGOON.

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Journal #2, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

RAAF GQ DESIRES COSMOS DATA FOR USE IN MAKING IONOSPHERIC PREDICTIONS.

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Journal #5, 3/2

BANDONG

From: Thorpe, Bandung

AIRFIELDS AT MALANG, SEMPLAK, SOERABAYA, BATAVIA AND PASIRAN ATTACKED BY AIR TODAY. LOSSES NOT KNOWN. JAP FLEET CAME FROM BALI. OOSTRAVEN NOW IN JAP HANDS. SMALL PATROL WORK SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED IN TRAINING INF AGAINST JAPS. ALSO USE OF UNUSUAL RUSES AND DECEPTION. GREAT WORK COULD BE DONE BY SPECIAL SCOUTING UNITS OF SMALL MEN WHO COULD BE DISGUISED EITHER AS JAPS OR AS NATIVES. FILIPINOS OR HAWAIIAN JAPS OF ASSURED LOYALTY MIGHT BE USED IN SUCH WORK.

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FT. MILLS

From: Ft. Mills

PRESREL FOR FEBR 28 ENEMY HAS ADOPTED DEFENSIVE ATTITUDE THERE DEFINITE INDICATION THAT HIS HEAVY LOSSES HAVE SHAKEN HIM. HE BEGINS SHOW SIGNS EXHAUSTION. WE ARE PROBABLY ENTERING UPON A PHASE OF POSITIONAL WARFARE OF INDECISIVE CHARACTER. IN NORTH LUZON OUR MOUNTAIN TROOPS HAVE FORCED HIM EVACUATE ANRA VALLEY FROM CERVANTES TO BENGUET.

COMMONWEALTH OF PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.
PROCLAMATION - TO THE PEOPLE OF PHILIPPINES: ALMOST 3 MONTHS PASSED SINCE ENEMY FIRST RAVAGED OUR SACRED SOIL. AT COST OF MANY LIVES AND IMMEASURABLE HUMAN SUFFERING WE HAVE BEEN RESISTING HIS ADVANCE WITH ALL OUR MIGHT. HE HAS TAKEN OUR CAPITAL AND OCCUPIED SEVERAL OF OUR PROVINCES BUT WE ARE NEITHER BEATEN NOR SUBDUED. OUR SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE AND OUR WILL TO VICTORY REMAIN UNDAUNTED.

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OUR SOLDIERS IN FIELD AND CIVILIAN BEHIND LINES ARE INSPIRED BY ONE DETERMINATION AND ONE AIM -- TO FIGHT THE INVADER UNTIL DEATH AND TO EXPEL HIM FROM OUR LAND. WE HAVE SUFFERED MUCH AND WILL SUFFER MORE. WE WILL MEET THE ENEMY AGAIN AND AGAIN IN MANY BATTLEFIELDS. HE WILL FIND US READY TO DEFEND BITTERLY EVERY INCH OF OUR TERRITORY.

FOR LAST MONTH, ENEMY HAS FAILED MAKE ANY ADVANCE. EVERY ATTACK HE HAS LAUNCHED AGAINST US HAS BEEN REPULSED AND HIS LOSSES HAVE BEEN MOUNTING EVERY DAY. OUR MEN ARE RESOLUTE AND CONFIDENT. UNDER LEADERSHIP OF GEN. MACARTHUR THEY ARE VALIANTLY OVERWHELMING ODDS AND DESPITE INITIAL ATTACK OF THE ENEMY. OUR ALLIES IN OTHER FRONTS ARE ALSO DOING THEIR PART.

WE HAVE SUFFERED REVERSES, BUT WE HAVE BEGUN TO ACHIEVE VICTORIES. THE UNITED NATIONS, COMPELLED AT FIRST TO BE ON

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THE DEFENSIVE, ARE NOW SEIZING INITIATIVE IN SEVERAL FRONTS. FALL SINGAPORE HAS BEEN COMPENSATED BY VICTORIES AT MACASSAR STRAIT, OILBERT & MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND AROUND WATER OF BALI. THE BOLT HURLED BY ENEMY IS FAST SPENDING ITS FORCE. THE TIDE IS TURNING, AND IT WILL NOT BE LONG, I TRUST, BEFORE TREMENDOUS MILITARY MIGHT OF AMERICA FULLY COMES INTO ACTION IN THIS PART OF WORLD.

ALREADY GALLANTRY OF OUR SOLDIERS HAS AROUSED ADMIRATION OF WHOLE WORLD. STEADFAST LOYALTY OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION HAS LIKEWISE BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDED EVERYWHERE. MOST GLORIOUS CHAPTER IN HISTORY OUR COUNTRY BEING WRITTEN IN BATAAN & CORREIDOR ON THE EPIC STAND OF OUR ARMIES. IN THIS SHEDDING OUR BLOOD FOR JUSTICE AND LIBERTY, WE HAVE ENHANCED OUR RACE AND WON RESPECT OF MANKIND. IN A SENSE, OUR SACRIFICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REWARDED, FOR WE HAVE

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PROVED OUR LOYALTY TO AMER. AND HAVE MERITED ADMIRATION OF WORLD. I TRUST WE WILL CONTINUE PROVING OURSELVES WORTHY OF OUR FATHERS AND OF GREAT BOON OF LIBERTY WHICH HAS BEEN THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR AGE OLD ASPIRATION.

OUR GOVT. AND GOVT OF US HAVE BEEN DOING EVERYTHING W WITHIN THEIR POWER TO RELIEVE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS AMONG CIVILIANS, PARTICULARLY AMONG FAMILIES OF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES IN FIELD. SHORTLY AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF WAR, THE GOVT OF US RELEASES THE SUM OF TWENTY MILLION PESOS TO BE SPENT BY PHILIPPINE GOVT FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE AND RELIEF. A FEW DAYS AGO, GEN MACARTHUR, AS FURTHER FURTHER EVIDENCE OF HIS ABIDING FAITH IN AND AFFECTION OF FILIPINO PEOPLE, APPROVED THE TRANSFER TO PHILIPPINE TREASURE OF THE SUM OF TEN MILLION PESOS TO BE SPENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVT FOR PUBLIC RELIEF AND CIVILIAN

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DEFENSE.

THIS MONEY COMES FROM THE APPROPRIATION MADE BY CONGRESS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACT. I PROPOSE TO SPEND THIS AMOUNT IMPROVE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE LIVING CONDITIONS AMONG CIVILIAN POPULATION IN THE UNOCCUPIED AREAS. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND THIS RELIEF TO OUR PEOPLE LIVING IN OCCUPIED AREAS, I WOULD ONLY BE TOO GLAD TO DO SO, FOR I KNOW THAT THOSE PEOPLE DESERVE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR GOVT. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE IMPRACTICABLE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION NOW. NEVERTHELESS I WISH TO ASSURE THE LOYAL PEOPLE OF MANILA AND OTHER AREAS UNDER ENEMY CONTROL THAT THEIR GOVT. WILL EXTEND TO THEM ALL ASSISTANCE THAT THEY MAY REQUIRE AFTER THE ENEMY SHALL HAVE BEEN DRIVEN AWAY FROM THEIR MIDST.

SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INCAPACITATED AND TO

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THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY ACTION OF ENEMY. EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO MINISTER TO NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE SACRIFICING SO MUCH FOR THE WELFARE AND FREEDOM OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN.

CIVILIAN EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION IN DIFFERENT PROVINCES WILL BE AGENCIES CHARGED WITH DUTY CARRYING OUT RELIEF PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

I URGE EVERY FILIPINO BE OF GOOD CHEER, HAVE FAITH IN PATRIOTISM AND VALOR OF OUR SOLDIERS IN THE FIELD, BUT ABOVE ALL TRUST AMERICA AND OUR GREAT AND BELOVED LEADER — HES ROOSEVELT.

THE UNITED NATIONS WILL WIN THIS WAR. AMERICA IS TOO GREAT AND TOO POWERFUL TO BE VANQUISHED IN THIS CONFLICT. I KNOW SHE WILL NOT FAIL US! SIGNED MANUEL L QUEZON
PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINES, FEBR. 28, 1942 ATTEST: MANUEL
ROKAS, ACTG. SEC'Y TO PRESIDENT.

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From: MACOMRIAND

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MACOMRIAND

FEBR. 26 GEN. STILLWELL AND 10 OTHERS ARRIVED CALCUTTA COMING HERE SOON SAYS MESSAGE OF FEBR. 28.

FEBR 27 GEN MAGRUDER LEFT LASHIO FOR CALCUTTA TO MEET THEM.

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Journal #8, 3/1

SANS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sans Origine

DETAILS AIR RECON. OFF COAST OF AUSTRALIA. INCLUDED
IS MENTION OF POSSIBLE REINFORCEMENTS FOR RABAU FROM
THRU IN FORM OF 12 BOMBERS SIGHTED PASSING OVER TABAR.

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Journal #16, 3/1

SANS ORIGINE

From: Brett, Sans Origine

DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPECIFIC LIST OF MEDICAL
SUPPLIES.

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Journal #18, 3/1

FT. SHAFTER

From: Emmons, Ft. Shafter

U.S. A.T. GRANT TOOK CREWS AWAY FEER 21 DAYS OF ARRIVAL
NOT KNOWN (REF. 1569 FEER. 27).

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Journal #20, 3/1

FT. MILLS

From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills

ALL FRONTS SHOW USUAL ACTIVITY.

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Journal #21, 3/1

MELBOURNE

From: Brett, Melbourne

REQUEST SPARE PARTS BE SHIPPED AUTOMATICALLY FOR ALL
CLASSES. PROPOSE PERIODIC ADJUSTMENT EACH 6 MONTHS. REQUEST
ADVICE ON ACTION EACH CLASS. VERY URGENT, MOTOR TRANSPORT
AND ORDNANCE.

Filed: 2/28/42, 1430

Journal #23, 3/1

FT. MILLS

From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARGO OF 1st THREE SHIPS.
DETAILED REQUISITION ARMS, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL
SUPPLIES.

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WDC thru GHQ

From: WDC thru GHQ

DISTRESS SIGNAL HEARD FROM MERCHANT VESSEL W.H. BERG AT 37°25' N. 123°28' W ABOUT 90 MILES W AND S FROM SAN FRANCISCO ABOUT 10:15 P. (FWT) INDICATE SHIP BEING SHELLED APPARENTLY BY SUB. RADIO INTERCEPT FROM DESTROYER KING ABOUT 35 TO 38 MILES WEST OF FAROLLO ISLAND 10:45 P.M. INDICATING KING ITSELF WAS BEING SHELLED.

RADIO BLACKOUT ORDERED BY 4TH INTERCEPTOR COMMAND AT 10:57 P.M. BUT CHANGED AT 11:37 P.

1 B-36 AND 5 FBV'S WENT INTO AIR TO INVESTIGATE BEGINNING AT 11:20 P.

CANCELLATION OF RADIO BLACKOUT WAS DUE TO CHANGED SITUATION.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING FULL DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED AS OBTAINED.

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WDC thru GHQ

From: WDC thru GHQ

RADIO FROM W.H. BERG RECEIVED AT 12:04 A.M. MARCH 1 STATED THAT SHELL FIRE HAD STOPPED AND THAT NO DAMAGE TO SHIP WAS SUSTAINED. THE ATTACKING VESSEL NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED BUT PROBABLY HOSTILE. SUB DISAPPEARED ACCORDING TO SAME MESSAGE, WHICH GAVE CORRECT POSITION OF BERG AS 37°25' N. 123°28' W WHEN ATTACKED. AT 12:40 A.M. NAVY PLANES WERE ORDERED TO RETURN TO BASE AND ARMY PLANES RECEIVED SAME ORDER AT 12:45 A.M. REPORT OF DESTROYER KING BEING SHELLED IN OUR PREVIOUS WIRE HAS NOW BEEN ESTABLISHED AS SHELLED FROM W.H. BERG WHICH FAILED TO RECOGNIZE DESTROYER. BERG WILL STOP AT ELSEGUENDO NEAR LOS ANGELES WHERE NAVY WILL INTERVIEW MASTER. NAVY ESTIMATE OF CREDITABILITY OF HOSTILE SUB ATTACK "Excellent".

STCCH

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Journal # 36

From: M/A Cairo FELLERS

I.B. #34 3/1/42

SOVIETS NOW CONTROL THE NORTHERN PORTION OF IRAN. THE AREA UNDER THEIR INFLUENCE EXTENDS FROM HERAT, LOCATED ON THE AFGHANISTAN BORDER, TO KURDISTAN. EFFORT IS NOW BEING MADE TO BOLSHEVIZE THIS AREA WHICH IS THE RICHEST AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED. THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION IS TURKS AND EGYPTIANS WHO HAVE ARRIVED IN CAIRO FROM IRAN AND WHO ARE CONSIDERED RELIABLE. THESE PEOPLE CLAIM THAT THIS ACTIVITY EXTENDS TO BOTH THE MILITARY FORCES AND CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOVIETS. PRIVATE PROPERTY OF THE WEALTHY, SUCH AS RICE, COWS AND OXEN ARE CONFISCATED AND THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE POOR. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A WIDESPREAD ORGANIZATION TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, BUT PUBLIC FEASTS ARE USED AS PROPAGANDA MEDIA TO DEMONSTRATE THE BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM A SOVIET

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SYSTEM. ATTEMPTS OF THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY THE RUSSIAN MILITARY FORCES.

IT IS THE BELIEF OF MY INFORMANTS THAT THIS IS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO SET THE STAGE FOR FUTURE REVOLTS IN IRAN WITH THE PURPOSE OF OVERTHROWING THE PRESENT ARISTOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. THE EMPRESS OF IRAN IS NOW IN CAIRO, AND HER PRESENCE HERE MAY BE DUE TO THE SITUATION BEING BUILT UP BECAUSE OF THIS,

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

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Atlantic

From: Com 16 (Navy)

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PORT OF DESTINATION SAFELY REACHED BY SS LEGASPI.

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From: OPNAV

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WHILE IT IS NOT TO SET UP A PRECEDENT, AUTHORIZATION
GRANTED FOR RETURN (FROM BRITAIN TO U.S.) OF WOMEN
AND CHILDREN ON 12 VESSELS IF SPACE REMAINS AFTER
OFFICIAL AND MILITARY PERSONS HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATED.

From: Brett (Melbourne)

Journal #27 3/1

Filed: 218 (7) 3/1/42

ONLY ARTILLERY GUNS IN TRANSIT ARE 155 MM GUNS THOUGH AMMUNITION FOR ORGANIC ARTILLERY IS APPARENTLY BEING SENT. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ARTILLERY WEAPONS BE SENT AT ONCE.

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Journal #29

From: AVM Maltby

I.B. #30 3/1

THE FOLLOWING COVERS A DAILY PERIOD UP TO FEB 28, 0030 HOURS.

THREE JAP FORCES WERE SEEN NEARING NORTH CENTRAL COAST OF JAVA: WARSHIP SCREEN OF FIRST ONE RAIDED BY 2 B-17s RESULTING IN A CRUISER COMING TO A STANDSTILL; THIRD ONE RAIDED BY 1 B-17 WITHOUT EFFECT.

ENCOUNTERING LITTLE OPPOSITION 2 BLENHEIMS BOMBED 30 JAP 97s (ARMY BOMBERS) ON PALEMBANG II; THE EFFECT WAS NOT SEEN.

ONE TROOPSHIP SUNK AND SEVERAL BOMBS DROPPED CLOSE ABOARD WHEN 2 A-24s ATTACKED 43 TROOPSHIPS AND 15 DESTROYERS AT 05° 30' S 115° 40' E.

A LARGE MERCHANT VESSEL SUFFERED A CLOSE MISS WHEN 1 HUDSON INTERCEPTED 30 MERCHANTMEN (1000 TO 3000 TONS)

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ESCORTED BY 3 DESTROYERS AND 4 CRUISERS AT 04° S 106° 30' E ON COURSE 345°

RESULTS OF BOMBING OF PALEMBANG RIVER SHIPPING BY 1 BLENHEIM WERE NOT OBSERVED.

ON 2-27 AT 1230Z FOLLOWING WINGGROUP WERE IN COMMISSION:

ALHACORE 1
BLENHEIM IV 5
VILDEMEEST 8
HURRICANE 13
HUDSON III 2

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From: Brett-ANDA Com

Journal # 30 3/1

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THE TAIYAN (BRIT SHIP) LEFT SORABAYA 2-26 FOR CEBU WHERE IT IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE 3-15 WITH CARGO OF 2,000,000 ROUNDS 30 CAL., ABOUT 720,000 RATIONS AND 15,000 ROUNDS 3 INCH AA.

BRETT IS LEAVING FOR AUSTRALIA ON 2-28 AS IT IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE TO CARRY ON MISSION FROM JAVA.

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From: WESGROUP

I.B. 29 3-1

FOLLOWING PLANES IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION:

VILDERBESTE 11

HURRICANES 13

BLENHEIM IV 6

ALACORE 2

HUDSON 1

THIS AM JAWA AIR COMMAND DIVE BOMBERS AND HEAVY BOMBERS
DIRECTED TO ATTACK ENEMY CONVOY OF 24 TROOPSHIPS AND 8
ESCORTING WARSHIPS SIGHTED 20 MILES OFF ARENDIS ISLAND
BEARING 315°, COURSE 245° at 2130Z ON 2-25.

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From: Emmons, Ft. Shafter

IN VIEW OF LACK OF REPLACEMENTS PREVIOUS REQUISITION
FOR 123 30 CAL MGs IS CANCELLED.

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Journal # 31

From: MARCORPS

I.B. 8

REFERENCE GROUPING OF MARINE (?) UNITS FOR
MOVEMENT BY LAND TO PORTS OF DEBARKATION.

WORK SHEET

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

UNITED STATES & CANADA

4:00 p.m.
2/27
TO
4:00 p.m.
2/28

✓ FROM: BUCKNER JOURNAL # 61 2/27
FILED: 0730 OCT 2/28
LOCATION AND STATUS OF ALASKAN AIRCRAFT.

BUCKNER
FT RICHARDSON
ALASKA

✓ FROM: NAVY JOURNAL # 63 2/27
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LOCATIONS OF U.S. NAVAL AIRCRAFT UNCHANGED.

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FROM: AM AMBASS, BOGOTA, BRAZEN I.B. # 5 2/26 P
 FILED: 5:00 p.m. 2/26 Journal # 48 2/27

✓ COLOMBIAN GOVT. HAS INSTALLED DEFENSES TO PROTECT
 SEAPORTS AGAINST SUB ATTACKS. 1,000,000 bbs CRUDE &
 DIESEL OIL ARE STORED AT COVENAS.

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✓ FROM: TRUESDELL, QUARRY HEIGHTS
 FILED: 2/27 Journal # 56 2/27
 DESIRES INFORMATION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN ON BALLOON
 UNITS REQUESTED.

TRUESDELL
 QUARRY HEIGHTS

FROM: ENT, LIMA, PERU JOURNAL # 54 2/27
 FILED: REC'D W.D. 1:07 P.M. 2/26 I.B. # 53 2/27
 CHEMICAL SMOKE POTS WANTED FOR PERUVIAN NAVY.

ENT, PERU

From: Ent - Lima Journal #6, 2/28/42
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ENT
 LIMA

NO PREPARATIONS YET MADE FOR RECEPTION OF 155 MM.
 BATTERY COMING TO TALARA. HOUSING TO BE IN U.S.A. TENTS
 FOR 1ST MONTH, LATER TEMPORARY BARRACKS CONSTRUCTED BY
 PERUVIAN GOV'T. TEMPORARY CAMP SITE CHOSEN UNTIL DISPO-
 SITIONS ARE CHOSEN BY BATTERY CO. FULL COOPERATION AS-
 SURED FROM PERU. CAPT. QUIGLEY, U.S.N. AND MYSELF WILL
 BE IN TALARA TO RECEIVE THE UNIT.

6:00 p.m.

2/27

TO

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from: 1st ARMY HQ REC FROM NAVY LOG JOURNAL # 52 2/27
FILED: 6:10 p.m. 2/27
SS ORARI. CALL LETTERS CJEX, SIGHTED TORPEDOE AT 41°
51'N - 81°51'W AT 1829.

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FROM: ETO VIA GRQ JOURNAL 58 2/27
FILED: 5:78 p.m. 2/27
SS MAHORS SAID TO BE SUNK AT 9330 GMT, FEB. 27, at
35°33'N - 74°58' W ACCORDING TO MESSAGE FROM CHESAPEAKE
BAY SECTOR. ONE LIFE BOAT ARRIVED AT CAPE HATTERAS.
THOSE STILL ALIVE IN REMAINING TWO LIFEBOATS GOING SOUTH
ABOARD SS BENSON. IS NOT ASCERTAINED IF SINKING BECAUSE
OF ENEMY ATTACK. INTER-COMMUNICATION SAYS WIRELESS
INTERCEPT SUBS SAID TO BE NEAR CAPE HATTERAS IN VICINITY
FROM 20 MI TO 10 MI S.

From: ETO Journal #1, 2/28/42 ETO
Filed: 2/27/42, 10:55 P
EMPTY LIFE BOAT AND 2 RAFTS UNOCCUPIED AT 34°22' N -
75°10' W. NAVY INVESTIGATING.

From: ETO Journal #2, 2/28/42 ETO
Filed: 2/27/42, 11:32 P
COAST GUARD USS ANTIETAM FIRES ON SUB 12 MILES EAST
OF ASBURY PARK.

G-2 WORK SHEET

MIDDLE EAST
SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

MIDDLE EAST

4:00 p.m.
2/27
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2/28

FROM: FREEMAN, CAIRO JOURNAL # 46
FILED: 9:05 p.m. I.B.# 29 2/27

SUGGESTED AEF FOR SYRIA, WITH AIR SUPPORT COMMAND
OFFERS FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

1. AIR FORCE BASE FROM WHICH TO STRIKE VITAL AXIS COMMUNICATIONS, STRATEGIC CENTERS & MEDITERRANEAN BASES;
2. LOCAL AVAILABILITY OF GASOLINE & OIL & ALSO PART OF THE RAILROADS;
3. A ASSURANCE OF THE SECURITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST;
4. A PARTIAL RESTORATION OF CONTROL IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN TO THE ALLIED FLEET;
5. SEA ROUTES WHICH, WHILE LONG, WILL BE REASONABLY FREE FROM SUB & AXIS AIR ATTACKS;
6. AN EXCELLENT TRAINING AREA;
7. THE EXERCISE OF A GREAT MORAL FACTOR THROUGHOUT THE THEATRE, TURKEY & THE BALKANS;
8. THE INITIAL REQUIREMENT OF ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF TROOP

I.B.# 29 Journal # 46 2/27 continued

TROOPS DUE TO EGYPTIAN & ALLIED FORCES ALREADY HERE.

G-2 NOTE:

FROM: CHANNY, LONDON I.B.# 51 Journal # 49 2/27
FILED: 4:15 p.m. 2/27

SAND STORM ON 25th OBSCURED OBSERVATION OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS. ONE AXIS COLUMN OF 16 TANKS, HOWEVER, MADE ADVANCE SE OF MEKILI AND THEN WITHDREW THAT NIGHT. GENERAL TRAINING OF TWO HIGHLY PRIZED GERMAN DIVISIONS AND MAXWELL.

FROM: FELLERS - CAIRO JOURNAL #7, 2/28/42
FILED: 2/27/42, 2145 I.B.#6, 2/28/42

FREQUENCY MODULATION IS NOT USED IN ANY RADIO ISSUED BY RAF OR BRIT. ARMY IN THIS THEATRE. SEVERAL RECEIVING SETS RECEIVED BUT NOT YET IN USE. SIGNAL OFFICE, THIS THEATRE, REPORT NO INDICATIONS OF USE BY GERMANS EITHER FORWARD ECHELON OR REAR ECHELON.

FELLERS
CAIRO

FROM: FELLERS - CAIRO JOURNAL #8, 2/28/42
FILED: 2/27/42, 1426 I.B.#9, 2/28/42

PART II OF #860.

A MILLION TUNKS MIGHT ALIGN THEMSELVES FAVORABLY IF OCCUPATION OF SYRIA WAS ACCOMPLISHED. AN AIR FORCE BASED IN TURKEY MIGHT OPERATE AGAINST OIL COMMUNICATIONS IN ROMANIA, THE REAR OF GERMAN MAJOR OFFENSIVES SEEMING TO OFFER IMMEDIATE CHANCE OF LENDING EFFECTIVE AID.

FELLERS
CAIRO

IN STALIN'S OPINION AN AEF IN SYRIA CAN BE SMALL. IT SHOULD COMprise AN ARMORED CORPS, 10,000 TROOPS AND 600 AIR PLANES OF WHICH LATTER ENGLAND MIGHT PROVIDE 1/2. IF OUR TROOPS HAVE NOT FINISHED TRAINING IT CAN BE COMPLETED IN SYRIA WITH LATER SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT. AMERICAN FORCE IN M.E. WOULD HAVE VITAL MORAL EFFECT.

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MIDDLE EAST # 2

(Journal #8, 2/28/42, Cont'd)

GERMANY CAN ON 30 DAYS NOTICE OPPOSE ANY LANDING ATTEMPTED BETWEEN CASABLANCA AND BAKAR, HAVING FOR THAT PURPOSE 250 LAND BASED PLANES AND AVAILABLE LANDING FIELDS. FUEL SUPPLY, THO LIMITED, IS IN THE AREA. GERMANY CAN OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT AT LANDING BETWEEN NORWAY AND PORTUGAL BY 500-600 COMBAT PLANES.

430 BOMBERS AND 160 FIGHTERS, MAY 22D NOT ONLY BROUGHT ABOUT WORST DISASTER IN BRIT. NAVAL HISTORY BUT CONTINUED ITS HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST CRETE WITH PART OF ITS FORCE. ANOTHER DISASTER WILL BE ASSURED IF A LANDING IS ATTEMPTED AGAINST A LAND BASED GERMAN AIR FORCE OF 250-600 PLANES. SUCH EXPEDITION JUSTIFIED ONLY BY WORTH OF OBJECTIVES.

(Journal #8, 2/28/42, Cont'd)

AN AMERICAN FORCE IN N. AFRICA OR IN EUROPE MUST BE SUPPLIED FROM THE U.S. ENTIRELY.

ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS - N. AFRICA - MIDDLE EAST, MUCH SHORTER BUT SUB RISK GREATER IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER ROUTES.

AEF TO N. AFRICA OR SPAIN CAN ONLY EFFECT A DIVERSION IF IT CAN LAND SUCCESSFULLY AS THERE IS NEITHER AN IMMEDIATE NOR A PRIME OBJECTIVE UNTIL PENETRATION WELL INTO EUROPE HAS BEEN MADE.

AEF TO SYRIA PROVIDES OBJECTIVE OF IMPORTANCE IN EFFECTING JOINTURE WITH RED ARMY AND THUS EFFECT ENDING OF WAR IN WINTER '42-43.

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TO

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2/28

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON Journal # 59 2/27

FILED: 4:15 2/27

CHANEY

DESIRE TO RECEIVE CHIEF OF AIR CORPS STATISTICAL CHART
RM-80.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON Journal # 53 2/27

FILED: 5:00 p.m. 2/27

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

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CHANEY

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON JOURNAL # 57 2/27

FILED: REC'D WD 226 p.m. 2/26 I.B. # 56 2/27

SUPPLY MIN HAS 20 TONS PER MONTH SURPLUS CHARCOAL FOR
GAS MASKS. CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE INTERESTED?

FROM: KNE MCCLURE, LONDON I.B. # 54 2/27

FILED: rec'd W D 2:26 P.M. 2/26 JOURNAL # 55 2/27

PRODUCTION IN ENGLAND OF ARTILLERY FLASH SPOTTING
BINOCULAR INSTRUMENT DESIRABLE.

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B. # 57 2/27

FILED: 2/27 Journal # 62 2/27

U.S. FLAMETHROWER SUPERIOR TO SIMILAR BRITISH TYPE,
EXCEPT HAS SHORTER RANGE.MCCLURE
LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 64 2/27

FILED: 7:40 p.m. 2/27

POINTS IN YOUR MESSAGE IN REFERENCE ORGANIZATION OF
U.S. ARMY FORCES IN BRIT ISLES HAD BEEN CONSIDERED AND
DO NOT CHANGE MY VIEWS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

CHANEY LONDON

FROM: EDWARDS, TANGER

I.B. # 64 Journal # 68 2/27

FILED: 1825 2/27

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

4:00 p.m.

2/27

TO

4:00 p.m.

2/28

FROM: MORLAND, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 38 2/27

FILED: 0230 2/27

MORLAND CHUNGKING

A SOURCE, HERETOFORE RELIABLE, INFORMS THAT SPAIN HAS
COME TO AN AGREEMENT TO THROW IN ITS LOT WITH THE AXIS.

From: Eager - Madrid

Filed: 2/27/42, 2200

NOTHING TO REPORT.

Journal #3, 2/28/42

I.B. #1, 2/28/42

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MADRID

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WESTERN EUROPE # 2

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TO
4:00 p.m.
2/28

✓ FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 65 2/27
FILED: 7:40 p.m. 2/27 Journal # 69 2/27
A TWO-PAGE CABLE ON ORGANIZATION AND STRENGTH OF BRITISH
CHEMICAL WARFARE UNITS AND COMPOSITION OF ROCKET AND
MORTAR SHELL.

MCCLURE

✓ FROM: LEGGE, BERN I.B.# 65 Journal # 67 2/27
FILED: 1932 2/27
Situation unchanged.

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CDD Letter, 8-3-72

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2/28

FROM: MACMORLAND, CHUMSKING JOURNAL # 38 2/27

FILED: 0230 2/27

A SOURCE, HERETOFORE RELIABLE, INFORMS THAT THE GERMANSPRING OFFENSIVE IN RUSSIA WILL BEGIN EARLY IN MARCH.

MACMORLAND

FROM: MCCLURE

JOURNAL # 61 2/27

FILED: 6:03 p.m. 2/27

I.B. # 58 2/27

REPORT AS TO RUSS FRONT THROUGH Feb. 25. IT WILL BE A MONTH TO SIX WEEKS BEFORE THAW CAN BE EXPECTED & PROBABLE THAT RUSSMAY HAVE DIFFICULTY SECURING ANY MAJOR SUCCESSES WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF SOUTHERN FRONT. AT PRESENT, THE SEVERE WINTER WEATHER MAKES OPERATIONS DIFFICULT.

IN GENERAL: THE SITUATION HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED DURING PAST WEEK EXCEPT IN UKRAINE WHEN GERMS REDUCED THE DONETS SALIENT, BUT THIS PARTIALLY OFFSET BY THE RUSS ADVANCE ON KHARKOV.

IN UKRAINE: SOUTHEAST OF KHARKOV THE RUSS DROVE A WEDGE INTO GERM POSITIONS AND ARE APPROACHING CHUGUYEV NEXXIN BUT IN FACE OF PIERCE RUSS RESISTANCE THE GERM COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST DONETS SALIENT REACHED LOSOVAYA & RUSS ATTACKS SOUTH FROM BARVENKOVA HAVE BEEN REPULSED.

IN CRIMEA: RUSS CONTINUE REINFORCEMENTS KERCH PENIN-

I.B. # 58 JOURNAL # 61 2/27 continued

SULA AND SEVASTOPOL.

IN CENTRAL SECTOR: RUSS HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS TOWARDS THE Leningrad-ORSHA RR AND LITTLE WEST OF MOSCOW. REPORT OF SEVERE FIGHTING AT Kholm AND VELIZH AND THE GERMS TO HAVE DRIVEN THE RUSS ADVANCE ELEMENTS BACK NEAR VYASNA. HOWEVER, THE RUSS COMMUNIQUE OF FEB 23 CLAIMS THAT THEIR FORCES HAVE REACHED DOBOCOBUZE.

IN Leningrad SECTOR: THE GERMS DEFENSES AROUND CITY & ALONG VOLKHOV RIVER HAVE HELD UP RUSS.

IN FINLAND: SITUATION UNCHANGED.

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PACIFIC # 1

4:00 p.m.
2/27
TO
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2/28

FROM: A.C.N.H. (ADMIRALTY NO. 180) I.B. # 49 2/27
FILED: 0816 2/27 JOURNAL # 50 2/27
2 SUBMARINE SQUADRONS REPORTED IN MARSHALLS. ENEMY
RECONNOITERED DARWIN & NAURU ON 24th & 26th.
RAUUL AIRDROME ATTACKED BY STRAY CATALINAS. 5 FIRES
STARTED, ONE AIRDROME HIT DIRECTLY, ANOTHER SEEN IN FLAMES
LIGHT ENEMY AA, ARE PLANES RETURNED.
MARSHALL ISLAND & TRUK AREA AIR STRENGTH MATERIALLY IN-
CREASED, CHIEFLY FROM PALAU AREA.

FROM: G-2 WDC VIA CDR JOURNAL # 47 2/27
FILED 1340 PWT 2/27

- NO. 204 PERIODIC 12 NOON PWT 2/27.
- (1) ASSOCIATED OIL DOCK FIRE MENTIONED IN OUR SPECIAL REPORT 203 WAS PUT OUT ABOUT 11:30 A. TANKER NOW OUT IN THE STREAM SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO WHARF. FIRE STARTED BY EXPLOSION AT 7:45A AND ANOTHER EXPLOSION AT 9:00A. WHETHER EXPLOSIONS WERE SPONTANEOUS OR SABOTAGE IS NOT YET DETERMINED. FBI INVESTIGATING.
 - (2) NAVY REPORT SUB SIGHTED OFF SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO BEACH. ANOTHER REPORTED IN VICINITY OF BILWOOD, CREDIBILITY DOUBTFUL.

FROM: GRANNY, LONDON JOURNAL # 60 2/27
FILED: 4:15 p.m. 2/27

NOTHING NEW FROM WAVELL SINCE OUR REPORT OF 26th. AIR-
DROMES IN JAVA, AND SOERABAYA AND BATAVIA HARBORS ATTACKED
BY AIR. NO

ON 26th, PALMERA AND COSTRAVEN BOMBED BY ALLIED PLANES.
PORT MORESBY BOMBED BY ENEMY; 2 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON
GROUND, BUILDINGS WRECKED.

RAF BOMBED RAUUL ON 24th.
NO BELIEVES 80 TO 100 SHIPS AT JOLO HAVE 2 DIVS TO BE
USED AGAINST JAVA. ONE MAY BE 110th from BOMBOSA; OTHER
6th DIV FROM S. CHINA SEA.

THIS MAKES TOTAL OF 3 DIVS IN TRANSPORTS: 2 ABOVE &
ONE NOW IN FLORES SEA TRANSPORTS. SIBUO SITUATION UN-
REPORTED.

FROM: 1236 2/27

JOURNAL # 65 2/27

FROM: EDMONS, FT SHAFTER

DETAILS OF LOSS OF 10 P-40's IN DARWIN ATTACK OF 19th.

EDMONS
FT. SHAFTER

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FIG 2

From: Brett, Melbourne Journal #66, 2/27/42

BRETT

Filed: 2/27/42, 2258

MELBOURNE

NAMES OF ENLISTED MEN MAKING ALLOTMENTS. FOR
FINANCE OFFICE.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #4, 2/28/42
Filed: 2/28/42, 0105

MACARTHUR

FT. MILLS

PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT QUEZON CITED VALIANT DEFENSE OF THE ISLANDS AND STEADFAST LOYALTY OF CITIZENRY. HE ANNOUNCED THAT FUNDS HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR CIVILIAN RELIEF AND URGED THAT TRUST BE PLACED IN AMERICA AS "SHE WILL NOT FAIL US."

From: MacArthur - Fort Mills Journal #5, 2/28/42
Filed: 2/28/42, 0050

MACARTHUR

FT. MILLS

OUR OPERATIONS HAVE NOW DEFINED ENEMY IN SEMICIRCULAR DEFENSES ON LOWER SLOPED MT. NATIP. MORON-BAGAC ROAD ON WEST IS FIRMLY BLOCKED BY JAPS. THEY HAVE SMALL PATROLS ON THE ABUCAY-ORANIEN ROAD ON EAST. IT IS INDICATED THAT A POSITIONAL PHASE OF INDECISIVE CHARACTER IS BEGINNING. INDICATIONS OF ENEMY EXHAUSTION ARE COMMENCING TO APPEAR.

IN NORTH LUZON THE ARRA VALLEY FROM GERVANTES TO BERNQUED HAS BEEN EVACUATED.

SITUATION UNCHANGED OTHERWISE.

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Filed: 3:33A 2/27/42 Journal # 34 2/27/42
 From: ETO (Watkins) Thru GHQ
 S S VALPARAISO SUNK OFF SEA GIRT N.J. SHIP TORPEDGED
 6 MILES EAST.

WATKINS

Filed: 556A 2/27 Journal # 34 2/27/
 From: Watkins Thru GHQ
 2 SUSPICIOUS CRAFT 9 MILES 205° from AMERICAN SHOALS
 LIGHT.
 SHIP BURNING 20 MILES SOUTH OF FIRE ISLAND.
 CALARIA STRANDED WANTS HELP.

WATKINS

Filed: 9:30A 2/27/42 Journal # 29
 From: Navy War Plans
 S S VALPARAISO, AMERICAN, 0440 2/27, 5 MILES DUE
 EAST OF MANHATTAN, N.J.
 S S WEST ZEPA, AMERICAN, 0207 OCT 2/25, 09 13 N 59 04 W,
 120 MILES SOUTHEAST TRINIDAD ISLAND.

Filed: 10:21 PWT, 2/27 Journal #37, 2/27
 From: HQ WDC (GHQ) STROM
 #203 Special; 10:00 A PWT (1:00 P MWT) 2/27. LARGE FIRE
 NOW RAGING ASSOCIATED OIL CO.'S WHARF AT AVON, CALIF.
 ABOUT 5 MILES SE OF BENICIA. NAVY REPORTS TANKER "FRANK
 A DEEM" SCHEDULED TO BE AT PIER LOADING NOW. EXTENT OF
 FIRE & POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE NOT DETERMINED AS YET.
 FBI HERE INFORMED.

Filed: 1:33 P Journal #41, 2/27
 From: BOMSTEEL (IBC) (GHQ)
 AIR MINISTRY IN NORWAY REPORTS CONSIDERABLE INCREASE
 IN GERMAN AIRCRAFT. PRESENT STRENGTH:

18	DIVE BOMBERS
150	LONG RANGE BOMBERS
132	SINGLE ENGINE FIGHTERS
126	TWIN ENGINE FIGHTERS
39	COASTAL
27	BOMBER RECONNAISSANCE
492	TOTAL

NAVE FURNISHED ALL.

From: Quezon - MacArthur USFFE Journal #22, 2/27/42

FILED: 2/27/42, 33 P

RECEIVED CHECK 5 MILLION DOLLARS PAYABLE TO PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH FOR PUBLIC RELIEF AND CIVILIAN DEFENSE. CREDIT TREASURER OF P.I. AND WE WILL GIVE THIS CHECK TO FIN. OFFICE, U.S.A. FOR SAFEGUARD OR EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION.

QUEZON
MACARTHUR
USFFE

Filed: 9:30a
From: Navy War Plans

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AN ENEMY FORCE OF 5 CRUISERS, 9 DESTROYERS AND 25 TRANSPORTS REPORTED AT 0400 OCT ON FEB. 26 IN JAVA SEA PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST. THIS EVIDENTLY IS THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF THE ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING TO INVADE JAVA.

Filed: 21:45
From M/A London MacLURE

Journal # 30
I.B. #27

1. WATKINS REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: ON FEB 26TH AN ENEMY SHIP CONCENTRATION OF 80-100 VESSELS WAS REPORTED AT JOLO. IN MACASSAR STRAIT THERE IS A SECOND CONCENTRATION OF UNKNOWN TYPE AND NUMBER. OFF MACASSAR THERE ARE SEVEN TROOPSHIPS. LOCATED ABOUT 100 MILES NORTHEAST OF BALI THERE WERE FOUR SUBMARINES, ONE CRUISER, SIX TRANSPORTS, AND SEVEN DESTROYERS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A JAPANESE FORCE OF AT LEAST TWO DIVISIONS COULD ARRIVE OFF CENTRAL JAVA ON EARLY MORNING, FEB 27TH, ASSUMING THAT THE TRANSPORTS MENTIONED ABOVE CARRY TROOPS AND THE VESSELS IN MACASSAR STRAIT ARE FROM JOLO.

2. THE ONLY NEWS FROM BURMA IS THE FOLLOWING FROM THE R.A.F., DATED NIGHT OF FEB 26: THE JAPANESE HAVE RESUMED THEIR AIR ASSAULTS ON RANGOON. ON FEB. 26, THE

Journal #30 2/27/42

ENEMY LOST 29 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED PLUS 7 PROBABLE IN TWO RAIDS ON MINGALADON. THE BRITISH LOST TWO FIGHTERS IN THESE RAIDS.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE OF GROUND FIGHTING IN THE RANGOON AREA IS LACKING, THE LAST PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DISTRIBUTION OF DEFENDING FORCES LEADS TO ESTIMATE HERE THAT THE LOCATION OF UNITS IS AS FOLLOWS:

RANGOON - 1 BRITISH BATTALION

PEGU - 1 ARMORED AND 2 INFANTRY BRIGADES.

REMAINING BRITISH FORCES ARE NORTH OF TOUNGOO AND EAST OF SITANG RIVER.*

*G-2 NOTE: 2 BRIGADES WERE REPORTED CUT-OFF EAST OF THE SITANG RIVER IN IB #39, 2/24/42.

Filed: 2/26

IB #28, 2/26 27

From: ACED (Central War Room 2/25) Journal #34, 2/27

ON 2/24 SALAMOA ATTACKED BY ONE PLANE.

NIGHT OF FEB 24-25: DARWIN BASED PLANES BOMBED AN INSTALLATION AT DILL, FINDING NO SHIPS THERE DESPITE GOOD VISIBILITY; OF 5 PLANES SENT TO ATTACK BARAUL 1 WAS LOST & 1 BOMBED LAKUMAI CAUSING A FIRE; 12 SHIPS WERE SPOTTED AT BARAUL HARBOR.

PORT MORESBY, SALAMOA & GASMATA RECONNOITERED ON 2/25. IN REGION NORTH OF TURUKA ON 2/24 WAS AN UNIDENTIFIED (BUT LIKELY TO HAVE TO DO WITH AIR) ENEMY NAVAL UNIT. UNITS OF THE 4TH JAP FLEET, PROBABLY DOING ESCORT WORK, SEEN IN AREA WHERE TWO TROOPSHIPS WERE SPOTTED ABOUT NOON 2/24 WITHIN 120 MILES OF 02° S, 155° E.

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IS #27, 2/27

From: BAKERSTON

Journal #33, 2/27

AS OF NOON 2/25 JAVA COMMAND TRANSFERRED TO DUTCH & ABDA COMMAND DISSOLVED. ALL TROOPS EQUIPPED TO FIGHT REMAIN IN JAVA WITH A MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION STRIPPED OF AS MUCH PERSONNEL AS POSSIBLE. THESE FORCES WILL BE USED FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE ISLAND. OTHER PERSONNEL ARE BEING SENT OFF TO AUSTRALIA. NOT MANY PLANES OR AIR CORPS MEN ARE LEFT, BUT ALL AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR JAVA & WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD IN PLACE IN THE PAST FEW DAYS ARE TO PROCEED THERE AT ONCE.

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Filed: 0230 2/27

Journal #38, 2/27

From: Chungking MACMORLAND

INFORMATION SENT IN 2/18 PRESENTLY INDICATED AS EXAGGERATED. CHINESE G-2 & AIR HQ. GIVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: THE ARRIVAL OF HOSTILE TROOPS AT YOYANG HAS BEEN DENIED. IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT FRESH TROOPS GETTING TO HANKOO ARE PUPETS & REPLACEMENTS. AT THIS TIME IT APPEARS THAT ANOTHER ATTACK ON CHANGSHA IS NOT IN PROCESS.

THERE HAS BEEN OF LATE AN INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PLANES AT HANKOW WHERE THERE ARE PRESENTLY 260, OF WHICH 60 ARE BOMBERS. A NEW OFFENSIVE MAY BE INDICATED BY CHANGE IN AIRCRAFT CALL SIGNAL, AT LEAST SUCH HAS BEEN AN INDICATION IN THE PAST.

Filed: 23:19 2/27

Journal #39, 2/27

From: Melbourne BRET

SS QUEEN IS SCHEDULED TO GET TO AUSTRALIA SOMETIME IN THE MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF THE MONTH OF MARCH. SHE WILL HAVE A BIG COMPLIMENT OF TROOPS. THIS INFORMATION COMES FROM AUSTRALIAN NAVAL HQS.

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Journal #16, 2/28

From: USN F 111 (WPD)

REPORT OF SINKING OF SS. VALPARAISO IS IN ERROR, THE
SUNK SHIP'S IDENTITY BEING SINCE ESTABLISHED AS THE
SS RESOR.

Filed: 1:20 p.m. 2/28

Journal #27, 2/28

From: G-2 HTO, G-2 GHQ (GHQ) WATKINS

THE 4-STACKED DESTROYER, USS JACOB JONES, WAS TORPEDOED
& SUNK PRIOR TO 1612 GMT FEB 28 AT POSITION 38 37' N
74° 32' W. 12 SURVIVORS REPORTED. REPORT FROM N.O.B.
NORFOLK THROUGH CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR.

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PACIFIC THEATER

Filed: 2/28

Journal #11, 2/28

From: USN

CURRENT NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN JAVA SEA INVOLVES FOLLOWING SHIPS:

ALLIED: 5 CRUISERS & 10 DESTROYERS.

JAPANESE: 9 CRUISERS, 21 DESTROYERS & 40 MISCELLANEOUS SHIPS.

SO FAR 1 ENEMY CRUISER & 3 DESTROYERS OUT OF ACTION.

1 ALLIED DESTROYER SUNK, 1 CRUISER BADLY DAMAGED & RETURNING TO PORT. FULL REPORT LATER.

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AMERICA #1

Filed: 2/26/42, 10:45 A.

Journal #41, 2/26

HAVANA

From: Cummings, Havana

I.B. #26, 2/26

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED.

Filed: 2/26/42, 12:27 P.

Journal #47, 2/26

CBC thru OHQ

From: CBC thru OHQ

FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY DUTCH GOVERNOR AT CURACAO FROM DUTCH GOVERNOR AT ST. MARTIN AT 1800 OHQ, FEB. 24: "FRENCH ADMIRAL ROBERT DEPARTED ON THE BANFLOR HEAVILY ARMED FROM ST. MARTIN. HE TOOK 14 BARRELS OF GASOLINE".

KIRKWOOD

4:00 P.M.

2/26/42

TO

4:00 P.M.

2/27/42

✓ Filed: 2/26/42, 1:33 P.

Journal #52, 2/26

CHILE

From: Baker, Santiago, Chile

I.B. #48, 2/26

DEPARTURE OF QUESTIONABLE GROUP (JAP, ITALIAN, GERMAN AND CHILEAN) FOR BUENOS AIRES NOTED.

Filed: 2/26/42, 12:30 P.

Journal #52, 2/26

MEXICO CITY

From: Weeks, Mexico City

I.B. 49, 2/26

CHILEAN BOAT RANGAGUA CARRIES CARGO OF MUNITIONS FOR SUBVERSIVE SUSPECT IN MEXICO. REPORT FROM SOURCE OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY. WASHINGTON AND CO, CDC HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

From: Kirkwood - Canal Zone

Journal #1, 2/27/42

KIRKWOOD

Filed: 2/26/42, 7:06 P

CANAL ZONE

SUB SIGHTED 3 MILES OFF PARQUERA, PORTO RICO 1615 G.C.T., 2/26.

From: Andino - Costa Rica

Journal #8, 2/27/42

ANDINO

Filed: 2/26/42, 5:50 P.M.

I.B. #7, 2/27/42

COSTA RICO

SANTA ANA AIRPORT, NEAR SAN JOSE, OWNED BY NIEHAUS (GERMAN) CONFISCATED BY GOVERNMENT, NOW GUARDED.

ALSO TRUCKS AND MOTOR CYCLES OF AXIS CITIZENS CONFISCATED.

From: Caffery - Rio Via St.

Journal #9, 2/27/42

CAFFERY

Filed: 2/26/42, 1:00 P

RIO

ESCAPE ATTEMPTED BY SEVERAL MEN SAID TO BE OF FORMER CREW OF CHAF SPEE IN SMALL FISHING VESSEL WELL SUPPLIED WITH GAS ARRESTED.

Via St. Dept

From: Leahy - Vichy Via St.

Journal #10, 2/27/42

LEAHY

Filed: 2/26/42, 3:00 P.M.

VICHY

INFORMATION REGARDING ENTRANCE OF GERMAN SUB INTO FORT DE FRANCE ON FEB. 21 INDICATES A YOUNG OFFICER WAS LANDED FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION REQUIRING AN AMPUTATION. THE INSISTENCE ON PROCURING ADEQUATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROBABLY EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT THE PATIENT IS THE SON OF A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE GERMAN ADMIRALTY.

VIA ST. DEPT

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LATIN AMERICAN PRESS

From: Linthicum - Pernambuco Journal #13, 2/27/42

Filed: Undated - Rec'd 2/26, 9:24 P

ADVISE IMMEDIATE STATEMENT AS TO STATUS OF 12 AIR
PLANES SCHEDULED DELIVERY TO BRAZIL.

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SUM. BY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGE

ATLANTIC #1

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Journal #38, 2/26

N.T.O. thru GRC

From: G-2 N.T.O. thru GRC

PAA CLIPPER SIGHTED SUB FEAR 26 AT 25°23' N - 75°27' W
AT 1430 GMT.ARMY PLANE FROM SOUTHERN SECTOR SIGHTED SUB 4 MI OFF
PALM BEACH, FLA AT 1445 GMT.SUB REPORTED BY S.S.O. N.T.O. LAST NIGHT NOW IDENTIFIED
AS SS CARPENTER OFF FT. PIERCE, FLA.HOB, KEY WEST, FLA. SOUND CONTACT INDICATED SUB AT
24°20' N. 81°28' W ABOUT 1440 GMT.

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Journal #49, 2/26

1st ARMY

From: 1st Army thru G2 Field Forces

thru GRC

FEAR 26, Second "SUBS SIGHTED" MESSAGE: AT 1615 GMT.
AT 24°22' N - 75°16' W, REPORTED AS RADIO INTERCEPT BY
CHESAPEAKE SECTOR FROM SS TEXAS SUB.ANOTHER 1430 GMT AT 13°25' N - 63°15' W, IT WAS
ATTACHED BY PATROL PLANE, RESULT UNKNOWN. THIS REPORTED
BY KEY WEST.HOB AS RADIO INTERCEPT, PICKED UP FROM SAN JUAN NAVAL
RADIO.

WATKINS

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Journal #60, 2/26

1st Army

From: 1st Army, G-2 Field Force,

Thru GRC

MESSAGE RELAYED THIS HQ FROM 1st INTERCEPTOR COM.
INTERCEPTOR COM. ROOM: "HIOBI SUBMARINE 35°21' N - 71°27'
W" 1st I.C. TRANSMITTED MESSAGE TO US 5:45 P. SAME MESSAGE
RELAYED US 6:04 P. BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR. SAME MESSAGE
RELAYED 6:07 P. BY CAPT. COLBY ADDRESS 90 CHURCH ST. WITH
ADDED MESSAGE THAT FCC ASKED IF TORPEDOED, ANSWER WAS
"NO, JUST SIGHTED SUB AT 5:44 P. EWT."

ACTING G-2 N.T.O.

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Journal #56, 2/26

LONDON

From: Chaney, London.

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1st Army

From: 1st Army to G2 Field Force

thru GRC

LT THOMPSON AT 7:40 P SENT FOLLOWING FROM 90 CHURCH ST
ST: "IT IS REPORTED BY 50th GROUP AIR SUPPORT THAT AT
1820 AT 29°10' N - 72°45' W AN AUXILIARY, COURSE 140°
13 KNOTS, DOUBTFUL IDENTITY, NO ARMAMENT AND NO ACTIVITY
OBSERVED. LOOKS LIKE CONVERTED GRAY YACHT: 1 STACK,
200 FT. LONG; 50 FT. BEAM, DID NOT REPLY TO RECOGNITION".
NAVAL LIAISON, 90 CHURCH ST. TURNED IT OVER TO NAVY.

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ATTENTION 42

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From: Chaney, London

VERMONT AND FLUOSPOR HAVE SAILED FOR THE US.

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From: Chaney - London

Journal #18, 2/27/42

CHANAY
LONDON

Filed: 2/26/42, 9:40 P

CONDITIONS IN HALIFAX BAD FOR AMERICAN TRANSIENTS.
STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT ONCE IF THAT PORT IS TO BE
USED FOR U.S. CASUALS. HOUSING AND MESSING NOT ADE-
QUATE. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HANDLING TRANSIENTS MADE.

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From: Watkins - ETO

Journal #21, 2/27/42

WATKINS
ETO

Filed: 2/27/42, 2:34 A

SUB SIGHTED 25 MILES OFF E. HAMPTON, N.Y. 0005 EWT.
TANKER TORPEDOED AND BURNING 5 MILES OFF (BEARING 95°)
Sea Gert, N.J. Small boat from this vessel landed at
BRADLEY BEACH.

From: Watkins - ETO

Journal #20, 2/27/42

WATKINS
ETO

Filed: 2/27/42, 1:17 A

PLANES SIGHTS SURFACED SUB AT 40°50' N - 70°30' W
1430 EWT.

From: Watkins - ETO

Journal #19, 2/27/42

WATKINS
ETO

Filed: 2/27/42, 1:50 A

12:55 SHIP TORPEDOED OFF SEA GIRT, N.J.
TANKER TORPEDOED 12:40 OFF FORT HANCOCK, N.J.

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Journal #32, 2/26

CAIRO

From: Fellers, Cairo

SIBIRARRANI AIRBORNE GROUND STRAPPED BY 4 MELO'S.
5 BOMBERS DAMAGED ON GROUND; PLANES WERE NOT DISPERSED,
ONLY 40 YDS APART. NO DEFENSE FROM GROUND WAS OFFERED
ATTACKING PLANES. OTHER EXAMPLES OF FAILURE TO DISPERSE
PLANES WERE NOTED IN SIBIRARRANI AREA. ME 109'S BEING
USED AS BOMBERS, CARRYING 1 550 LB. BOMB OR 4 110 LB.
BOMBS. BOMB FROM HIGH ALTITUDE AND THEN ATTACK BY PLANES
ON THEIR CLIMB TO MEET THEM; VERY EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE.

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Journal #40, 2/26

LONDON

From: McClure, London

I.B. #35, 2/26

6 MI SE OF THIRI BRIT. PATROL INFLECTED NUMBER OF
CASUALTIES ON HENNY. SAND STORMS BLOCKED FURTHER
OPERATIONS UNTIL 25TH.

122ND ITALIAN ARMED DIV. AND 101ST MOTORIZED HAVE BEEN
FORMED INTO MOBILE COMPS. OTHER TO BE FORMED. W.O.
OPINION IS THAT CONVOY PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CARRIED GERM
TANKS PLUS NORMAL SUPPLIES; NOT REMAINDER OF ARMED DIV.
123 RD ITALIAN.

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Journal #46, 2/26

War Office No 5

From: War Office NO 5.

I.B. 37, 2/26

3 HENNY COLUMNS ADVANCED WITH SOME 100 TANKS ON
POSITION HELD BY 13 COMPS. SEVERAL HENNY AIR LOSSES, BUT
ADVANCE CONTINUED UNTIL MORNING OF 16TH WHEN COLUMNS
TURNED AND WITHDREW TO FORMER AREAS NW OF MEKILL.
THIRI LINE. HAVE NOT MOVED SINCE.

AUCHINLOCH SUGGESTS MAY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT TO BREAK
THRU TO TORUK rec. in force; or ATTACK OUR FORCES ON
HIS TERMS AFTER NOTICING THEM OUT BEYOND SUPPORT FROM
GALALA. WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT HEAVY ENGAGEMENT HARD TO
EXPLAIN, HOWEVER, MOVEMENT OF MT AND TANKS SOUTH TO
THIRI FROM MANTERA OBSERVED.

(8 LINES INDECIIPHERABLE HERE) PLANS FOR RESUMPTION OF
OF OFFENSIVE BY 6TH ARMY, UPON GAINING TANK SUPERIORITY,
MAY BE MODIFIED BY EQUIPMENT BEING SENT RUSSIA AND
INDIA.

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Journal #68, 2/26

TANGIER

From: Edwards, Tangier

I.B. #60, 2/26

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

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Summary of Important Official Messages

MEMORANDUM

From: Legge - Bern
Filed: 2/26/42, 1943

Journal #3, 2/27/42
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LEGG
BERN

GERMAN AND ITALIAN UNITS ARE BEING SHIFTED TO GREECE-CYPRUS-RODES. PREPARATIONS INCREASING FOR E. MEDITERRANEAN OFFENSIVE. BULGARIA STILL RECEIVING MATERIALS.

3500-3000 GERMAN PLANES IN MEDITERRANEAN, IS MY BELIEF. OTHER SOURCES INSIST MAXIMUM IS 1500.

From: Fellers - Cairo
Filed: 2/25/42, 2340

Journal #4, 2/27/42
I.B. #4, 2/27/42

FELLERS
CAIRO

2/19 AREA ABOUT MANTUA BELIEVED TO HAVE 1 GERMAN ARMORED CORPS.

BINTERAD 30 TANKS OBSERVED.

MECHILI 1500 VEHICLES SIGHTED.

GIOVANNINETA CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT TOWARD MECHILI.

FRIENDLY ARABS ASSISTED 200 BRIT. TROOPS TO REACH BRIT. LINES (HAVING BEEN CUT OFF). THEY CONSIDER THE GER. AS THIN ON THE GROUND. LITTLE VEHICULAR OR INF. MOVEMENT OBSERVED. TANKS IDENTIFIED AT MECHILI AS ITALIAN BUT ARABS SAY ALL TROOPS THERE ARE GER.

BENHAZI HARBOR ENTRANCE MINED BY BRIT. AND DENY USE OF HARBOR WITH SUBS. NO AXIS MARINE ACTIVITIES EAST OF

(Journal #4, 2/27/42, Cont'd)

BENHAZI AND NO MARKED AIR ACTIVITIES.

LINE OF BATTLE

GAZALA-BELOEFF 1st S. AFRICAN DIV. LESS 2D 25TH BRIG. ATTACHED SOUTH TO GHEBELUSCHICA 4TH INDIAN DIV. LESS 7TH BRIG. WITH 150TH BRIG. ATTACHED.

CHERUSA GUARD BRIG. WITH MOBILE COLUMNS.

SQUARE 36-41 2D ARMORED BRIG.

ZYRIMHALHAS 2D S. AFRICAN BRIG.

EL ADEN 5TH NEW ZEALAND BRIG.

TORUK 38TH BRIG.

BHACHEM (DETACHED POST) FREE FRENCH BRIG.

CAPPUZO - RAILROAD TO THIS POINT COMPLETED.

(Journal #4, 2/27/42, Cont'd)

BRITISH LOSSES DURING WITHDRAWAL

25 POUNDERS	36
2 POUNDERS	40
BOFORS	40
VEHICLES	1000
PERSONNEL	NOT HEAVY

ALL BRIT. HQ. STREAMLINED BY SETTING UP SMALL BATTLE HQ.

13 CORPS INTELLIGENCE PUZZLED AS TO NEXT MOVE OF ROMEL. PROBABLY HE HOPED BRIT. WOULD MAKE A FALSE MOVE & UNTIL REINFORCED WILL NOT MAKE ATTACK AGAINST A STRONG POSITION.

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BRIT. SUPPLY SITUATION NOW GOOD, BUT ARRIVAL OF 4TH ARMORED BRIG. NECESSARY FOR OFFENSIVE ACTION.

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MIDDLE EAST # 3

From: Fellers - Cairo

Journal #6, 2/27/42

FELLERS

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I.B. #6, 2/27/42

CAIRO

RUSSIANS HAVE IN THE BLACK SEA (LATE 1941 FIGURES)

1 MODERNIZED BATTLESHIP

5 CRUISERS (2 NEW OF 7000 TONS)

28 DESTROYERS

50 SUBMARINES

60 TORPEDO THROWING BOATS

1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER (MODERN) WITH 38 PLANES.

POPOVICH RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM RUSSIA THROUGH
THE SOVIET LEGATION AT ISTANBUL.

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LONDON

From: Chaney, London

INSTRUCTIONS AND DRAWINGS OF MODIFIED COMPASS BUREAU
ORDNANCE FROM UK

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Journal #37, 2/26

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

EXPERIENCED STATISTICIAN NEEDED FOR AIR FORCE WORK.

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LONDON

From: Chaney, London

INQUIRY IF CERTAIN AIRPLANE PROPELLERS HAVE BEEN
SHIPPED.

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Journal #39, 2/26

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

COMPLIANCE WITH PREVIOUS ORDER DIFFICULT DUE TO BRIT.
INSISTANCE ON FINANCIAL PROCEDURE.

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Journal #56, 2/26

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

SERIAL NUMBER OF PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR BARRACKS
NEEDED.

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Journal #59, 2/26

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

INQUIRY CONCERNING FINANCES OF ORDNANCE AND OTHER
PROCUREMENTS.

From: Eager - Madrid

Journal #2, 2/27/42

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I.B. #3, 2/27/42

MADRID

REFER TO CABLE TO ST. DEPT. CONCERNING CANARY
ISLANDS.

From: Shipp - Lisbon

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SHIPP

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I.B. #5, 2/27/42

LISBON

300 HISPANO-SUIZA MOTORS ORDERED (750 H.P.-350 MILES
PER HOUR) NEW SPARE PART AIRPLANE FACTORY BEING BUILT
NEAR MADRID EMPLOYING 1000.PORTUGUESE FRONTIER BEING REINFORCED AS BEFORE, ES-
PECIALLY CADIZ-MUELVA (REASON, TO PREVENT ARMS SMUGGLING
AND BRIT. MOVEMENT.) WIDENING ROAD ALONG PORT BORDEN.CLAIM PORTUGUESE DESIRE TO REMAIN NEUTRAL EMPHASIZED
TO FRANCO BY SALAZAR.

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WESTERN EUROPE # 2

From: Leahy - Vichy
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NO CHANGE.

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LEAHY
VICHY

From: Johnson - Stockholm
Filed: 2/26/42, 3:00 P.M.

Journal #12, 2/27/42

JOHNSON
STOCKHOLM

LEAK WASHINGTON TO BERLIN (PROBABLY RADIO) SHOWN IN
FACT JAP LEGATIONS RECEIVED FROM BERLIN JAN. DISTRI-
BUTIONS OF JAP ARMY AND U.S. ARMY IN ANCD AREA. BERLIN
INDICATED INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON.

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EASTERN EUROPE #1

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Journal #28, 2/26

LONDON

From: McClure, London

INCREASED ATTACKS ON SHIPPING BY AIR TORPEDO PLANES ALONG
ARCTIC SEA ROUTE AND IN BLACK SEA EXPECTED BY AIR MINISTRY
ESTIMATE OF AVAILABILITY OF RAF FOR AIR TORPEDO ATTACKS AS
OF MARCH 1: 20 WEST FRONT, 25 NORWAY, 10 BLACK SEA, 20
MEDITERRANEAN, TO WEST FRONT, 20

AS OF AUGUST 1: 20 NORWAY, 40 MED., TO WEST FRONT, 20 BLACK
SEA, 200 PLANES. TOTAL BY END OF YEAR IS ESTIMATE. 20 217'S
MAY BE USED FOR THIS WORK.

WEST FRONT BASES ARE FROM BORDAUX TO TROEDHEIM; NORWAY
BASES NORTH CAPE DOWN TO TROEDHEIM.

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Journal #21, 2/26

ARMINDIA

From: Armindia

LOCATIONS AND TYPES OF PLANES IN RAF IN INDIA AND
INDIAN AIR FORCE. ALSO FLIGHTS BY INDIAN AIR FORCE.

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WDC thru GHQ

From: G-2 WDC Thru GHQ

RECURSIVE INQUIRY WAS CONDUCTED BY COMMANDING GEN. 4th
AIR FORCE IN LOS ANGELES YESTERDAY DURING WHICH 20 EIR
WITNESSES OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION EARLY ON MORNING 26 FEBR.
WERE MINUTELY EXAMINED. RESULTS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
(1) PRESENCE OF FROM 1 to 5 UNIDENTIFIED AIR PLANES IN
AIR OVER LOS ANGELES ARE INDICATED. (2) IDENTITY OF AIR PLANE
PLANES NOT YET DETERMINED. THERE STILL EXISTS POSSIBILITY TH
THAT THEY WERE OF COMMERCIAL TYPE BASED ON INTERIOR CALIF.
VALLEYS OR MEXICAN. SEVERAL REPORTS OF EXISTENCE OF SUCH
PLANES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. THERE EXISTS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR MORE
MAY HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM JAP I TYPE SUBMARINE OR SUBS
BELIEVED TO BE OPERATING OFF PACIFIC COAST. THIS THEORY
IS LARGELY DISCOUNTED BY FACT THAT AIR PLANES CARRIED BY
SUBS HAVE INSUFFICIENT POWER TO REACH ELEVATIONS REPORTED.

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ANOTHER CONCLUSION AS GIVEN IN OUR 201 PERIODIC 25 FEBR
THERE IS NO CHANGE. ACCORDING TO REPORT OF OUR LIAISON
OFFICER OPINION OF 11th NAVAL DISTRICT REGARDING PRESENCE O
OF PLANES REMAINS UNCHANGED. THIS OPINION WAS SIMILAR TO
SEC'TY KNOX'S STATEMENT APPEARING IN THE PRESS.

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Journal #43, 2/26

LONDON

From: ALHMA, London

I.B. #61, 2/26

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND SUGGESTED COUNTER MEASURES
REGARDING JAP RADIO TECHNIQUES AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR
BLIND BOMBING.

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Journal #42, 2/26

MACARTHUR

From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills.

I.B. #80, 2/26

WILL TRY TO DISPATCH WOUNDED OFFICER WITH ADEQUATE
QUALIFICATION IF AFFORDABLE OPPORTUNITY ARISES. NO
EVASION YET ON ANY COMBAT OFFICER.

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Journal #61, 2/26

Melbourne

From: Harleworth, Melbourne

I.B. #47, 2/26

CASUALTY ATTACKED BY UNREPORTED NUMBER OF FRY'S &
BOMBERS FROM MORRIST HIGHT 26-27. RECO. BY 1 FRY TO THOR-
ALAND, BOSSEL & SHUTLAND IS. ROUTINE ABST. COAST PATROLS
2 HEAVY BOMBERS ON RECO. OVER DARWIN AT 0104, 26TH.
BARREL ATTACKED BY 2 FRY'S FROM MORRIST HIGHT OF 26-26
DINER HITS ON AIRCRAFT REWATS, 2 HEAVY PLANES DESTROYED,
FIRE STARTED.

MORRIST AIR RAID YESTERDAY WAS FALSE ALARM.
FIRE RECO. BY 2 HEAVY NAVAL BOMBERS WAS MADE. 1
FISHER HAD FURILE INTERCEPTION DURING BARREL ATTACK
YESTERDAY. FURTHER HEAVY ACTIVITY SLIGHT.

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From: ONI

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MINIMUM ESTIMATE OF JAP NAVAL LOSSES:

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Battleships	1	4
Cruisers	6	25
Destroyers	9	15
Seaplane tenders	-	2
Minesweepers	1	1
Submarines	1	-
TOTAL WAR VESSELS	18	47
"Transports"	28	42
"Ships"	24	21
"Auxiliaries"	-	4
Tankers	5	1
TOTAL MISC. VESSELS	60	68
TOTAL	78	115

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	<u>SUNK</u>	<u>PROBABLY SUNK</u>	<u>BADLY DAMAGED</u>
CRUISERS	-	2	5
DESTROYERS	2		3
SUBMARINES	2		
TRANSPORTS	10		
TANKERS	3		
SUPPLY VESSELS	1		

Information from Netherlands Legation at Wash.

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Journal #44, 2/26

MELBOURNE

From: Harlesmith, Melbourne

I.B. 31, 2/26

ON FEBR 26 TWO MIL. TRANSPORTS REPORTED 300 MILES NE OF NEW IRELAND. UNKNOWN NUMBER OF UNITS OF FOURTH FLEET SAID TO BE ESCORTING TRANSPORTS. OUR TASK FORCE ELEVEN IS LEAVING AREA 0930 -2 -25.

ROUTINE PATROLS OF AUSTRALIAN COAST SHOWS: ELEVEN JAP AIRCRAFT BUT TYPE NOT REPORTED. AIRCRAFT IN TRANSIT OVER BUNA RE COAST PAPUA AT 0336 FEB 24, 1 PLANE TYPE NOT REPORTED OVER KAHNU 0755 FEB. 24.

MORSEY REPORTED AIR RAIDED 0130 FEBR 25. SALAMAUA ATTACKED BY ONE TWIN ENGINE PLANE 0325 FEBR. 24.

1 B-24 FROM SUVA DIRECT LINE FLIGHT TO TOWNSVILLE. ON FEB 24 AN UNREPORTED NUMBER OF HUDSONS RETURNED FROM TINGA. THE REPORTED SIGHTING OF A SHIP S OF SUVA WAS INVESTIGATED FROM SINGAPORE FLYING BOAT WITHOUT RESULTS. 3 NEW ZEALAND HUDSONS FROM SUVA MADE A FAN SHAPED PATROL OF

I.B. #31, 2/26 Contd.

OF 300 MILES. 2 HUDSONS FROM MORSEY PATROL AREA TO SE OF BASS. BASS. A SEARCH MADE NW OF DARWIN TO NORTHWESTERN TIP OF TIMOR AND THEN N TO TANIMBAR ISLAND AND RETURN TO BASS BY ONE HUDSON FROM DARWIN.

AS TO THE MORSEY RAID REPORTED FEBR. 24 THE TOTAL AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WAS 14 OF WHICH 9 TYPE 96 HEAVY BOMBERS AND 5 FIGHTERS. SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES AND 40 DRUMS PETROL WERE DESTROYED IN ADDITION TO THE DAMAGE REPORTED YESTERDAY. THE RUNWAYS WERE NOT DAMAGED BUT LARGE NUMBER OF BOMB CRATERS. NO REPORT RECEIVED AS YET AS TO BAAF ACTIVITY. NEW ZEALAND AIR ACTIVITY IN MANDATES ON FEBR. 24 CONSISTED OF RECON SALAMAUA, GASMATA, THORRIAND ISLAND BY ONE HUDSON FROM MORSEY.

REVISED FIGURES ON THE DARWIN RAID FEBR 19 SHOW: IN FIRST ATTACK THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 89 PLANES INCLUDING 17 TYPE 97 HEAVY BOMBERS, 54 TYPE 99 DIVE BOMBERS, 18 TYPE

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0 FIGHTERS AND 100. IN THE SECOND ATTACK THERE WAS TOTAL OF TOTAL OF 54 PLANES IN TWO FORMATIONS OF 27 TYPE 97 HEAVY BOMBERS EACH.

THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE: 7 SHIPS AT DILLI INCLUDING 1 TRANSPORT, 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER, 2 CRUISERS AND 3 DESTROYERS. DILLI IS ON FIRE. RE THE ATTACK ON RAMMEL YESTERDAY BY B-17'S THERE WAS ATTEMPT AT INTERCEPTION BY 10 TYPE 0 FIGHTERS AGAINST 1 PLANE AND 9 TYPE 0 FIGHTERS AGAINST ANOTHER RESULTING IN MINOR DAMAGE TO BOTH PLANES AND ONE KNOWN CASUALTY. ON NIGHT OF FEB. 24 3 CATALINAS FROM MORRISY ATTACKED RAMMEL BUT ONLY ONE DROPPED BOMBS WHICH SET FIRE TO AIRCRAFT. THE SECOND PLANE DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE JETTISONED ITS BOMBS AND RETURNED TO BASE. THE THIRD PLANE IS MISSING AND PRESUMED LOST. NO AA FIRE OR ENEMY INTERCEPTION WAS ENCOUNTERED.

I.B. #51, 2/26 CONT.

12 SHIPS SEEN IN HARBOR. MISSING B-17 WAS LOCATED BY THE SEARCH REPORTED YESTERDAY. PLANE BADLY DAMAGED AND NO SIGN OF CREW.

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Journal #57, 2/26

FT. RICHARDSON

From: Buckner, Ft. Richardson

REPORT OF STATUS AND LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT IN ALASKA
(SAME POSTED YESTERDAY)

Filed: 2/26/42, 3:58 P.

Journal #60, 2/26

Ft. Shafter

From: Emons, Ft. Shafter

REQUEST NUMBER OF HOSPITAL INSTALLATIONS AND
AMBULANCES TO BE SENT TO FANTAN.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills

Journal #5, 2/27/42

MACARTHUR

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FT. MILLS

ENEMY REACTION PASSIVE IN BATAAN EXCEPT AIR AND LONG
RANGE ARTY.

ENEMY CONTACT ON NIGHT INDECISIVE.

JAP SUPPLY LINE PROBABLY SHIFTED TO ZAMBALES COAST
FROM LUZON VALLEY. CAVITE SHORE HAS NOT REPLIED TO OUR
FIRE FOR 4 DAYS.

OTHER FRONTS NO CHANGE.

From: PRO - Ft. Mills

Journal #14, 2/27/42

FT. MILLS

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PRO

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB. 27. ON THE LEFT THE ENEMY RE-
ACTED WITH LIGHT BOMBARDMENT AND HARASSING FIRE. ON
THE RIGHT OUR PATROLS KEPT PUSHING INTO THE ENEMY FOR-
FRONT WITH SHARP ENCOUNTERS AT SEVERAL POINTS. THE EN-
EMY FORCES HAVE FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESENT DEFINITELY
GIVEN UP THE ATTACK.

JAPANESE BROADCASTS CLAIM VIRTUOUSLY THAT THEIR TROOPS
PAY FOR EVERYTHING THEY REQUISITION-BUT THEY NEVER MENTION
THAT THE PAYMENT IS IN WORTHLESS BILLS AND THAT COMMODITY
PRICES ARE MANIPULATED AT WILL. IN THE COUNTRY THEY PAY
FORTY CENTS FOR A SIX DOLLAR HOG AND TEN CENTS AS WAGES
FOR A DAY LABORER. EVERYTHING ELSE IS PROPORTIONAL.

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From: Brett - Melbourne

Journal #15, 2/27/42

BRETT
MELBOURNE

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MACARTHUR REQUEST FOR 10,000 H.E. SHELL FOR 3 IN.

A.A. GUN WAS COVERED BY 10,000 SHIPPED FROM N.E.I. ON

FLORENCE D. THIS LOST ENROUTE.

SUGGEST SHIPPING 20,000 TO REPLACE.

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter

Journal #16, 2/27/42

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

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ACTIVITIES MIDNIGHT 2/20 - 2/25 MIDNIGHT

LAND - NO CHANCE

SUB - CONTINUING

CONCLUSIONS - SAME.

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter

Journal #17, 2/27/42

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

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\$12,000 NEEDED TO COVER NATIONAL CENSORSHIP OBLIGA-
TIONS UNTIL MARCH 16.

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FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B.# 9 2/25
FILED: 8:55 p.m. 2/24 Journal # 45 2/25

37 MM GUN WILL PENETRATE ALL ARMOR, BUT HAS SHORTER RANGE THAN ANTI-TANK GUNS OR AXIS TANK ARMAMENT WHICH MUST BE CORRECTED.

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B.# 42
FILED: 2055 2/24 Journal # 59 2/25

INFORMATION ON 2ND CAIRO BRIGADE:
TANKS MODIFIED FOR DESERT OPERATIONS: AIR CLEANER OF MORE EFFICIENT TYPE, SAND GUARD, SUN COMPASSES AND BRACKETS ALL IN INSTALLED, SUSPENSION ARMS STRENGTHENED TO WITHSTAND ROCKY GROUND.

ARTY SUPPORT ONLY 50 % EFFICIENT DUE TO LACK OF TRAINING WITH TANK BRIG. BRIGADE NEVER HAD AIR SUPPORT NOR WAS THERE MEANS OF COMMUNICATING TO THE AIR WITHIN BRIG. MINIMUM DELAY BEFORE RESULTS OF AIR RECONNAISSANCE WAS RECEIVED 2 HOURS.

AIR SUPPORT VITAL, BUT COMBINED TRAINING & UNITY OF COMMAND NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE IT ARE LACKING IN OPINION OF GROUND COMMANDERS, AND THUS THEY DO NOT EXPECT IT.

BRIGADE FOUGHT AS DETACHMENT, NEVER AS A WHOLE, AND HAD NO TRAINING IN DESERT OPERATIONS EXCEPT THAT OBTAINED

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ON MARCH FROM NILE DELTA TO MSUS. NO UNIT TRAINING IN ENGLAND.

EXPERIENCED OFFICERS AGREE A MINIMUM OF 3 MONTHS INTENSIVE TRAINING ESSENTIAL.

FELLERS, CAIRO I.B.# 34
FILED: 2055 2/24 Journal # 50 2/25

NO AIR REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN MALTA SINCE FEB. 12. THE FOLLOWING BRIT AIRCRAFT IN MALTA AS OF FEB. 12:

ONE SQUADRON OF MOSQUITOS, 9 AIRCRAFT, SIX SERVICEABLE, SUNDERLAND, MAGISTER & FULMER, 4 AIRCRAFT, NONE SERVICEABLE

ONE SQUADRON OF ALBACORES, 8 AIRCRAFT, 5 SERVICEABLE
ONE SQUADRON OF SWORD FISH, 13 AIRCRAFT, 5 serviceable
ONE SQUADRON OF WELLINGTON, 20 AIRCRAFT, 10 serviceable
ONE SQUADRON OF BLENHEIM FOUR, 12 AIRCRAFT, 7 SERVICEABLE.
TWO SQUADRONS OF HURRICANES ONE, NONE SERVICEABLE.
SIX SQUADRONS OF HURRICANES TWO, 64 AIRCRAFT, 20 SERVICEABLE

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 41
FILED: 8:08 p.m. 2/26 Journal # 60 2/26

ORDER OF BATTLE NOT CHANGED AS TO EITHER SIDE IN LIBYA.
A SMALL FORCE OF ENEMY WITH TANKS WAS ENCOUNTERED BY BRIT
PATROL BETWEEN TMIMI & EL EZZENAT ON FEB 23, BUT
ENEMY WITHDREW. THE LARGE CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY MOTOR
TRANSPORT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN THE MANTUBA AREA HAS NOT
MOVED. THE GERM ARMORED & INF. COLUMNS WHICH WE REPORTED
ON FEB 24 AS MOVING TOWARD GAZALA DISCONTINUED ADVANCE
NORTH OF TMIMI ON FEB 23 & STILL THERE ACCORDING TO LAST
REPORT.

THE AXIS IS NOW ABLE TO REINFORCE TRIPOLI & LIBYA AT
WILL. THIS IS SHOWN BY FACT THAT AXIS CONVOY WHICH WE
REPORTED FEB 24 AS LEAVING TRIPOLI, DID ARRIVE THERE WITH-
OUT INTERFERENCE FROM BRIT. THIS ACCOMPLISHED BECAUSE OF
COORDINATED AXIS AIR ATTACK ON MALTA, PRESENT WEAKNESS OF
BRIT FLEET IN MEDIT, & FACT THAT AIR BASED LIBYA & EGYPT

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IS OUT OF RANGE.

FROM: PILLERS, CAIRO

FILED: 2100 2/24

I.B.# 55 Journal # 62 2/25

IN DECEMBER, THE BRIT SANK 43,000 TONS OF AXIS SHIPPING
BY SUBMARINE, 12,000 TONS BY SURFACE CRAFT & 9,900 TONS
BY AIRCRAFT IN THE MEDIT.

IN JANUARY, THEY SANK 22,000 TONS BY SUBMARINE, 22,000
TONS BY AIRCRAFT & NONE BY SURFACE CRAFT. THE INCREASE
IN AXIS AIR POWER OVER EASTERN MEDIT ACCOUNTED FOR THE
DECREASE IN TONNAGE SUNK & THE INABILITY OF BRIT SURFACE
CRAFT TO ACCOUNT FOR ANY SINKINGS.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN REPORTED OVER ALEXANDRIA
AREA RECENTLY.

RAID ON MALTA: BANGAR AT KALAFRANA WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED.
FOUR ALERTS NIGHT OF FEB 20-21. FIVE SAIDENS ATTACKED
LUQA ON FEB 20. 33 ME 109's & JU 88's ATTACKED ON FEB
21. CONTINUOUS INTRUDER RAIDS ON NIGHT FEB. 21-22, &

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14 PLANES BOMBED MALFA. ON FEB 22, 95 ME 109's & JU 88's.
SOME OF THEM CAMOUFLAGED FOR THE DESERT, ATTACKED THE
MALFA, LUQA, TAKALI, AIRDROMES & SEVERAL BRIT PLANES
WERE DESTROYED. LATER ATTACKS DESTROYED 2 WELLINGTONS.

FROM: MAXWELL, CAIRO JOURNAL # 64 2/25
FILED: 2/25

DEPARTING FOR PORT SUDAN AND VICINITY WITH ENGINEERS TO
STUDY SOUTHERN ROUTE AND FINISH PLANS. ENGINEERS NOW
STUDYING LAGOS AND TAKTHADI. WORK NORTHERN ROUTE WILL BE
COMPLETED BY OTHERS.

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FROM: CHIEFS OF STAFF Journal #4 2/25
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TEXT OF DUTCH C IN C JAWA TO LONDON DUTCH GOVT:
AMERICAN & BRIT ARE TOO GLOOMY. AFTER ENEMY AIR
BOMBINGS, ONLY ONE MERCHANT VESSEL HIT IN HARBOR OF PRION
& SUMBATA. TWILIGHT NOT YET ATTACKED. STRAIT OF BALI &
SUNDA STRAIT STILL OPEN. FIGHTERS CANNOT FLY FROM AUSTRAL
TO JAWA, BUT USS LONGLEY (AIRCRAFT TENDER ?) ARRIVED 27th
THIS MONTH IN AUSTRALIA & FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SHOULD GO
DIRECTLY TO JAWA.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HMS INDOMITABLE ARRIVE. AMERICAN
BORING RES'S SHOULD FLY FROM USA OVER THE PACIFIC. IS
CHANGING FOR THESE PLANS NOW IN AUSTR. WHEN THE ANIAC FORCE
WEST OF TORRES STRAIT & THE AVAILABLE STRENGTH FOR EASTERN
FLEET AT COLOMBO, WHEN THEIR COME INTO JAWA SEA, THE PRESSURE O
ON JAWA WILL BE RELIEVED & THE JAPS WILL AT THE SAME TIME
GET A GREAT SHOCK

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2. LITTLE DAMAGE IN SUMBATA NOW BUT OCCUPATION OF AIR
FIELD AT BALI THREATENS THE FORMER. JAPS GOING FROM
BALI & EAST HARBOR TO INFILTRATE WEST ON EAST JAWA.
3. THE WESTERN JAWA MAIN LANDING NOW BEING ESTABLISHED
WITH IMPORTANT SUPPORT PROTECTIONS NEAR AMANDAS ISLANDS.
4. IT IS NOT TOO LATE, HOWEVER, GRIN DETERMINATION &
GREAT SPEED, PLUS NECESSARY. I AM CONCENTRATING
EVERYTHING IN JAWA SEA AND VICINITY & TRYING TO INSTILL
OFFENSIVE SPIRIT IN ITS MAXIMUM TO AMERICAN SUBMARINES.

FROM: M/A LISBON I.B.# 10 2/25
FILED: 1:11 a.m. 2/25 Journal # 48 2/25

G-2 THINKS JAWA CAN ONLY HOLD OUT ONE WEEK AGAINST JAP
ATTACK, UNLESS IT IS STRONGLY REINFORCED BY ALLIES. THE
JAPS WILL CAPTURE SUMBATA & ATTACK NORTHERN AUSTRALIA
AFTER THEY HAVE TAKEN JAWA. COMMUNICATION BEING INTER-
RUPTED, THERE IS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PORTUGUESE
SOLDIERS THAT DEPARTED FOR TIMOR. THE TRIP REQUIRES TEN
DAYS FROM COLOMBO.

G-2 NOTE: ACTUAL OCCUPATION OF SUMBATA HAS PRECEDED
THE ATTACK ON JAWA. THE DUTCH PLAN TO CONFINE THEIR DE-
FENSE OF JAWA TO HOLDING THE SUMBATA AND RANDONG AREAS
ONLY, & ON THAT BASIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR SOME
TIME IN EXCESS OF ONE WEEK GIVEN IN PORTUGUESE ESTIMATE.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 49 2/25
FILED: 2/25

REPEAT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGE SUGGESTING BETTER METHODS
OF CRATING PLANES FOR SHIPMENT TO PHILIPPINES.

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FROM: M/A MELBOURNE
 FILED: 11:40 p.m. 2/24
JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITY.

I.B.# 11 2/25
 Journal # 43 2/25

FEBRUARY 19. JAP AIRPLANES, THEIR TYPE & NUMBER UNKNOWN, SHOT DOWN A U.S. PSY OVER THE TIMOR SEA. CREW OF 8 MEMBERS WAS RESCUED.

THE U.S.S. FLORENCE D WAS SUNK IN TIMOR SEA BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BOMBERS. CASUALTIES WERE THREE MEMBERS OF CREW. POSITION OF FLORENCE D WAS VERY NEAR TO BAKELANDIA WARRAMBOOL.

FEBRUARY 22. 2215 GMT. AN AIRPLANE OF UNKNOWN TYPE OBSERVED RECONNOITERING AREA AROUND OCEAN ISLAND.

2010 GMT. ONE ENEMY AIRPLANE DESTROYED & 2 OTHERS PROBABLY DESTROYED WHEN 9 JAP FIGHTERS, TYPE 0 & TYPE 97 ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO INTEREST ALLIED AIRPLANES ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER BARAUL.

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FEBRUARY 23. 0530 GMT. TWO MULTI-ENGINE AIRPLANES OBSERVED ABOUT 200 MI NW OF DARWIN. THEY WERE APPARENTLY ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

0140 GMT. AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF ENEMY AIRPLANE FAILED TO INTERCEPT A HUDSON ON RECONNAISSANCE OVER KOEPANG.

FEBRUARY 24. 0230 GMT. ESCORTED BY 5 FIGHTERS, 9 NAVAL MITSUBISHI HEAVY BOMBERS, TYPE 96 ATTACKED THE SEVEN MI AIRFIELD AT PORT MORESBY. IS BELIEVED A FEW BUILDINGS, ONE CANNET, & ONE HUDSON DAMAGED.

ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED FROM RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS DISPATCHED ON FEB 22 & 23 WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

FEBRUARY 22. ONE CRUISER, ONE LARGE WARSHIP & 16 OTHER VESSELS DISCLOSED IN KOEPANG HARBOR BY PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY HUDSON WHICH WAS BASED AT DARWIN. THIS AIRPLANE WAS

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THE ONE WHICH THE JAPS TRIED TO INTERCEPT.

TWO SHIPS OF 2000 TONS EACH OBSERVED IN HARBOR AT BARAUL.

FEBRUARY 23. DURING MORNING OF THIS DATE, LARGE WARSHIP OBSERVED HEADED IN DIRECTION OF BARAUL. AT TIME WAS ENTERING CHANNEL OF ST. GEORGE BETWEEN NEW IRELAND & NEW BRITAIN.

0425 GMT. A SUB WAS SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 200 MI EAST SE OF DILLI. IT WAS SURMERGING.

FEBRUARY 22 AND 23. REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM FOLLOWING MISSIONS DISPATCHED ON FEB 22 BY RNZAF & ON FEBRUARY 23 BY THE RAAF:

ROUTINE SEARCHES IN AREA NW OF DARWIN & ALONG THE COAST OF AUSTRALIA.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE OF AREA AROUND DILLI BY HUDSON FROM DARWIN.

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A SEARCH OF AREA AROUND SAMARAI & THE TROMBRIAND ISLANDS BY A PSY FROM PORT MORESBY.

3 HUDSONS BASED AT PORT MORESBY WHICH RECONN THE AREA TO THE SE.

NO ENEMY ACTIVITY OBSERVED BY HUDSON ON RECONN FLIGHT FROM SINA DIRECT TO TONGA.

AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF DAILY SEARCHES COMPLETED FROM FIJI ISLANDS. NOTHING IMPORTANT REPORTED.

A SEARCH BY A HUDSON BASED AT PORT MORESBY FOR A U.S. B-17 IN AREA OF BUNA BAY LOCATED ON NE COAST OF PAPUA WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

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FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 48 2/25
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OPERATIONAL CABLE ENUMERATING AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONS
LEAVING AUSTRALIA FOR INDIA, ALSO SUPPLIES AND TROOP
DETACHMENTS.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.S.# 36 2/25
FILED: ~~5:08~~ 5:08 P.M. 2/25 Journal # 51 2/25

SOURABAYA IN JAVA WAS ATTACKED FEB 24 BY 40 BOMBERS &
30 FIGHTERS. BATAVIA, BANDONG & KALIDJATI WERE ALSO
ATTACKED.

ACCORDING TO WARELL'S INTELLIGENCE NO 25, SENT 3:59 GMT,
FEB. 24, THE PALEMBANG AIRDRONE ON SUMATRA IS BEING USED
BY 40 AIRCRAFT. SHIPPING MUNITO FOUR LESS THAN REPORTED
YESTERDAY, PROBABLY DUE TO A MOVE UP THE RIVER. THE SHIPS
WERE OBSERVED MOVING, BUT POSSIBLE THAT THEY WERE STOPPED
BY A SHIP SUNK ACROSS THE RIVER. NO CHANGE ANAMBAS.
NO SHIPPING BALI & NO REPORT FROM SUMBAWA.

ON FEB. 22 THERE WERE 13 WARSHIPS & 5 TRANSPORTS AT
MACASSAR. THE COMPARATIVE INACTIVITY MAY BE DUE TO PRE-
PARATIONS FOR NEXT MOVE, & THE FORCE AT MACASSAR PROBABLY
HAS SOME RELATION TO THAT MOVE. CANNOT YET ESTIMATE
TIME OF SUCH MOVE.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 54 2/25
FILED: 7:30 p.m. 2/24

CHANGE IN BASIC GRID DATA FOR NEI ZONES.

CHANEY, LON

FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 53 2/25
FILED: 0015 2/26

TWELVE 75 MM GUNS AND 73 VEHICLES PARTIAL LOSS ON SHIPS
HIT AT PORT DARWIN. SALVAGE POSSIBLE ON 4 GUNS AND 1/3
MOTOR VEHICLES. AUSTRALIAN ARMY WILL LOAN EQUIPMENT TO
RE-EQUIP BATTALION.

FROM: BRETT, SANSORIGIN Feb. 25 Journal # 58
FILED: 1005 2/25

INQUIRY WHETHER TO FILE OR ASK FOR REPEAT ON CERTAIN
UNDECIPHERABLE MESSAGES RECEIVED HERE.

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FROM: MILLER, RIO Journal # 73 2/24
FILED: 2:16A 2/24 I.B.# 72 2/24
SITUATION UNCHANGED DESPITE SINKING RECENTLY OF 2
BRAZILIAN VESSELS.

BELIEVE ADJOURNMENT OF PRESENT JOINT MISSION DESIRABLE
PENDING NEW DIRECTIVE CALLING FOR ACTION INSTEAD OF
PLANS.

PERMISSION GRANTED BY WAR MINISTER FOR PRELIMINARY
SURVEY MADE BY PAN AIR AND STANDARD OIL ENGINEERS, AC-
COMPANIED BY BRAZILIAN ENGINEER AND OFFICER. THEY WILL
LEAVE RIO FOR NATAL MARCH 1st.

From: Strong - Bogota Journal #2, 2/25/42 STRONG
Filed: 2/24/42, 5:11 P I.B. #84, 2/24/42 BOGOTA

GEN. ANDREWS AND I DO NOT APPROVE OF DISGUISED U. S.
ARMY OFFICERS AS CONSULAR AGENTS AND AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AS
PROPERTY OF OIL COMPANY. IF THIS PRACTICE CONTINUES, THEY
SOON WILL BE BRANDED U.S. 5TH COLUMNISTS BY THE LOCAL
PRESS.

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✓ FROM: CHANEY, LONDON
FILED: 7:45 P 2/24

JOURNAL # 68 2/24

PLEASE ANSWER ON TROOPS AND SHIPS.

CHANEY
LONDON

✓ FROM: ETO VIA GHQ
FILED: 1:40 p.m. 2/24

JOURNAL # 63 2/24

AT 1700 GMT, AN ENEMY SUB WAS SEEN AT 28°55' N - 80°12' W. Watkins
AT POINT 2 MILES EAST OF PALM BEACH, ACCORDING TO SOUTHERN
SECTOR REPORT AT 1615 GMT, A SHIP WAS TORPEDOED.

ETO VIA GHQ

✓ FROM: BERMUDA BASE COMMAND
FILED: 5:00 2/24 VIA GHQ

JOURNAL # 62 2/24

REGULAR PATROLS IN BERMUDA PERFORMED FEBRUARY 23. ALL
AIR CRAFT CARRIER PLANES LEFT BERMUDA.
VISIBILITY GOOD; WEATHER, SHOWERS WITH SQUALLS.

BERMUDA, BASE
COMMAND
STRONG

FROM: ETO VIA GHQ

JOURNAL # 61 2/24

FILED: 3:41 p.m. 2/24

✓ TWO SUBS ON SURFACE SIGHTED BY PAN AMERICAN CLIPPER AT
1645 GMT AT 35°30' N - 68°00' W.

Watkins.

ETO
Via GHQ

FROM: COMMANDING GENERAL, ICELAND

FILED: 1:04 p.m. 2/24

JOURNAL # 59 2/24

✓ ON FEB 22 ENEMY OBSERVATION & ACTIVITY WAS ZERO. MADE
FLIGHTS FOR 18 HOURS 55 MINUTES, PATROLS FOR 2 HOURS.
WIND VARIABLE AND LIGHT; CEILING UNLIMITED TO 2500 FEET;
UNRESTRICTED VISIBILITY.

COMMANDING
GEN, ICELAND
BONESTEEL

FROM: BBC VIA GHQ

FILED: 4:45 p.m.

JOURNAL # 75 2/24

✓ ON FEBRUARY 23 OUR PATROL WAS UNCHANGED, WEATHER AND
VISIBILITY GOOD.

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✓ FROM: INDIGO VIA OHQ

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INDIGO VIA OHQ

ON FEBRUARY 23, EASTERLY WINDS, LOW CEILING, LIGHT
SNOW, 13 HOURS 14 MINUTES NON-OPERATIONAL FIXING. NO
OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON

I.B. # 66 2/24

MCCLURE

FILED: 7:45 p.m. 2/24

Journal # 71 2/24

APPARENTLY TO COVER GERMAN NAVAL CRAFT MOVEMENTS IN NORWEGIAN WATERS, MOVEMENT OF GAF TO NORWAY HAS OCCURRED DURING PAST FEW DAYS. OPINION OF AIR MINISTRY IS THAT NO OFFENSIVE PLANNED ON ICELAND.

PRESENT GAF IN NORWAY:

35 RECONNAISSANCE BOMBERS
190 LONG RANGE BOMBERS
30 DIVE BOMBERS
120 TF FIGHTERS
120 SE FIGHTERS
20 ARMY COOPERATION
55 COASTAL

PLANES RECENTLY SHIFTED TO NORWAY MAINLY FROM BREIT AND HOLLAND AREA. BULK OF GAF BASED BETWEEN TRONDHEIM AND STAVANGER.

I.B. # 66 2/24 Journal # 71 continued

MOST OPINION IS AT PRESENT THAT RAPID MOVEMENT OF GAF TO NORWAY OPENS FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES:

- 1) Cover of naval craft should sea battle develop with British fleet.
- 2) Attack ships enroute to Russia.
- 3) Attack on Sweden not impossible, if concentration of GAF remains in Norway.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON

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Journal # 78 2/24

ANSWER TO INQUIRY ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION DURING BARRAGE-BALLOON INFLATION.

FROM: McClure - London Journal #1, 2/25/42

MCCLURE

FILED: 2/24/42, 11:00 A I.B. #23, 2/24/42

LONDON

THIS IS IN REGARD TO FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES AVAILABLE DURING BARRAGE-BALLOON INFLATION OPERATIONS. EXPERIENCE HAS JUSTIFIED THE REMOVAL OF THE SAND HOPPER AND OTHER DEVICES 18 MONTHS AGO WHEN IT WAS FOUND NO FIRES BROKE OUT DURING INFLATING.

0-2 NOTE: THIS INDORSEMENT ARCHIVED AND WAS FORWARDED TO CAC.

FROM: Eager - Madrid

Journal #6, 2/25/42

EAGER

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MADRID

THERE HAS BEEN NO RECEIPT OF NEWS

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FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 65 2/24

FILED: 5:30 P 2/24

COMMENTS ON STAFF FURNISHED EAKER FOR BOMBING OPERATIONS.
MORE EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED MEN NEEDED, DUE TO HIGHLY
DEVELOPED GERMAN FIGHTER AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE SINCE
LAST YEAR.

CHANCY,
LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON

Journal # 66 2/24

FILED: 5:30P 2/24

REQUEST THAT LOCAL ASSIGNMENTS OF AIR SQUADRONS BE
LEFT TO U.S. OFFICERS IN BRITISH ISLES. DUPLICATION OF
WORK AFTER RESULTS, IF SUCH DETAILS ARE HANDLED FROM
AMERICA.

CHANAY
LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON

Journal # 67 2/24

FILED: 5:30P 2/24

(SEE JOURNAL # 66) - ENEMY REACTION AND ACTION AND POS-
SIBLE SITUATION CHANGES BEFORE ARRIVAL OF (UNSPECIFIED)
UNITS OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, MAKES IT DESIRABLE THAT EXACT
LOCATION & USE OF THESE UNITS BE LEFT TO US. WE HAVE
GIVEN 8 MONTHS ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON

Journal # 70 2/24

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REQUEST GENERAL MCNAIN SEE PREVIOUS MESSAGES 34, 35, &
36.

CHANAY
LONDON

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON

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ONE TON AMERICAN WHETLERITE NEEDED BY MIN SUPPLY.

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FROM: ELUSE, ANKARA I.B. # 54 2/24
FILED: 1838 2/23 JOURNAL # 55 2/24
NOW ON WAY TO RUSSIAN FRONT, KUMHEL HAS DEPARTED FROM
N. AFRICA. (THIS IS REPEAT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGE REQUESTED
BY YOU)
ACCORDING TO BRITISH, INITIAL POINT OF ARRIVAL WAS
ROME, THEN AFTER HE WENT TO VIENNA, BUT AS TO HIS FINAL
DESTINATION THEY ARE NOT CERTAIN..

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B. # 55 2/24
FILED: 2209 2/23 JOURNAL # 57 2/24
Superiority American tanks attested by ordnance and field
service; ease of repair, durability of tracks and wheel
suspension.

Italian M-13 superior in action radius only. Germans
estimate Brit ordnance vulnerable, but difficult to pursue
because of high speed (30-37MPH). Conelwicht, American
light tank superior to German, mechanically, and in general
better, but low in action radius and it is undergunned.

From: McClure - London Journal #3, 2/25/42
FILED: 7:45 P, 2/24/42 I.B. #83, 2/24/42

MCCLURE
LONDON

REPORTS INCREASED RESISTANCE TO BRITISH PATROLS AND
INCREASED ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. ENEMY FORCE OF 600 TRUCKS
AND 50 TANKS REPORTED ON 22 FEB. GOING EAST ON COAST IN
DIRECTION OF GAZALA FROM MARTUBA. ITALIANS NEAR BIR
TENGEDER QUIET.

BELIEVED THAT A LOCAL ATTACK SOUTH OF GAZALA MAY BE EX-
PECTED SOON. TWO HUNDRED MILES EAST OF TRIPOLI WITH THAT
CITY AS APPARENT DESTINATION, A NAZI CONVOY FROM GREECE
WAS REPORTED AT 3:00 GREENWICH TIME ON 23RD. PROBABLE
THAT THIS CONTAINS PART OF 123RD LITORIA ARMORED DIVISION.
APPREHENSIVE THAT BRITISH AIR FORCES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ATTACK THIS CONVOY BECAUSE HEAVY AIR PRESSURE ON MALTA
PREVENT OPERATIONS FROM THIS BASE.

From: Edwards - Tanger
Filed: 2/24/42, 1850
SITUATION UNCHANGED.

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TANGER

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FROM: HONGKONG, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 47 2/24 [REDACTED]
FILED: SOSS 2/24

CAREFUL STUDY OF CHINESE FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES IS
BEING CONTINUED BY MISSION.

IN VIEW OF JAVA SITUATION, BRETT HAS ORDERED THAT, AT
LEAST AS TO IMMEDIATE FUTURE, NO PLANS OF A DEFINITE
NATURE BE MADE FOR USING B-17's IN CHINA OR BURMA.

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FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 55 2/24
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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. ARMY FOODSTUFFS LIFTED
BY COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT.

BRETT,
MELBOURNE

FROM: BRETT, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 49 2/24
FILED: 1630 2/24

SUPPLIES FOR MACARTHUR UP TO 2/24:

1. ON 2/19 COAST FARMER GOT TO GINGOOG, MINDANAO. ITS CARGO:
2000 BOUNDS 81 MM SHELL, 801,000 BOUNDS 30 CAL., 30,000
BOUNDS 50 CAL., 3000 TONS OF RATIONS.
2. SUB FROM DAWIN CARRYING 26 TONS OF 50 & 30 CAL. AMMUNI-
TION. (MESSAGE DOES NOT STATE WHEN IT LEFT OR WHETHER IT
ARRIVED)
3. ON 2/19 OFF DAWIN THE DON ISIDRO WAS LOST.
4. THE ANNUI LEFT ON 2/22 WITH PROPAGANDA MATERIAL & 3 P-40'
5. ON WAY TO CEBU THERE ARE 4 (?) SHIPS WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES
SUPPLIES, 3,500,000 BOUNDS OF 30 CAL., 13,500 TONS OF
RATIONS, PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE SIGNAL & ENGINEER SUPPLIES
ASKED FOR, 5000 RIFLE GRENADES, 10,000 BOUNDS 81 MM
MORTAR SHELL.
6. IN 3 or 4 WEEKS TIME IT IS BELIEVED ANOTHER SHIP WILL BE

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ABLE TO TAKE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION AND RATIONS.

FROM: H/O BANDOENG, WHORPE I.B.# 36 2/24
FILED: 10:35 a.m. 2/24 JOURNAL # 78 2/24

DEMOLITION OF LANDING GROUNDS IN EAST JAVA HAS BEGUN.
THE JAPS HAVE OCCUPIED BENKORLEN. IN AN AIR ATTACK ON
FEB. 24, 3 B-17's DESTROYED. IT IS EXPECTED THAT LANDING
IN FORCE WILL BE MADE ON BALI.

THORPE

G-2 COMMENT:

1. A city on southwest coast of SUMATRA.

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FROM: ABDACOM, JAVA JOURNAL # 58 2/24

FILED: 2/24

FEB. 23 STATUS REPORT AS OF 1200 GMT. BOMBARDMENT: 7
LB-30's ON HAND, 3 IN; 7 A-24 ON HAND, 4 IN; 18 B-17 ON
HAND, 8 IN. PURSUIT: 18 P-40 ON HAND, 15 IN.
DENPASAR AIRDRONE BOMBED BY 1 B-17 ON COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE
OVER BALI; WEATHER OBSCURED RESULTS. 14 ZERO JAP
FIGHTERS ESCORTING 9 JAP BOMBERS WERE INTERCEPTED BY 7
P-40's. ATTACK BROKE UP BY OUR PURSUIT; 1 ZERO & 1 BOMBER
SHOT DOWN; 6 BOMBERS & 2 FIGHTERS DAMAGED; NO U.S.
PLANES LOST.

ABDACOM
BRERETON

FROM: MACARTHUR, FT. MILLS JOURNAL # 69 2/24
FILED: 1406 2/24

DESPATCHING AND CENSORING OF MAIL IMPOSSIBLE.

MACARTHUR

FROM: WDC VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 64 2/24
FILED: 10:43 a.m. 2/24

STATEMENT OF NAVY IN NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING IN REFER-
ENCE TO OIL INSTALLATIONS NEAR ELWOOD, CALIF. BEING
SHELLED BY ENEMY SUBMARINE, ESSENTIALLY SAME AS OURS.
NAVY WAS INFORMED ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE ATTACK, BY A JAP-
ANESE ON WEST COAST, THAT AT THE END OF THE PRESIDENT'S
SPEECH, A DEMONSTRATION WOULD BE MADE BY THE ENEMY. FBI
AND NAVY ARE INVESTIGATING THIS REPORT AND IT'S SOURCE.
HAWAII, ALASKA AND PANAMA CANAL WILL BE ATTACKED BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 16 & MARCH 1st, ACCORDING TO RUMOR. IT IS PRE-
DICTED THAT LOS ANGELES WILL BE ATTACKED TONIGHT, ACCORD-
ING TO ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

WDC VIA GHQ
STROH

FROM: WDC VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 60 2/24
FILED 11:58 AM. PWT 2/24

ONE DUD RECOVERED AT ELWOOD, CALIF. AFTER SUB ATTACK
BEING INVESTIGATED BY ARMY ORDNANCE AND WILL BE TURNED
OVER TO NAVY FOR INVESTIGATION AND FINAL DISPOSITIONS.

WDC VIA GHQ
STROH

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 39 2/24
 FILED: 2:45 p.m. 2/24 Journal # 77 1224

WAR OFFICE INFORMATION TODAY:

1. DUTCH TIMOR: JAP PARACHUTE TROOPS SEIZED AN AIRFIELD AT OESOR, 70 MI NE OF KOEPANG. ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS WERE LANDED ON 21st S OF KOEPANG.
2. PORTUGUESE TIMOR: A JAP LANDING SE OF DILLI HAS BEEN VERIFIED.
3. NEW GUINEA: ONE ENEMY CRUISER & SIX DESTROYERS SEEN ON 22ND HEADING S BETWEEN NEW GUINEA & NEW BRITAIN, ACCORDING TO REPORT FROM NEW GUINEA.
4. BURMA: THE SINGLE BIT OF GOOD NEWS IN ARRIVAL OF BATTALION OF CAMERON HIGHLANDERS & THE 7th ARMORED BRIG. OTHERWISE BURMA SITUATION IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY AROUND RANGOON. THERE WAS HEAVY JAP PRESSURE ON INDIAN 17th DIV, REINFORCED BY MIXED 2nd BURMA BRIG, AS THIS FORCE WITHDREW TO WEST BANK OF SITTANG RIVER. BRIT LOSSES I.B.# 39 Journal # 77 2/24 continued

WERE SEVERE. IN ADDITION JAPS SUCCEEDED IN CUTTING OFF TWO BRIGS OF THE 17th DIV NEAR MUKPALIN.¹ AT THIS POINT SOLE REMAINING BRIDGE ACROSS SITTANG RIVER DESTROYED ON FEB. 23 DURING DAYLIGHT. WAR OFFICE HAS NO VERIFICATION THAT THESE 2 BRIGS COMPLETED THEIR WITHDRAWAL BEFORE THE DEMOLITION, BUT IS FEARED SUCH WAS NOT CASE. THERE ARE NOW TWO DIVS OPERATING AGAINST RANGOON AREA, SINCE ENEMY HAS BEEN REINFORCED BY A DIV FROM THAILAND.

COMMENT: THE NEXT JAP OBJECTIVE IS PELO, IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTION, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT. UNLESS BRIT ARE ABLE TO STOP THEM, THE STORY OF SINGAPORE WILL LIKELY BE REPEATED AT RANGOON.

5. BURMA COMMAND: A SOURCE CONSIDERED RELIABLE REPORTS THAT WAR OFFICE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH CONDUCT OF BURMA DEFENSE & THAT LT. GEN. H (T) R.L.O. ALEXANDER, FORMERLY IN COMMAND OF SOUTHERN COMMAND, IS FLYING TO BURMA TO RELIEVE GEN HUTTON.

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6. WAVELL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. A MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED DATED 0335 HOURS, BRIT TIME, FEB 23, REPORTING SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. THE 11 JAP SHIPS REPORTED S OF MUNTOK² ON 19th REMAIN.
- b. THE FORCE OFF ANAMBAS ISLANDS CONSISTING OF ONE TANKER ONE TRANSPORT & FOUR CRUISERS, REPORTED ON FEB. 21st, IS STILL THERE, MINUS TRANSPORT & TANKER.
- c. EARLY MORNING OF FEB 22, A TOTAL OF 6 SHIPS WERE NEARING SUMBAWA,³ ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THAT ISLAND.
- d. THE ENEMY AIR FORCE HAS DISPLACED ITS STRENGTH TO SOUTH. EVIDENCE OF DARWIN RAID PLUS RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS FOLLOWING PROBABLE DISTRIBUTION OF HEAVY BOMBERS:

BALI	one squadron		
KENDARI	four squadrons	RABUL	ONE SQUADRON
AMBON	three "		
PALEMBANG	unknown Strength		

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- e. Gen Wavell commented this message that it is presumed that the enemy vessels at MUNTOK² BEING HELD FOR IMMEDIATE DEFINITE MISSION SINCE THEY ARE EXPOSED TO AIR ATTACK. THIS MISSION MAY BE TO TAKE ON BOARD A PART OF FORCE NOW AT PALEMBANG. COMMENT ON REPORT THAT SUMBAWA WAS THREATENED IS HELD UP UNTIL REPORT IS VERIFIED.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

From: MacLennan - Melbourne Journal #76, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/24/42, 1:40 A I.B. #30, 2/24/42
THIS IS THE FIRST SECTION OF THIS CAME, WHICH IS IN 3 SECTIONS.

ALLIED AIR OPERATIONS

FEBRUARY 22:

AN AIR FIELD AT RABAU WAS ATTACKED BY 3 CATALINAS FROM PORT MORESBY. BOMBS WERE RELEASED FROM ONE OF THE ATTACKING PLANES AND OBSERVED TO HAVE STRADDLED THE FIELD.

A CATALINA PATROLLED THE ROUTE FROM NOUMEA TO PORT MORESBY, BY WAY OF SAMARAI.

THE REGION TO THE SOUTHEAST OF PORT MORESBY WAS RECONNOITERED BY 2 HUDSONS.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE OF THE KOEPANG DISTRICT WAS MADE BY A HUDSON FROM DARWIN.

THE ROUTE FROM PORT VILLA³ BY WAY OF TULAGI⁴ AND XXXXX

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SAMARAI TO PORT MORESBY WAS RECONNOITERED BY A CATALINA.

A RECONNAISSANCE IN THE PATTERN OF A FAN, OF 300 MILES, WAS MADE FROM SUVA⁵ BY AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF NEW ZEALAND HUDSONS.

A CATALINA WAS ENROUTE TO NOUMEA FROM SUVA BUT AS YET NO REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM REPORTS WHICH WERE DELAYED INDICATES THAT THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS WHICH WERE COMPLETED ON FEB. 22.

JAPANESE AIR ACTIVITY:

FEBRUARY 22:

AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK WAS MADE 100 MILES NNW OF DARWIN ON THE SS WARRAMBOOL⁶ BY 2 FLYING BOATS. AT 0325 G.M.T. A BI-MOTORED MONOPLANE WAS SIGHTED HIGH ABOVE PORT MORESBY ON RECONNAISSANCE. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS INEFFECTIVE.

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ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY:

FEBRUARY 23:

THE REPORTS FROM THE REGULAR PATROLS OFF THE COAST OF AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

A RECONNAISSANCE FOR A DISTANCE OF 400 MILES TO THE NORTH OF DARWIN WAS MADE BY AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF HUDSONS.

AN ORDER WAS ISSUED FOR AN ATTACK ON RABAU BY 9 B-17'S WHICH WERE AT TOWNSVILLE. ONE OF THESE PLANES GOT LOST & HAD TO RETURN TO TOWNSVILLE. ANOTHER HAD ENGINE TROUBLE BEFORE LEAVING. A COLLISION ON THE TAKE-OFF DAMAGED 2 MORE. A BROKEN OIL LINE CAUSED ANOTHER TO MAKE A FORCED LANDING. THE REST OF THE PLANES, OR A TOTAL OF 4, ACTUALLY REACHED THE OBJECTIVE; HOWEVER, BOMBS WERE RELEASED BY ONLY ONE OF THE PLANES AND THE RESULTS OF THE BOMBING BY

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THIS ONE PLANE WERE NOT OBSERVED. AS THE B-17'S WERE GASSING UP AT PORT MORESBY ON THEIR RETURN FROM RABAU, A PATROL WAS BEING CARRIED OUT BY 2 HUDSONS AT 10,000 FT. AT SAMARAI, DOCKS AND BUILDINGS ARE STILL BURNING BUT THERE IS NO REPORT OF OCCUPATION BY THE ENEMY.

0-2 COMMENTS:

1. A PORT IN SOUTHWEST NEW CALEDONIA.
2. A VILLAGE IN SOUTHEAST PAPUA.
3. A VILLAGE ON EFATE ISLAND IN THE NEW HEBRIDES GROUP.
4. A VILLAGE ON FLORIDA ISLAND IN THE SOLOMON GROUP.
5. A TOWN ON VITI LEVU ISLAND IN THE FIJI GROUP.
6. NOT LISTED IN LLOYD'S REGISTRY. PROBABLY A SMALL COASTAL VESSEL NAMED AFTER A TOWN OF THE SAME NAME NEAR MELBOURNE.

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PACIFIC # 6

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #5, 2/25/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 0300 I.B. #
MACARTHUR RECOMMENDS SETTING UP PHILIPPINE BRANCH OF
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL DEPARTMENT AND A REVIEW BOARD
AND REQUESTS AUTHORITY BE GIVEN FOR APPOINTMENT OF NECESSARY PERSONNEL.

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #4, 2/25/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 0110

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

IT IS NOW DETERMINED THAT JAPS FIGHTING TO THE NORTH
OF DAVAO ARE NAMED.

ACTIVITY ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT HAS BEEN LOCAL, BUT
SHARP, CONSISTING OF PATROLS AND SCREENING OPERATIONS.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IF THE ENEMY FAILS TO DISCLOSE
HIS INTENTIONS, IT IS MACARTHUR'S INTENTION TO ASSUME
THE INITIATIVE WITH DETERMINED LOCAL OFFENSIVES IN ORDER
TO GET CONTROL OF GROUND BETWEEN THE LINES AND THEREBY
FORCE JAPS EITHER TO ADOPT POSITIONAL TACTICS OR PUT ON
AN ATTACK.

Ft. Mills

From: PRO - MMARREMER Journal #9, 2/25/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 0300

FT. MILLS
PRO

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB. 25TH. THERE WERE SHARP ENCOUNTERS
YESTERDAY ALL ALONG THE LINES BETWEEN OUR AGGRESSIVE
PATROLS AND THE ENEMY SCREEN. OUR TROOPS WERE UNIFORMLY
SUCCESSFUL.

GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST, IN ORDER TO RELIEVE
SUFFERING AND PRIVATION AMONG THE CIVILIAN POPULATION IN THE
PHILIPPINES, PARTICULARLY THE FAMILIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL
IN THE FIELD, HAS AUTHORIZED THE EXPENDITURE OF TEN MILLION
DOLLARS FOR RELIEF. FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION GEN. MACARTHUR
HAS SET ASIDE THE SUM OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS TO BE SPENT FOR THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES OF WIDOWS
AND ORPHANS OF OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY,
THE CARE AND RE-

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REHABILITATION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY DISABLED,
THE RELIEF OF FAMILIES OF THOSE WOUNDED IN ACTION AND THE
RELIEF OF THE FAMILIES OF ALL MILITARY WHO MAY BE IN WANT.
IN ADDITION HE HAS SET ASIDE TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES TO FAMILIES
OF CIVILIANS KILLED OR INCAPACITATED BY ENEMY ACTION, THE
CARE AND REHABILITATION OF CIVILIANS WOUNDED OR INJURED AS
A RESULT OF WAR ACTIVITY, THE RELIEF OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE OF MODERATE
MEANS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY THE ENEMY. THE ACTION OF
GEN. MACARTHUR WAS INSPIRED BY THE SIGNIFICANT LOYALTY
EXHIBITED BY FILIPINOS EVERYWHERE OF WHATEVER CLASS
CONDITION OR SEX.

From: FBI Via CIB Journal #10, 2/25/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 0635 (Approx.)

FBI
VIA CIB

FBI REPORTED TO CIB THAT FBI AGENT AT LOS ANGELES SAW
WHAT HE THOUGHT TO BE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE.

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter Journal #11, 2/25/42
Filed: 2/24/42, 10:48 P

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

HAWAIIAN COMMAND WILL DEVOTE THE WHOLE OF ITS FACILITIES
TO HASTENING MOVEMENT TO JAVA OF N T I (WHI?) AIR CRAFT.

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From: Hoshiars - London Journal #79, 2/24/42
 Filed: 2/23/42, 11:00 P I.S. #9, 2/24/42
 1. RELIABLE, THOUGH UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES ON INDIA:
 JAP VICTORY IN BURMA WILL AFFECT INDIA MORE THAN
 FALL OF SINGAPORE.
 ARMY UNITS STILL IN INDIA INTENTION TO OLD LINE UNITS
 MOST OF WHICH ARE OVERSEAS.
 GENERAL INDIAN SITUATION GRAVE MILITARILY AND POLIT-
 ICALLY. BRITISH UNITS ONCE AVAILABLE AS REINFORCEMENTS
 FROM MIDDLE EAST, NOT NOW AVAILABLE BECAUSE EMPLOYED AGAINST
 THREATS ELSEWHERE.
 SERIOUS DOUBT ABOUT UNITY OF INDIAN PUBLIC OPINION
 BECAUSE OF INTERNAL RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL RIVALRIES.
 JAP THREAT WILL PROBABLY NOT EFFECT REAL UNITY.
 DANGER THAT CIVIL POPULATIONS WOULD PANIC BEYOND
 CONTROL ON HOPEING OR ENEMY LANDINGS.

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 UNTIL ACTUALLY THREATENED, NO PREDICTION CAN BE
 MADE THAT FEAR OF JAPAN WILL ENFORCE FORGIVENESS OF
 QUARRELS WITH BRITISH AND UNITE THEM BEHIND THE IMPERIAL
 WAR EFFORT.

EFFECTIVENESS OF INDIAN TROOPS AGAINST JAP INVADERS
 QUESTIONABLE, PARTICULARLY IF CIVIL POPULATION NOT THOR-
 OUGHLY BELLEAGUED AGAINST INVASION.

ORDINARY INDIAN SUPINE AND INDIFFERENT, PERSONALLY
 INTERESTED ONLY IN OWN DAILY ROUTINE. NATIVE NEWSPAPERS
 ANTI-BRITISH AND PRO-RELIGIOUS AND PRO-NATIVE POLITICS,
 GIVE NATIVE HIS ONLY PICTURE OF WORLD EVENTS INCLUDING
 THE WAR.

CHAND KAI SREE'S CONTENTIONS ARE BELIEVED TO
 HAVE HAD POSITIVE EFFECT ON INDIAN LEADERS, BUT DOUBTFUL
 THAT THIS RESULT WILL REACH THE MASSES SUFFICIENTLY TO

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 ACTIVATE UNITED OPPOSITION TO JAPAN.
 NECESSARY TO DEMONSTRATE TO HINDUS AND MUSLIMS THAT
 THEY WILL GAIN BY THE PRESENT STRUGGLE.

RADICALS WILL UTILIZE WAR TO GAIN CONCESSIONS FOR
 THEIR COOPERATION.

JAPAN IS PROPAGANDIZING EFFECTIVELY.

RECASTING OF THE INDIA OFFICE DESTINABLE & EXPECTED.
 WHILE NOT PUBLISHED AND POSSIBLY NOT PROVEN, AMER-
 CAN AND BRITISH JOURNALISTS DOUBT THAT INDIAN TROOPS EX-
 CEPT THE GUERILLAS HAVE FORTH STUBBORNLY IN LIBYA OR WALA-

IA. (O-2 NOTE: THIS NEEDS QUALIFICATION.)
 II. NEGLECTED BELIEVES.

CLEAR ACT OF GERMENOSITY NEEDED TO SHOW THAT BUILT.
 VICTORY MEANS INDIAN INDEPENDENCE.
 SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES NEEDED IN BRITISH INDIA OFFICE.

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 TIME REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO
 THESE EVENTS AND STIR THE INDIAN SPIRIT TO A VIGOROUS
 DEFENSE OF INDIA.

IT IS TOO LATE NOW TO HAVE INDIA A SOURCE OF OVER-
 SEAS TROOPS AND WAR MATERIALS.

AS SEEN FROM LONDON AND WITHOUT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
 IN INDIA, I BELIEVE THAT THE INDIANS WILL FIGHT ON OWN
 SOIL WITH UNWAVERING ENTHUSIASM.

OFFICIAL ESTIMATES DELAYED BY NECESSITY FOR CLEAR-
 ANCE BY WAR OFFICE WITH INDIA OFFICE AND ADDITIONAL IN-
 FORMATION ON POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ESTIMATES FROM THE
 VICEROY WHO HAS (IT IS UNDERSTOOD) BEEN CALLED.

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 AND FORGOTTEN, 6-8-72

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From: Maxwell - Cairo Journal #12, 2/25/42

Filed: 3/34/42, 1447

TWO-PAGE MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO ASSEMBLING OF PLANES,
PROGRESS AT BASRA AND CEDAR, AND REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL AND
TECHNICAL LITERATURE.

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Journal #14, 2/25

From: G-2 WDC (GMC) STROM

SAN DIEGO

LOS ANGELES BLACKED-OUT AT 2:25 AM PWT, & ~~SAFETY~~ AT 2:05 AM BASED ON A MECHANICAL RECORDING ON ONE OF UNIDENTIFIED PLANES OVER FORMER CITY. A LT. COLONEL, COAST ARTY, REPORTED HE "SAW A FLIGHT OF ABOUT 25 PLANES" AT HEIGHT OF 12,000 FT OVER CITY AT 2:15 AM - & ALSO SAW APPROX. SAME NUMBER A RED FIRE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS. OTHER SOURCES ALSO REPORTED ACTUALLY SEEING PLANES OVER CITY. ANTI-AIRCRAFT OPENED FIRE AT SUPPOSED TARGETS AT 2:15 AM. NEITHER ARMY OR NAVY HAD PLANES UP AT THIS TIME. REPORTS OF BOMBING DOUGLAS & OTHER FACTORIES AS WELL AS REPORTS OF PLANES FALLING IN PALOS VERDES AREA NOT CONFIRMED. BLACK-OUT OVER SOUTHERN CALIF. INCLUDING RADIO STILL PREVAILED & MILITARY UNITS ON RED ALERT. DARK HERE SHORTLY AFTER 7:00 AM PWT. OTHER DETAILS INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF PLANES WILL BE REPORTED LATER.

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Journal #20, 2/25

From: G-2 WDC (GMC) STROM

A RED STATUS INDICATES A STATUS OF READINESS & UPON POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT TO OPEN FIRE.

Filed: 9:42 AM PWT, 2/25

Journal 35, 2/25/42

From: G-2 WDC

REPORTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES WERE RECEIVED INDICATING THAT "STAINS" OF PLANES AND AT LEAST ONE BALLON WERE OVER LOS ANGELES, THAT THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT FACTORY HAD BEEN BOMBED, THAT FOUR PLANES HAD BEEN BROUGHT DOWN IN THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES AND THAT ANOTHER HAD BEEN SEEN IN PLANES. IN ADDITION, REPORTS OF PLANES BEING DROPPED TO ILLUMINATE THE DOUGLAS PLANT AND DETONATIONS INDICATING BOMBING WERE ALSO RECEIVED. UNTIL THESE REPORTS WERE CONFIRMED OR DENIED EITHER PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY, IT WAS NOT BELIEVED WISE TO ACCEPT THEM AT FACE VALUE AND JUMP TO HASTY CONCLUSIONS, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL MILITARY PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THIS AREA. ABOUT 6:00 A.M. THE CREDIBILITY OF

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THESE REPORTS WAS BEGINNING TO BE SHAKEN. WHEN THE FACT THAT NO ATTACK HAD BEEN REASONABLY ESTABLISHED, THE REPORT RECEIVED BY YOU AT 6:21 STARTED. DEVELOPMENTS TO THIS HOUR INDICATE THAT MOST PREVIOUS REPORTS HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED. ALTHOUGH CONTINUING INVESTIGATION THE 4th AIR FORCE NOW BELIEVES THERE WERE NO ENEMY PLANES. REPORTS FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SECTOR HOWEVER INDICATE DEFINITE PRESENCE LOS ANGELES AREA LAST NIGHT OF AS MANY AS 20 TO 30 PLANES, IDENTITY STILL UNDETERMINED. NO BOMBS DROPPED. EVERY EFFORT BEING MADE TO ADJUST DISCREPANCY. FULL REPORT LATER.

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Journal 30, 2/25/42

From: ABDA Com

MAJ. GEN. SITWELL WILL BE COMMANDER BRITISH ARMY IN JAVA: A.V.M. MOLLOY WILL HEAD AIR: COMMADORE COLLINS WILL REMAIN CCMF. A.V.M. MOLLOY, AS SENIOR, WILL DIRECT ON MATTERS OF POLICE INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE SERVICE.

4:00 PM 2/24/42
to

4:00 PM 2/25/42

ABDA COM HEADQUARTERS WILL TERMINATE OPERATING 0450 GMT 25 FEB. OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF BRITISH FORCES WILL BE UNDER DUTCH COMMANDERS AT THAT INSTANT.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESSES: MAJ GEN. SITWELL, BRITAIN, JAVA: A.V.M. MOLLOY, BRITAIN, JAVA: REAR ADMIRAL PALLISER, BRITADMIRAL, JAVA.

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Journal 32, 2/25

From: ABDA COM, Java

1. FOLLOWING AIR ATTACKS BY ENEMY REPORTED TODAY:

a. BATAVIA, NO DETAILS

b. ANDIR BY 21 BOMBERS. ONE FIGHTER DESTROYED ON GROUND, A B-17 BADLY WRECKED, 2 B-17s SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

c. SOERABAYA BY 40/60 BOMBERS AND 30/40 FIGHTERS. WE LOST NO AIRCRAFT. ENEMY = 1 BY AIRCRAFT, 2 BY ACK ACK. BELIEVED DAMAGES LIGHT, NO DETAILS.

d. KALPAJATI: 2 GLEN MARTINS AND 2 BLENHEIMS DESTROYED ON GROUND WHEN ENEMY RAIDED WITH 6 FIGHTERS AND 15 BOMBERS.

II. TODAY, 6 B-17s SANK 2 TRANSPORTS AT MOUTH OF MAKASSAR RIVER. NO DEFINITE RESULTS KNOWN OF YESTERDAY'S ATTACK BY US ON 2 OR 3 ENEMY SUBS NORTH OF WEST JAVA. WE USED 3 BLENHEIMS.

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III. ATTACKING ENEMY CONVOY NORTH OF LOMBOK LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING, USA "MISSION" CLAIMS TO HAVE HIT ENEMY SUPPLY SHIP AND ENEMY AUXILIARY EACH TWICE.

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Journal 29, 2/25

From: ABDA COM

1. FIVE TRANSPORTS AND 15 WAR VESSELS AT MACASSAR, FEB. 22
2. JAPANESE CLAIM SELF DEFENSE IN ADMITTING THEIR LANDING ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR. WHEN THE ALLIES ARE CAST OUT, THE JAPS WILL WITHDRAW, THEY SAID, IN A RADIO BROADCAST.
3. MUNTOK SHIPPING 4 BOATS UNDER YESTERDAY'S FIGURE. UPRIVER MOVEMENTS SLOWED THIS SHIPPING. NO CHANGE AT ANAMBAS.

4. PALEMBANG I AIR FIELD HOUSES 40 PLANES, PALEMBANG NOT IN USE. LAHAT NOT OBSERVED, BUT BELIEVED UNUSED.

5. BALI-SOEMERAWA REPORTS NOTHING FURTHER.

6. CANNOT FORECAST TIMING BUT SUSPECT ENEMY PLAN FOR ENEMY FORCES IN PALEMBANG. THE LULL IS LIKELY CONNECTED.

Filed: 2/25/42

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From: Chiefs of Staff

PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL MET THIS EVENING. ALL ABDA POWERS REPRESENTED. DR. WELLINGTON KOO PRESENT FOR FIRST TIME. SALIENT FEATURES OF MEETING INCLUDE:

1. DUTCH BELIEVE BRITISH AND AMERICANS WRONGLY PESSIMISTIC ON GIVING JAPS SOME STOUT BLOWS AND MAKING A PROLONGED DELAYING ACTION. DUTCH THINK SITUATION BY NO MEANS HOPELESS. THE DEFENSE OF JAVA WAS MAIN THEME OF DISCUSSION.

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to

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2. ALL AGREED TO SUSTAIN JAVA RESISTANCE. NO ADDITIONAL LANDING FORCES SHOULD BE SENT TO JAVA. OTHER VITAL POINTS, PARTICULARLY CEYLON, SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR SECURITY THREATENED.

3. DUTCH ASKED FOR MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AIR REINFORCEMENTS TO JAVA. AMERICAN PLANES AND PERSONNEL IN AUSTRALIA

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OFFER BEST SOURCE.

4. DESTINATION OF PLANES ON H.M.S. INDOMITABLE NEED NOT BE NAMED BEFORE 3 MARCH.

5. AUSTRALIA, INDIA AND CEYLON WERE NAMED AS PROBABLE BASES FOR FUTURE OFFENSIVE ATTACKS ON JAPAN.

6. CLOSING OF ABDA HEADQUARTERS AGREED UPON. NO PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PRESENT.

7. THE 1st SEA LORD ASKED THAT, WHEN AND IF OUR NAVAL FORCES CAN NOT REMAIN IN JAVA, DUTCH NAVAL FORCES SHOULD COOPERATE WITH OUR EASTERN FLEET AND CONCENTRATE ON CEYLON.

8. FREE FRENCH HAVE ASKED TO PLACE REPRESENTATIVE ON PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL IN LONDON. REPLY WAS THAT IF MATTERS AFFECTING FREE FRENCH PACIFIC TERRITORY WERE INVOLVED, IN DISCUSSION, THE FREE FRENCH COMMITTEE SHOULD

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BE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT FREE FRENCH TERRITORY IN PACIFIC IS IN AMERICAN SPHERE.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

LATIN AMERICA # 1

10:00 AM

2/23/42

TO

10:00 AM

2/24/42

From: Kirkwood - CDC

Journal #63, 2/23/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 8:22 P

KIRKWOOD

CDC

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY OF SUBS

POSITIONS 1 - 14°27' N - 61°33' W

1 - 5 MILES OFF LA GUINA

TANKER TAHITI TORPEDOED NEAR MONGES ISLAND.

3 OFF LOS FRANKLES (N OF ISLA MARGARITA)

NUMOR IN CARACAS STATES MORE SUBS WILL BE PRESENT IN 15 DAYS AND MOTHER SHIP HIDDEN IN LESSER ANTILLES.

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6:00 p.m.
2/23
TO
4:00 p.m.
2/24

FROM: G-2 GDC Journal # 48 2/23
FILED: 12:32 P 2/23
REPORT FROM CURAGAO STATES ENEMY SUB WAS SIGHTED NEAR
LA GUAIRA AT 8:23 P.M., AGAIN AT 9:15 P.M. ON FEB. 22.

G-2 CD
VIA GHQ

FROM: ETO, VIA GHQ Journal # 56 2/23
FILED: 541 P.M. 2/23
AT 2012 GMT, ESY REPORTED FROM RADIO INTERCEPT THAT AT
44°14' N - 63°54' W, A SUB WAS ON THE SURFACE.

ETO VIA
GHQ

FROM: G-2 GDC VIA GHQ Journal # 49 2/23
FILED: 12:25 P.M. 2/23
1. TWO ENEMY SUBS SIGHTED 10:00 P.M. FEB. 21, ABOUT
50 MI DUE WEST OF FORT DE FRANCE.
2. A SMALL SUB TRAVELING WEST AT 6 KNOTS WAS SIGHTED
BY PAN AIR PILOT AT 13:55 GMT., LOCATION 15°50' N - 64°25' W.

G-2 CD
VIA GHQ

FROM: AMCON ARUBA VIA OPNAV Journal # 54 2/23
FILED: 0230 2/23
GOVERNOR ARUBA PERSONALLY INTERCEPTED FOLLOWING MESSAGES
ON NIGHTS OF FEB. 20 & 21st: ON ABOUT 30 METERS 9700 7000
KCY5, DOD, A COASTAL STATION AUS SKEIDER FUERSCHIFF RADIO
IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH SHIPS AND PLANES, DCH ELBE
FUERSCHIFF RINS RADIO. BOTH DCH & DCH WERE IN CONTACT WIT
WITH UT7A, K3H, UHS, ZL1, BGA. AFTER THAT K3E CONTACTED ZL1.
THEN UHS CONTACTED UT7. THEN K3 HJLLEQ (UNPLIED?) WITH
LONG SERIES OF UNINTELLIGIBLE LETTERS. CONTER INFORMED.

AMCON
ARUBA
VIA OPNAV
AV

FROM: DRUM - ETO Journal #3, 2/24/42
FILED: 2/24/42, 1203
GUNFIRE SIGHTED OFF SEQUIN ISLAND 213°44' N - 69°54' W
AT 0034 GMT.
COMMENT: SEQUIN ISLAND IS SOUTH OF BOOTHBAY HARBOR,
MAINE.

DRUM
ETO

4:00 p.m.
2/23
TO
4:00 p.m.
2/24

FROM: MAXWELL
FILED: 1250 2/23
JOURNAL # 60 2/23
VESSELS IN RED SEA: WEEKLY REPORT.

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO
FILED: 2123 P.M. 2/23
I.B. # 30 2/23
JOURNAL # 58 2/23
THE BATTLE PERFORMANCE OF AMERICAN M-3 LIGHT TANKS HAS
PROVEN SUPERIOR TO THAT OF THE BRITISH CRUISER TANKS IN
THE PRESENT LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

FELLERS,
CAIRO

From: Fellers - Cairo
FILED: 2/23/42, 2205
JOURNAL #12, 2/24/42
I.B. #12, 2/24/42

FELLERS
CAIRO

GERMANS IN LIBYA HOLDING GROUND WITH INFERIOR FORCES.
CAN EASILY BE QUICKLY AUGMENTED AND A PUSH ORGANIZED WHICH
COULD NOT BE STOPPED SHORT OF SUZE OR IRAQ WITHOUT HEAVY
IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENT OF BRIT. FORCES.

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WESTERN BUREAU

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2/23

TO

4:00 p.m.

2/24

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON

JOURNAL # 55 2/23

FILED: 4:52 2/23

TECHNICAL DATA AND SUGGESTIONS RE: AMERICAN AIRCRAFT
AND EQUIPMENT. (1600 WORDS)

CHANEY
LONDON

From: Chaney - London

Journal #5, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 6:35 P

DETAILS AGREED UPON IN CONSTRUCTION OF LOCKHEED
PROJECT #1, N. IRELAND. (HOSPITALS AND EQUIPMENT THERE OF)

CHANEY
LONDON

From: Chaney - London

Journal #6, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 7:46 P

DETAILED REPORT OF CHARACTERISTICS AND LOCALITY OF AIR
BOMBS AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT OF U.S. TROOPS IN N. IRELAND.

CHANEY
LONDON

From: Edwards - Tanger

Journal #7, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 1800

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I.B. #11, 2/24/42

EDWARDS
TANGER

From: Eager - Madrid

Journal #8, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 1930

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

I.B. #10

EAGER
MADRID

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EASTERN EUROPE #1

10:00 AM

2/23/42

TO

10:00 AM

2/24/42

From: Waddell - Stockholm Journal #9, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 1755 I.R. #8, 2/24/42

WADDSELL

STOCKHOLM

LIMITED NO. OF TRAINED CONSCRIPTS ORDERED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY NOT DUE TO EXTERNAL PRESSURE. REPLACEMENTS OF 30 BNS. POLICING NORWEGIAN BORDER AND FILLING COMPLEMENT OF 10 OTHER BNS. APRIL 1 DAY FOR 1942 RECRUITS TO REPORT. SEPT. 1 SCHEDULED FOR END OF SERVICE CLASS OF 1941. MAR. 31 TOTAL OFFICERS AND MEN UNDER ARMS 100,000

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ATLANTIC THEATER

Filed: 4:25 A. 2/23

Journal 17, 2/23

From: Danielson

G-2 ETO

SS DEYLCA EVERAGRA, radiced a sub was following at 34°43N 76°13 W. Information recd 305 AM 2/23. CG cutter searching the area near Jupiter Light, Fla, sighted large sub on surface at 2700 N 8000 W. 0143 GCT, 2/23. Sub kept under observation for 10 min then submerged as CG cutter proceeded toward W. Palm Beach signals like Very pistols were seen indicating presence of 2 subs in area. Cutter did not attack sub as it had mg aboard. (ONI says a later message says CG cutter followed another sub in same area. Comment also that CG cutter referred to in body of message was really only a small patrol boat. De is code for "concerning." YLCA call letters. SS EVERAGRA is of Latvian registry.

4:00 PM 2/23/42

to

4:00 PM 2/23/42

Filed: 1:45 PM, 2/23/42

Journal 35, 2/23/42

From: U.S. Navy War Plans

22 FEB: "GNEISSNAU" IN DRYDOCK AT KIEL
"MUNNBERG" ALONGSIDE
"TIRPITZ" AT TRONDHEIM
near BERGEN: 1 pocket battleship, 1 cruiser,
(Hipper class), 2 merchant vessels

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4:00 p.m.
2/23
TO
2/24

FROM: THORPE, JAVA I.B.# 41 Journal # 41 2/23 THORPE, JAVA
FILED: 10:40 2/23
MALANG, MADALANG & SOURABAYA SUFFERED AIR RAIDS ON
2/23.
MORALE OF DUTCH LAND FORCES IS LOW. WHILE I HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO VERIFY IT AS YET, RUMORS PERSIST THAT JAVA WILL
CAPITULATE.
MORE HOSTILE TROOPS HAVE BEEN LANDED ON TIMOR.
IT IS REPORTED THAT A WOMAN WAS PILOTING AN ENEMY
PLANE DOWNED AT MAKASHER.

FROM: CHIEFS OF STAFF TO ARDA COM I.B.# 26
FILED: 2/21 JOURNAL # 39 2/23
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP CHANNEL OF SUPPLIES OPEN TO
CHINA, IF POSSIBLE VIA RANGOON & IF NOT, THEN VIA ASSAM.
BY HOLDING A LINE IN BURMA. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO
KEEP RANGOON, FIRST TO SEND SUPPLIES TO CHINA & BURMA &
SECONDLY, SINCE IT IS DOUBTFUL IF RANGOON BOUND CONVOYS
CAN GET THROUGH MUCH LONGER IN VIEW OF POTENTIAL MALACCA
STRAIT THREAT, TO PROTECT ASSAM ROUTE. HOWEVER, ONCE
THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF SECURITY OF ROUTES HAS BEEN ACCA
COMPLISHED IT IS FELT THAT THE LOSS OF FURTHER TROOPS IN
DEFENSE OF RANGOON, ONCE IT IS ISOLATED, WOULD NOT BE
FORTIFIED. FINALLY, THE LOSS OF RANGOON MEANS OUR EFFECT-
IVE FIGHTING STRENGTH IN BURMA WILL BE COMENSURATE
ONLY WITH THE CAPACITY OF THE LAND ROUTE.

FROM: ARDA COM JOURNAL # 2/23
FILED: 0656 2/23
WILL DISPERSE ARDA COM MAINLY TO COLOMBO. BRIG SETWELL
TO BE LEFT WITH SUITABLE STAFF IN CHARGE OF BRIT & AUSTRA-
LIAN LAND FORCES.

FROM: RTO VIA G HQ JOURNAL # 57 2/23
FILED: 3:20 P.M. 2/23
U.S. TANKER BALD BUTTE & W.D. ANDERSON TORPEDOED IN
ARMA PALM BEACH, FLA., JUPITER INLET; WEST ZEDA & LINEA
REPORTED BY STAFF DUTY OFFICER AS TORPEDOED LAST NIGHT;
SHIP IDENTITY UNKNOWN TORPEDOED AT 44°22' N - 83°20' W AT
2000 GMT, FEB. 22. MESSAGE FROM MIAMI, CAPT HANDEL, BELIEVED
TO BE A PAA PILOT, THAT AT 3:45 GMT, FEB. 22, AN ENEMY
SUB SURFACE WAS ON SURFACE AT 26°10' N - 79°53' W. ONE SUB
SIGHTED AT 0715 GMT, FEB. 22 AT 34°43' N - 76°13' W.
ENEMY SUB SEEN AT PALM BEACH PAL, JUPITER INLET AREA.
USS MONVANA IS BELIEVED BY NAVY TO HAVE BEEN LOST DUE TO
ENEMY ACTION OFF N. CAROLINA COAST. LIFE PRESERVERS, OARS
& LIFEBOATS WASHED ASHORE NEAR COAST GUARD STATION # 179
IN JANUARY. REPORT FROM NORFOLK, FORWARDED BY CHESA-
PEAKE BAY. SURFACE VESSELS OF U.S. NAVY, ACCORDING TO
ESP. REPORTS, HAVE ON FEB. 22, MADE AT LEAST 12 ATTACKS ON

JOURNAL # 57 2/23 continued
SOUND CONTACTS FROM POINT 4 MI OFF THE ENTRANCE TO AMBROSE
CHANNEL, NEW YORK TO 40°15' N - 73°45' W, WITH POSSIBLE
SINKINGS OF ONE ENEMY SUB. OIL WAS OBSERVED ON THE
SURFACE. ACTION STOPPED AT 19:30 GMT.

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4:00 p.m.
2/23
TO
4:00p.m.
2/24

FROM: ABDACOM
FILED 2/22

Journal # 44 /23

IT REPORTED THAT ON 2/22 THERE WERE IN ALL 6 VESSELS APPROACHING THE NORTH, WEST AND EAST COAST OF SOMERAWA. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A TANKER AND A TROOPSHIP THE JAP FORCE REPORTED AT ANAMBAS ISLANDS CONTINUES THERE, AS DO THE VESSELS SOUTH OF MUSTOK. THE MUSTOK FORCE APPEARS TO BE HELD THERE FOR SOME DEFINITE OPERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE (PERHAPS TO REEMBARK A PORTION OF THE TROOPS AT PALEMBANG) SINCE THEY EXPOSED TO AIR RAIDS. IT APPEARS THAT JAP AIR POWER HAS BEEN MOVED SOUTH. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LOCATION OF HEAVY BOMBERS IS AS FOLLOWS: ~~REMBANG~~ THREE AT AMBON, ONE AT BALI, FOUR AT KENDARI AND ONE AT MABAU. THE AIRCRAFT STRENGTH BASED ON THE PALEMBANG AREA IS NOT KNOWN. IT IS LIKELY THAT BALIK PAPAN WUFFLING BALI, AMBON AND KENDARI WITH

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ONE ADDITIONAL SQUADRON EACH.

FROM: ABDACOM
FILED: 1730 2/22

JOURNAL # 2/23

ABDACOM

JAP SUCCESS largely due to long range fighters which CAN ESCORT BOMBERS OVER DISTANCES IMPOSSIBLE FOR US AND THUS ATTACK BY DAY-LIGHT & DESTROY OUR AIRCRAFT ON GROUND FROM LONG RANGE. SHORT RANGE OF OUR FIGHTERS ALSO COMPLICATES OUR REINFORCEMENT PROBLEM.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO DEVELOP LONG RANGE MODELS?

FROM: GHQ, JAVA
FILED: 2050 2/23

JOURNAL # 2/23

GHQ, JAVA

BLENHEIMS ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPING IN RIVER PALEMBANG. B-17s ATTACKED KEMPASAR AIRDROME, BALI 6 ENEMY BOMBERS BELIEVED DESTROYED.

20 ENEMY FIGHTERS DESTROYED, 6 HUDSONS ON GROUND AT SEMELAK AIRDROME.

ENEMY LOSSES BALI SEA BATTLE: 1 CRUISER PROBABLY SUNK, 2 CRUISERS & 2 DESTROYERS CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED.

FROM: RADIO CAVITE (UNSIGNED) I.B.# 22 2/23
FILED: 12:50 p.m. 2/23 Journal # 53 2/23
ROSTER OF MEN ORDERED TO MINDANAO-VISAYAN AREA.

RADIO CAVITE
UNSIGNED

4:00 p.m.
2/23
TO
4:00 p.m.
2/24

FROM: ABDACOM JOURNAL # 43 2/23
FILED: 2/22

IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATION OF JAVA BY ABDA HQS, IT COULD BE EASILY REPLACED BY THE ORIGINAL DUTCH HQ. WOULD BE BETTER TO DISCONTINUE ABDA HQS RATHER THAN WITHDRAW IT, & THEN NEW AUSTRALIA SHOULD GO BACK TO AUSTRALIAN CONTROL, PHILIPPINES TO U.S., JAVA TO DUTCH. (BURMA CO CONTROL ALREADY IN INDIA). THIS PROCEDURE WOULD CUSHION THE WHOLE AFFAIR FROM A MORALE POINT OF VIEW. IF WITHDRAWAL IS TO BE MADE IT SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE ATTACK REALLY GETS GOING & SHOULD NOT ENTAIL CESSATION OF SHIPMENT OF WAR MATERIALS TO JAVA. UNTIL THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON, PREPARATION FOR WITHDRAWAL WILL BE MADE BUT NO POSITIVE ACTION TAKEN.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 46 2/23
FILED: 0300 2/24

REQUEST HIGH SPEED OPERATIONS RADIO STATIONS & MANUALLY OPERATED WITH PERSONNEL.

FROM: MACMORLAND, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 45 2/23
FILED: 9045 2/23 I.B.# 44

SUMMARY PHILIPPINES INAUGURATION.

SMALL ACTION SE OF KENTUNG, ONE CHINESE COMPANY. ACTIVITY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS LARGE CHINESE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ACTUALLY ONLY SMALL PATROL ACTION.

FROM: M/A LONDON, MCCLURE I.B.# 37 2/23
FILED: 4:40 p.m. 2/23

MCCLURE,
LONDON

GENERAL WATKINS' INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 21, WHICH WAS RECEIVED LATE ON FEB 22, HAD ONLY THE FOLLOWING FRESH NEWS: THE ENEMY WARSHIPS ESCORTING THE PALEMANG EXPEDITION REMAINS AT THE ANAMBAS ISLANDS. ANOTHER CONVOY IS THOUGHT TO BE EXPECTED BY THESE UNITS. NO ADDITIONAL REPORTS ABOUT THE JAPS LANDING NEAR KOMPANG, TIMOR, HAVE COME IN. AS LATE AS THE MORNING OF FEB 22, THERE WERE NO JAP VESSELS AT BALI.

2 ENEMY TRANSPORTS ESCORTED BY FOUR DESTROYERS AND A SUBMARINE WERE APPROACHING CHRISTMAS ISLAND, ROUGHLY 300 MI S. OF SUNDA STRAIT, ORZED.

ON FEB 21, BRIT FORCES ALONG THE BILIN RIVER IN BURMA WITHDREW TO POSITIONS ALONG THE SITANG RIVER. UP TO THE NIGHT OF FEB 22 THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN JAP CLAIMS OR PRESS DISPATCHES TO THE EFFECT THAT PEGU WAS IN ENEMY HANDS. RANGOON IS BEING EVACUATED BY GOVT. RAF AND U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL AGAINST ENEMY GROUND & TRANSPORT CONCENTRATIONS NEAR KYAIKTO ON FEBRUARY 20.

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PACIFIC # 4

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TO
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2/24

From: Brink - Java Journal #2, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/23/42, 2335 I.B. #63
SUMMARY OIL SITUATION EAST INDIES.
PREMAN FIELD PRODUCTION 85 50,000 MT TONS
REFINERY CAPACITY 79 75,000
DUTCH STILL OPERATING E HAVE FIELD.
PRODUCTION 600,000. REFINERY 475,000 CAPACITY

JAPS SEIZED INTACT
SERIA PRODUCTION 275,000 WELLS REQUIRING COMPRESSED
AIR OR GAS LEFT (NONE LEFT AVAILABLE)
PIADJOE REFINERY 200,000 CAPACITY POSSIBLE REDUCED
BY LATER BOMBINGS.
SERIA DRILLING EQUIPMENT SENT SINGAPORE NOW PROBABLY
CAPTURED.

JAPS CAN RESTORE HIGH PRODUCTION ONLY BY EXTENSIVE NEW
DRILLINGS. IF 12 SETS DRILLING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE MAX.

(Journal #2, 2/24/42, Cont'd)

REACHED WITHIN 6 MOS. 2,000,000 (MAY BE DOUBLED BY SPEND-
THRIFT ACTION) ACTUAL PROBABLY WILL BE LESS DUE TO LACK OF
DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORY AND GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE EX-
CEPT SHEL FIELD IN S. SUMATRA WHERE CONFIRMATION OF REC-
ORD DESTRUCTION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. THESE LAST TWO OB-
JECTIVES HAVE PRIORITY FOR ATTACK BY SABOTAGE, BOMBING, OR
COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

From: Stroh - WDC Journal #1, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/23/42, 9:30 P

STROH
WDC

A SUB APPARENTLY JAP I SERIES, GUNS FORE AND AFT,
SHELLED ELLWOOD, CALIF. (12 MILES WEST OF SANTA BARBARA)
FROM A POSITION 1/4 MILE OFF SHORE - 25 ROUNDS OF 5 INCH
SHELLS WERE FIRED AT A REFINERY DAMAGING SLIGHTLY 2 OIL
WELLS. NO CASUALTIES. SUBMERGED AND IS BEING SOUGHT.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #4, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/24/42, 0215

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

From: McClure - London Journal #10, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/23/42, 11:00 P I.B. #9, 2/24/42

McCLURE

DETAILED ESTIMATE OF INDIA:
MILITARY
SOCIAL
POLITICAL

From: Emons - Ft. Shafter Journal #11, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/23/42, 6:49 P

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

12 B-17'S BASED AT TOWNSVILLE, AUS. RAIDED WITH RAF
ON PARAU-CHAMATA DAYLIGHT. ONLY 2 REACHED OBJECTIVE
DUE TO WEATHER AND OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTY. RESULTS NOT
OBSERVED. 1 FORCED DOWN AT BUNA NE OF PORT MORESBY.

From: Emons - Ft. Shafter Journal #14, 2/24/42
Filed: 2/23/42, 5:07 P

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT UNDERGROUND STORAGE
FOR DEFENSE RESERVE OF AMMUNITION.

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~~SECRET~~

Filed: 131 /24
From: Brett, Java

Journs 32, 2/23

PACIFIC
#8

DESTRUCTION OF PLANES ON GROUND DUE CHIEFLY TO LACK OF ANTIAIRCRAFT MATERIEL AND AN ADEQUATE WARNING SYSTEM RATHER THAN LACK OF EXPERIENCE OR FAILURE TO TAKE PROPER PRECAUTION. A PASSIVE DEFENSE ALONE FOR PROTECTION OF GROUND AIRCRAFT IS FUTILE AGAINST WELL OPERATED RAID BY PURSUIT AND ATTACK BOMBERS. JAPS HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY UNMOLESTED, DUE TO OUR LACK OF PLANES WHILE MAKING AIR PHOTOS OF OUR ESTABLISHMENTS, OF WHICH, AS JAP RAID TECHNIQUE SHOWS, THEY HAVE FULL INFORMATION. SAME THING HAS HAPPENED TO THE BRITISH. WHEN THE ENEMY HAS GREAT SUPERIORITY BEST DEFENSE IS TO KEEP BOMBERS IN OPERATION BUT THIS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF LACK OF MAINTENANCE FACILITIES. LOSSES HAVE NOT BEEN CAUSED BY FAILURE

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OF PERSONNEL, BUT BY FAILURE TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A PROPERLY ROUNDED AIR FORCE.

Filed: 2/22/42

I.B. 24, 2/23

From: Combined Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL AND EVACUATION FROM JAVA.

MEN OF FIGHTING UNITS WHO HAVE ARMS TO FIGHT WITH, NO THOUGHT OF EVACUATION: AIR FORCES MORE USEFUL FOR OPERATIONS FROM BASES OUTSIDE JAVA AND AIR PERSONNEL HAVING NO PLANES, TROOPS AND TECHNICIANS NOT ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEFENSE SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN. U.S. AND AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN TO AUSTRALIA

Filed: 2/22/42

I.B. 25, 2/23

From: ABRACOM, Batavia

ADDITIONAL FIGHTERS ESSENTIAL AT ONCE FOR CONTINUED RESISTANCE IN JAVA. LANGLEY ORDERED TO JAVA TO UNLOAD FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. THIS MAY KEEP THINGS GOING UNTIL ARRIVAL OF AIRCRAFT FROM INDOMITABLE.

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Journal 35,2/23

From: U.S. NAVY WAR PLANS

Enemy losses at Bali, 2/19/21 believed to be 2 cruisers,
 4:00 PM 2/22/42 1 destroyer, 2 transports. Reconnaissance 2/21 sighted
 to enemy force in Anambas Is. consisting of 3 armored
 4:00 PM 2/23/42 cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 12 destroyers. Another force
 in Flores Sea 21 Feb. consisting of 4 cruisers, 4 destroy-
 ers. 20 Feb, 1 cruiser, 6 destroyers, in St. Georges
 Channel off Rabaul.

Filed: 2025,2/23

I.B. 38,2/23

From: Gurnes, Melbourne

Journal 34,2/23

SS DON ISIDORO RUN AGROUND (TOTAL LOSS) 7 MILES NORTH OF
 CAPE FOURCROY, BATHURST ISLAND, AS RESULT BEING ATTACKED
 OFF THE ISLAND WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RUN BLOCKADE TO
 PHILIPPINES. MAJORITY OF PERSONNEL SURVIVED AND TAKEN TO
 DARWIN.

ENEMY PURSUITS THOUGHT TO BE WORKING OUT OF BALI AIR
 FIELD. JAPS LANDED APPROXIMATELY 3400 EFFECTIVES ON THE
 ISLAND, IT IS NOW KNOWN. ALSO KNOWN THAT 6 TROOP SHIPS
 LANDED ENEMY FORCES 12 MILES SE KOEPANG.

DARWIN COMMUNICATIONS REMAIN POOR. THERE IS A LACK OF
 WATER AND ELECTRICITY. 73 VEHICLES AND 12 AMERICAN
 TONS WITH AMMUNITION HAD BEEN LOADED ON DECK. CASUALTIES
 MISSING, 16 OFFICERS AND MEN: KILLED, 4 MEN, 2 OFFICERS

2/22

Filed: 10:45A

Journal #39

From: British Guiana Base (Matthews)

REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE PERMIT FLIGHT THRU PARAGUAY, ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA.

FROM

4:00 PM 1/21/43

TO

4:00 PM 1/22/43

FROM M/A MONTEVIDEO,
FILED: 1:04P 2/21/43JOURNAL # ~~52~~ 52 2/22
I.B.# 68 2/2/

M/A

MONTEVIDEO

IN A COUP D'ETAT CAUSED BY CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS QUESTION, TROOPS OCCUPIED THE LEGISLATIVE HALL & COURTS ON FEB 21, 1943. IT IS THIS ACTION WILL CAUSE MARCH ELECTIONS TO BE CANCELLED & MORE ACTIVE DECISIVE DEFENSE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS STATE THE ARMED FORCES ARE UNDER THE COMMAND OF BERGALLI. VIOLENCE IS NOT EXPECTED.

G-2 COMMENT: 1. PRES BALDOMIR HAS CONSISTENTLY CONTENDED THAT HE WOULD DISSOLVE THE CONGRESS & RULE BY DECREE IF SUCH MEASURES BECAME NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN HIS STAND OF HEMISPHERE DEFENSE BY COMPLETE COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. THE ACTION SATURDAY WAS A BOLD STROKE BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREVENT ANTI-UNITED STATES OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS, THE MEXICANIST GROUP, FROM GAINING CONTROL. CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION WERE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN MARCH.

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I.B.# 68 2/21 ~~xxxx~~ JOURNAL # 52 2/22 CONTINUED

G-2 COMMENT CONTINUED

2. GENERAL BERGALLI IS INSPECTOR GENERAL (CHIEF OF STAFF) & A STRONG SUPPORTER OF PRESENT REGIME.

FROM: G-2 CBC VIA GHQ Journal # 67 2/22

FILED: 5:43 p.m 2/22

PREVIOUSLY THROUGHT TORPEDOED, IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN SHIP "KONGSGARD" SLEW UP 7 MILES OFF WEST SIDE OF CURACAO ABOUT 1330 OCT 2/21.

CBC VIA GHQ
KIRKWOOD

4:00 p.m.
2/22
TO
4:00 p.m.
2/23

FROM: CG BERMUDA Journal # 66 2/22
FILED: 1:52 p.m. 2/22
NO AIR PATROLS 2/21 DUE TO WEATHER & SEA CONDITIONS.

C.G. BERMUDA

FROM: G-2 ETO VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 65 2/22
FILED: HMX 4:10 p.m.
SUBS REPORTED AS SIGHTED AT 1527 GMT LOCATION 2541 N - 7953 W AND AT 0132 GMT LOCATION 2744N - 8010 W; BOTH ON FEB. 22.

G-2 ETO
VIA GHQ
WATKINS

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL REPORTED BEING SHELLED BY SURFACE RAIDER AT 4035 N - 8015 W; REPORT RECEIVED 1208 GMT FEB. 22.
THE SS SWIFT SURE, WHICH WAS REPORTED ATTACKED BY A SUB ON FEB 21, HAS ESCAPED & ARRIVED SAFELY AT CHESAPEAKE BAY.
CITIES SERVICE EMPIRE REPORTED TORPEDOED BEFORE 1135 GMT FEB. 22, OFF JUPITER INLET, FLORIDA.
SS REPUBLIC REPORTED TORPEDOED AT 0345 GMT FEB. 22 INT OFF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

Filed: 2/23/42, 12:42 A.M. Journal #11, 2/23
From: G-2 CDC Thru GHQ
AT 1815 FEBR 21 SUBS WERE MOORED AT PIERS IN FT. R. FRANCE ACCORDING TO ST. LUCIA REPORT, ALSO SUB SIGHTED OUTSIDE SAN NICOLAS HARBOR.

CDC

ANDREWS.

Filed: 2/22/42, 10:34 P.M. Journal #12, 2/23
From G-2, E.T.O. Thru GHQ
RADIO INTERCEPTOR AT 6:22 PM FEBR. 22 FROM SHIP REPORTING SUB ON SURFACE 7 MILES EAST OF MONA ISLAND 15°05' N - 67°51' W. SS WALTER T. JENNINGS REPORTS SHIP TORPEDOED 10 MILES EAST OF JUPITER LIGHT.
DANIELSON

E.T.O.

Filed: 2/23/42, 2:17 AM. Journal #14, 2/23
From: G-2 E.T.O. Thru GHQ
AT 12:58 A.M. FEBR 23 THE SS LINNE WAS REPORTED TORPEDOED AND SINKING AT 14°30' N. - 64°45' W.
DANIELSON

E.T.O.

Filed: 2/23/42, 2:17 A.M. Journal #13, 2/23
From: G-2 E.T.O. Thru GHQ
A WRECKED STEAMER WAS REPORTED LYING ON HER SIDE AND ADRIFT 7 MILES N NE OF JUPITER LIGHT, KEY WEST, FLORIDA. THIS IS APPARENTLY SAME SHIP REPORTED EARLIER BY STEAMER JENNINGS.

E.T.O.

GERMAN SUB CHARGING BATTERIES 17 MILES NORTH BY EAST OF JUPITER LIGHT ACCORDING TO SOUTHERN SECTOR REPORT.
THE 5,000 TON FREIGHTER WEST ZEBA REPORTED TORPEDOED 9°13' N. - 99° 04' W. AT 0306 GMT.
DANIELSON

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FROM: M/A LISBON, PORTUGAL

I.B.# 37 2/22

M/LISBON

FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/21

Journal # 63 2/22

JAP INVASION OF TIMOR UNEXPECTED BY PORTUGUESE OFFICERS
AS IT IS CONSIDERED A CONSEQUENCE OF PRIOR ANGLO-DUTCH IN-
VASION.

SHIPP

ALONG PORTUGUESE FRONTIER MILIT ZONE OF SPAIN HAS BEEN
EXTENDED NORTH OF CIUDAD RODRIGO TO ZAMORA, SALAMANCA,
LEONORIN & SEVIGO. IN ALL THESE CENTERS & AT LA BANEZA,
LEDESMA, ASTORGA, BENAVENTE & VERIN THERE ARE STRONG GAR-
RISONS. TWO REGIMENTS IN ZAMORA; ABOUT 5,000 IN SALAMANCA.
AY BESMILLO, VITIGUDINO, PUEBLA DE SAMABRIA, GUARDIA &
ALCANICES THERE ARE SMALL GARRISONS.

BETWEEN U.S. & SPAIN THERE EXISTS A RUMORED DIFFICULTY.

G-2 COMMENT: AS THERE EXISTED DUTCH & AUSTR GARRISONS
ON TIMOR AT TIME OF JAP INVASION, THIS REASONING IS IN
CONSONANCE WITH PORTUGUESE MINE. TROOPS MOVEMENTS ALONG
FRONTIER HAVE CONTINUED FOR SOME TIME; MEANING NOT CLEAR.

I.B.# 37 Journal # 63 continued

THE DIFFICULTY BETWEEN U.S. & SPAIN MIGHT RELATE TO PRESENT
DELAY IN OIL NEGOTIATIONS & COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS.

Filed: 2/22/42, 2315
From: Eager, Madrid
NO CHANGE.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

EASTERN EUROPE

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2/22

TO

4:00 p.m.

2/23

✓ Filed: 2/21/42, 6:00 P.M.

Journal #71, 2/22

ANKARA

From: Kelley, Ankara thru St. Dept.

INFORMATION HOLDS THAT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT
GEN. RUSSEL HAS LEFT NORTH AFRICA. BELIEVED BUT NOT YET
CONFIRMED HE IS ENROUTE TO RUSSIAN FRONT.

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Journal #72, 2/22

VICHY

From: Lasky, Vichy thru St. Dept.

INFORMATION INDICATES ROMMEL PLANS LARGE SCALE OFFENSIVE SOON ON MEDIT. ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS AND SUPPLIES WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY SEA. APPARENTLY ROMMEL FEELS ATTACK FROM THE DIRECTION OF MESSINA AGAINST HIS RIGHT FLANK. HIS ATTACK PROBABLY WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE SITUATION IN THE TUNIS IS CLARIFIED. HIS RECENT WITHDRAWAL IS SEEN AS A MEANS OF PREVENTING IDENTIFICATION OF UNITS.

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ANKARA

From: Salley, Ankara thru St. Dept.

INFORMATION HOLDS THAT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT GEN. ROMMEL HAS LEFT NORTH AFRICA. BELIEVED BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED HE IS ENROUTE TO RUSSIAN FRONT.

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SUMMARY OF INSTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

PACIFIC # 2

FROM: ABRACOM, RANDONG

I.B.# 39 2/21

FILED: 4:45 a.m.

Journal # 51 2/22

THE SW PACIFIC AREA ESTIMATE FOLLOWS:

IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE LINE EXTENDING ALONG NEW ZEALAND & NORTHERN AUSTRALIA BECAUSE THE REINFORCEMENTS TO DUTCH E. INDIES WILL NOT ARRIVE ON TIME.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT TIMOR WILL BE LOST THROUGH THE LACK OF DECISION & PROMPTNESS. AT FIRST, AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT DISPATCH FORCES TO TIMOR WHICH SLOWED UP PREPARATIONS FOR A FIRM DEFENSE OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS A NECESSARY STAGING AREA FOR FIGHTER CRAFT BETWEEN AUSTR. & JAVA. ON 19th 3 TRANSPORTS WERE SUNK AT DARWIN BY STRONG JAP AERIAL ATTACK. THESE SHIPS WERE PART OF FORCE WHICH FINALLY SET OUT TO REINFORCE TIMOR, WERE BOMBED & RETURNED TO PORT.

I AM OF OPINION THAT AN OFFENSIVE SHOULD BEGIN AT ONCE FROM THE CHINA-BURMA AREA WITH THE MISSION OF TAKING COCHIN-CHINA, CAMBODIA & SOUTHERN THAILAND. THE JAPANESE

I.B.# 39 2/21 JOURNAL # 51 2/22 continued

HAVE COMMITTED THE MASS OF THEIR USABLE GROUND & AIR FORCES IN FORWARD ZONE OF SOUTHWESTERN AREA. THE OFFENSIVE MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD:

- DIVERT JAP GROUND & AIR TROOPS INTO SIAM & FRENCH INDO-CHINA.
- CAPTURE INDO-CHINA & SOUTHERN SIAM.
- EASE THE JAPANESE ATTACKS ON JAVA.
- PREVENT THE YUNNAN-BURMA HIGHWAY FROM FALLING INTO JAP HANDS.

6. GI VE US AIRBOMES FOR FUTURE AIR OFFENSIVES AGAINST JAP OCCUPIED DUTCH E INDIES, MALAYA, CHIP ISLANDS & JAP MARITIME COMMUNICATION LINES.

SUGGESTED OPERATION WOULD CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:

A COORDINATED ATTACK FROM NORTH BY THE 6th & 5th CHIN ARMIES GENERALLY TOWARDS CHIENGMAI WITH ATTACK TO SOUTH-EASTWARD & EASTWARD IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF BANHOK, SIAM.

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BY BRIT TROOPS.

FROM GENERAL LOCALITY OF YUNNAN, RANDONG, CHITTAONG, LASHIO LASHIO & KWEILIN, THE BRIT & U.S. AIR FORCES COULD SUPPORT ABOVE OPERATIONS.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION TO THEATER MENTIONED ABOVE ARE PROTECTED TO BURMA FROM EGYPT, WITH NEW ROUTES OF SUPPLY BEING BUILT AS FOLLOWS:

YEO HIGHWAY FROM LADO RAILHEAD - MYITKYNA - SE TO LUNGLEIN & BURMA - YUNNAN HIGHWAY.

MANIPUR ROAD RAILHEAD - KALEWA ON CHINDIN RIVER - MANDELAY BY WATER.

G-2 COMMENT: MANIPUR-KALEWA ROAD IS MORE USEFUL, SHORTER & LEADS TO THE NAVIGABLE IRRRAWADDY RIVER. THIS ROAD IS NOW IN OPERATION.

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FROM: BRINK, JAVA I.B.# 56 2/22
FILED: 5:50 ? 2/22 JOURNAL # 58 2/22

WELLS, EQUIPMENT & STOCK IN SUMATRA AT PANGKALANBRIND
(PANGKALANBRAND?) PANGKALANISOIE & SUNGERGERONG COM-
PLETLY DESTROYED, BUT DUE TO ERROR OF DUTCH MILIT COM-
MANDER, THEREFINERY AND STOCK OF 2000,000 TONS AT PLADJOR
FELL INTO ENEMY HANDS. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO DESTROY
IT BY BOMBING.

FROM: M/O BANDOENG, JAVA I.B.# 38 2/22
FILED: 10:45 a.m. 2/22 JOURNAL # 57 2/22

M/O BANDOENG
JAVA, BRINK

IN COMMUNIQUE DATED FEB 22, DUTCH MILIT AUTHORITIES
STATED THAT NUMERICAL INFERIORITY IN TROOPS WILL LIMIT
THEIR DEFENSE TO SURABAYA AREA & TO WESTERN PORTION OF JAVA.
IN ATTACK ON KALIDJATI, FIVE JAP BOMBERS DOWNED.
MALANG WAS TWICE ATTACKED, BUT DETAILS LACKING.
I HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON FIGHTING ON BALI.
IT IS MY ESTIMATE THAT THE DEFENSE OF JAVA WILL BE OF
SHORT DURATION.

1. IN WESTERN JAVA, ABOUT 7 MI WNW OF SOEBANG AT 6°30'S,
107° 40' E.
2. ABOUT 60 MI S. OF SURABAYA.

FROM: ABDACOM I.B.# 53 2/22
FILED: 2/21 JOURNAL # 55 2/22

ENEMY IN BANI AREA ATTACKED BY B-17's & LB-30's; BANKA
AREA ALSO ATTACKED, 4 TRANSPORTS HIT. ENEMY ATTACKED
KALIDJATI AERODROME 20th & 21st, 3 ALLIED PLANES LOST; 1
ENEMY.

FROM: ABDACOM I.B. 54 2/22
FILED: 2/21 JOURNAL # 56 2/22

ENEMY LANDED E OF KOPKANG DAWN FEB. 20.
NO SHIPPING SEEN AT BALI, YET.
ENEMY ESCORT STILL AT ANAMBAS ISLAND, HEADING PALEMBANG.

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G-2 WORKSHEET SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

PACIFIC

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✓ FROM: BMTT, JAVA JOURNAL # 61 2/22
FILED: 1856 2/21

ONE-AND-HALF PAGE MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO SIGNAL PERSONNEL, INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT.

✓ FROM: BUCKNER, FT. RICHARDSON, AL JOURNAL # 62 2/22

FILED: 0257 GMT 2/22

BUCKNER'S COMMAND EMPLOYE NO PERSONS OF JAPANESE DESCENT IN CIVILIAN JOBS.

BUCKNER,
FT. RICH. AL.

✓ FROM: BUCKNER, FT. RICHARDSON, AL. JOURNAL # 64 2/22

FILED: 1855 2/22

AIR STATUS REPORT.

BUCKNER

FROM: M/A LEBRON, PORTUGAL I.R. # 57 2/22

FILED: 7:05 p.m. 2/21 JOURNAL # 63 2/22

JAP INVASION OF TIMOR PRESENTED BY PORTUGUESE OFFICERS AS IT IS CONSIDERED A CONSEQUENCE OF PRIOR ANGLO-DUTCH INVASION.

ALO

FROM: G-2 WDC JOURNAL # 60 2/22

FILED: 1252 p.m. 2/22

SUB PREVIOUSLY REPORTED OFF UNALASKA ISLAND ON 2/21 IS NOW REPORTED 17 MI OFF CHEROFSKI (ON UNALASKA ISLAND) LATITUDE 44°. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. NO RESULTS YET.

G-2 wdc
stroh

FILED: 2/22/42, 1551

FROM: BMTT, JAVA

JOURNAL #73, 2/22

JAVA

MISSING ON FLIGHT FROM LUBON TO MINDANAO DEC. 15, RE. COL. DAVID R. GIBBS IN M-36. SEAT CUSHIONS FROM B-26 FOUND NEAR COORSE ONLY WRECKAGE DISCOVERED.

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FROM: MOCLURE, LONDON I.B.# 52 Journal # 54 2/22
FILED: 2:50 p.m. 2/22

ENEMY AROUND BOTH BRIT PLANES ON BILIN RIVER & PENETRATED SOUTH OF BILIN. LARGE NUMBERS ENEMY AIRCRAFT CONCENTRATED N NORTH THAILAND. BRIT CASUALTIES HEAVY. SERIOUS ATTACK N. SUMBA EXPECTED.

ATTACKS ON DARWIN SANK U.S. DESTROYER AND 6 MERCHANT SHIPS, BADLY DAMAGED RAF FACILITIES AND DOCKS.

5 JAP PLANES DOWN, 18 ALLIED FIGHTERS LOST IN AIR, 12 ON GROUND.

3 LIGHT CRUISERS; 1 SHAPLANE CARRIER & 14 OTHER SHIPS, & 36 ENEMY AIRCRAFT REPORTED AT NEW BRITAIN.

WALLANG, JAVA RAIDED ON 20th; 5 PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND. WARELL COMMENTS & RMI STATE: ONE REGT OF ENEMY LANDED BALI ON 19th, BELIEVED BALI AIRBORNE USED BY JAP FIGHTERS. LARGE CONVOY SAILED FROM SINDJAI FOR BALI OR TIMOR.

I.B.# 52 Journal # 54 continued

19 JAP SHIPS AT PALEMBANG; 12 SOUTH OF HUNTOR, SEVERAL IN BANKA STRAIT.

WARELL COMMENTS ENEMY PLAN POSSIBLY OCCUPY KODIANG OR DILLI & REINFORCE BALI. HE BELIEVES NORTH COAST JAVA SCENE MAIN ATTACK; DIVERSIONS AT EACH END. ALSO STATES JAVA ATTACK MAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY ALLIED AIR ATTACKS.

FROM: CAFFE, PORT MILLS I.B.# 21 2/19
FILED: 6:25 a.m. 2/19 Journal # 68 2/22

THE FOLLOWING LIST, SIGNED BY PRES QUEZON, CONSTITUTES HIS WAR CABINET. THE PORTFOLIOS HELD BY EACH FOLLOW THEIR NAMES:

1. VICE PRES OSMEÑA; DEPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION & HEALTH DEPT.
2. CHIEF JUSTICE JOSE ABAD SANTOS; FINANCE DEPT., THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, & DEPT. OF COMMERCE.
3. GENERAL BASILIO VALDES; DEPT. OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT. OF COMMUNICATIONS, LABOR DEPT., & SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT.

THE TREASURER OF THE PHILIPPINES IS ANDRES SORIANO.

Filed: 2/22/42, 11:30
From: Brett, Java

Journal #3, 2/23

JAVA

REQUEST INFORMATION REGARD B-25 H PLANES, (1) FERRYING AND WHEN (2) RATE (3) EAST OR PACIFIC ROUTE (4) CONDITION (5) TIME TO MAKE READY FOR ACTION ON ARRIVAL. AIR CREWS READY TO FERRY AUSTRALIA TO JAVA.

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FROM: BRETT, JAVA JOURNAL # 69 2/22

FILED: 2/22

BALI AIRPORT RAIDED BY 6 B-17's, WHICH DROPPED HEAVY BOMBS. FINDING NO VESSELS AT BALI, 2 LB-30'S RAIDED THE BALI AIRFIELD AND ENEMY ENCAMPMENT THERE.

BRETT, JAVA

ENEMY BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS OVER SOURABAYA ATTACKED BY 6 P-40's, RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO ONE ENEMY BOMBER AND LOSS TO US OF 2 PILOTS AND 2 P-40's.

STATUS OF PLANES AS OF 1200 GMT 2/21

A-24	8 on hand	4 in commission
B-17	19 "	4 "
P-40	18 (?) "	17 "
LB-30	8 "	4 "

10 P-40's KNOCKED OUT IN AIR, AND 2 P-30's (?) ON THE GROUND WHEN DAVIN WAS ATTACKED ON 2/20.

NOTICE AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING HIM GOT TO JAVA ON 2/20 in THE A.M. IN A B-24.

Filed: 2/23/42, 10:50

Journal #7, 2/23

MELBOURNE

From: Barnes, Melbourne

NO RECORD YOUR REQUEST FOR STRENGTH REPORT.

Filed: 2/23/42, —

Journal #9, 2/23

FT. MILLS

From: Fort Mills

PRESIDENT FOR FEB 23 ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY AS IF BY MUTUAL CONSENT, FIGHTING DIED DOWN ON ALL FRONTS SAID GEN. MACARTHUR "IT WAS A CHIVALROUS ACT ON THE PART OF ENEMY AND SHOWS WORLD WIDE VENERATION THAT THIS MORTAL MAN COMMANDS".

UPON RECOMMENDATION GEN. MACARTHUR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PHILIPPINES HAS RESTORED ITS HIGHEST DECORATION UPON GEN. MACARTHUR CH. OF STAFF MAJ. GEN. RICHARD K SUTHERLAND & HIS DEPUTY CH OF STAFF BRIG GEN RICHARD J MARSHALL THE CITATIONS WERE AS MEMBERS OF THE AMER MILITARY MISSION WHICH "DEvised ORIGINAL PLANS AND METHODS TO DEVELOP THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THROUGH BRILLIANCE IN CONCEPTION & EXECUTION CREATED THE ARMY THAT IS NOW STRIKING BLOWS ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE THAT HAVE BEEN EARNED FOR THE PHILIPPINES THE PRICELESS RIGHT TO BE RE-

Journal #9, CONTD.

COGNIZED ON ITS OWN MERIT AS AN EQUAL IN THE BROTHERHOOD OF ARMS BY THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. LATER, AS CHIEF OF STAFF & DEPUTY CH. OF STAFF OF US ARMY FORCES OF THE FAR EAST, THEY WERE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANTS TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL IN THE MAGNIFICENT DEFENSE THAT HAS CALLED FORTH THE PLAUDITS OF THE WORLD". THE MEDALS WERE PRESENTED BY GEN. MACARTHUR IN THE FIELD THIS MORNING, WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY, GEN MACARTHUR SAID "THERE ARE TWO OF FINEST OFFICERS I HAVE EVER COMMANDED. COOL & RESOURCEFUL, COURAGEOUS & DETERMINED, RESOLUTE AND DEVOTED, THEY ARE EMBODING OF THE EARNED IMMEDIATE DECORATION. TOMORROW THEY MIGHT WELL BE CASUALTIES, TOO LATE TO KNOW OF A NATION'S MILITARY HONOR TO THEM".

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From: Brett, Java

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JAVA

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MESSAGE NO. 185.

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Journal #5, 2/23

MELBOURNE

From: MERIE SMITH, MELBOURNE

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE, DETAILED REPORT AUSTRALIAN
COAST. CHRISTMAS ISLAND REPORTS FEER RE APPROACH OF
4 DESTROYERS, 2 TRANSPORTS, 1 SUBMARINE PRESUMED TO BE
JAP.

Filed: 2/22/42, 3:48 P.M.
From: Emmons, Ft. Shafter

Journal #6, 2/23

FT SHAFTER

TANKER EDWIN B DE OOLIA LEAVING COAST ABOUT FEER. 27
FULL LOAD MOTOR VEHICLE GASOLINE. NO SPECIAL UNLOADING
EQUIPMENT NEEDED.

Filed: 2/22/42, 2330
From: Brink, Java

Journal #10, 2/23
L.B. #11, 2/23

JAVA

HOSTILE PRESSURE CONTINUED IN BURMA ON THE 17th & 18th
FEER ALONG BILIN RIVER SECTOR BETWEEN PAYASHIK AND
LEIKKON. ALLIED LINES ONLY HELD BY FREQUENT COUNTER
ATTACKS. GREATEST ACTIVITY AT DANINGON. ENEMY HAVE
SECURED POSITION ON RIGHT SIDE OF RIVER BELIN AND EFFORT
TO DRIVE HIM OUT NOW BEING MADE. ENEMY HAVE DROPTED
PAMPHLETS TELLING OF CAPTURE OF SINGAPORE. MOUNTAIN
MARTIAN BOMBED BY OUR PLANE AND OUR GROUND TROOPS
SUPPORTED. QUIET ON FRONT IN NORTH. CHINKORAI IS SUPPOSED TO BE
TO BE CENTER OF PLANE AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. HOSTILE
INFANTRY IN RETROGRADE MOVEMENT AT PHAN AFTER THEIR ATTACK
WAS STOPPED TOOK UP NEW ADVANCE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY
DIVE BOMBERS AND ARTILLERY FIRE. THEIR SUPPORT WAS TROOP
AND WELL WORKED OUT WITH JAP INFANTRY.

Filed: 2/23/42, 6:30 P.
From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills.

Journal #15, 2/23

MACARTHUR

FRONTS SHOW LITTLE ACTIVITY.

Filed: 2/23/42, 1110
From: Brett, Java

Journal #16, 2/23

JAVA

HEWITON'S EXPERIENCE AND PRESTIGE CAUSE ME TO URGE HE
GO TO INDIA UPON JAVA EVACUATION AMER. CONTROL MUST BE
EMPHASIS UPON IN ORGANIZING A NEW THEATER. HAVE DIRECTED
HIM TO PROCEED WITH MAIDEN TO INDIA TO ORGANIZE, DEVELOP
AND INSTAUTE INSTALLATIONS LINES OF COMMUNICATION. AT
CONCLUSION OF PRESENT IMPORTANT WORK IN AUSTRALIA I PLAN
TO GO TO INDIA.

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Journal #59, 2/24

From: Captain on Staff, Colombo

IN JALIA AREA IS THE 6th JAP FLEET C-IN-C. MATORI, A CRUISER, MAY BE IN TAKHO AREA. JAPS' SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAGSHIP AND A CARRIER (PERHAPS THE KIJUJO) ARE IN SAIGON AREA.

PAIAO IS ROUTING POINT FOR MOST OF THE TRAFFIC OF 2ND FLEET, 3rd FLEET, AND COMBINED AIR FLEET.

AT KENDARI IS A SECTION OF KANOKA AIR FORCE.

14:00 PM 2/23/42

to

4:09 PM 2/24/42

CORRECTION

CORRECTED COPY OF I.B. 65, JOURNAL 2, 2/24/42

From: Brink-Java

Journal #2, 2/24/42

Filed: 2/23/42, 2335

I.B. 65

SUMMARY ANNUAL OIL PRODUCTION AND CAPACITIES, EAST INDIES.

PREWAR FIELD PRODUCTION: 8,560,000 TONS

REFINERY CAPACITY: 7,976,000 TONS

DUTCH STILL OPERATING EAST JAVA FIELD.

PRODUCTION, 600,000 TONS. REFINERY, 475,000 TONS, CAPACITY.

JAPS SEIZED IN FACT:

1. SERIA: PRODUCTION 275,000 TONS. WELLS REQUIRING COMPRESSED AIR OR GAS LIFT (NONE LEFT AVAILABLE)
2. PLADJOE REFINERY, 2,200,000 TONS, ANNUAL CAPACITY. POSSIBLY REDUCED BY LATER BOMBINGS.

SERIA DRILLING EQUIPMENT SENT SINGAPORE: NOW PROBABLY CAPTURED. JAPS CAN RESTORE HIGH PRODUCTION ONLY BY EXTENSIVE NEW DRILLINGS. IF 12 SETS DRILLING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE MAX. REACHED WITHIN 6 MOS. 2,000,000 (MAY BE DOUBLED BY SPEND-THRIFT ACTION) ACTUAL PROBABLY WILL BE LESS, DUE TO LACK OF DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORY AND GEOLOGICAL STRUCTURE EXCEPT S.W. FIELD IN S. SUMATRA, WHERE CONFIRMATION OF RECORDS--DESTRUCTION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. THESE LAST TWO OBJECTIVES HAVE PRIORITY FOR ATTACK BY SABOTAGE, BOMBING, OR COUNTER OFFENSIVE.

(G-2 NOTE: CABLE USED TERM "KILOGRAM TONS.")

BELIEVED METRIC TON OF 2264.6 LBS. IS MEANT.)

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From: Brett, Melbourne

Journal 18, 2/24

TAKING OVER COMMAND OF ALL U.S. TROOPS IN AUSTRALIA AND CONTROL AREA OF ABDA INCLUDED IN THIS PART AUSTRALIA

Filed: 2/24
From: Intelligence Section
Planning Div
Cominch, U.S. Navy

Journal 26, 2/24

a. 2 ENEMY CRUISERS, 5 DESTROYERS, 5 AIRPLANES CARRIERS DUE TO ARRIVE BALI ON 26 FEB. FROM LATER INFORMATION IT APPEARS THAT ENEMY TASK FORCE IS BEING DELAYED IN ITS ARRIVAL IN LOMBOK STRAIT UNTIL 26 FEB BY AIR OPPOSITION.

b. AUSTRALIAN AIR MINISTER SAYS 2 WAVES OF ENEMY BOMBERS ATTACKED PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA, ON 24 FEB. DAMAGE NOT VITAL.

Filed: 2/23/42
From: Comb. Chiefs of Staff

Journal #35, 2/24/42

1. WE AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION TO CLOSE YOUR HEADQUARTERS AND PASS COMMAND OF ABDA TO DUTCH. PROCEED WITH YOUR ARRANGEMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.
2. LEAVE THE DUTCH ENOUGH PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL TO ENABLE THEIR PERFORMING THIS COMMAND.
3. NO STOPPAGE WILL BE TOLERATED OF AIRPLANE AND OTHER MATERIEL REINFORCEMENTS NOW ALLOCATED TO ABDA AREA.
4. WIRE CONCURRENCE OR PROPOSED CHANGES IMMEDIATELY.

Filed: 2/23/42
From: Comb. Chiefs of Staff

Journal #36, 2/24/42

1. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NORTH END OF MALACCA STRAIT BE SCRUTINIZED CLOSELY AND CONTINUOUSLY TO LEARN OF ANY JAP SURFACE MOVEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE AIMED AT BAY OF BENGAL AND HENCE TO BURMA.
2. THERE ARE NO SUBMARINES AVAILABLE TO C. IN C. EASTERN FLEET.
3. YOU ARE TO TRANSFER 2 BRITISH SUBMARINES FROM YOUR PRESENT COMMAND TO C IN C, EASTERN FLEET, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Filed 2/23/42
From: Joint Staff Missions

Journal #34, 2/24

1. NO CHANGE IN PRESENT PLANS FOR GENERAL TEAMWORK IN STRATEGIC POLICY IN FIGHTING JAPANESE.
2. BURMA AND N.E.I. SEPARATED DUE TO ENTRY OF JAPANESE INTO SUMATRA AND OUR LOSS OF MALAYA.
3. BECAUSE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE COMMAND OF LAND, AIR, AND SEA FORCES IN THE N.E.I. SHALL PASS TO THE DUTCH. THE DUTCH WILL RECEIVE ALL ASSISTANCE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAN SUPPLY IN THIS OPERATION.
4. WAVELL WILL AGAIN BECOME COM. IN CHIEF, INDIA, AND THIS WILL INCLUDE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS IN BURMA AND COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH THE CHINESE.

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PACIFIC # 5

From: PRO - Ft. Mills Journal #16, 24/42
Filed: 2/24/42, 0520

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB. 24. NORMAL ACTIVITIES PREVAILED ON ALL FRONTS. THE ENEMY HAS INTENSIFIED HIS USE OF WHITE PHOSPHORUS INCENDIARY BOMBS.

"REMEMBER ERLINDA" OVER THE DIN AND ROAR OF RATTLE BIX OVER THE STACCATO RATTLE OF MACHINEGUN FIRE, THE CRACK OF SNIPERS BULLETS AND THE HUMBLE OF ADVANCING TANKS THAT CRY REVERBERATED THROUGH THE HILLS OF BATAN AS THE FIGHTING FORTY FIRST DIVISION GRIM AND DETERMINED PUSHED AHEAD AND REPULSING THE ENEMY ATTACK STRAIGHTENED ITS LINE AND PRESSED FORWARD. FOR THE DAY THEY HAD FOUNDED IN THE FOX-HOLES OCCUPIED THE NIGHT BEFORE BY THE JAPANESE THE DAVISHED BODIES OF TWO FILIPINO GIRLS AND IN THE TATTERED CLOTHING OF ONE WAS EMBROIDERED THE NAME ERLINDA. REMEMBER ERLINDA WAS SHOUTED FROM THROAT TO THROAT

(Journal #16, 2/24/42, Cont'd)

ROARSE WITH MUFFLED ANGER AND HATE AND WITH THAT CRY IN WHICH WAS EXPRESSED THE OUTRAGED MANKHOOD OF HUNDREDS OF FILIPINO SOLDIERS THE FORTY FIRST DIVISION WENT UNHINDERED AND UNAFRAID THROUGH BOMB AND SHELL AND THROUGH A RAIL OF CRASHLESS FIRE TO WIN THE DAY AND AVENGE THE NAMELESS CRIME COMMITTED BY THE LUSCIVIOUS INVADERS ON ERLINDA AND HER UNIDENTIFIED FRIEND.

PRO

Filed: 2/25 Journal 19, 2/24
From: McGeorge Walden Phillips, Pres. Standard Vacuum Co.

- PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DESTROYED--DUTCH EAST INDIES
1. STANDARD VACUUM LOST 2,500,000 BARRELS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DESTROYED IN MALAYA AND DEI (NOT TO EXCEED 100,000 BARRELS, AVIATION GAS).
 2. 900,000 BARRELS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, SOME AVIATION GAS, DESTROYED AT SINGAPORE.
 3. TOTAL REFINING CAPACITY OF AVIATION GASOLINE IN ALL REFINERIES IN DEI, MAXIMUM OF 175,000 TONS PER ANNUM.
 4. NO POSSIBILITY OF 2,000,000 TONS, AVIATION GAS, CAPTURED. MIGHT HAVE BEEN 20,000 TONS AS OUTSIDE FIGURE. WALDEN BELIEVES EVERY BARREL OF GAS IN EVERY INSTALLATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED.
- STANDARD VACUUM NO LONGER IN CABLE COMMUNICATION WITH

continued Journal 19, 2/24

BATAVIA.

Filed: 2/22/24

Journal 20, 2/24

From: COM SW PAC

DARWIN NOW DEFINITELY UNSUITABLE NAVAL BASE. HOLLAND AND BLACKHAWK EN ROUTE AND WILL INVESTIGATE EXMOUTH GULF AND SHARKS BAY FOR TEMPORARILY OVERHAULING DESTROYERS AND SUBS. IF NEITHER PLACE SUITABLE MAY CONTINUE FREEMANTLE. MEANTIME CONTINUING ENERGETIC OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY, BASING JAVA PORTS ALL OF WHICH ARE NOW EXTREMELY PRECARIOUS. MORALE CONTINUES SUPERB.

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Filed: 1250 2/23
From: Maxwell

Journal #60,2/23

VESSELS IN RED SEA: WEEKLY REPORT.

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Filed: 10:05 PM, 2/23/42
From M/A Cairo

I.B. 20, 2/24/42
Journal 29, 2/24/42

CONCLUSION FROM IMPRESSIONS GAINED ENROUTE---FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE GIVEN IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS ALONG FERRY ROUTE. REPORTS INDICATE GOOD COOPERATION FROM B.O.A.C. AND R.A.F. PAN AMERICAN PERSONNEL EFFICIENT. CONTROL OF AMERICAN ENLISTED MEN DRIFTING ALONG ROUTE INSUFFICIENT. PARTIES TRAVEL WITHOUT OFFICER IN CHARGE. MEN OFTEN IGNORANT OF THEIR DESTINATION. GENERAL LACK OF INFORMATION UNIVERSAL, NO MEANS OF DISSEMINATION APPARENT. DISCIPLINE AMONG U.S. PERSONNEL TRAVELLING AS CASUALS POOR DUE TO LACK OF TRAINING. EACH STAGING AREA SHOULD HAVE WELL-INFORMED OFFICER, PREFERABLY OF FIELD GRADE. DELAYS IN COMMUNICATION WORRY ALL PERSONNEL

Filed 4:10 PM, 2/23/42
From: M/O ACCRA

I.B. 66, 2/23/42
Journal 30, 2/24/42

REFERENCE I.B. 47, 2/13 (ORIGINAL 4 40-mm. BOPORS DUE AT ACCRA, 2/20, FOR INSTALLATION---BEING TRANSFERRED FROM TAKORADI TO DEFEND ACCRA AIRDROME---APPROVED BY BRITISH--GUNS FROM ENGLAND WILL REPLACE GUNS REMOVED FROM TAKORADI--30 NATIVES AND 30 BRITISH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT TO BE SENT WITH GUNS TO INSTALL AND MAN THEM)

4 BOPORS HAVE BEEN EMPLACED. 400 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION PER GUN ARE ON HAND. GUNS HAND OPERATED; PERSONNEL, 10 MEN PER GUN. GUN CREWS QUARTERED IN VARIOUS CAMPS. UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS ESTIMATED TIME TO ASSEMBLE CREWS IN ONE TO TWO HOURS. GUNS MANNED DURING DAYLIGHT ONLY. "I CONSIDER THIS INSTALLATION INADEQUATE BOTH AS REGARDS HOURS AND ARMAMENT."

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From: M/A London

I.B. 53, 2/23/42

AT 8:30 AM, GMT, 2/22, AXIS CONVOY ON SOUTH COAST, PROTECTED BY STRONG FORCE OF ESCORT VESSELS, OBSERVED BY AIRCRAFT ON RECONNAISSANCE AT POINT 270 MILES NE OF MISURATA. EIGHT MERCHANT SHIPS IN CONVOY. AIR ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY AXIS, INCREASED IN BATTLE AREA AS RESULT OF BETTER WEATHER CONDITIONS. GROUND PATROLS ACTIVE ON BOTH SIDES SOUTH OF THIMIMEKILI ROAD. AXIS INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY ENGAGED TEN MILES NORTH OF BIR TEMAD BY BRITISH PATROL HEADING TOWARD THIMI. ENEMY FORCES RETREATED.

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Journal 21, 2/24

0015 FEB. 23 SS LINPE TORPEDOED AND SINKING
14-30 N 64-45 W.
0415 FEB. 24 SS INVERAMOR TORPEDOED AND
SINKING 44-25 N 42-29 W.
TINPITZ AND SCHREER IN TROSDURHEIM 1415 FEB. 23

Filed 1230 P. 2/24
From ETO

Journal 40, 2/24

AIR ACTIVITIES REPORTS: NEGATIVE---MISSIONS:
OBSERVATIONS 76 RECONNAISSANCE 32
WEATHER: GOOD EXCEPT RAIN AND SNOW 100 MILES
OFF SHORE. FROM CHESAPEAKE TO GEORGIA VISIBILITY
POOR TO ZERO.
PERIOD OF REPORT: TO NOON GMT 2/24

Filed: 1115 P 2/23
From ETO

Journal 41, 2/24

REPORT OF AIR ACTIVITY NEWFOUNDLAND FOR 2/23(to noon
GMT)---NO MISSIONS
WEATHER: VISIBILITY 6 MILES, CEILING 4500 FEET

Filed: 1215 P. 2/23
From ETO

Journal 42, 2/24

REPORT OF AIR ACTIVITY TO NOON GMT, 2/2 3:
MISSIONS: OBSERVATIONS 69
RECONNAISSANCE 29
WEATHER: CALM WITH BUT FEW EXCEPTIONS.
NEWFOUNDLAND SAME DATE, CEILING, ZERO, VISIBILITY, ZERO

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Journal 21, 2/24

1300 Feb. 23 SS THALIA TORPEDOED AND SUNK 60
MILES NW OF CURACAO.

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From: M/A, San Jose, Costa Rica

I.B.46, 2/23/42
Journal 32, 2/24

COLONEL RODRIGUEZ STAYS ON PRESENT JOB AS RESULT OF
PRESIDENT'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT HIS RESIGNATION.

G-2 NOTE---COLONEL RODRIGUEZ HAS BEEN MENTIONED SEVERAL
TIMES IN CROOKED DEALS: IN ONE OF THEM THE PRESIDENT'S
BROTHER WAS INVOLVED. HE IS REPORTED TO BE CORRUPT,
RATHER THAN PRO-NAZI

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From: Baker - Baghdad
Filed: 2/22/42, 2115

Journal #13, 2/24/42

BAKER
BAGHDAD

SHIPMENT OF AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT REQUESTED. RAF
NOW ASSEMBLING RUSSIAN PLANES AT RATE OF 1 1/2 PER DAY.
DETAILS ON FUTURE SET UP.

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Journal # 12

From: Shipp Lisboa

I.B. # 69 1/25/42

ORGANIZATION UNDERWAY OF 3 ADDITIONAL BATTERIES 3RD
F A, EQUIPPED WITH 105MM HOW FOR AZORES. CONVERSION OF
1ST HORSE ARTY GROUPS TO A A ARTY IN PROGRESS. ABOUT
MARCH 15, 2 A A BTRYS ORDERED TO MADEIRA. ARMAMENT FROM
GERMANY: 74 105 MM HOWS AND TUBES FOR 12 155 MM HOWS.,
60,000 RIFLES IN 1941, 30,000 RIFLES IN 1942, 20,000
KRUPP 105 MM SHELLS, 20,000 RHUIN METALS, 12,000 155 MM
SHELLS, BUT NONE ARMOR PIERCING GOODS. BRITISH SOURCE.
14 105 MM BTRYS IN PORTUGAL.

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Press Release
From: MacArthur

Journal # 23/ 2/26/42

MACARTHUR
Press Release

THE ENEMY HAS DEFINITELY RECOILED FROM THE BLOODY FRONT WHICH HE SO DESPERATELY ASSAILED DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS IN HIS FRANTIC ENDEAVORS TO BREAK OUR BATTLE POSITION IN BATAN. YESTERDAY OUR LIGHT FORCES ~~W~~ SWEEP THROUGH HIS SCREEN AND TOOK COMMAND OF THIS BLOODY STRIP OF TERRAIN. THE ENEMY HAS WITHDRAWN FROM ONE TO EIGHT KILOMETERS TO FIXED POSITIONS. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT TEMPORARILY THE FURY BATTLE OF THE GORY BATTLE OF THE MOBILE FORCES IN BATAN HAS COME TO AN END, WITH VICTORY ~~W~~ FOR OUR ARMS. THE ENEMY IS IN POSITION EITHER TO ENGAGE IN SIEGE OPERATIONS OR TO BUILD UP ANOTHER ATTACK, BUT WHATEVER HIS DECISION HIS DEATH ROLL HIS CASUALTIES AND HIS SICK LIST INCREASE AND MOUNT DAY BY DAY.

DURING THE VICTORY PARADE HELD BY THE JAPANESE ~~W~~

Journal #23 2/26/42

FORCES OF OCCUPATION IN MANILA RECENTLY EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO DRAW THE FILIPINOS TO THE STREETS AND IMPRESS THEM WITH THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE JAPANESE IN THE CITY AND THE SUBURBS. PARADES ALWAYS ATTRACT CROWDS BUT VERY FEW FILIPINOS WERE SEEN LINING THE STREETS. A GROUP ~~W~~ OF FOUR YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND ELEVEN IN MOURNING WERE SEEN INTENTLY WATCHING THE PARADE. AN ELDERLY FILIPINO WHO HAPPENED TO PASS BY REMARKED THEM FOR WITNESSING A PARADE OF THE INVADERS. THE ELEVEN YEAR OLD BOY WHO WAS APPARENTLY THE LEADER OF THE GROUP ~~W~~ EXPLAINED "WE WANT TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE FACES OF THE MURDERERS OF OUR FATHER AND MOTHER WHO WERE KILLED WHEN PARANQUE WAS BOMBED. SOME DAY THEY WILL PAY US." AND THAT IS HOW THE JAPANESE HAVE PLANTED HATRED IN THE FILIPINO HEART AND THEY WILL ~~W~~ REAP NO LOVE FROM THEIR SOWING BUT ONLY BITTER RAGE AND A PASSIONATE DESIRE

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FOR VENGEANCE. IN THE OCCUPIED AREAS THERE IS A VAST SURGING TIDE OF RESISTANCE WHICH HAS BEEN MERELY DAMMED UP BUT WHICH WILL RUSH DOWN IN A TORRENT OF DEFIANCE WHEN THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT COMES.

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From: ABDA COM

Journal # 20 2/26/42

7 ENEMY TRANSPORTS SEEN IN MACASSAR FEB. 24TH. 2 SUNK BY BOMBS. ABOUT 100 VARIOUS SHIPS REPORTED TO JOLO FEB. 20. AIR RECON REPORTED FLEET TO THE NORTH. 4 SUBS, 6 TRANSPORTS, 7 DESTROYERS, AND 1 LIGHT CRUISER AT 06° 33 SOUTH 117° 45' EAST THE 24TH OF FEB. ONE CERTAINLY AND ONE PROBABLY SUNK IN THIS PARTY BY SUBMARINE WHICH ATTACKED THEM.

2. ASSUME THESE TRANSPORTS TO BE TROOPSHIPS. ALSO BELIEVE THE FLEET CAME FROM JOLO.

3. HAVE CONCLUDED THAT 1 REGIMENT CAN ARRIVE AT BALI FEB 25TH AT DAWN. ANOTHER REGIMENT MIGHT FOLLOW. POSSIBLE FOR MAIN BODY OF 2 DIVISIONS TO BE OFF CENTRAL JAVA FEB 27 AT DAWN.

4. ESTIMATE OF ENEMY PLAN IN MY EARLIER MESSAGE.

2/26/42 Journal # 20

5. VERY SLIGHT CHANGE MENTION SHIPPING. WEST OF POTIANAK, 5 MERCHANT SHIPS SIGHTED UNSCORTED FEB. 24 TH.

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FROM: G-2 ETO VIA GHQ Journal # 41 2/25

FILED: 2:30 p.m. 2/26

USS EMERALD ATTACKED SUB SITED AT 28:55 N 80:12 W,
TIME 1700 GMT., FEBRUARY 24. RESULTS UNKNOWNETO VIA GHQ
WATKINS.

FROM: CG IBC VIA GHQ

Journal # 61 2/26

FILED: 9:10 p.m. 2/26

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AT MIDNIGHT FEB. 24-25, 1942:
EASTERLY TO NORTHERLY WINDS MODERATE UNRESTRICTED VISIBIL-
ITY; CEILING 800 FEET TO UNLIMITED; LIGHT SNOW; TRAINING
FLIGHTS AND OTHER FLIGHTS 16 HOURS.DECLASSIFIED
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FROM: G-2 WDC VIA CHQ JOURNAL # 42 2/25
FILED: 12:40 pwt 2/25

FROM WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND -CAME IN THE CLEAR - UN-CLASSIFIED. EVALUATION OF FACTORS RELATIVE TO AIR ALERT LOS ANGELES AREA THIS DATE LEADS TO FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS:

- 1) UNIDENTIFIED AIRPLANES OTHER THAN AMER ARMY OR NAVY PLANES WERE POSSIBLY IN AIR OVER THE AREA & WERE FIRED ON BY ELEMENTS OF THE 37TH COAST ARTY BRIG BETWEEN 3:12 & 4:15 A.M. THESE UNITS EXPENDED 1,450 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION WITHOUT KNOWN HITS.
- 2) AS MANY AS 15 AIRPLANES MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FLYING AT VARIOUS SPEEDS FROM WHAT IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED AS BEING "VERY SLOW" TO AS MUCH AS 200 MPH & AT ELEVATIONS FROM 9,000 TO 18,000 FEET.
- 3) NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED.
- 4) NO CASUALTIES AMONG OUR TROOPS.
- 5) NO PLANES SHOT DOWN.

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6) NO AMERICAN ARMY OR NAVY PLANES IN ACTION. FROM DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THIS HOUR (INVESTIGATION CONTINUING) IT SEEMS REASONABLE CONCLUSION THAT IF UNIDENTIFIED AIRPLANES WERE INVOLVED, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES OPERATED BY ENEMY AGENTS FOR PURPOSE OF SPEEDING UP ALARM DISCLOSING LOCATIONS OF ANTI AIRCRAFT POSITIONS & SLOWING PRODUCTION THROUGH BLACKOUT. SUCH CONCLUSION IS SUPPORTED BY VARYING SPEED OF OPERATIONS & FACT THAT NO BOMBS WERE DROPPED.

FROM: BUCKNER, FT RICHARDSON, AL JOURNAL # 63 2/25
FILED: 1718 2/25

STATION LIST ALASKAN AIRCRAFT. ELMENDOR: AO 4; B 5; A 4; BOB; CO 3; C 8; DOB; D 12; F SINGLE; G TRIO;
MODIAK: AO 1; A 2; B 8; JUNEAU: E DUET; FAIRBANKS E SOLO;
HAMILTON FIELD, CALIF. EMS NO EN ROUTE OR IN U.S.; NO ONE G DOUBLE TANANA (APPARENTLY CODED).

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From: Navy War Plans

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF FRENCH GUINEA FAILED TO DISCLOSE
ANY INDICATION OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY OR SUPPLY
SHIPS BASING IN THAT AREA.

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LATIN AMERICAN # 1

From: Braden - Bogota Journal #4, 2/26/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 5:00 P
1,000,000 BARRELS DIESEL AND CRUDE OIL NOW STORED AT COVENAS.

BRADEN
BOGOTA

PROBABLY EQUIVALENT AMOUNT NOW STORED AT CARTAGENA.
PROTECTIVE MEASURES NOW IN FORCE
1 COLUMBIAN DESTROYER ON WATCH AT CARTAGENA
GUNS AND CREWS AT BOCA CHICA (EFFICIENCY NIL)
1 COLUMBIAN DESTROYER TO BE SENT TO COVENAS
PROVIDED PERMISSION IS OBTAINED FROM COLUMBIAN GOVERNMENT
MEASURES MAY INCLUDE THE MOUNTING OF 37 MM GUNS ON
LOCALLY AVAILABLE SEA GOING LAUNCHES.

From: Corrigan - Caracas Journal #5, 2/26/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 1200

CORRIGAN
CARACAS

PERMISSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT FOR PLACING A SERVICING DETACHMENT PLUS AMMUNITION AT MARACAIBO.

PATROL FROM DUCH ISLAND ALONG COAST TO BE BROADENED.
GOVERNMENT AGREEABLE.

From: Proctor - Quito Journal #6, 2/26/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 9:00 P I.B. #3, 2/26/42

PROCTOR
QUITO

AGREEMENT FOR THE GALAPAGOS BASES WILL NOT BE SIGNED WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF LEND LEASE, SAYS MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OFFICIALLY THAT GALAPAGOS WAS IN USE.

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FROM: CHENEY, LONDON JOURNAL # ⁵⁶ 56 2/26
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GENERAL EAKER AUTHORIZES CLASS X ALLOTMENT FOR HIS WIFE.

FROM: CHENEY, AMEMBASSY, LONDON JOURNAL # 55 2/26
FILED: 2/26

REQUEST INFORMATION OF NUMBERS AND BAGGAGE TONNAGE
ACCOMPANY UNITS SENT ABROAD. ALSO, CABLE ADDRESS IS
CG, USAF BI. (JOURNAL # 52)

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 52 2/26
FILED: 7:30 P 2/26

REQUEST CG NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION DIRECT CABLES
TO CG, USAF BI, NOT CG, AMERICAN FORCES, BELFAST.

From: Madrid - Eager Journal #1, 2/26/42
Filed: 2/25/42, 2000 I.B. #70, 2/25/42

EAGER
MADRID

HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY CREDIBLE SOURCE IN PARIS THAT
98% OF ALL AUXILIARIES AND CIVILIANS IN OCCUPIED FRANCE
BETWEEN 17 AND 34 ARE BEING CALLED TO ACTIVE SERVICE. UP
TO JANU, SUMORED GERMAN CASUALTIES IN RUSSIA 2,600,000
KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED. OCCUPATION FORCE NOW
REDUCED TO 350,000.

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Journal # 29

From: Navy War Plans

PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OF TRONDHEIM AT 1115 ON 24 FEB.
DISCLOSED THE TIRPITZ IN HER USUAL BERTH. THE ADMIRAL
SCHEER AND PRINCE HUGHEN ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN THE LO FJORD.
H.M.S. TRIDENT (SUB) CLAIMS ONE POSSIBLE TORPEDO HIT ON
THE ADMIRAL SCHEER.

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Journal # 29

From: Navy War Plans

1. EIGHTY TO ONE HUNDRED ENEMY SHIPS WERE REPORTED AT
JOLO ON 20 FEB.

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2. AN ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE PLANE REPORTED HAVING
SIGHTED A LARGE ENEMY FORCE IN MACASSAR STRAIT ON 24 FEB.
AN ENEMY FORCE, CONSISTING OF ONE CL, SEVEN DD, AND SIX
AT WERE SIGHTED ABOUT 200 MILES NORTHWEST OF PALI AT 0350, OCT,
OCT, 24 FEB, ON COURSE 260.

3. ON 20 FEB., TWO GROUPS OF NINE ENEMY HEAVY BOMBERS
EACH, MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON A U.S. NAVAL FORCE
NORTH OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. SIXTEEN AND POSSIBLY
SEVENTEEN OF THE ENEMY PLANES WERE DESTROYED. LOSSES
SUSTAINED BY OWN FORCE AMOUNTED TO TWO FIGHTER PLANES

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AND ONE PILOT. NO SHIPS WERE HIT.

4. FIGHT RECONNAISSANCE OF 7

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To
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FROM: WDC, 0-2 VIA GHQ Journal # 57 2/25

FILED: 6:30 p.m. 2/26

HOSTILE SUB OFF ELWOOD ON FEB. 25 BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF NUMBERS 5 TO 8, WHICH ACCORDING TO DESCRIPTION ON PAGE 85 OF ONE NUMBER 41 SURFACE VIEWS OF JAP SHIPS CARRIES ONE AIRPLANE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS SUB MAY HAVE STOOD OFF COAST AND ASSEMBLED PLANE WHICH FLEW OVER LOS ANGELES LAST NIGHT.

WDC, 0-2
VIA GHQ
STROH

DOES THE NAVY HAVE ANY INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER ENEMY NAVY IS STILL CARRYING PLANES IN THIS CLASS OF SUBS?

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FROM: COL BRINK ABDA COM, JAVA

I.B. # 38 2/25

FILED: 1225 2/26

Journal # 47 2/26

ENEMY LANDED FRESH TROOPS ON BALI. THORPE HAS DEPARTED. THERE WILL BE A LAPSE OF 5 DAYS ON REPORTS. ABDA IR(?) WILL NOTIFY WHENEVER WE GO.

ATTACK BY 27 BOMBERS (MESSAGE GARBLED HERE) -- CAUSED ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE.

**(REPEAT REQUESTED BY FE SECTION)

CANCELLED

** LT. COLONEL MCKNIGHT, BE SECTION, BELIEVES ABDA IR MEANS AIR HQ. MESSAGE WOULD READ:

"ATTACK BY 27 BOMBERS ABDA AIR HQ 24th AT 1500 FEET CAUSED ONLY SLIGHT DAMAGE."

From: Ent - Lima

Journal #3, 2/26/42

Filed: 2/25/42, 7:05 P

I.B. #2, 2/26/42

ENT
LIMA

BELGIAN MINISTER BELIEVES JAPS WORKING UNDER OLD AND LONG PRACTICED WAR PLANS OF 1932 PERIOD PROBABLY WITH HAWAII FIRST OBJECTIVE AND PANAMA SECOND. I FEEL HE KNOWS NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills

Journal #7, 2/26/42 *

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IN SECTION NORTH OF DAVAO SMALL GROUP ACTIONS ARE MORE FREQUENT BUT JAPS DO NOT SEEM TO BE PREPARED TO TAKE STRONG OFFENSIVE. ON THE BATAAN FRONT THE JAP TROOPS IN FRONT OF OUR LINES HAVE BEEN DISSIPATED BY OUR ADVANCES. THIS ENTIRE AREA SECURED BY MACARTHUR. JAP FORCES HAVE WITHDRAWN AND THEIR LEFT FLANK REPULSED 6 TO 10 KILOS. WE HAVE MADE SMALLER ADVANCES IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE LINE. MACARTHUR IS FORCING HIM TO TAKE UP A DEFINITE LINE OF DEFENSE. HOSTILE FORCES DO NOT GIVE EVIDENCE OF ANY COUNTER MOVEMENT AT AN EARLIER DATE. SUBIC BAY APPEARS TO BE SECONDARY BASE FOR JAP CONVOY SYSTEM. LIGHT UNITS OF JAP NAVY ARE OBSERVED TRYING TO ENTER OR DEPART. THIS IS ALSO THE BASE FOR OPERATIONS IN THIS SECTION. HOSTILE FORCES IN HIGH LAND SECTION OF NW LUZON WILL SOON

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HAVE TO BE REINFORCED OR GET OUT DUE TO SUCCESS OF OUR SMALL GROUP TACTICS WHICH ARE PERSECUTING JAPS BADLY.

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From: ABDACOM.

Journal #55, 2/21

MELBOURNE

MY FEELING IS REAL THREAT FOR US FORCES IN THROUGH BURMA INTO CHINA. GROUND WORK WILL BE LAID BY BRERSTON. SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL DUE OR NOW PRESENT IN AUSTRALIA TO HANDLE PROBLEM THERE.

ALL FORCES BEING SENT BOMBAY AS NUCLEUS FOR US FORCES. PLANS COMPLETE FOR EVACUATION INCLUDING TRANSPORT FOR ARTY. UNIT.

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From Admiralty

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ADMIRALTY

WAVELL HAS INDICATED HE WILL RETAIN HIS HDQ IN JAVA UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO MOVE IT.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFFS ADVISE WAVELL OF NECESSITY FOR HIM TO MOVE HIS HQ AND HIMSELF FROM JAVA, BUT HE SHOULD FIX THE EXACT TIME OF DEPARTURE.

FREMANLYE IS RECOMMENDED AS HDQ ABDACOM. THE DUTCH SHOULD RETAIN INITIATIVE AS TO INDIVIDUAL DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES TO MOVE.

Filed: 2/21/42, ---
From: ABDACOM, Java

Journal #38, 2/21

JAVA

ALL AIR REINFORCEMENTS DISCONTINUED TO M.E.I. PRESENT AIR STRENGTH AS OF FEBR 20: 19 B-17's, 8 IN; 9 LB-30's, 5 IN; 9 A-24's, 5 IN. PURSUITS: 19 ON HAND, 16 IN. TWO CRUISERS ATTACKED BY B-17'S OFF BALI, MANY NEAR MISSES. 5 B-17'S ON GROUND WERE ONLY LOSSES.

AIR HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF WITHOUT (1) AWS, (2) PURSUIT PROTECTION, (3) AA FIELD PROTECTION AGAINST FIELD STRAFING AIRPLANES, USE OF HEAVY BOMBARDMENT IS SUICIDAL.

BRET

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From: ABDACOM, Batavia

Journal -----

ABDACOM
BATAVIA

ON FEBR 19, 9:00, THE JAPS LANDED FROM 6 TRANSPORTS ON THE S. COAST OF TIMOR NEAR BACEN, 12 MILES SW OF KOEPANG.

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From: ABDACOM, Java

Journal #36, 2/41

ABDACOM JAVA

TECHNICAL ORDERS SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO AUSTRALIA AND INDIA AS NONE ARE HERE.

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Journal #37, 2/21

ABDACOM JAWA

From: ABDACOM, Java

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND 3 CRATED P-40'S HAVE BEEN
ARRANGED FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO MACARTHUR.

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Journal #34, 2/21

From: Com. 16th

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EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUNGLE WARFARE; 105 &
155 mm GUNS EXCELLENT AGAINST JAPS. JAP LOSSES SINCE
DEC. 8, 4,000 KILLED; OURS 1,000 KILLED, 4,000 WOUNDED.
EST. PRESENT STRENGTH: OURS, BATAAN 35,000; ENEMY PRO-
BABLY 40,000 LUZON.

BOTH AMERS & FILIPINOS HIGHLY CONFIDENT OF ARRIVAL
OF AID FROM OUTSIDE. JAP PROPAGANDA DIRECTED TO CONVINCE
FILIPINOS HELP WILL NOT ARRIVE.

NO ENEMY INFILTRATION AT PRESENT SINCE 2,000 KILLED
WITHIN OUR LINES DURING 3 WEEKS ENDING 17TH FEBR. OUR
MORALE HIGH ON BATAAN. ENEMY APPARENTLY WAITING RE-
INFORCEMENTS FOR NEW THRUST.

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ABDACOM

From: ABDACOM

19 SHIPS INCID. 7 BARGES S. OF MUNTOK AND SEVERAL IN
BAIK STRAIT ARE IN THE RIVER NEAR PALEMBANG.

2 CRUISERS HAVE BEEN SEEN S. OF ATOR 7:35 FEBR 19.
THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ESCORT FOR CARRIER AND DETACHED WEST-
WARD UPON LEARNING OF OUR STRIKING FORCE OFF BALI. THERE
IS AN UNCONFIRMED DUTCH REPORT OF LANDING EARLY FEBR 20
W. OF (DILI?) BUT THIS NOT CONFIRMED.

ANCONVOY ESTIMATED 17 SHIPS AND INCID. 2 CRUISERS SAILED
S. FROM VICINITY SINDJAI (CELEBES) ABOUT 7:00 FEBR 20.
EITHER BALI OR TIMOR COULD BE DESTINATION.

ON FEBR 20 ALL SHIPS IN VICINITY OF BALI WERE WITH-
DRAWN BY THE ENEMY. PRESUMED DUE TO AIR ATTACKS. JAPS
HAVE LANDED ONE REGT AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT FIGHTERS ARE
OPERATING FROM AIRDROME.

CONTD.

FROM: ABDACOM CONTD.

ESTIMATE AS TO ENEMY PLAN:

- (a) EITHER DILI OR KOBANG TO BE OCCUPIED.
- (b) COLLECTION OF A SMALL FORCE AT OOSTHAVEN AND RE-
INFORCEMENT OF BALI.
- (c) DIVISIONS AT BOTH ENDS JAVA.
- (d) THE MAIN ATTACK TO BE ON NORTH CENTRAL COAST OF
JAVA.
- (a) MAYBE OMITTED AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF THE FORCE
FOR (d). POSSIBLE THAT (b) MAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY
RESULTS OF OUR AIR ATTACKS.

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Journal #39, 2/21

G-2 WDC
THRU GHQ

From: G-2 WDC thru GHQ

PERIODIC REPORT NOON FWT FEBR. 21. SEARCH CONTINUES FOR ENEMY SUB REPORTED BY NAVY PLANE AT 0845 OCT OFF UNALASKA IS. FEBR. 20. AIR SEARCH IN AREA SEANAND TO JUVILE (JUNEAU) FOR HOSTILE SUB REPORTED BY SS DOWNRY OFF CAPE SPENCER. SIGHT IS NEGATIVE.

STROM

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Journal #43, 2/21

MELBOURNE

From: Barnes, Melbourne

THE INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE SHOWS THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE RESULTING FROM DARWIN RAID: SUNK US DESTROYER PEARY, USA TRANSPORT MEIOS, US FREIGHTER MAUNA AHA, BRIT & AUSTRALIAN MERCHANTMEN ZEALANDIA, BRITISH MOTORIST, & NEPCUNA AND MAVIRI; EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED: US FREIGHTER PORTWAR ASHORE WITH GREAT DAMAGE AND CANNOT BE REFLOATED AT PRESENT. AUSTRALIAN FREIGHTER BARRASSA BEACHED BUT FIRE EXTINGUISHED; MINOR DAMAGE: AUSTRALIAN NAVAL CRAFT SWAN PLATIPUS, GUMBAR, COCOOOLA, TULAG, MANUNDA, HOSPITAL SHIP WHICH LEFT DARWIN FOR FREMANTLE. US FREIGHTER ADMIRAL HALSTED UNDAUNTED AND NOW BEING UNLOADED DESPITE DAMAGE TO WHARF. THERE IS NO KNOWN DAMAGE TO OTHER SHIPS IN DARWIN HARBORS: AUST. NAVAL CRAFT WARREGO, TOWNSVILLE, DELCRAINE, WARRANJCOL. DAMAGES TO US AIRCRAFT ARE BELIEVED: PNE 18-30, 10 P-40'S, LIGHT CASUALTIES REPORTED. THERE WERE NO AMER. AIRCRAFT

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IN COMBAT. NOW TRYING TO GET AUTHENTIC DATA AS TO MILITARY AND NAVAL LOSSES.

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Journal #52, 2/21

MELBOURNE

From: Merle Smith, Melbourne

I.B. #71, 2/17

STATIC DEFENSE COMPLEX SEEMS TO LIMIT RAAF STRATEGIC CONCEPT EVEN IN FUTURE PLANS WITH MANY PLANES AVAILABLE. MOBILE TASK FORCES - NAVY, ARMY AIR AND MARINE LANDING FORCES, WITH SINGLE COMMAND INDEPENDENT OF LOCAL COMMANDS URGENTLY NEEDED TO STRIKE AT JAP DISPOSITIONS.

ADEQUATE TRANSPORT PLANES NEEDED WITH OTHER AIRCRAFT SO ADVANCE ECHELONS MAY BE MOVED RAPIDLY WHERE NEEDED.

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Journal #51, 2/21

London

From: McClure, London

I.B. #55, 2/21

2 JAP DIVS BELIEVED IN SUMATRA.

SEVERE FIGHTING CONTINUES ON BILIN RIVER.

PTINGAMA & MANDALPT BOMBED WITH CONSIDERABLE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AT PANTAGOK, DAUKYAT & TRITINADAUNG.

ENEMY ADVANCING ON COSTHAVEN IN SUMATRA; DUTCH DESTROYED ALL STORES AND INSTALLATIONS.

SOURABAYA AND AIRDROMES AT BUITZENORG & BANDOENG HEAVILY BOMBED. 5 ENEMY PLANES DOWNED TO 10 ALLIED.

ENEMY LANDINGS ON NE COAST OF BALI. ENEMY GARRISON AT SAMARINDA EST. 2,000 HEAVILY ARMED.

KENDAH NOW PRINCIPAL ENEMY BASE INSTEAD OF DAVAO.

ENEMY LANDING ON TIMOR NEAR KOSPANG, BELIEF IS ENEMY

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I.S. #55, 2/21 CONTD.

INTENDS OCCUPY ENTIRE ISLE.

CHINESE 147th REGT. HAS ARRIVED MONIPAN, BURMA.

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Journal #54, 2/21

MELBOURNE

From: Earle Smith, Melbourne

REPORT ON DAMAGE & AIR ACTIVITIES AT DARWIN: 4 SHIPS
SUNK, IN ADDITION TO 3 US, INCL. A DESTROYER AND
ARMY TRANSPORT.

EMERGENCY AIRFIELD SOUTH OF DARWIN ORDERED DESTROYED
AND PREPARED DEMOLITION 3 AIR FIELDS ON COAST EAST OF
DARWIN.

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Journal #56, 2/21

FT. RICHARDSON

From: Buckner, Ft. Richardson

39 PLANES AT ELMENDORF; 3 AT JUNEAU, 1 AT KODIAK.

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Journal #57, 2/21

MELBOURNE

From: Barnes, Melbourne

ACTIVATION OF A TRANSPORT SQUADRON AND ALLOTMENT TO
USAFIE FROM TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT IS RECOMMENDED.
OTHER TYPES THAT ARE UNFIT FOR COMBAT ARE NOW BEING
UTILIZED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PILOTS AND CREWS NOW ASSIGNED
AND OPERATING BUILT UP FROM CASUAL FILLER AIR CORPS TROOPS
ARRIVING FROM US WILL BE INITIAL PERSONNEL.

Filed: 2/21/42, 0908

Journal #55, 2/21

JAVA

From: ABDACOM, Java

APPROX. 120 PLANES ENROUTE BOMBAY. BURMA NOW UNDER
INDIA GOVT. 160 PLANES WILL REMAIN IN AUSTRALIA,
BELIEVED ENOUGH FOR HER PRESENT NEEDS. AMERICAN CONTROL
OF INDIAN AIR FORCES CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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Journal #1, 2/22/42

BARNES

From: Barnes - Melbourne

MELBORNE

REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF BANDS FOR BRITISH BOMBS
IN THREE SIZES BY FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORT.

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Journal #2, 2, 2/42

From: Brett - Java

BRETT
JAVA

SINCE JAN. 1 SHIPS DAMAGED: 1 BATTLESHIP, 2 CRUISE, 1 AIRCRAFT CARRIER, 2 DESTROYERS, 8 TRANSPORTS. SHIPS SUNK: 1 DESTROYER, 6 TRANSPORTS, 2 TANKERS, SIX 35 FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN, 7 BOMBERS SHOT DOWN, 2 OTHER FIGHTERS PROBABLY DESTROYED.

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Journal #10, 2/22/42

From: MacArthur - Fort Mills

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT ENEMY CANNOT MOUNT VICTORIOUS ATTACK WITH PRESENT FORCES BECAUSE SO BADLY MAULED DURING BATAAN FIGHTING. THE WAY HE HAS ORGANIZED HIS ARTILLERY MAY BE BECAUSE OF HIS WEAKNESS. SOME OF HIS INFANTRY REGIMENTS HAVE ENTIRELY DISAPPEARED. PRACTICALLY EVERY REGIMENT HAS REORGANIZED LESS ONE BATTALION. THIS SITUATION MAY GIVE ME THE LULL SO BADLY NEEDED. KEEP ALL THIS IN STRICTEST SECRET. YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITIES WERE VERY LIGHT EXCEPT FOR HOSTILE AVIATION. FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST OUR GUNS HAVE SILENCED HIS CAVITE SHORE BATTERIES. OTHER AREAS UNCHANGED.

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Journal #13, 2/22/42

From: Barnes - Melbourne

BARNES
MELBOURNE

REPORT FROM AUSTRALIAN SOURCE IN RE AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ACTION, DARWIN RAID 2-19: "THE FLIGHT OF 9 P-40'S TOOK OFF AT DARWIN FOR KOEPANG IN A.M., BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER RETURNED, LEAVING TWO ON PATROL AT 15,000 FEET. 7 LANDED. THE APPROACH OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT REPORTED BY BATHURST ISLAND. THE FREQUENCY JAMMED. ONE HIGH PATROL AND THESE 7 SHOT DOWN. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO OTHER HIGH PATROL AFTER ACTION IN WHICH HE SHOT DOWN ONE CONFIRMED AND ONE PROBABLE. FOUR PILOTS MISSING, BELIEVED KILLED, INCLUDING SQUADRON LEADER.

From: Barnes - Melbourne

Journal #22, 2/22/42

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BARNES
MELBOURNE

TOWNSVILLE ARRIVALS FIVE B-17'S.

From: Magruder - Chungking

Filed: 2/19/42, 0050

Journal #14, 2/22/42

MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

ST. JOHN UNCOMFORTABLE UNDER ORDER EVACUATE RANGOON. WILSON USING ALL POSSIBLE CHINESE FACILITIES EFFICIENTLY PUSHES MATERIAL TOWARD NORTH. TOTAL TONNAGE IN AREA CAN NOT BE EVACUATED UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS EVEN WITH ALL R.R. AND MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATING UNLESS SOUTH BURMA IS HELD BY BRITISH. I TRUST WILSON'S ABILITY TO HANDLE TRAFFIC MORE THAN ST. JOHN'S. IT IS CLEAR THAT WITHOUT CHINESE TRUCKS AND DRIVERS AND AMERICAN MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC MEN TONNAGE COULD NOT BE MOVED. THESE ARE ALL UNDER WILSON'S CONTROL.

From: PRO - Ft. Mills

Journal #26 2/22/42

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PRO
FT. MILLS

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB. 22. THERE WERE NO DEVELOPMENTS IN BATAAN. THE FIGHTING HAS TEMPORARILY AT LAST BECOME POSITIONAL. ARTILLERY DUELLING CONTINUES BETWEEN OUR HARBOR FORTS AND THE ENEMY'S CAVITE SHORE BATTERIES.

WAR IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER OF MEN. FILIPINO AND AMER., BANKER AND FARMER, SCHOLAR AND LABORER WILLINGLY RISK THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. FRONT LINE AND REAR AREA ARE EQUALLY EXPOSED TO THE DEVASTATION OF ENEMY AIR BOMBARDMENT. EACH MAN RESISTS THE ENEMY WITH LOVE OF FATHERLAND AND HATRED OF THE AGGRESSOR IN HIS HEART AND WITH NO THOUGHT OF SPECIAL REGARD. THE GRIM REAPER, EVER PRESENT ON THE BATTLE FIELD, CLOSES THE EYES OF HEROES WITHOUT RESPECT TO POSITION OR BIRTH.

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Journal #49, 2/21

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

AIR MINISTRY STATES DATA OF PURSUIT PLANE ALLOCATIONS AND COMMITMENTS CANNOT BE SENT BY CABLE. WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.

4:00 PM

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TO

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Journal #46, 2/21

IBC thru GHQ

From: CG IBC thru GHQ

5TH GERMAN MTN. DIV. FORMERLY AT CRETE IS NOW IN FINLAND
3D GERMAN MTN. DIV. HAS BEEN MOVED FROM ROVANIEMI, FINLAND
TO NORWAY, BELIEVED VICINITY NARVIK FOR REST PURPOSES ONLY.
THIS INFORMATION FROM BRIT. W.O.

BONESTEEL

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Journal #44, 2/21

IBC thru GHQ

From: CG IBC thru GHQ

AIRPLANE OBSERVATION DISCLOSES 2 CRUISERS AND 2
BATTLESHIP STEAMING IN THE NORTH SEA AT 55°50' N. and
5° E. THIS MORNING FEBR. 21, ACCORDING TO REPORT OF BRIT.
AIR MINISTER.

BONESTEEL

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Journal #48, 2/21

IBC thru GHQ

From: CG IBC thru GHQ

66 JUNKER AIRPLANES MODEL 88 ARE IN NORWAY NOW TO
REINFORCE GERMAN AIR FORCES THERE. THEIR SPECIFIC
LOCATION IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. THIS INFORMATION
IS FROM AIR MINISTRY.

BONESTEEL

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Journal # 62, 2/21

VICHY

From: Leahy, Vichy thru St. Dept.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BELGIUM AND HOLLAND ARE OCCUPIED
BY A MAXIMUM OF 6 DIVS. THE ENTIRE BELGIAN COAST IS HELD
BY 327TH DIVISION.

THERE NO CHANGE TO REPORT IN MILITARY SITUATION IN
FRANCE.

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Journal #4, 2/22/42

From: Chaney - London

CHANAY
LONDON

DUTIES ASSIGNED TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF AND PERSONNEL
NEEDED.

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From: Eager - Madrid

NOTHING TO REPORT.

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EAGER

MADRID

From: Leahy - Vichy

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THE BATTLESHIP DUNKIRKE HAS ARRIVED AT TOULON FOR
REPAIRS. ANNOUNCEMENT BY DANLAN.

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LEAHY

VICHY

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From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

ORIGINAL TEXT:

FOR COORDINATION OF INFORMATION FOR THIS AGENCY FOR PUBLICATION RUSSIAN NEWSPAPERS: I AM ACQUAINTED WITH ALL OF THE GREAT MILITARY CAMPAIGNS OF THE PAST; I HAVE FOUGHT IN MANY WARS AND PERSONALLY OBSERVED MANYMORE, BUT NEVER HAVE I KNOWN OF SO MONUMENTAL A MILITARY EFFORT AS THE ONE WHICH IS NOW BEING MADE BY THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND PEOPLE. THERE IS THE OUTSTANDING MILITARY EFFORT OF ALL TIME. THEIR ABILITY TO WITHSTAND THE MOST POWERFUL ATTACK THAT COULD BE DELIVERED BY GERMANY, AND THEN IN TURN TO INITIATE AN IRRESISTIBLE COUNTEROFFENSIVE ON A SCALE NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED MARKS THIS ARMY AS PHENOMENAL. ON THEIR BANNERS WIDE THE HOPES OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

MACARTHUR

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From: Baker - Baghdad

BAKER
BAGHDAD

ORD. BASE SHOP BN. SATISFACTORY IN PLACE OF ORD. BN. OF MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDED. SHOP SERVICE MEDICAL INCLUDED FOR KARACHI IN TROOPS REQUESTED.

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From: Kluss - Ankara

KLUSS
ANKARA

GERMANS NOT PLANNING SPRING CAMPAIGN AGAINST TURKEY ACCORDING TO ALMOST POSITIVE INFORMATION. RELIABLE TRAVELER RECENTLY FROM BULGARIA STATES NO GERMAN ACTIVITY THERE AND CONFIRMS WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE TO THE NORTH. MOLDAVIA DESTINATION OF THESE, BRITISH BELIEVE. GENERAL ROMEL ORDERED TO RUSSIAN FRONT.

From: Magruder - Chungking Journal #14, 2/22/42

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MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

ST. JOHN UNCOMFORTABLE UNDER ORDER EVACUATE RANGOON. WILSON USING ALL POSSIBLE CHINESE FACILITIES EFFICIENTLY PUSHES MATERIAL TOWARD NORTH. TOTAL TONNAGE IN AREA CAN NOT BE EVACUATED UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS EVEN WITH ALL R.R. AND MOTOR TRANSPORT OPERATING UNLESS SOUTH BURMA IS HELD BY BRITISH. I TRUST WILSON'S ABILITY TO HANDLE TRAFFIC MORE THAN ST. JOHN'S. IT IS CLEAR THAT WITHOUT CHINESE TRUCKS AND DRIVERS AND AMERICAN MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC MEN TONNAGE COULD NOT BE MOVED. THESE ARE ALL UNDER WILSON'S CONTROL.

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From: Amer. Minister - Helsinki Journal #19, 2/22/42

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AMER. MIN.
HELSINKI

TELEGRAM #137 REPORTS TREATMENT OF RUSSIAN PRISONERS BY FINNS. STATE DEPARTMENT.

From: Amer. Minister - Helsinki Journal #20, 2/22/42

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AMER. MIN.
HELSINKI

TELEGRAM #136 REPORTS ON PUBLIC OPINION IN FINLAND. STATE DEPARTMENT.

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From: Schoenfeld - Helsinki Journal #24, 2/22/42

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SCHOENFELD
HELSINKI VIA
STATE DEPT.

OFFENSIVE IN NORTH INDICATED TOWARD END OF MARCH. 600
METER FRONT WITH CENTER AT KIESTINKI. REPORTS INDICATE 2
ARMIES (200,000 TROOPS)

STRENGTHS 2/17 PETSAMO 9,000 GER., ROUANIEMI 8,000 GER
INARI 6,500 GER. IN ADDITION TO FRONT LINE UNITS.

A ROAD HAS BEEN BUILT FROM SALLA AND LIINAHAMARI.

EASTERN KARELIANS FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS OF FINNS AND
HAVE USED SUBTERFUGE SUCCESSFULLY. RUSSIANS USING POWER-
FUL PATROLS ON RECONNAISSANCE (SOMETIMES AS LARGE AS
2,000 MEN) CAUSING HIGH CASUALTIES IN LIGHTLY HELD SECTORS.
17-18 YEAR AGE GROUP INEXPERIENCED AND PROBABLY INEFFECTIVE.

G-2 WORK SHEET

10:00 AM

2/21/42

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

UNITED STATES #1

From: Miles - Boston

Journal #23, 2/22/42

MILES

Filed: 3:01 P, 2/21/42

BOSTON

REQUEST FOR 28,000 ODD DOLLARS PAYMENTS FOR INVESTI-
GATIONS M.I.D. POLICE.

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Journal #47, 2/21

LONDON

From: Chaney, London

REPORT OF B-17 CRASH OFF FREETOWN, 7 OF CREW RESCUED,
2 KILLED.

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Journal #50, 2/21

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I.S. #53, 2/21

From: Fellers, Cairo

CAIRO

RECENT BOMBING OF FORT LAMU INDICATES AXIS IS TAKING NOTICE OF THIS ROUTE ACROSS AFRICA. ATTACKING PLANES MUST HAVE COME FROM LIBYA OR FRENCH W. AFRICA. THIS RAID SERVES NOTICE THAT ALL OUR INSTALLATIONS IN AFRICA WILL HAVE TO BE PROTECTED BY MEN AND EQUIPMENT AT SOME FUTURE TIME. DECISIONS ON ALTERNATE ROUTES SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED.

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Journal #63, 2/21

BERN

From: Biddle, Bern thru St. Dept.

THIS MORNING ALL OF GERMAN FORCES IN MED. AREA WERE ORDERED INTO A "HIGH STATE OF READINESS". THE FORCES IN GREECE, DODECANESE AND CRETE WERE INCLUDED. ON ISLANDS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PARACHUTE AND AIR LANDING TROOPS WHICH MAY TOTAL FIVE DIVISIONS ARE READY TO MOVE. MANY GLIDERS CAPABLE OF CARRYING 8 TO 10 MEN ARE A PART OF THESE FORCES. THE AXIS HAS ALREADY PARTIALLY COMPLETED THE MOVEMENT TO NORTH AFRICA FROM SOUTH ITALY OF THE ONE PANZER DIVISION AND THREE MOTORIZED DIVISIONS. THERE ARE PERHAPS TWO ITALIAN PANZER DIVISIONS IN THE DODECANESE AND APPROXIMATELY 2/3 OF A GERMAN PANZER DIVISION IN CRETE.

HUDDIE

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Journal #9, 2/22/42

From: McClure - London

MCCLURE
LONDON

ON LIBYAN FRONT HOSTILE FORCES HAVE RENEWED ACTIVITY IN UNOCCUPIED ZONE SOUTHWEST OF GAZALA AND ROMMEL'S ADVANCE LINE MEKILI-TMINI. BRITISH LIGHT ARMORED FORCES REPULSED ADVANCE OF THREE NAZI COLUMNS. IN SECTOR SOUTH OF BIR HALEGH OPERATIONS NEAR ENEMY POSITIONS ARE BEING EXECUTED BY BRITISH MECHANIZED PATROLS WITHOUT OPPOSITION. UNITS ON BRITISH FRONT: FREE FRENCH BRIGADE NOW OCCUPIED FORMER POSITION OF 115TH INF. BRIG. GROUP. FIFTH NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE AT EL ADEM. BETWEEN TOBRUK AND EL ADEM 2 REGTS 1ST ARMY TANK BRIGADE. BELIEVED THAT ROMMEL'S EXTENDED SUPPLY LINE AND LACK OF BENGHAZI AS AN ORGANIZED BASE PREVENT OFFENSIVE ACTION. BRITISH CHECKED ALSO BECAUSE THEY LACK ARMORED AND AIR STRENGTH WITH NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND MECHANIZED MAINTENANCE ECHELONS TO PERMIT

(Journal #9, 2/22/42, Cont'd)

SUCCESSFUL SUSTAINED OFFENSIVE.

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Filed: 2/21/42, 1800
From: Bentley - Tanger
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I.B. #9, 2/22/42

~~SECRET~~
BENTLEY
TANGER

From: Leahy - Vichy Via St. Dept. Journal #15, 2/22/42
Filed: 2/21/42, 6:00 P

ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS ADVISED THAT FRENCH SHIPS ARE NO LONGER CARRYING ITALIAN TRUCKS TO TUNIS FOR MARSHAL ROMEL'S FORCES. AMBASSADOR LEAHY UNDERSTANDS THAT SHIPMENT OF FOODSTUFFS CONTINUES.

ADMIRAL DARLAN HAS ADVISED THAT FRENCH MERCHANT SHIPS IN INDO-CHINA HAVE BEEN REQUISITIONED BY JAPAN BUT THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED NOT TO USE THE FRENCH SHIPS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. MARSHAL PETAIN ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT SIGNED ANY AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF FRENCH SHIPS BY JAPAN.

LEAHY

LEAHY
VICHY VIA
ST. DEPT.

From: Henry - Malta
Filed: 12 Noon, 2/21/42

Journal #18, 2/22/42

HENRY
MALTA

36 AIR WARNINGS DURING WEEK. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.
MORE THAN 70 CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

Filed: 2/21/42, 1:55 P.

Journal #35, 2/21

E.T.O.

From: C-2 E.T.O. THRU GHQ

Thru GHQ

SS EULINA TORPEDOED AT 41°42' N - 52°16' W. REPORT
RECEIVED 1300 GMT FEBR 21.

COMMANDANT 10th NAVAL DIST PANAMA REPORTED TO HAVE SENT
WARNING TO AMER. VESSELS IN CARIBBEAN, ATLANTIC AND GULF
OF MEXICO "GERMAN SUB. OFF FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE."

SS SWIFT SHORE ATTACKED 12 MI N OF NEWICK BUOY ABOUT
10 MI SE OF CAPE HENLOPEN AT 0451 GMT, FEBR. 21.

ONE SUB SIGHTED AT 0149 GMT, FEBR. 20 AT 32°10' N -
80°25' W.

WATKINS.

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Journal #45, 2/21

CG BBC thru

3:00 P.M.

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From: CG BBC thru GHQ

NO CHANGE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY FEBR. 20.

STRONG.

Filed: 2/21/42, 3:55 P.

Journal #41, 2/21

LONDON

From: McClure, London

I.B. #51, 2/21

KNAPSACK TYPE ITEMS WITH CAPACITY IN LITERS AND RANGES
IN METER.

Filed: 2/21/42, 4:25 P.

Journal #53, 2/21

IBC THRU GHQ

From: CG IBC thru GHQ

NO ENEMY OPERATIONS REPORTED FOR FEBR. 19.

OUR ROUTINE AIR MISSIONS: 28 hrs. 10 min.; AIR ALERT
PATROL, 8 HRS, 50 MIN.; MISC. MISSIONS, 4 HRS; LOCAL
OBS. 1 HR, 45 MIN.

VISIBILITY UNLIMITED WITH MILD EASTERLY WINDS, 43°
temp.; CEILING 2500 FT. TO UNLIMITED AND CLOUDS BROKEN
TO OVERCAST.

BONESTREEL

Filed: 2/21/42, 5:31 P.

Journal #58, 2/21

IBC THRU GHQ

From: CG IBC thru GHQ

AT POSITION 11°03' N. - 62°03' W., COURSE 32°, & 28 MI
FROM CHACA-CHACARE(?) ISLAND, CHARTERED OIL TANKER CIRCE
WAS SHELLED AND TORPEDOED. AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE SHIP
HAVE BEEN SENT TO SCENE BY LOCAL NAVAL OFFICIALS. THIS
INFORMATION FROM BRIT. NAVY AND HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO
CG, B.D.C.

PRATT

Filed: 2/21/42, 9:15P. Journal #60, 2/21
From: Paa Radio Station, Florida
thru WP

"OUR LAQUAIRA STATION REPORTS SUB. HEARING UP (2400 OCT) AT 22° NW OF CARACAS. FLORIDA

RADIO D A M (?) (MCKENZIE REQUESTED CO. 15TH NAVAL DIST. PANAMA BE INFORMED).

4:00 P.M.

2/21/42

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Filed: 2/22/42, 8:15 Journal #30
From Drum (CGETO) Thru GHQ

ENEMY SUBMARINE FIRES TORPEDO BUT MISSED SS OLENY AT 27° 44' N 80° 10' W at 0132 GMT ACCORDING TO REPT. RECEIVED THRU FCC.

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CGETO

Filed: 8:15A Journal # 29
From : Drum (CGETU)
thru GHQ

CGETU

AT POSITION 25° 31' N - 79° 16' W A CONNING TOWER WAS SIGHTED IN GUN CAY THIS AFTERNOON BY NAVAL PATROL BOMBER. REPT. NOT CONFIRMED.

From: Russell - Casablanca Journal # 16, 2/22/42
Filed: 2/19/42

3 SUBMARINES, ANPHITHITE, SYRILLE AND AMAZONE AND THE DEPTH CHARGE THROWER GRACIEUSE LEFT FOR DAKAR 2-17. SUB ANTIOPE DID NOT LEAVE BECAUSE OF MOTOR TROUBLE.

RUSSEL
CASABLANCA

Filed: 2/20/42, 23:25

Journal #42

CURACAO

From: ALUSNOB at Willemstad (Curacao)
Thru ONI

DURING PAST 12 HRS THE INCREASING NO OF SUB SIGHTINGS POINT GEOGRAPHICALLY TO REMOTE FUEL BASE VENEZUELAN COAST OR POSSIBLY FRENCH GUIANA. CRYING NEED LOCAL PROTECTION INDISPENSABLE LAKE TANKERS OF WHICH NEARLY 10% GONE FIRST 4 DAYS WARFARE. COM. 10TH NAVAL DIST, IN VISIT HERE, INDICATED DIFFICULTY PROVIDING ADEQUATE DESTROYER ESCORT. ALUSNOB BELIEVES IF FEASIBLE 2PBY'S WITH SUPERIOR RANGE ENDURANCE OVER SMALLER ARMY BOMBERS & OPERATING FROM ALREADY ESTABLISHED BASE COULD DO WONDERS TO ALLEVIATE ZONE SITUATION. SUMMING UP, PRESENT OVERTURES COMBINED WITH COM. 15TH NAVAL DIST. MARTINIQUE WARNING SEEM TO INDICATE AXIS THREAT TO OPEN NEW MAJOR THEATER.

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Journal #59, 2/21

G-2 CBC

From: G-2 CBC thru GHQ

Thru GHQ

VENEZUELA HAS GRANTED PERMISSION US AIRPLANES AND SURFACE VESSELS TO FLY OVER AND TO ENTER TERRITORIAL WATER FOR PROTECTION AND HEMISPHERE DEFENSE. BRIT AND DUTCH ARE GIVEN SAME PRIVILEGE, BUT UNDER US NAVY DIRECTION.

KIRKWOOD

Filed: 2/20/42, 4:15 P.

Journal #40, 2/21

COSTA RICA

From: M/A COSTA RICA

I.B. #33, 2/21

COL RODRIGUEZ, ASST. CH OF STAFF HAS RESIGNED UNDER PRESSURE.

G-2 COMMENT: RODRIGUEZ IS ACCUSED OF BEING PRO-NAZI. PRO-AMERICAN OFFICIAL DESIRABLE IN HIS PLACE DUE TO COSTA RICA'S PROXIMITY TO CANAL.

10:00 AM

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(Journal #26, 2/22/42, Cont'd)

GEN. MACARTHUR HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT THAT ALL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE U.S. RECEIVE THE SAME PAY AS THE AMERICAN ARMY FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR. AT PRESENT THE SCALE OF PAY OF THE AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE ARMY OFFICERS AND THE SCALE OF PAY ON NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN, SCOT AND THE PHILIPPINE ARMY ALL DIFFER. IN HIS RECOMMENDATION THE GENERAL SAID, "THE EQUALIZATION ON BATTLE OR SOLDIERLY NEEDS NO FURTHER ELABORATION OF ARGUMENT TO SUPPORT SUCH ACTION."

From: Merlesmith - Melbourne Journal #28, 2/22/42
Filed: 2/22/42, 0015

MERLESMITH
MELBOURNE

PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SHOWS GASHATA, ONE LARGE TRANSPORT, TWO DESTROYERS.

JAP CONVOY 15 MILES SSE KOEPANG (3 TRANSPORTS, 2 CRUISERS, 3 SUBS, 8 DESTROYERS)

39 MILES SSE KOEPANG 1 CRUISER

27 MILES S KOEPANG, 1 LARGE AIRCRAFT CARRIER

SMOKE VICINITY OF KOEPANG AND AIRDRONE.

LANDING STILL IN PROGRESS IS BELIEF. DARWIN REPORTING NO COMMUNICATION.

ONE CRUISER, SIX DESTROYERS SEEN ST. GEORGES CHANNEL BETWEEN NEW IRELAND AND NEW BRITAIN STEAMING SE.

G2 WAR DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

PM February 22, 1942

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Rec. 2:50 P - 2/22/42 Journal # 46
From Col. Weigerman thru FE Meth. N/A
TWO DUTCH DESTROYERS, VAN NESS AND PIET HEIN, WERE
SUNK. FIGHT CRUISER, THAMP, WAS SO DAMAGED THAT HAD TO
BE DISPATCHED FOR REPAIRS TO FREMANTLE, AUS.

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Filed 6:05 2/22/42 Journal # 50
From: ABNACOM (JAVA)
BRETT HAS LEFT FOR TEMPORARY DUTY IN AUSTRALIA.
ADDRESS CABLES MELBOURNE.

Rec. 1:41P 2/22/42 Journal # 49
From ABNACOM, BATAVIA I.B. # 36 2/21/42
1. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT PREPARATIONS ARE BEING
COMPLETED BY THE JAPANESE TO INVADE JAVA. THERE IS NOT
MUCH WE CAN DO TO PREVENT THESE PREPARATIONS OR TO CHECK THE
ADVANCE OF GROUND FORCES ONCE THEY HAVE MADE A LANDING ON
THE ISLAND.
2. AMERICAN AND IMPERIAL TROOP STRENGTHS ON JAVA ARE AS
FOLLOWS: IN ADDITION TO FIGHTING UNITS THERE ARE APPROX
1400 AMERICANS AND ABOUT 6000 AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH AIR
FORCE PERSONNEL, WHO ARE UNARMED AND WHOM I AM TRYING TO
EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY. THE BALANCE REMAINING CONSISTS OF
ARMA HEADQUARTERS (APPROX 250 OFFICERS AND 400 OTHER RANKS),
3 TO 4 THOUSAND PERSONNEL OF THE R.A.F., ABOUT 700 AMERICANS,
MOSTLY ARTILLERY, PART OF THE 7TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
NUMBERING 3000 WHICH INCLUDES 1 PIONEER AND 1 MACHINE GUN
BATTALION, 5500 BRITISH (MISCELLANEOUS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS

Journal # 49 I.B. #36 2/22/42
UNITS AND SQUADRON 3 (GROUP INDECIPHERABLE).

3. AN INVENTORY OF AVAILABLE SHIPS IS BEING MADE IN
THE EVENT THAT YOU ORDER TROOPS TO EVACUATE. DOUBTFUL IF
ENOUGH SHIPS.

AIR STRENGTH IN JAVA: 10 HEAVY BOMBERS, LESS THAN 40
FIGHTERS, AND ABOUT 30 DIVE BOMBERS. THE REDUCTION IN FIGHT-
ERS IS DUE TO THE LARGE LOSSES SUSTAINED YESTERDAY. IT IS
APPARENT THAT THIS FORCE CAN LAST AT BEST ONLY FOR A FEW
MORE DAYS. WASHINGTON HAS STOPPED AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBER
REINFORCEMENTS FROM INDIA, WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH.
THE FIGHTERS FROM THE INDOMITABLE CANNOT REACH JAVA SOON
ENOUGH, AND FIGHTERS CANNOT BE FURNISHED FROM THE EAST.

HE DISAPPEARED NOW BELIEVED TO LIVERWELLT' WHO
WAS* BORN CHURCH* 2/28/1920 SO UNKNOWN HAVE WITH LO
AND BORN BIRMINGHAM* AND HERE WHO WILL BE* AND
ALSO COY* BIRMINGHAM* 2/28/1920
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END LETTER, 6-3-58
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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

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Filed: 10:45 A 2/22/42 Journal #38
From Ft Shafter TH (Emmons)
LAND ACTION NIL, REPORTS OF SUB CONTRACTS DECREASE;
OUR CONCLUSION IS SAME.

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Filed: 8:02P 2/22/42 Journal #43
From Ft. Shafter (Emmons)
OPERATION OF HAWAIIAN AIRFORCE HANDICAPPED DUE TO
PERSONNEL BEING 450 OFFICERS BELOW TABLES OF
ORGANIZATION. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICER PERSONNEL.

Filed: 14:30 2/22/42 Journal #44
From: Chungking (Macmorland)
PROPERTY DESTRUCTION TO BE CARRIED OUT BY 3 OFFICERS,
1 ENY. ALL OTHER MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE RETAINED
NOTICEBOARD. PROPERTY WATCHBOARDS NOT BE RELOCATED FROM
BOMBERS. NOT YET KNOWN. HAVE DESTROYED ALL CODES IN
RANCOON. MAGRUDER RELIEVED EN ROUTE TO OUR PARTIES:
RELIEVED NOW IN MANDALAY.

CONFIDENTIAL: THESE ARE UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS
EXCLUDED FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON
OBSERVATION OF INDIAN VIOLENCE RECORDED IN THE
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (BUREAU)
DATE: 2/22/42

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ONE CONVICTION IN YEAR
TWO VICTIMS IN YEAR
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DATE: 2/22/42

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Journal #48 2/22/42

From Admiralty, London

I.B. #40 2/21/42

GENERAL WAVELL HAS INDICATED IN A PERSONAL WIRE TO THE
CHIEF IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF THAT UNLESS HE IS ORDERED TO
THE CONTRARY, HE WILL CONTINUE HIS HQS IN JAVA.

IT IS OUR SUGGESTION THAT WAVELL SHOULD AT ONCE BE
GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF THAT THE
TIMELY WITHDRAWAL OF THE SUPREMACY COMMANDER AND HIS HQS
FROM JAVA IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, THE PROPER
MOMENT TO REMOVE HIS HQS MUST BE LEFT TO WAVELL'S DECISION.

IT IS OUR SUGGESTION THAT UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THE
HQs FOR THE ARDACOM SHOULD BE AT FRENCHVILLE. THE
DUTCH SHOULD DECIDE WHICH OF THEIR OWN REPRESENTATIVES
WILL REMAIN AND THOSE WHO WILL GO WITH THE HQS.

PROBABLY "LOCATED".

Filed: 3:55 PM 2/21/42

Journal # 51 2/22

From: M/A London

I.B. 55 2/21/42

1. BURMA. OPERATIONS ON THE BILLIN RIVER ARE
MAINTAINED BY BOTH SIDES WITH ONLY MINOR TERRAIN GAINS AND
LOSSES THOUGH WITH HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING OF GREAT INTENSITY.
PYINNA, AND MANDALAY WERE SUBJECTED TO JAPANESE BOMBING
WITH NUMEROUS CASUALTIES AMONG THE CIVIL POPULATION.
OBSERVATION FLIGHTS REVEALED JAP CONCENTRATIONS IN
PANTOOK, THITHADAUNG, AND DAUKYAT. HORSE DRAWN AND MOTOR CO
MOTOR COLUMNS WERE OBSERVED PROCEEDING NORTHWARD ON THE
BILLIN-THATON ROAD. NUMEROUS SMALL SURFACE CRAFT WERE
OBSERVED ON THE BILLIN RIVER.

THE CHINESE 147TH REGIMENT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN
MONGPAN.

2. SUMATRA. THE JAPANESE ARE PROCEEDING IN THE
DIRECTION OF COASTAL AND THE DUTCH HAVE DEMOLISHED ALL
PORT FACILITIES AND SUPPLIES. INDICATIONS HAVE BEEN

Journal # 51 I.B. 55 2/22/42

RECEIVED WHICH LEAD BRITISH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TO
BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS ON THE ISLAND,
THE SECOND OF WHICH WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MALAYA.

3. JAVA. SOUMARAYA, AND THE ALPINE AT NUTZENBORG
AND BANDOENG WERE SUBJECTED TO SEVERE AERIAL BOMBARDMENT.
ONLY FIVE JAPANESE PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN AS AGAINST DOUBLE
THAT NUMBER OF ALLIES.

4. DUTCH BORNEO. THERE IS AN ESTIMATED FORCE OF 2000
JAPS IN OCCUPATION OF SAMARINDA WELL EQUIPPED WITH LIGHT
AND HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND LIGHT INFANTRY CANNON.

5. CELEBES. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE CHIEF JAPANESE BASE
FOR BOMBING OPERATIONS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM DAYAO TO
KINEMANI.

6. TIMOR. THE JAPANESE SUCCEEDED IN MAKING GOOD THEIR
LANDING OPERATIONS AT DAYLIGHT ON FEB. 20 IN THE VICINITY

Journal # 51 I.B. 55 2/22/42

OF KOEPANG AND DILLI AND SEEM TO BE INTENT ON SECURING THE
WHOLE ISLAND.

7. BALI. JAPANESE FORCES MADE SUCCESSFUL LANDINGS
SOUTH OF DEN PASAR AND ON THE NORTHEAST SHORE OF THE
ISLAND.

0-2 Notes:

1. PYINNA on the railroad between YOUNGOO AND MANDALAY
2. PANTOOK this village not located.
3. THITHADAUNG this village not located
4. DAUKYAT this village not located
5. MONGPAN Burmese southern Shan State N from Chienmai

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FROM: ABRACOM, BANDOING I.D.# 39 2/21
FILED: 4:45 a.m. Journal # 61 2/22

IT IS PROBABLE THAT TIMOR WILL BE LOST THROUGH THE LACK OF DECISION & PROMPTNESS. AT FIRST, AUSTR WOULD NOT DISPATCH FORCES TO TIMOR WHICH SLOWED UP PREPARATIONS FOR A FIRM DEFENSE OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS A NECESSARY STAGING AREA FOR FIGHTER CRAFT BETWEEN AUSTR & JAVA. ON 19th 3 TRANSPORTS WERE SUNK AT DAWMIN BY STRONG JAP AERIAL ATTACK. THESE SHIPS WERE PART OF FORCES WHICH FINALLY SET OUT TO RETRACE TIMOR. WERE BOMBED & RETURNED TO PORT.

I.B.# 39 2/2/ JOURNAL # 51 2/22 continued
HAVE COMMITTED THE MAS OF THEIR USABLE GROUND & AIR
FORCES IN FORWARD ZONE OF SOUTHWESTERN AREA. THE OFFEN-
SIVE MENTIONED ABOVE WOULD:

a. DIVERT JAP GROUND & AIR TROOPS INTO SIAM & FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

b. CAPTURE INDO-CHINA & SOUTHERN SIAM.

c. BASE THE HIPPOBUSE ATTACKS ON JAVA.

d. PREVENT THE YUNNAN-BURMA HIGHWAY FROM FALLING INTO JAP HANDS.

2. GI VS US AIRBOMES FOR FUTURE AIR OFFENSIVES
AGAINST JAP OCCUPIED DUTCH E INDIES, MALAYA, PHIP ISLANDS
A JAP MARITIME COMMUNICATION LINES.

SUGGESTED OPERATION WOULD CONSIST OF FOLLOWING:

A COORDINATED ATTACK FROM NORTH BY THE 6th & 8th CHIN ARMSIES GENERALLY TOWARDS CHIENGMAI WITH ATTACK TO SOUTH-EASTWARD & EASTWARD IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF BANHOK, SIAM.

I.B. # 39 2/21 Journal # 51 2/22 continued

FROM GENERAL LOCALITY OF YUNNAN, BANGKOK, CHITTAONG, LASHIO & KWELIN, THE BRIT & U.S. AIR FORCES COULD SUPPORT ABOVE OPERATIONS.

PORT ABOVE OPERATIONS.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION TO THEATER MENTIONED ABOVE ARE PROTECTED TO BURMA FROM EGYPT, WITH NEW ROUTES OF SUPPLY BEING BUILT AS FOLLOWS:

THE HIGHWAY FROM LADO RAILHEAD - MYITKYINA - ON TO
LUNGLEIN & BURMA - YUNNAN HIGHWAY.
MANIPUR ROAD RAILHEAD - KALEWA ON CHINDIN RIVER -
MANDALAY BY WATER.

G-2 COMMENT: MANIPUR-KALEWA ROAD IS MORE USEFUL, SHORTER AND LEADS TO THE NAVIGABLE INTHAWDY RIVER. THIS ROAD IS NOW IN OPERATION.

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LINE: 4:00 b.m.
FROM: VICTORIAN, SYDNEY
JOURNAL # 47
I.B. # 37 2/21/42

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LIST OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MEMBERS

MIDDLE EAST

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Filed 5:10 P 2/22/42 Journal # 47
From: Fellers I.B. #37 2/21/42
1. BRITISH FORCES ON GAZALA - MACHIN LINE ARE AS
FOLLOWS: 11TH AND 5TH BRIGADES OF THE 4TH INDIAN
DIVISION AND 1ST ARMY TANK BRIGADE, GAZALA AREA. TO THE
SOUTHWARD UNITS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
POLISH BRIGADE; 150TH BRIGADE (BRITISH); 1ST SOUTH
AFRICAN DIVISION. MACHIN AREA OCCUPIED BY FREE FRENCH
BRIGADE. 1ST ARMORED DIVISION (GUARDS BRIGADE ATTACHED)
LOCATED IN SQUARE 36-41. 22ND BRIGADE (1ST ARMORED
DIVISION) IS LOCATED ON THE EGYPTIAN - LIBYAN FRONTIER.
2. SALIN - HALPAYA - BARDIA TRIANGLE IS GARRISONED BY
2ND SOUTH AFRICAN DIVISION. GIARABUS OCCUPIED BY A SMALL
DETACHMENT. 5TH NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE IS NOW IN EL ADEN
AREA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ENTIRE NEW ZEALAND
BRIGADE

*Check with G-2 #47
RCS*

From Fellers Journal # 47 I.B. #37 2/21/42
DIVISION WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO SYRIA. 4TH INDIAN DIVISI
ON WILL BE RELIEVED BY 50TH BRITISH DIVISION (WHICH WAS ON
ONCE IN CYPRUS) UPON ARRIVAL OF THE LATTER.
3. LAST REINFORCEMENTS TO REACH BRITISH IN DESERT
AREA ARRIVED ABOUT 1 FEBRUARY. 4TH ARMORED BRIGADE
WILL DEPART FOR WESTERN DESERT NEXT WEEK. COMBAT
EFFICIENCY OF THE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION IS SUBJECT TO
CONSIDERABLE DOUBT. TANK STRENGTH OF BRITISH FORCES IN
WESTERN DESERT IS ESTIMATED TO BE: 100 INFANTRY TANKS
125 CRUISERS, 120 AMERICAN M-3 LIGHT.
1. G-2 Comment; 4TH ARMORED BRIGADE WAS RECENTLY
REPORTED TO BE REORGANIZING IN THE NILE DELTA AREA.

Filed: 2:50p 2/22/42 Journal # 53
From London (MCCLELLAN) I.B. #50
BRIT AIR RECONNAISSANCE OVER DERNA - CAMUSA AREA
SHOWS GOOD ENEMY VEHICLES.
BRIT PATROLS ACTIVE IN FORWARD AREA LIBYA, VICINITY
TUMI - MEKILI AND AS FAR AS MSUS.

G-2 WORK SHEET

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IB #26, 2/20

From: M/A Ankara, Turkey KLUS

Journal #35, 2/20

M/A ANKARA

1. AVAILABLE REPORTS SIGNIFY PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR CONSTRUCTION IN HARBORS OF GREECE OF CONCRETE VESSELS, EACH, IT IS JUDGED, WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF 200 SOLDIERS, RATE OF CONSTRUCTION BEING 60 EACH MONTH. INDICATED THAT BY LATTER PART OF NEXT SUMMER AIM IS TO HAVE BUILT 1,000; ASSUMED THAT THIS NUMBER FINISHED.

2/ ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE NAZI TROOPS BEING MOVED OUT OF YUGOSLAVIA & GREECE, ACCORDING ADVICE OF TURKS.

3. ON COASTS OF BULGARIA & ROMANIA ARE CAIQUES NUMBERING APPROX. 100, EACH CAN HOLD FROM 150 TO 200 SOLDIERS, & MORE BEING BUILT. ALSO 130 FERRIES OF SIBEL TYPE, EACH CAN CARRY 4 BIG TRUCKS. INFORMATION REPORTED BY DIFFERENT INFORMANTS.

G-2 NOTE: WE REQUESTED CARRYING CAPACITY OF GERMAN BARGE FLEET IN AEGEAN & BLACK SEAS.

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FROM: BENTLEY, TANGIER

I.B. 66 2/20

TANGIER

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SITUATION UNCHANGED.

FROM: KIRK, CAIRO VIA STATE JOURNAL # 61 2/20

CAIRO

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NO CHANGE IN CANAL SITUATION UP TO AND INCLUDING 2/18.

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Journal #51, 2/20

CAIRO

From: Fellers, Cairo

I.B. #56, 2/20

BRITISH HAVE 860 AIRCRAFT IN SQUADRONS OF 172 SERVICEABLE IN DEPOTS AND A TOTAL OF 953 IN DEPOTS. THE SERVICEABILITY OF AIRCRAFT IN SQUADRON IS 59%.

THE AXIS AVERAGED 55 AIRCRAFT DAILY OVER MALTA FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEB. 16TH. ATTACKS WERE CONCENTRATED ON AIRDROMES AND SHIPPING. H.M.S. MACRI WAS SUNK IN GRAND HARBOR DURING NIGHT RAIDS OF FEB. 11. LIXIA AIRDROMES WERE ATTACKED THREE TIMES FEB. 15 BY 123 ME 109'S AND JU 88'S AND FROM 800 THRU 1830 CONTINUOUS ALERT MAINTAINED HOURLY

THERE HAS BEEN SHARP INCREASE IN AXIS AIR ACTIVITY OVER MEDITERRANEAN AND SUCCESSION OF VICIOUS ATTACKS DURING DAYLIGHT ON A CONVOY BETWEEN EGYPT AND MALTA. ME 111'S, JU 88'S AND S 79 TORPEDO BOMBERS FROM GREECE, SICILY AND RHODES PARTICIPATED. TWO MERCHANT SHIPS

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AND THE CONVOY WERE BADLY DAMAGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY SUNK BY BRIT GUNFIRE. THIS SHIPS WERE CARRYING FOOD, AMMUNITION AND GASOLINE. ITALIAN TORPEDO BOMBERS HAD LITTLE SUCCESS AND WERE DRIVEN OFF. BRITISH DESTROYED TWO S 79'S AND DAMAGED A THIRD.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE REPORTED IN THE STRENGTH OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE SINCE CABLE NO. 803. THE STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION OF ITALIAN AIR FORCES SHOWN AS: WEST SECTOR LIBYA: 24 BOMBERS, 6 TORPEDO BOMBERS, 84 SINGLE ENGINE FIGHTERS, 18 RECONNAISSANCE, 16 SEA RECON. 20 TRANSPORT. IN EAST LIBYAN SECTOR ITALIANS HAVE 6 TORPEDO BOMBERS, 120 SINGLE ENGINE FIGHTERS, 36 RECON. 12 DIVE BOMBERS. IN SAHARAN SECTOR HAVE 30 RECON BOMBERS

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CAIRO

From: Fellers, Cairo

I.B. #70, 2/20

GERMAN TANKS IN LIBYA EST. BY BRIT AS 106 MED. 27 LT.
1 SQ. GERM. TANK REINFORCEMENTS HAVE APPARENTLY JOINED
ROMMEL. IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL RECEIVE 4 SQ (OF 17 TANKS
EACH) WITHIN 2 MOS. ITALIANS HAVE 112 TANKS IN LIBYA
(EST) ALSO PROBABLY 27 UNIDENTIFIED TANKS AND ONE TANK
MOST EXPECTED FROM NAPLES.

15TH PANZER DIV REINFORCED BY 33 ANTITANK GUNS OF FR.
AND RUSS. MAKE.

21ST PANZER DIV. REINFORCED BY 12 FR. & 12 RUSS
ANTITANK GUNS.

AXIS TROOPS IN LIBYA:

	GERMAN	ITALIAN
ARMY & CORPS TROOPS	6000	3150
15TH PANZER DIV.	6000	
21ST PANZER DIV.	5000	
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90th LIGHT DIV.	2900	
ARIETE ARMORED DIV.		2650
TRIESTE-TRENTO DIV.		6200
PAVIA		1500
SABRATA		4000
BRESCIA		3000
BOLOGNA		1000

FEBR. 16 MECHILI-CARMUSA AREA 2 GER PANZER DIVS.
ROMMEL'S FORCE WITHDREW NW AND SW LEAVING COVERING FORCE
(SMALL) ALONG GAZALA-BACHHEIM LINE.

AXIS NOW (MASS) SOUTH AND SLIGHTLY WEST OF DERNA.

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Journal #64, 2/20

From: Huddle, Bern thru St. Dept.

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From: M/A Buenos Aires Argentina Journal #37, 2/20

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT POLICY OF STRICT NEUTRALITY AGREED UPON BETWEEN ARGENTINA & CHILE, TO BE MADE PUBLIC SIMULTANEOUSLY BY EACH AT A TIME SET BY ARGENTINA IN EVENT U.S. ATTEMPTS TO EXERT INFLUENCE IN ECONOMIC FIELD ARE DISCLOSED, BUT ANNOUNCEMENT NOT ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO ELECTIONS IN MARCH. AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED AS TO JOINT DEFENSE. POLITICAL TENSION ACUTE. O-2 Comment: SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD MATERIALLY STRENGTHEN ARGENTINA'S POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO U.S. POLICIES, PROVIDE A MEANS FOR HER WITHDRAWAL FROM ANY MORAL COMMITMENTS OF RIO CONFERENCE, ENABLE HER TO BRING PRESSURE ON WEAK NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO REVERSE THEIR RELUCTANT ACTION IN SUPPORTING U.S. SHE WOULD THUS INCREASE HER PRESTIGE & INFLUENCE IN SOUTH AMER, & WITH EUROPEAN POWERS OPPOSING THE U.S.

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FROM: FBI 2/18

JOURNAL # 45 2/20

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES AT CUBA TODAY REPORTS THAT GERMAN AGENTS IN CUBA ARE DISCUSSING THE FACT THAT 1500 AIRPLANES AND 50 SUBS ARE NEAR READINESS AT MARTINIQUE FOR AN ATTACK ON THE PANAMA CANAL, PUERTO RICO, FLORIDA, OR THE FLA. KEYS AND CUBA. IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION BY INVESTIGATION.

(SITUATION SECTION NOTE: THIS INFORMATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED IN THE SITUATION SECTION ON NIGHT OF FEB. 18 FROM FBI, VIA CIB. WHILE IT IS ABOVE STATED THAT 50 SUBS ARE CONCENTRATED AT MARTINIQUE, THE INFORMATION FROM CIB WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WERE ONLY 15 SUBMARINES. CIB CHECKED THIS DISCREPANCY AND INFORMED SITUATION SECTION AT 7:15 P.M. 2/20, THAT FBI CONFIRMS THE FIGURE 50. ACCORDING TO MEMORANDUM TO GEN. LEE, NAVY HAS DIRECTED ITS

JOURNAL # 45 2/20 continued

OBSERVERS AT MARTINIQUE TO INVESTIGATE.)

FROM: A.E. GAFETTE, LEADER OF COUNCIL, CITY MONTREAL QUE
FILED: 2/14 9:00 a.m. JOURNAL # 44 2/20 BEC
VIA FBI

THE CONCENTRATION OF SUBMARINES ON BOTH SIDES OF PANAMA CANAL, IN LARGE NUMBER IS STILL INDICATED FOR A POSSIBLE ATTACK TOMORROW SUNDAY, LATE AFTERNOON.

4:00 p.m.

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FROM: STANDISH, ARUBA

JOURNAL # 63 2/20

ARUBA

FILED: 2/20 VIA STATE

SS GIBBINS WILL PROBABLY BE ESCORTED TO CURACAO TODAY.

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Journal #65, 2/20

From: CDC thru GHQ

CDC Thru GHQ

REPORT BY US SUB. S-21, ENEMY SUB WAS SIGHTED AT 1913
LOT FEBR. 19 AT 06°44'N 82° 54' W. WHEN S-21 ALTERED
COURSE TO ATTACK ENEMY DOVE - THIS WAS ONLY CONTACT.

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Journal #7, 2/21

From: Amer. Consul at Aruba Thru St. Dept.

ARUBA

AT 5:30 AM FEBR 19 DESTROYER WINSLOW TO ILLUMINATE
POSSIBLE SUB JUST OFF LAGO COLONY FIRED FIVE STAR SHELLS.
EMPTY SHELLS FELL IN COLONY CAUSING Hysteria UPON AMER
RESIDENTS, ONLY SLIGHT MATERIAL DAMAGE AND NO CASUALTIES.
NO SUBS OBSERVED. LATER IN MORNING SAME VESSEL DROPPED
DEPTH CHARGES IN ORDER TO CLEAR APPROACHES TO SANNICCLAAS
HARBOR, AS FIRST CONVOY OF 3 TANKERS WAS STANDING OUT TO
SEA. ON HEARING EXPLOSIONS CREW MEMBERS OF PANAMAN SHIP
TYPHOON PANICKED AND NUMBER ABANDONED THE VESSEL. NEWS
REPORT THAT SHIP SINKING IS UNFOUNDED.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ADMIRAL HOOVER WAS IN ARUBA AND ADVISED
WE CANNOT EXPECT AN INCREASE IN DEFENSE FORCES.

DURING PAST 3 DAYS ENEMY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY INACTIVE
DUE PROBABLY TO INTENSIVE ALLIED NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS
IN THIS AREA. EXCEPT FOR CONVOYS ALL SHIPPING IS HELD IN
JOURNAL #7, 2/21 CONTD.

PORT.

BEGINNING AFTERNOON FEBR. 20 OR MORNING FEBR 21 WILL
BEGIN EVACUATING BY AIR BY WAY OF MARACAIBO AND
BARRANQUILLA TO MIAMI. IN NEXT THREE DAYS EXPECT TO
EVACUATE 150 PERSONS.

PLEASE ADVISE QUARTERMASTER GEN. THAT THE TRANSPORT
HANNAY ARRIVED FROM CURACAO AT 2 PM BRING ADDITIONAL
TROOPS.

STANDISH

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Journal #9, 2/21

From: Bennett, LaPas

I.B. #12, 2/21

LA PAZ

BOLIVIAN GOVT OFFICIALS FRIGHTENED BY CONTINUED AXIS
SUCCESS, WEAKENING IN FORCING DEPARTURE OF AXIS
DIPLOMATS SCHEDULED FOR FEBR. 26.

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON

I.B.# 65 2/20

LONDON

FILED: 4:42 p.m. 2/20

Journal # 58 2/20

RUSS SITUATION TO 2/18 ACCORDING TO W.O.:

WHILE SOVIETS HAVE NOT ADVANCED ANY THIS WEEK OWING, PROBABLY TO WEATHER, CAUSING IN SOME PLACES A THAW & IN OTHERS A DEEP SNOW, & RESISTANCE OF GERMANS, IT IS STILL TOO SOON TO DETERMINE WHETHER GERMANS CAN HOLD RUSS TO PRESENT LINE.

PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF TEMPORARY THAW, GERM COUNTER THRUSTS IN DONETS AREA OF UKRAINE HAVE MET WITH SMALL SUCCESS.

THERE IS NO DEFINITE NEWS AS TO PROGRESS OF RUSS Pincer TO W. OF MOSCOW, BUT REPORTS OF PROGRESS IN NEWSPAPERS BELIEVED OVER OPTIMISTIC; IN ANY EVENT, IT IS KNOWN THAT CENTRAL SECTOR IS SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING.

KERCH AND SEVASTOPOL ARE STILL HELD BY RUSS, AND IT IS THOUGHT THAT THEY ARE BEING REINFORCED.

RUSS FEEL CONFIDENT OF CLEARING GERMANS FROM AROUND

I.B.# 65 Journal # 58 2/20 continued

LENINGRAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT FOR THE PRESENT THE FIGHTING CONTINUES TO BE HEAVY.

ON THE FINNISH FRONT THERE ARE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

FROM: LEAHY, VICHY VIA STATE

JOURNAL # 62 2/20

VICHY

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THERE ARE NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING MILITARY SITUATION

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BERN

From Huddle, Bern thru St. Dept.

SEE SUMMARY POSTED UNDER W.E. FROM HUDDLE, BERN JOURNAL #64.

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from: FREXTOWN I.B. # 49 2/20
FILED: 2/18 JOURNAL # 40 2/20
REF. YOUR DESPATCH OF 16th:
MY RELIEF SHIPS FROM SOUTH ABOUT NOON 18th PLUS TWO OF
THE PATROL VESSELS COVERING PROTECTED SECTOR INTO FREE-
TOWN.

REFERENCE: PAA PILOT SEARCHING OFF LIBERIA COAST FEB. 6th
AFTER SPOTTING SS FOR BRIT CONVOY ESCORT LATER SIGHTED
SUSPICIOUS FAST SHIP APPARENTLY ENEMY SUBTENDER ABOUT
FIFTY MILES FROM CONVOY. ALSO SIGHTED VICHY THREE STACK
STEAMER UNDER ESCORT BELIEVED PROVIDENCE.

(I.B. NOTE: THIS FURTHER REPORT ON THE MESSAGE FORMING
BASIS OF I.B. # 22 FEB. 17, PREPARED BY AIR SECTION)

FROM: A ET. GAYETTE, LEADER OF COUNCIL, CITY MONTREAL, QUE
FILED: 2/14 9:00 a.m. I.B. SEC
VIA F B I JOURNAL # 44 2/20
RESEARCH AS OF FEB 14, 1942 - TIME 9: a.m.
SUBJECT: - ENEMY CHAPS:

IT IS INDICATED THAT THREE MEN OF WAR THAT WENT THROUGH
THE STRAIT OF DOVER TWO DAYS AGO WERE NOT ALL GERM BOATS.
THE SCHARNHORST WAS ONE OF THEM, OF THE TWO OTHERS, IT
IS INDICATED THAT ONE WAS AN ITALIAN MAN OF WAR & THE OTHER
A FRENCH LARGE UNIT.

THE GNEISENEAU IS INDICATED AS HAVING CROSSED THE ATLANTIC
& IS INDICATED THIS MORNING AS BEING ABOUT 500 MI AT SEA
EAST OF PHILA ON NORTH LATITUDE, 40°.

AS TO PRINCE EUGENE, IT IS INDICATED AS BEING S. OF BREST
DISABLED. THIS IS SUBJECT TO FURTHER RESEARCH & POSSIBLE
REVISION.

Filed: 2/20/42, 12:25 P. Journal #43, 2/20
From: R.T.O. Thru GHQ

DESTROYER TRUXTON AND SUPPLY SHIP POLLOCK HAVE 8
CASUALTIES ACCORDING TO NEWFOUNDLAND REPORT. DESTROYER
WILKINS HAS SENT NO REPORT.

WILKINS

WFO thru GHQ

From: WFO thru GHQ Journal #60, 2/20
Filed: 2/20/42, 9:38 P.

1ST INTERRUPTED COMMAND N.Y. SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
AT 8:15 FROM INTERCOMMAND ROOM: BOMBER COMMANDED AT
MONTPELL FIELD INTERCEPTED A RADIO AT 1910, WHICH SAID
AN EXPLOSION HAD BEEN SEEN 20 MI S VIRGINIA BEACH &
15 MI OFF SHORE. OBSERVATION PLANES DISPATCHED SIGHTED
A FREIGHTER PROCEEDING N. AT 64 KNOT 55 WITH HER GUNS
MANNED BY CANNONERS IN LIFE BELTS & U.S. DESTROYER
PRESENT.

DET. ROOM NOTE: (GHQ CALLED BACK AT 2315 TO SAY THAT WFO
HAD BEEN INFORMED BY NAVY THAT NAVY DIVE BOMBERS WERE
PRACTICING IN THE VICINITY WHERE EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED
AND AT THE TIME THAT THE EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED).

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Journal #46, 2/20

From: 0-2 E.T.O. thru GHQ

E.T.O. Thru GHQ

REPORT FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR, ORIGINATING WITH
RUS NORFOLK, STATES THAT SCHOONER GEORGIANA SILVER SAW A
BIG SUBMARINE ON THE SURFACE AT 200 YARDS DISTANCE AT
0600 GMT FEB 20. LAT. 36°35' N. LONG 75°42' W., SUB PUT
SEARCH LIGHT ON SCHOONER AND THEN LEFT WITHOUT HOSTILE
ACTION. REPORT FROM SAME SECTOR GIVES RADIO INTERCEPT
FROM NEWBURN, N. CAROLINA, "SUB SEEN ABOUT 1650 GMT,
FEB. 20 AT LAT. 32°40' N & LONG. 0°30' W."

WATKINS.

0-2 COMMENT: LOCATION OF SUB IS IN ATLAS MOUNTAINS OF
ALGERIA, CORRECTION ASKED FOR)

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES #1

PACIFIC THEATER

Filed: 1:08 AM 2/20 IB #33, 2/20
From: BANDOENG, JAVA BRINK Journal #36, 2/20
JAPS REPORTED TO HAVE USED A TWO-MAN FLAME THROWER AT
TARAKAN. DETAILS LACKING, BUT APPEARS THAT BOX WHICH WAS
ABOUT 24" x 24" x 20", WAS CARRIED BY 1 MAN, WHILE THE
HOSE, APPROX. 6 FT LONG, WAS OPERATED BY THE OTHER.
RANGE OF FLAME SAID TO BE ABOUT 16 FT. REPORTS DID NOT
THROW ANY LIGHT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF DEVICE.
BRINK HAS NO INFORMATION ON USE OF FLAME THROWERS BY
JAPS AT SINGAPORE, AS REPORTED MENTIONED IN LONDON PRESS.

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FROM: BUCKNER, FR RICHARDSON JOURNAL # 41 2/20
FILED: 1115 2/20
REPORT OF STATUS OF PLANES.

FROM: ONI VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 39 2/20
FILED: 3:20 p.m.

ONI VIA GHQ

DEFINITELY INCREASED ACTIVITY IS NOTED IN THE EASTERN
THEATRE INDICATING NEW DEVELOPMENTS SOUTH OF THE TRUK-
JALUT AREA. JAP BOMBERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED ORDERS TO
PATROL SEA AREAS FROM A BASE IN THE MARSHALLS, EXTENDING
600 MILES IN THE NE AND SE QUADRANTS.

FROM: GHQ JAVA I.B.# 47 2/20
FILED: 0050 EWT 2/20 JOURNAL # 39 2/20
1. BALI ATTACKED BY GLEN MARTINS & BLENHEIMS.
2. 30 ENEMY FIGHTERS ATTACKED BUIT INORG (?) & BANDOENG.
5 ALLIED PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND, 5 FIGHTERS IN AIR. SCURAB
SCURABAYA ATTACKED; ENEMY LOST 4 FIGHTERS; ALLIED 3 P-40'S.
NO FURTHER DETAILS.
3. ENEMY FORCE (4 TRANSPORTS & ESCORT) OFF SE BALI AND
WERE ATTACKED BY ALLIED PLANES 5 DIRECT HITS CLAIMED ON
2 TRANSPORTS & DESTROYERS.
LANDINGS REPORTED SOUTH & N.W OF BEN SPIR (?).

GHO-Java.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON
FILED: 2:30 P 2/20

I.B.# 50 2/20
Journal # 42 2/20

A SENIOR BRIT OFFICER HAS EXPRESSED HIS PURELY PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE CAPTURE OF RANGOON IS THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE JAP PLAN AGAINST THE BURMA ROAD. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT SO FAR AS IS KNOWN THE JAPS HAVE ONLY ONE DIVS ON THE RANGOON FRONT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE CAPTURE OF RANGOON WOULD TERMINATE THE PRESENT SOURCE OF SUPPLY BURMA ROAD & FACILITATE FUTURE JAP PROGRESS TO THE NORTH MORE THAN ANY ADVANCES AGAINST THE BURMA ROAD NORTH FROM SIAM, WITH OPPOSITION OF CHIN ARMIES. WHEN CONSIDERED THAT THE JAPS NOW HAVE 2 DIVS, PLUS 1 TANK REGT & 1 TANK BN AVAILABLE IN SOUTH ASIA & AT LEAST 4 or 5 IN MALAYA THAT ARE NOW FREE, THIS OPINION SOUNDS REASONABLE. SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED THAT JAPS COULD PROBABLY NOW GET NAVAL FORCE THRU MALACCA STRAITS FOR OPERATION AGAINST RANGOON & THE LAND FORCES S. OF THE CITY.

I.B.# 50 Journal # 42 2/20 continued

NO DETAILS AS TO AIR RAID ON PORT DARWIN ON 2/19. JAPS LANDED DENPASAR, BALI 2/19 FROM 4 SHIPS.

PANDONG & BUTENZORG, WEST JAVA WERE ATTACKED 2/19 BY ENEMY BOMBERS OPERATING FROM PALEMBANG. CONSIDERABLE DUTCH NAVAL DAMAGE AT SOERABAYA FROM JAP BOMBING ATTACKS ON THAT PLACE & MALANG. THE ENEMY HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP THE CONTINUING ALLIED WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS TO JAVA FROM S SUMATRA.

THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY REPORTED IN N. BURMA. A LARGE ENEMY CONCENTRATION REPORTED ON BURMA COAST AREA KALITANGI-TAUNGOYIN. THE JAPS CROSSED TO WEST BANK OF BILIN RIVER N OF BILIN ON 2/17 ON THE SOUTHERN BURMA FRONT, & FIERCE CLOSE QUARTERS FIGHTING OCCURRED. NUMEROUS COUNTER-ATTACKS WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES TO BRIT., INDIAN DEFENDERS. LATER REPORTS TO WAR OFFICE THRU 8:)) A M 2/20 SHOW JAPS ARE ARE CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO ENVELOP BRIT LEFT FLANK VICINITY

I.B.# 50 JOURNAL # 42 2/20 continued

OF DANYINGOON, WITH EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING & THE RESULT IN DOUBT. FURTHER S. THE JAPS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING THE BILIN RIVER S. OF BILIN & THE INDIAN 48TH BVDE WAS COUNTER-ATTACKING IN EFFORT TO FORCE ENEMY BACK. BETWEEN THE TWO PRECEDING POINTS BRIT TROOPS LAST REPORTED TO BE HOLDING THEIR OWN ALONG THE RIVER.

FROM: DRAPER, DELHI
FILED: 2/15

I.B.# 54 2/20
JOURNAL # 54 2/20

REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF MACHINE TOOLS FOR INDIAN ORDNANCE NOW ON ORDER IN U.S. BY EXPEDITED.

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FROM: A E GAYETTE, LEADER OF COUNCIL, CITY MONTREAL, QUE
FILED: 2/14 9:00 p.m. JOURNAL # 44 2/20 REC
VIA FBI

NO CHANGES ON THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST. ONLY ONE IS
INDICATED SOUTH OF LOS ANGELES.

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FROM: HAYER, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 47 2/20
FILED: 0830 2/20

SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE TO CURTAIL EXCESSIVE PRAISE OF
CHINESE MILIT PROGRESS EMANATING FROM U.S. THERE IS A DEF-
INITE TENDENCY IN CHINA TO LOOK DOWN UPON THE MILIT ABILITY
OF THE BRIT AND TO A LESSER EXTENT OUR OWN, AND WHILE
MOST OF THE RESPONSIBLE CHIN BELIEVE THAT CHINA CAN BEST
BE SERVED BY STANDING WITH THE ALLIED, THE CRITICISM FOST-
ERED AS IT IS BY THE OPTIMISM OF THE FOREIGN PRESS AND
CHINESE AND FOREIGN SPOKESMEN, HAS NOTICEABLY GROWN SINCE
THE TAKING OF SINGAPORE.

FROM: THORPE, JAVA JOURNAL # 48 2/20
FILED 1245 A 2/21

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE PREPARATORY FOR EVACUATION.
SINCE AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE ALREADY PROPERLY PROVIDED FOR,
PRACTICALLY ALL TROOPS WILL BE SENT TO INDIA.
BASED ON OBSERVATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING
COMMENT: IF WE ARE TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ANYTHE
OTHER THEATERS, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT A DIFFERENT VIEW POINT
MUST BE ADOPTED. IF THE WAR IS TO BE CARRIED TO A SUCCESS-
FUL CONCLUSION, ACTION MUST BE AGGRESSIVE.

(THIS IS CONCLUDED ON BOTTOM PARAGRAPH) SEE BELOW

FROM: HERTT, JAVA JOURNAL # 59 2/20
FILED: 2:95 ? 2/20

240 WORD REPORT AS TO CERTAIN UNSATISFACTORY FEATURES
OF B-17(S WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR THEIR ELIMINATION.

See J.I. C
Rep. 2/1/42

FROM: ENT, LINA JOURNAL 52 2/20
FILED: 1008 A 2/20 I.B. # 57 2/20
JAPS USING 1932 PLAN OF OPERATIONS IS HELD BY BELGIUM'S
MINISTER TO PRUS.

***** JOURNAL # 48 concluded

STAFF & COMMAND FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN HANDS OF
AMERICAN OFFICERS.

A DETERMINED CLINGING TO OUT-MODED PROCEDURE IS GIVEN PRECEDENCE
OVER AGGRESSIVE INITIATIVE, & STAFF FUNCTIONS ARE EXERCISED THRU
OBSTRUCTIVE & CUMBERSOME COMMITTEES.

FROM: BRETT, JAVA

JOURNAL # 50 2/20

BRETT, JAVA

FILED: 9020 2/20

REPORT OF AIR ACTIVITIES.

a. STATUS OF PLANES (2/19 at 1200 GMT)

20 B-17's	11 in commission
11 A-24	7 in commission
9 LB-30	5 in commission
26 P-40's	18 "

b. MISSIONS

SINGLE AIRCRAFT	4 missions	
4 AIRCRAFT	1 "	18P-40's 1 miss.
2 B-17's	1 "	
3 LB 30's	1 "	
2 A-24	1 "	

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c. RESULTS

ONE PILOT LOST AND 3 P-40'S DOWNED. 4 JAP PURSUITS ENCKED OUT. JAP TRANSPORTS, DESTROYERS AND CRUISERS SUFFERED MANY NEAR MISSES AND A NUMBER OF DIRECT HITS. PRO INDIA THERE ARRIVED 3 B-17's. AT BANDOENG 2 MISS. INCH MISSING, AND GUNNER KILLED WHEN A 2503 WAS SHOT DOWN. RAID ON BANDOENG RESULTED IN DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF ONE 2493.

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Journal #55, 2/20

WDC Thru GHQ

From: WDC Thru GHQ

NO. 159 PERIODICAL REPORT NO. 197 NOON PWT, FEB. 20, REPORTED BY ALASKA THAT SEARCH OF AREA YAKUTAT - MIDDLETON ISLAND - CEWARD BY ARMY PLANES 19 FEB, LOOKING FOR SUB THAT SS DOWNED REPORTED SEEN ON 18TH FEB. WAS NEGATIVE. SEARCH WILL BE REPEATED TODAY FROM YAKUTAT. ALASKA ALSO REPORTS 2 RADIO BEARINGS AT LAT. 54°30' N. LONG. 136°30' W AT 0915 OCT 19TH FEB. ON 8348 KCS. ALASKA BELIEVES THESE TO BE JAP RADIO AND POSSIBLY ENEMY VESSELS SENDING IN INFORMATION ON PRINCIPAL ROUTE OF ALASKAN SEA TRAFFIC. THE CONCLUSIONS OF ALASKA G-2 EST FOLLOW: AS CONSEQUENCE OF VICTORIAN OPERATIONS IN NEI AND FMS AND IMPROVING METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS AROUND THE ALEUTS, THE CHANCES FOR ENEMY OPERATIONS IN THIS VICINITY ARE GREATER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN ASSAULT ON THE ALEUTS WILL PRECEED ANY ATTACK ON SIBERIA'S

MARITIME PROVINCES WITH THE PURPOSE OF CUTTING THEM OFF AND BLOCKING US AID TO RUSSIA. EVEN IF NO ASSAULT IS MADE BY JAP BY JAPAN ON EASTERN SIBERIA, A SEPARATE ATTACK ON THE ALEUTS IS PROBABLE BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE OF THE JAPS TO DESTROY THE LAST REMAINING LINK FOR OPERATING OFFENSIVELY AGAINST JAPANESE HOMELAND.

STROM.

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Journal #53, 2/20/42

From: Sharps, JAVA

I.B. #58, 2/20

Sharp - JAVA

SANDIR, KALIDATI AND MALANI HEAVILY BOMBED.

JAPS OCCUPIED BALI AND PROBABLY TIMOR. STRENGTH OF JAPS AT BALI BELIEVED 3000.

MUST CONCLUDE JAVA CANNOT BE DEFENDED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING SINCE INSPECTION SHOWED LARGE AND CRITICAL AREAS WITHOUT ANY TROOPS AVAILABLE TO PROTECT THEM.

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Journal #56, 2/20

From: Barnes, Melbourne

MELBOURNE

TWO RAIDS ON DARWIN (ONE ON FEB 19 ALREADY REPORTED) CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE.

NO DAMAGE AT BATCHELOR AIRFIELD. CIVIL AIRPORT & RAAF BASE BADLY HANDLED; 7 P-40S DAMAGED AND 2 DESTROYED ON GROUND; HANGARS ALL A TOTAL LOSS.

AMERICAN DESTROYER PEARY, MAUMA LOA AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS ARE COMPLETE WRECKS; DOCK RUINED; 1 UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AND THE MENDS DAMAGED.

CASUALTIES BELIEVED NOT HEAVY.

OWING TO POOR COMMUNICATIONS DETAILS ARE NOT KNOWN.

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Journal #49, 2/20

From: G-2 CDC thru GHQ

G-2 CDC thru GHQ

CDC 730 PARAPHRASE OF REPORT FROM COCSF TODAY WITH FACTS GATHERED ON MY VISIT TO CURACO AND ARUBA ON FEB. 19; (REPORT COVERS PRECEDING 24 HOURS)

PROJECTILES FALLING IN ARUBA TODAY WERE STAR SHELL CASES FROM DESTROYER WINSLOW. DEPTH CHARGES DROPPED NEAR CONVOY REPORTED AS SINKING TYPHOONS. MOVEMENT OF LAKE TANKERS WILL COMMENCE AGAIN VERY SOON UNDER AIR ESCORT AND CONVOY. A LESSENING OF VOLUME OF LAKE TANKER TRAFFIC IS TO BE LOOKED FOR; VOLUME OF OCEAN TRAFFIC IS BEING KEPT UP SATISFACTORILY, IT BEING UNCONVOYED AND AIR-ESCORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE ISLANDS. THE SUCCESS OF LAKE TRAFFIC IS DUBIOUS BECAUSE OF LIMITS ON AVAILABLE SOURCES. LIGHT DRAFT TANKERS ARE NOT REPLACEABLE ACCORDING TO LOCAL INFORMATION.

SINKINGS IN TRINIDAD HARBOR CREDITED TO ENEMY SUBS.

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THIS CONSTITUTES THE LAST OFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED.

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Journal #3, 2/21

From: ABDACOM

ABDACOM

SIG. CORPS PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR CODE AND MESSAGE CENTER: 1 COL, 1 LT. COL, 5 INEXPERIENCED OFFICERS. NO EQUIPMENT. LT. COL BOONMAN TO DETACH 5 OFFICERS AND SOME ENLISTED MEN FROM 52D SIG BN. ON ARRIVAL, AUSTRALIA TO HOLD 176TH SIG. REPAIR CO. TO OPERATE DEPOT.

Filed: 2/16/42, 2200
From: Shipp, Lisbon

Journal #2, 2/21

LISBON

COMPETENT AUTHORITY STATES IF ALLIES CONTINUE PRESENT POLICY (FAVORING ATLANTIC) JAPS WILL TAKE BURMA, N.E.I., NEW GUINEA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND S. INDIA. WILL DOMINATE S. INDIAN OCEAN AND MAY ASSIST IN SEIZING SUEZ. ALL PACIFIC BASES WILL BE LOST AND CHINA WILL CAPITULATE.

RUMOR JAPS USING 90 TRANSPORTS WILL TAKE JAVA IN 2 WEEKS.

NORMAL REPLACEMENTS FOR MOZAMBIQUE SAILED 2/14
2 COS 6th INF. 500 MEN. 2/16 1 CO. 190 MEN.

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Filed: 2/21/42, 0050
From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills

Journal #6, 2/21

MACARTHUR

INF ACTIVITY ONLY AT BATAAN. ARTY DUEL AND JAP AIR BOMBING. JAPS SHELLING MARCE PORTS. OUR COUNTER BATTERY FIRE RETURNED. SOUTH AS BEFORE.

Filed: 2/21/42, 0040
From: Brett, Java

Journal #4, 2/21

JAVA

A-24S ATTACKED AT DAWN JAP SHIPPING AT BALI WITH FIGHTER COVER. 2 A-24'S LOST, ONE SEEN DIVING INTO WATER. JAP CRUISER BADLY DAMAGED. 3 L-30S ATTACKED ANOTHER JAP CRUISER AT BALI. 3 HITS 8 CLOSE MISSES. 3 B-17S DESTROYED ON GROUND AT MALANG BY JAP FIGHTERS AND PURSUIT WHEN LANDING TO REFUEL. 1 P-40 TAKE OFF CRASH. 16 P-40S ATTACKED OVER BALI BY 24 JAP FIGHTERS, 2 LOST, JAPS LOST 3. BOTH PILOTS MISSING INCL. MAJ. SPRAGUE, 2 P-40S CRASHED LANDING ON E JAVA BEACH WITH WOUNDED PILOTS.

TOTAL LOSSES
2 A-24
5 B-17 E
5 P-40
4 PILOTS.

Filed: 2/20/42, 2110
From: Shipp, Lisbon

Journal #8, 2/21
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LISBON

JAP DIPLOMAT PREDICTS ANOTHER SURPRISE ATTACK ON HAWAII IN CONVERSATION WITH PORTUGUESE OFFICER.

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Journal #10, 2/21

From: Brett, Java

I.B. #13, 2/21

JAVA

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Febr. 14 FIRST OFFICIAL USE PARATROOPS. 700 WERE DROPPED FROM 100 PLANES NEAR PALEMBANG (INCL SOME HUDSONS WITH BRIT. MARKINGS). 300 LANDED NW OF THE TOWN NEAR THE #1 AIRDROME, 300 AT PALDJOE & 100 E OF TOWN, AT SUNGIRERONG REFINERIES.

OBJECTIVE SEIZURE OF REFINERIES AND AIRDROME BUT FAILED AS DUTCH GARRISON HAD BEEN DOUBLED TO 2 BNS JUST PREVIOUSLY. THIS WAS POSSIBLY UNKNOWN TO JAPS WHO HAD INSUFFICIENT STRENGTH THOUGH ARMED WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS AND LIGHT MORTARS. THE 2ND PARA LANDING OCCURRED BUT THE ACCOMPANYING LANDING FROM SEA DID NOT HAPPEN UNTIL THE FOLLOWING NIGHT. THE DELAY GAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MOP UP THE UNSUPPORTED PARATROOPS AND DEMOLISH THE REFINERIES EARLY FEB. 15 THE AIRDROME WAS EVACUATED. IN THE FACE OF THE ADVANCE OF TROOPS LANDED FROM THE SEA POSSIBLY BEFORE

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COMPLETION OF DEMOLITIONS THEREFORE THE DELAY AND INTERFERENCE WITH SUCH WAS THE ONLY USEFUL RESULT OF THE LANDING BY PARACHUTE. FEB. 15 THE OIL FIELD AT SORDEB WAS ORDERED DESTROYED AND NO SERIOUS INTERFERENCE WILL OCCUR FROM ANY ENEMY ACTION YET REPORTED.

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Journal #11, 2/21

JAVA

From: Brett, Java

VERY CRITICAL SITUATION. COMBINATION OF BRIT. N.E.I & AN. AIRFORCES FACILITATED BY EVERY METHOD. STOP ORDER ISSUED ON FURTHER TROOP MOVEMENT TO JAVA. PLAN TO SEND BRERETON TO BURMA TO PREPARE FOR ANY FORCE ORGANIZED TO MEET THAT SITUATION. URGE IMMEDIATE BUILD UP OF THESE TWO FLANKS. URGE PREPARATION FOR OFFENSE. WILL SEND MAINT. CREWS TO INDIA OR BURMA TO HELP PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL OF COMBAT EQUIPMENT. REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONS WE ARE WORKING UNDER.

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Journal #2, 2/21

From: SHIPP, LISBON

I.B. #2, 2/21

LISBON

GIBRALTAR WEAK, GERMANY MAY FORCE SPAIN TO CAPTURE IT.
GOOD SOURCE SAYS SPAIN WILL AID GERMANY.

I PREDICT FRANCO-SALAZAR MEETING MEANS PORTUGAL
WILL COOPERATE WITH SPAIN AND AXIS LATER, MILITARILY
AXIS VICTORY EXPECTED BY PORTUGUESE.

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Journal #64, 2/20

From: Huddle, Bern thru St. Dept.

BERN

FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPORTED BY M/A:

SOURCE X6A. FREIGHT TRAINS IMMOBILIZED IN GERMANY
CRITICAL SHORTAGE LOCOMOTIVES AND LACK ROLLING STOCK &
COAL HAS HINDERED SERIOUSLY TRANSPORTATION FROM FRANCE TO
GERMANY. FEB 2 THE GERMAN ORDER OF BATTLE WAS NORWAY 7;
BELGIUM 5; HOLLAND 4; BULGARIA, EQUIVALENT OF 2 BUT NO
LARGE UNIT; FINLAND 6; FRANCE 20; RUSSIA 180, OF WHICH
1/3 ARE IN RESERVE OR RECUPERATING; INTERIOR GERMANY 30;
DENMARK 2; GREECE 1; SPAIN, SAME AS BULGARIA; NORTH AFRICA
7, WITH 3 TO COME FROM SOUTHERN ITALY; THESE FIGURES
SIMILAR THOSE OF I-2. 1,600,000 METERS OF GAS PROOF KHAKI
WERE ORDERED NOVEMBER 1941 FROM ALSATIAN FACTORIES BY
GERMAN ARMY FOR DELIVERY FEBRUARY. CLOTH WILL HAVE A
CELLULOSE BASE. ORDER WILL NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE APRIL.

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ON FEB 1, TWO 200 HORSE-POWER SUBMARINE MOTORS WERE
SENT FROM GERMANY TO ITALY AND 8 OF THE SAME ON JAN 14.
GERMAN INSTRUCTORS WILL BEGIN TRAINING SEVERAL HUNGARIAN
UNITS IN MARCH AT CAMP SENNELAGER PADERBORN. THESE UNITS
HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED FOR TROPICAL SERVICE. BECAUSE OF LACK
OF RAW MATERIAL, THE FACT THAT SPECIALISTS HAVE BEEN
CALLED INTO THE ARMY AND BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE REPAIR
WORK ON PLANES, PRODUCTION OF AIRCRAFT IN GERMANY HAS
DROPPED APPROX. 30 PERCENT IN LAST THREE MONTHS.

SOURCE X2A (FRANCE) DOUBLE CREWS FOR TRAINING ARE
BEING CARRIED BY 2,000 FOM SUB CRUISERS AND NEW SUBS CAN
BE MANNED IN THE SPRING. IN AN OVERHAUL OF AIR FORCE
ONE OPERATIONS GROUPS IS BEING PREPARED FOR ACTION
AGAINST EGYPT IN THE SPRING AND ANOTHER FOR ACTION AGAINST
RUSSIA IN EARLY SUMMER. OF 6,000 TROOPS BORDEAUX HALF ARE
MARINES. TROOPS NEVER HAD BEEN EQUIPPED LIGHT CLOTHING

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PRESUMABLY FOR AFRICA. GERMAN CAVALRY DIVISION IS TO BE
SUPPRESSED. RUMANIA WILL FURNISH FIFTEEN DIVISIONS FOR SPRING
OFFENSIVE. HUNGARY WILL SEND AN ENTIRE ARMY. FOUR
HUNGARIAN DIVISIONS ARE IN SERBIA AT PRESENT AND FIVE MOTO
MOTORIZED DIVISIONS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT. Huddle

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Journal #5, 2/21

From: Legge, Bern

I.B. #1, 2/21

BERN

LARGE MASSING SOLDIERS AND SHIPPING REPORTED IN
AREA FLENSBURG, STETTIN, LUBECK.

Filed: 2/20

From: ANDACOM, Batavia

1. 18 SHIPS ARE IN RIVER NEAR PALMBANO, INCLUDING 7 SOUTH OF MONTAN & OTHERS IN SANDA STRAIT.

2. 2 CRUISERS SEEN SOUTH OF ATON - POSSIBLY PART OF ESCORT FOR A CARRIER BUT SENT OUT ON NEWS OF ALLIED FORCE NEAR BALI.

3. 17 SHIPS INCLUDING 2 CARRIERS SEEN SAILING SOUTH FROM AREA OF SINDJAI (CELEBES) FEB 20TH ABOUT 0700. POSSIBLE DESTINATIONS TIMOR OR BALI.

4. ENEMY LANDED REGIMENT & OPERATING PLANES FROM AIRFIELD BALI. ENEMY SHIPS WITHDRAWN FROM BALI VICINITY FEB 20, PROBABLY ON ACCOUNT OF ALLIED AIR ATTACKS.

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Journal #17, 2/21

From: CG ETO, CG FF, GHQ DRUM

NEGATIVE REPORT FROM NEWFOUNDLAND. NO MISSIONS. CEILING 2 KRO. 1 1/2 MI. VISIBILITY. TO NOON GMT FEB 20, NEGATIVE AIR ACTIVITIES REPORT FEB ETO. WEATHER CANCELLED ALL MISSIONS SOUTHERN AREA, GENERALLY FAIR IN NORTH WITH 30 RECONNAISSANCE & 49 OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

Filed: 8:53 AM 2/21

Journal #18, 2/21

From: CG ETO, G-2 GHQ, DRUM

RADIO INTERCEPTS INDICATE SHIP TORPEDOED 0902 AT 41° 29' N, 52° 30' W WITH CALL LETTERS EITHER S. OR H, BLANK, VMT.

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Journal #46, 2,20

From: G-2 E.T.O. thru GHQ

REPORT FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR, ORIGINATING WITH NOB NORFOLK, STATES THAT SCHOONER GEORGIANA SILVER SA W A BIG SUB ON THE SURFACE AT 200 YARDS DISTANCE AT 0600 GMT FEBR. 20. LAT. 36°35' N. LONG. 75°42' W., SUB PUT SEARCH LIGHT ON SCHOONER AND THEN LEFT WITHOUT HOSTILE ACTION. REPORT FROM SAME SECTOR GIVES RADIO INTERCEPT FROM NEWBURN, N. CAROLINA, "SUB SEEN ABOUT 1650 GMT, Febr. 20, AT LAT. 32°40' N. & LONG. 0°30' W."

WATKINS

G-2 COMMENT: LOCATION OF SUB IS IN ATLAS MOUNTAINS OF ALGERIA, CORRECTION ASKED FOR)

E.T.O.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

#3

MIDDLE EAST

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IS #40, 2/20

From: M/A Cairo FELLENS

Journal #25, 2/21

IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN OUR CABLE #696 AS TO ADMINISTRATIONAL & SUPPLY FACILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST LAST FALL.

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From: M/A Cairo FELLERS

IB #39, 2/20
Journal #25, 2/21

1. INCREASED AXIS ACTIVITY IN AGEAN AREA PLUS ADDITIONAL AIR ACTIVITY AGAINST SHIPPING & CONTINUED NEUTRALIZATION OF MALTA ALL INDICATE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR AXIS OFFENSIVE IN LIBYA. AXIS EFFORTS AIMED AT DOMINATION OF MEDITERRANEAN & TRANSPORTATION OF ADDITIONAL FORCES TO LIBYA UNQUESTIONABLY INCREASING.

2. AIR ATTACKS ON MALTA SO SIMILAR TO PREPARATION FOR OPERATION IN CRETE THAT INVASION APPEARS IMMINENT. AMMUNITION CONVOY TO MALTA RECENTLY LOST, & THIS COUPLED WITH DEMANDS MADE ON MALTA ANTI-AIRCRAFT INDICATE SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION THERE. RECENT ARRIVALS FROM MALTA REPORT LACK OF NECESSITIES

3. STRENUOUS EFFORTS BEING MADE BY BRIT TO REPAIR & PUT IN OPERATION AS MANY DISABLED TANKS AS POSSIBLE. THIS IS IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE SHOULD SITUATION WARRANT. BELIEVED THAT BRIT WILL TAKE OFFENSIVE WITH CAP-

IB #39, 2/20 Cont't

TURE OF AGHDABIA AS FINAL OBJECTIVE SHOULD GEN. ROMMEL NOT BE REINFORCED WITHIN NEXT 6 WEEKS. SHOULD ROMMEL BE REINFORCED PRUDENT BRIT COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE TO RETIRE INTO STRONG AREA HALFAJA-SALUM-BARDIA WHILE STATIONING MOBILE FORCES IN VICINITY OF MADDALENA FOR PROTECTION OF RAILHEAD.

4. SHOULD AXIS OFFENSIVE NOT DEVELOP PRIOR TO APRIL 15, BELIEVED MORE WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SUMMER. THIS IN VIEW OF FACT THAT OPERATIONS COMMENCING ABOUT JUNE 1 AGAINST RUSS WILL OVERSHADOW EVERYTHING.

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Journal #12, 2/21

Ft. Mills

From: Ft. Mills

THERE WAS ACTIVE ARTILLERY FIRING AND INFANTRY PATROLLING IN BATAAN YESTERDAY. ENEMY BOMBERS WERE ACTIVE & USING INCENDIARY BOMBS. ARTILLERY DUELLING BETWEEN HARBOR PORTS AND ENEMY'S CAVE SHORE BATTERIES INCREASED.

FILIPINO MORALE AND HOPE AND UNDAUNTED. CIVILIAN RESISTANCE AGAINST JAP INVADER GROWING IN INTENSITY EVERY DAY. FILIPINOS TAKE ADVANTAGE EVERY OPPORTUNITY SHOW THEIR CONTEMPT FOR JAP AGGRESSOR. INFORMERS MYSTERIOUSLY DIS-APPEAR, CIVILIANS SUCH AS TRUCKDRIVER CUESTA VOLUNTEER FOR SUICIDE JOBS, AND ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, THE JAP MILITARY WORK UP ONE MORNING FIND THEIR PROCLAMATION POSTERS ENUMERATING CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY DEATH AND WHICH ARE PROFUSELY DISPLAYED ALL OVER MANILA, ALTERED BY A SECRET SOCIETY KNOWN AS FFF (FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM).

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ONE OF FIRST ACTS OF JAP COMMANDER IN CHIEF WHEN JAP FORCES OCCUPIED MANILA WAS ISSUE PROCLAMATION WARNING FILIPINOS NOT TO HARM ANY JAP SOLDIER. THIS PROCLAMATION, PRINTED ON POSTERS, WAS DISPLAYED IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY. RECENTLY IT WAS FOUND THAT THE POSTERS HAD BEEN MODIFIED SOMEWHAT AS UNKNOWN PERSONS SUBSTITUTED THE WORD FILIPINO FOR JAP AND VICE VERSA. STEAD OF THE ORIGINAL QUOTE FOR EVERY JAP SOLDIER KILLED TEN FILIPINOS WILL BE SHOT" THE ALTERED POSTERS IMPUDENTLY READ "FOR EVERY FILIPINO KILLED TEN JAP SOLDIERS WILL BE SHOT"

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Journal #14, 2/21

FT. SHAFTER

From: Emmons, Ft. Shafter

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO REORGANIZE COAST DEFENSE COMMANDS AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL BRIG. GEN.

Filed: 2/21

Journal #22, 2/21

From: P-35, A-2 (GHQ)

FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE IN CONNECTION WITH BOMBING ON DARWIN: 2 MERCHANT SHIPS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED, RAAF BLDGS HIT & DAMAGED, WHARVES BADLY DAMAGED, HOSPITAL HIT & DAMAGED.

5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, WITH 5 ADDITIONAL BELIEVED SHOT DOWN.

6 HUDSONS, 2 P-40s, & 1 LIBERATOR DESTROYED ON GROUND. LOST IN COMBAT, 1 HUDSON, 1 WHIRLAWAY, & 10 P-40s.

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From: ADDACOM, Batavia

FEB 19 AT 2300, TROOPS FROM 6 TRANSPORTS LANDED SOUTH COAST OF TIMOR NEAR BAOEN, SW OF KOEPANG ABOUT 12 MILES.

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#9

PACIFIC THEATER

Filed: 2/20

From: ANDACOM, Batavia

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Filed: 0835, 2/21

Journal #19, 2/21

From: COM 10 Navy ONI

AT 0500 GCT FEB 21, NAVAL OBSERVER REPORTS GERMAN SS
LANDED A HOSPITAL CASE & WAS CHARGING BATTERIES IN PORT
DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE. ALSO SS WILL DEPART SOON.

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Journal 19 /23

From: Brett, Java

WHILE LINED UP ON FIELD AT BALI ENEMY BOMBERS ATTACKED BY 2 B-17s. WHILE ON GROUND AT FIELD IN JAVA 4 B-17s WERE KNOCKED OUT.

PACIFIC
THEATER

AIR STRENGTH AS FOLLOWS:

ON HAND		IN COMMISSION
7-----	A-24 -----	4
18-----	P-40-----	16
18-----	B-17-----	8
8-----	LB-30-----	3

THE ABOVE AS OF 2/22, 1200 GMT

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4:00 PM 2/23/42

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Journal 24, I.B. 46

From: ANDA COM

Attacks HAVE BEEN MADE ON JAP VESSELS SE OF BALI. ON 2-20 LB 30s & A-24s GOT IN 8 CLOSE ONES & 3 DIRECT HITS ON ONE CRUISER. A SECOND CRUISER WAS HIT ONCE AND A THIRD 3 TIMES. B-17s SENT ON SAME MISSION BUT NO REPORT AS YET. ESCORTING PURSUITS WERE ENGAGED BY JAP FIGHTERS RESULTING IN DOWNING OF 3 JAPS & LOSS OF 2 P-40s, ALSO 2 A-24s WENT DOWN.

THEIR ATTACK WAS PROCEEDED THE NIGHT BEFORE BY AN AMERICAN-DUTCH NAVAL FORCE WHICH GOT SHELL HITS ON 1 JAP CRUISER & TORPEDO HITS ON ANOTHER CRUISER & A DESTROYER. THE CRUISER TROMP RETURNED TO PORT IN A DAMAGED CONDITION & ONE OF OUR DESTROYERS IS MISSING.

ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO COLLECT 500 OFFICERS

Journal 24, I.B. 46

& MEN BELIEVED AT PADANG AFTER ESCAPING FROM SINGAPORE. EVACUATION OF FORCES FROM OOSTHAVEN HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

WHILE REFUELING 5 B-17s WERE DESTROYED ON 2-20 AT MALANG.

ON 2-19 THERE WERE 2 RAIDS ON DARWIN BY A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 50 PLANES. PROBABLY 9 P-40s & 1 LB-30 KNOCKED OUT ON GROUND. DAMAGE TO DOCK WAS SEVERE, AND A LARGE TROOPSHIP & THE PEARY (AMERICAN DESTROYER) WERE SENT TO THE BOTTOM.

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Journal #25, 2/23/42

From: Com Anzac (via Air Section)

COMBINED RAID BAAF, CATALINAS AND B-17's WAS MADE RABAU, GASMATA, DAYLIGHT TODAY, MONDAY.

ACCOUNT OF BAD WEATHER AND OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES, ONLY TWO PLANES REACHED TARGET.

RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

ONE B-17 DOWN IN SWAMP NEAR BUNA: PERSONNEL SAFE.

4 U.S. PERSONNEL WOUNDED IN ACTION WITH ENEMY FIGHTERS OVER GASMATA.

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FROM: ABDACOM
FILED: 2/18

I.B. # 58 2/19
Journal # 54 2/19

MOVING IN DIRECTION OF BALI IS CONVOY OF 2 TRANSPORTS
ESCORTED BY 4 CRUISERS, FIRST SEEN AT 0110, 2/18.
MOST RECENTLY OBSERVED AT 0700, 2/18, SPEED, 15 KNOTS,
LOCATION 7°30' S 116° 34' E. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE
BALI AIRPORT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS FORCE.

FROM: ABDACOM
FILED: 2/18

ILB. # 57 2/19
JOURNAL # 55 2/19

IT WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN INFORMATION NO 24 THAT
NO PLANES HAD BEEN SIGHTED ON FIELD AT PALEMBANG, THIS
IS INCORRECT; 3 PURSUITS AND 10 HEAVY BOMBING PLANES
WERE ATTACKED WITH 50-POUND BOMBS DROPPED BY P-40's,
WHICH, HOWEVER, WERE UNABLE TO OBSERVE THE EFFECT.

IN ADDITION, 3 MARTIN BOMBERS HIT A TROOPSHIP. MARTINS
ALSO DOWNED 2 JAP PURSUITS.

JAPS HAVE MADE NO FURTHER ADVANCES IN S. SUMATRA FROM
WHICH ALL FORCES ARE CONTINUING TO BE EVACUATED.

THERE HAS BEEN NO NEWS AS YET FROM DUTCH BOMBERS (MARTIN)
WHOSE MISSION IT WAS TO ATTACK JAPS IN BANIERMASIN.
POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS MADE IT NECESSARY FOR U.S. BOMBERS
TO TURN BACK BEFORE ATTACKING BANKA AREA AND PALEMBANG.

ON 2/16, SEVERAL LOCALITIES IN HALMAHERA WERE STRAPPED
WITH MACHINE GUN FIRE AND ON 2/17 25 JAP PLANES DID

I.B. # 57 JOURNAL # 55 2/19 continued

LITTLE DAMAGE IN RAID ON KOBANG.

ON 2/18, P-40'S GOT TO 30 JAP PLANES ATTACKING SOURABAYA
AND MALENG, MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE BOMBERS, AND SUCCEEDED
IN SHOOTING DOWN ONE PURSUIT AND 5 BOMBERS. (WITH ONLY
THE LOSS OF ONE PLANE TO THEMSELVES). THE JAPS, HOWEVER,
GOT TO OFFENSIVE BEFORE BEING INTERCEPTED, AND WHILE THE
DAMAGE AT MALENG WAS SLIGHT, AT SOURABAYA A HIT WAS
REGISTERED ON ONE MAN OF WAR. A DUTCH NAVAL SHIP WAS
DAMAGED AND AN OLD SUB SUNK.

FROM: BRETT, JAVA
FILED: 1:55 A 2/19

JOURNAL # 52 2/19

ONE-PAGE MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO INITIAL PREPARATIONS
FOR RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS IN BURMA AND AUSTRALIA
WITH VIEW TO FUTURE OFFENSIVE ACTION.

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4:00 p.m.
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TO
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2/20

FROM: BUCKNER, FT RICHARDSON ALS. JOURNAL # 56 2/19
FILED: 0627 2/19 (? 2/15)
AIR STATUS REPORT.

BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 57 2/19
FILED: 1610 2/19
ON 2/18 BRISBANE WAS POINT OF ARRIVAL FOR 6 B-17's.

BARNES,
MELBOURNE

FROM: ADMIRALTY (LONDON ?) I.B. # 56 2/19
FILED: 2/19 JOURNAL # 58 2/19
BMS INDOMINABLE CANNOT REACH A POSITION PERMITTING
HURRICANES TO TAKE OFF FROM THE SHIP FOR JAVA BEFORE
8th OF MARCH. WILL DECIDE ~~WH~~ ~~WH~~ LATER THAN MARCH 3
~~WHEN~~ TO UNLOAD HURRICANES AT CEYLON INSTEAD.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 61 2/19
FILED: 1941 2/19 ARE
IN THE ABDA AREA THREE/FOUR B-24 AIRPLANES WHICH WILL
COME TO AUSTRALIA FOR ENGINE CHANGES. WITH REFERENCE TO
OUR 2222, YOUR 347, THE B-24 ENGINE THAT IS DESIRED IS
PRATT AND WHITNEY NO 1830 -33 WITH 2 TO 1 GEAR ON PRO-
PELLER. NUMBER DESIRED IS AMENDED TO READ 25.

FROM: BUCKNER, FT RICHARDSON, AL JOURNAL # 64 2/19
FILED: 1039 2/19
AIR STATUS REPORT.

FROM: AUTREY, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 67 2/19
FILED: 2036 2/19
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AUTREY, MELBOURNE

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TO
4:00 p.m.
2/20

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 73 2/19
FILED: 9440 2/20 (X)

TWO AIR RAIDS MADE ON DARWIN ON 2/19.

THE AIRFIELD WAS RAIDED, BUT DAMAGE DETAILS ARE NOT KNOWN, THOUGH IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ONLY PLANE ON THE FIELD WAS ONE B-17.

IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT BATCHELOR FIELD WAS RAIDED, AND WHILE NOTHING IS KNOWN AS TO DAMAGE, IF ANY, IT IS BELIEVED THAT AT THE FIELD THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN PLANES:

1 LB-30
11 P-40's
6 A-24
1 B-24

WHEN THE ATTACK CAME THE TRANSPORT MEIGS, ADMIRAL REEKER, HALSTEAD, PORT MAR, AND MOANA LOA WERE THERE, ALL BUT THE ADM HALSTEAD HAVING JUST RETURNED TO DARWIN AFTER BEING SUBJECTED TO ATTACKS AT SEA WHILE ON AN ABDACOM MISSION.

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THERE WERE NO AMERICAN PERSONNEL ON THE MOANA LOA. THE PORT MAR WAS LOADED WITH A PORTION OF ONE BATTALION OF THE 148 FA. AS TO WHETHER PERSONNEL WERE DISEMBARKED BEFORE THE RAID, THERE IS NO REPORT. GASOLINE WAS BEING TRANSPORTED BY THE HALSTEAD.

IT IS REPORTED THAT THE MOANA LOA WAS UNHURT ALONG WITH THE U.S. DESTROYER PEARY.

FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON JOURNAL # 78 2/19
FILED: 4:05 P 2/19 I.B. # 71 2/19

THE JAP EXTERNAL DISCIPLINE APPEARS SLOVENLY, BUT THERE IS A HIGH STANDARD OF INTERNAL DISCIPLINE. SALUTING, ETC., STRICTLY MAINTAINED. NO INTER-UNIT REVALRY OR COMPETITION. ARMY HAS STRONG TRADITION BASES ON LOYALTY TO EMPEROR & THE OFFENSIVE SPIRIT THAT EXISTS IS IN HARMONY WITH THAT LOYALTY. THERE ARE NO INDUCEMENTS SUCH AS GOOD PAY & FOOD, BUT IT IS CONSIDERED AN HONOR TO BE IN ARMY & A HARD LIFE IS ENFORCED FOR MORALE & DISCIPLINE.

AS REPORTED BY GEN WAFELL, THE LESSONS LEARNED TO DATE ARE: TRAINING OBJECT OF JAPS IS THAT OF A FIGHTING ARMY; JAPS ARE NOT IMITATORS, BUT HAVE DEVELOPED NEW LANDING OPERATIONS & NEW DESIGN FOR LANDING CRAFT & ASSAULT BOATS; JAPS HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN PRIMARY INFANTRY VIRTUES OF MARCHING & FIGHTING PRECEDENCE OVER MOTOR TRANSPORT & THIS TOGETHER WITH EXPLORATION OF CAPTURED MOTOR

I.B. # 71 Journal # 78 2/19 continued

TRANSPORT AND COMMANDERED BICYCLES ETC., HAS BEEN ADAPTED TO EASTERN ASIA; JAPS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO ADAPT FOREIGN TECHNIQUE TO THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS; THEY HAVE CLOSELY STUDIED GERMAN EXPERIENCE OF 1939 & APPLIED IT TO ASIATIC COUNTRIES; AS SHOWN BY CLOSE COOPERATION OF INFANTRY & SUPPORTING ARMS, ESPECIALLY MORTAR & LIGHT ARTILLERY & THE GOOD COOPERATION OF ARMY & AIR AND USE OF RADIOPHONE. COOPERATION SHOWN BY THE QUICK & EFFECTIVE AIR-SUPPORT AS FACILITATED BY ARMY POSSESSING OWN AIR ARM. THE FORWARD COMPANIES HAVE RADIOPHONE SETS FOR AIR GROUND COMMUNICATIONS. JAPS HAVE MADE USE OF NOISE AS A WEAPON OF WAR AND USE TREES AS FIRE POSITIONS. THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE OFF ROADS GIVES INCREASED MOBILITY, ESPECIALLY IN JUNGLE.

400 p.m.

2/19

TO

4:00 p.m.

2/20

FROM: MAGRUDER, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 62 2/19

FILED: 0620 2/19

RECOMMENDATION THAT BONDS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
IN AIR PROJECT IN CHINA.MAGRUDER,
CHUNGKING

FROM: MAGRUDER, CHUNGKING JOURNAL # 59 2/19

FILED: 0650 2/19

BRIT MUST HOLD ON IN SOUTHERN BURMA IF ALL SUPPLIES
IN RANGOON ARE TO BE MOVED SUCCESSFULLY TO THE NORTH.
WILSON, AS OPPOSED TO ST. JOHN, RECOMMENDED AS MORE SUIT-
ABLE THAN ST. JOHN TO TAKE CHARGE OF GETTING SUPPLIES
MOVED.MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

FROM: BRETT, JAVA Journal # 63 2/19

FILED: 1905 2/19

REFERENCE YOUR NO. 42 OF 17th AND MY ABDA NO 375. BRETT-
TON & MYSELF HAVE DISCUSSED THE ENTIRE MATTER FREQUENTLY,
BECAUSE OF THE VERY LOW EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF OFFICERS &
CREWS BEING SENT TO US FROM U.S. NOT CONTEMPLATED AS A
LONG RANGE PERMANENT POLICY. THE WAR IS NOW BEING FOUGHT
ON AN HOUR TO HOUR BASIS, & WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO GET
THE MAXIMUM INFILTRATION AS MIGHT TAKE PLACE. CONTROL
WOULD BE SUCH THAT NO FUNDAMENTAL NATIONAL POLICY VIOLATED.
BUT BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LACK OF EXPERIENCE, MANY OF THE
UNITS ARE NOW COMMANDED BY OFFICERS WITH PRACTICALLY NO
EXPERIENCE. WE HAVE HAD TO ACCEPT BRIT & AUSTR COMMANDING
OFFICERS BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT BEEN SENT OFFICERS OF SUITABLE
RANK & EXPERIENCE. IN THE MAJORITY OF INSTANCES THE BRIT
& AUSTR DO NOT COMMAND THE INDIVIDUAL UNIT.

BRETT, JAVA

FROM: BRETT, JAVA Journal # 75 2/19

FILED: 2:25 A 2/20

TYPE OF TURRET DESIRED FOR B-17.

Brett, Jav

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see letter, 5-3-72

FROM: I.B. # 71 Journal # 78 2/19 continued
 HAVE SHOWN ABILITY TO REMOVE OBSTACLES FOR PASSAGE OF
 TANKS AND REPAIR BRIDGES - THOROUGH TRAINING OF ENGINEER
 UNITS.

AIR SUPERIORITY AND POSSESSION OF TANKS; HIGH STANDARD
 OF TRAINING; PREVIOUS WAR EXPERIENCE; GOOD DISCIPLINE &
 MORALE & ABILITY TO ADAPT TO MODERN FIGHTING TECHNIQUE
 ARE CHIEF FACTORS THAT UNDERLIE THE JAP SUCCESSSES IN
 MALAYA.

FROM: WDC VIA GHQ Journal # 69
 FILED: 12:53 p.m. 2/19

DESTROYER IN ACTION OFF SANTA CRUZ, FEB. 18 UNABLE TO
 REPORT ACTION OF DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK UNTIL RETURN TO PORT.
 FROM THIS CONCLUDE SUB'S PRESENCE QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE
 RADIO SILENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN IF SUB HAD ATTACKED.
 BLIMP OBSERVED & REPORTED THIS ACTION.

FROM: BRETT, JAVA JOURNAL # 84 2/19
 FILED: 2:35 A 2/20

IN AS MUCH AS THE PISTOL IS NOT DEEMED AN ADEQUATE ARM
 FOR USE AGAINST PARACHUTISTS, TOMMY GUNS AND RIFLES (PART
 OF MESSAGE UNINTELLIGIBLE) ARE RECOMMENDED. IT IS ESSENTIAL
 THAT SMALL ARMS REQUISITIONED PREVIOUSLY BE ~~MADE~~ WITHOUT
 DELAY, IN AS MUCH AS THERE ARE NO SMALL ARMS IN AUSTRALIA
 WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AIR CORPS PERSONNEL.

From: Brett - Java
 Filed: 2/19/42, 1:55 A

Journal #3, 2/20/42

BRETT
 JAVA

PRESENT SITUATION MOST CRITICAL IN MY OPINION AFTER DIS-
 CUSSING ENTIRE MATTER WITH WAVELL. BRIT., DUTCH AND AMER.
 AIR FORCES HAVE BEEN COMBINED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE AND BEST
 DISPOSAL MADE. PLAN TO SEND BREHETON TO BURMA IF YOU OR-
 GANIZE FORCE THERE. EFFORT MADE TO PREPARE FOR RECEIPT IN
 AUSTRALIA OF ANY REINFORCEMENTS. URGE BUILDING UP THESE
 TWO PLANES AND PREPARATIONS FOR OFFENSE. WILL MAKE EFFORT
 TO SEND MAINTENANCE CREWS FOR COMBAT EQUIPMENT TO BURMA OR
 INDIA. NECESSARY A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF CONDITIONS
 UNDER WHICH WE ARE WORKING.

From: FBI thru CIB
 Filed: 2/19/42, 5:30 A, EWT

Journal #4, 2/20/42

FBI THRU CIB

TRANSLATION OF SPEECH BY KITARA WADA OF THE MINISTRY
 OF AGRICULTURE.

0-2 WORK SHEET
10:00 AM
2/19/42
TO
2/20/42

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PACIFIC # 5

From: Magruder - Chungking
Filed: 2/19/42, 0900

Journal #74, 2/19/42

MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

WAR INTERRUPTED TONNAGE INCREASE DUE OVER BURMA ROAD IN LATE SPRING. YUPKI PING TRUSTS WILSON WHO IS DOING FINE WORK AND PREPARED TO USE AM. CIV. PERSONNEL, SPARE PARTS, NEW TRUCKS, AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT. THE ROAD SURFACE WAS BEING IMPROVED TO SOME DEGREE DESPITE SHORTAGE OF LABOR AND INERTIA. BRIT.-CHINESE CONTROVERSY OVER LEND LEASE MATERIAL MONOPOLIZED THE CHINESE ADMINISTRATIVE MINES; MOTOR TRANSPORT AND PERSONNEL IN EVACUATION OF MATERIAL ABSORBED BY THREAT TO RANGOON. TRANSPORT WILL BE FURTHER TAKEN BY THE MOVEMENT AND SUPPLY OF THE CHINESE TROOPS IN BURMA. UNSERVICEABLE TRUCKS WILL INCREASE THE ALREADY LARGE NUMBER. EVACUATION OF MATERIAL TO N. BURMA IS TAKING FULL ATTENTION OF WILSON AND ALL OTHER TRAFFIC AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL WHO HAVE RECENTLY COME. NORMAL

(Journal #74, 2/19/42, Cont'd)

OPERATION OF BURMA ROAD HANDICAPPED BY ABSENCE OF KEY ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND EMERGENCY TRUCKS. THE WORST OF THE BOTTLENECKS IN TRAFFIC IS FROM KUTSING EAST TO KWEIYANG-CHUNGKING--CHWEILIN. THIS IS OPERATED BY CHINA TRANSPORT CORP. LEMUEL K. TAYLOR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED TO ASSIST AND ADVISE ETC. AS NECESSARY TECHNICAL SUPERVISION AND MATERIALS FOR MAINTENANCE CANNOT NOW BE SUPPLIED THIS ROAD NET WILL CARRY LESS MILITARY TONNAGE THAN CAN BE FED TO IT.

From: McClure - London
Filed: 2/19/42, 4:05 P

Journal #87, 2/19/42
I.B. #73, 2/19/42

MCCLURE
LONDON

ON THE 17TH, THE CHINESE FIFTH ARMY BEGAN THEIR TRANSFER TO BURMA WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 DAYS TO ACCOMPLISH, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CHUNGKING. THIS ARMY IS COMPOSED OF THE 200TH, 96TH AND 22ND DIVISIONS, AND IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF GEN TU.

ON THE BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHERN SHAN STATES IN NORTH BURMA, JAP FORCES HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED. SEVERE AND CLOSE COMBAT ON THE ENTIRE BILIN LINE RESULTED FROM A STRONG JAP DRIVE ALONG THE BILIN-WARTABAN ROAD. THE BILIN RIVER HAS BEEN CROSSED BY A NUMBER OF JAP PATROLS. THIS INFORMATION IS FROM BURMA AS OF 1:00 P.M. ON THE 18TH.

THE EXPECTATION OF NEW ASSAULTS ON GROUND OBJECTIVES AT ANY MOMENT IS INDICATED BY THE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE

(Journal #87, 2/19/42, Cont'd)

SOUTH OF MOST OF THE JAP AIRCRAFT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT WHICH ARRIVED THIS MORNING FROM WARELL.

TWO JAP TROOPSHIPS AND 4 CRUISERS, APPARENTLY INTENDED FOR THE OCCUPATION OF THE BALI AIRFIELD, WERE REPORTED FROM THE DUTCH EAST INDIES AS MOVING TOWARD BALI AS OF 9:00 A.M., G.M.T., ON THE 18TH.

SOUTHERN SUMATRA HAS BEEN EVACUATED BY THE DEFENSE FORCES.

TROOP DISPOSITION ON BOTH SIDES IN THE FAR EAST HAVE REMAINED THE SAME SINCE OUR LAST REPORT.

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PACIFIC # 6

From: Brett - Java

Journal #7, 2/20/42

BRET
JAVA

Filed: 2/20/42, 2:45 A

PURSUIT AIRCRAFT IN THIS THEATRE NEED GREATER RANGE. EACH SHOULD HAVE 75% INCREASE IN NORMAL GAS LOAD PROVIDED THROUGH 6 AUXILLIARY DROPPABLE TANKS. REQUEST DEVELOPMENT AUXILLIARY DROPPABLE TANKS FOR ALL FIGHTERS, DIVE BOMBERS AND MEDIUM BOMBERS. RAF INSTALLED ADDITIONAL TANKAGE IN A-20'S.

From: Barnes - Melbourne

Journal #12, 2/20/42

BARNES
MELBOURNE

Filed: 2/19/42, 2250

INFORMATION REGARDING REQUISITION FOR SOME KITS TAKEN FROM TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION TO EQUIP PURSUIT AND DIVE BOMBER SQUADRONS AND DIRECTION DEPOTS.

From: PRO - Ft. Mills

Journal #13, 2/20/42

FT. MILLS
PRO

Filed: 2/19/42, 2:22 P

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB. 19TH. POSITIONAL FIGHTING CONTINUES ON THE FRONTS. WE CAPTURED THREE PIECES OF ENEMY ARTILLERY WHICH WE HOPE SHORTLY TO USE AGAINST HIM. ALSO A NUMBER OF FLAME THROWERS AND QUANTITY OF ORDNANCE AND SIGNAL SUPPLIES. THE ENEMY IS NOW USING WHITE PHOSPHORUS AS AN INCENDIARY FILLER IN HIS AIR BOMBS.

GEN. MACARTHUR HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO PRESENT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR IN HIS NAME TO SERGEANT JOSE CALUGAS, A PHILIPPINE SCOUT ARTILLERYMAN. SOMEWHERE IN BATTLE ON JAN. SIX 1942 BATTERY A OF SERGEANT CALUGAS REGIMENT WAS HEAVILY SHELLED AND BOMBED. ONE PIECE WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION AND THE CASUALTIES WERE SUCH AS TO CAUSE THE REMOVAL OF THE REMAINING CANNONERS TO SHELTER. SEEING THIS SERGEANT CALUGAS WHO WAS THE MESS

(Journal #13, 2/20/42, Cont'd)

SERGEANT OF ANOTHER BATTERY VOLUNTARILY AND OF HIS OWN ACCORD PROCESSED 1000 YARDS ACROSS THE SHELL SWEPT AREA TO THE GUN. MANNING THE GUN WITH A VOLUNTEER GUN SQUAD, HE CONTINUED FIRING EFFECTIVELY ON THE ENEMY ALTHOUGH HEAVY BOMBING AND SHELLING OF THEIR POSITION CONTINUED.

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FROM: MURPHY, (N/O #) ALGIERS, VIA STATE, VIA ONI
FILED: 2/19 I.B. # 55 JO KHAL # 53 2/19

IT IS REPORTED BY THE CONTROL OFFICERS AT ORAN THAT 2 DESTROYERS, 2 SUBMARINES & THE DUNKERQUE LEFT THE PORT OF MERS-EL-KEBIR FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION AT FOUR ONECLOCK IN MORNING OF FEB 19, ALGERIAN TIME.

DURING THE NIGHT OF FEB 18-19 THE DESTROYERS KER SAINT, CID AND ALGON (X53, X51 & X53) DEPARTED FROM ALGIERS ALSO FOR AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION.

SINCE YESTERDAY EVENING, TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH MOROCCO HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE HAVE BEEN REPEATED TO VICHY AND ALGIERS.

FROM: BAKER, BAGHDAD JOURNAL # 60 2/19
FILED: 1930 2/18

REQUEST FOR INCOME TAX FORMS.

GENERAL MOTORS ASSEMBLY PLANT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A R.R. SIDING.

From: McClure - London
Filed: 2/19/42, 6:35 P

Journal #86, 2/19/42
I.B. #74, 2/19/42

MCCLURE
LONDON

ALL BRIT. FIGHTER PLANES AT THE EL ADAM AIRDRONE HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO AIRFIELDS FURTHER EAST IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM FROM AXIS NUISANCE AIR ATTACKS WHICH DAMAGE THE PLANES WHILE GROUNDED.

TROOP DISPOSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES HAVE REMAINED THE SAME.

BRITISH PATROLS WHICH OPERATED UNOPPOSED NEAR AXIS POSITIONS CONSTITUTED THE SOLE LAND ACTIVITY IN LIBYA UP TO THE MORNING OF THE 18TH.

From: Merlesmith - Melbourne
Filed: 2/19/42, 0245

Journal #85, 2/19/42
I.B. #80, 2/19/42

MERLESMITH
MELBOURNE

AIR PHOTO, NAUVAL SHOWS IN HARBOR 6 TRANSPORTS, NO WARSHIPS, 9 FLYING BOATS; YUNAKANAU 3 BOMBERS, LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS SINCE JAN.3; GASHATA 3 TRANSPORTS, 8 AIR CRAFT, LITTLE ACTIVITY.

FURTHER DETAILS RECONNAISSANCE AUSTRALIAN COAST. 2 RAIDS ON DARWIN, 1ST 0015 2/19 27 BOMBERS AND FIGHTER ESCORT. OBJECTIVES, WATERFRONT AND P.O. SEVERE DAMAGE 5 SHIPS TOTAL LOSS INCL. USS PEARY (DESTROYER), SS MAUNALOA, SS PORT MARANDA (BRIT.) DAMAGED, MAUNALOA & MARANDA FROM CONVOY ORDERED BY ADMACOM TO DARWIN WHILE ENROUTE TO KOPANG. WHETHER 147 PA HAD DISEMBARKED NOT KNOWN. 2D ATTACK, 0145 2/19. 20 BOMBERS, NO FIGHTERS, OBJECTIVE RAAF STATION. FURTHER DETAILS RECONNAISSANCE.

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From: Bentley - Tanger
Filed: 2/19/42, 1845

Journal #8, 2/20/42
I.B. #14, 2/20/42

BENTLEY
TANGER

SUGGEST USING CONSULATE STAFF FOR WEATHER OBSERVERS.
NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT.

From: Maxwell - Cairo
Filed: 2/19/42, 1326

Journal #11, 2/20/42

MAXWELL
CAIRO

DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN SENDING UP AND AP FEATURES AND
PICTURES RELATIVE TO MIDDLE EAST AND FAR EAST SITUATION
RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THIS MATERIAL AS MILI-
TARY INFORMATION TO WAR OR STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CENSOR-
SHIP BEFORE RELEASED TO WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES.

(FOR ARNOLD FROM ADLER)

From: Baker - Baghdad
Filed: 2/18/42, 2210

Journal #14, 2/20/42

BAKER
BAGHDAD

ESTIMATES FOR FIVE MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR IN DETAIL.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON JOURNAL # 76 2/19

FILED: 4:06P 2/19 I.B. # 70 2/19

SPAIN IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ANYONE WHO WILL
FEED HER, AS CONDITIONS ARE DIPLOMATIC.

GERM MORALE IS WAKENING RAPIDLY BECAUSE OF LOSSES AND
THE RUSS DEFEATS, TOGETHER WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE
WAR WILL NOT BE OVER IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE JAP SUC-
CESSES & THE LIBYAN & CHANNEL SUCCESSES ARE STIMULANTS
ONLY, AND THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY PERMANENT EFFECT.

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FROM: MCCLURE, LONDON I.B. # 72 2/19

FILED: 4:05 P. 2/19 JOURNAL # 77 2/19

RE YOUR CABLE 604, CONCERNING GEMMELUS ONLY. THE
SUCCESS OF GEMMELUS AGAINST GERM TANKS DUE TO EQUALITY IN
NUMBER & EFFICIENCY OF OPPOSING TANKS, ACCORDING TO A
FRENCH OFFICER EYE-WITNESS WHO IS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF
OF FREE FRENCH & A TANK EXPERT. ANTI-TANK DEFENSE NOT A
FACTOR.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 83 2/19

FILED: 6:36 P.M. 2/19

DATA ON PERFORMANCE OF SOMMERFELD TRACK USED IN
SURFACING AIRFIELDS.

FROM: VICHY Via State

Journal # 79 2/19

FILED: 6:00 p.m. 2/19

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From: Chaney - London

Journal #5, 2/20/42

Filed: 2/19/42, 7:47 P

DATA ON ORDNANCE MATERIAL.

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STATE
CHANEY
LONDON

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From: Reynolds - Dublin

Journal #9, 2/20/42

REYNOLDS

Filed: 2/19/42, 5:32 P

I.B. #15, 2/20/42

DUBLIN

IRISH STILL COOPERATING IN SECRET WITH BRITISH STAFF.

AMERICANS KEPT INFORMED BY THE BRITISH. SMALL SECRET

DELIVERIES OF ARMS TO IRISH. NOTHING ELSE NEW.

From: McClure - London

Journal #10, 2/20/42

MCCLURE

Filed: 2/20/42, 7:47 P

I.B. #13, 2/20/42

LONDON

SHIPMENT OF SHELLS TO BRAZIL 5,000 H.E., 1,000 A.P.

U.S. AIDS FOR ITEMS OF U.K. PRODUCTION SHOULD REACH ME

BEFORE FEB. 22. DETAILS.

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FROM: ETO, GHQ JOURNAL # 65 2/19
FILED: 5:47 P 2/19
STEAMSHIP EMPIRE SEAL TORPEDOED 22 MI S. OF LITTLE HOPE
ISLAND, 45° 14'N 64° 45'W. INTERCEPT COMMAND CONFIRMS
AND ADDS, NO SIGN LIVES EWT.

FROM: ETO, VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 70 2/19
FILED: 4:56 P 2/19
RADIO INTERCEPT RECEIVED FT. MACON, GA. 1751, STATES
SS ELIZABETH MASSEY, A BRIT CARGO VESSEL, WAS TORPEDOED
AT LATITUDE 28° 06'N LONGITUDE 80°W.

ETO
WATKINS
VIA GHQ

FROM: DIO 7th NAVAL DIST. Journal # 71 2/19
FILED: 1800 (at Navy) 2/19
SS ELIZABETH MASSEY SAW SS PAN MASSACHUSETTS EXPLODE AT
1351 EWT, POSITION 28° 06' N 80° W.

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FROM: IBC VIA GHQ Journal # 68 2/19
FILED: 2:10 p.m. 2/19
AIR REPORT ENDING MIDNIGHT FEB. 18:
I. WEATHER
WINDS EASTERLY 10 to 24 MPH; SOME RAIN & FOG;
TEMPERATURE 45° TO 46°.
OVERCAST HALF TO FULL
CEILING 1500 to 3500
II MISSIONS
PATROLS: 5 HRS 35 MIN.
OTHER FLIGHTS 22 HRS 55 MIN
REPORT OTHERWISE NEGATIVE.

ibo VIA
GHQ
BONESTEEL

From: ETO (Navy) thru GHQ Journal #1, 2/20/42
Filed: 2/19/42, 4:02 P
PAN AMERICAN PLANE SIGHTED SUB AT 24°49' N 68°14' W.
SS OKLAHOMA CANCELLED SOS CALL.
CASUALTIES UNKNOWN, BUT BELIEVED HEAVY DUE TO GROUNDING
PLACENTIA BAY DURING BAD WEATHER OF U.S. DESTROYERS TRUX-
TON, WILKES, & POLLOCK. MEDICAL SERVICE & HOSPITALIZATION
OF ARMY OFFERED.

WATKINS

ETO (NAVY)
THRU GHQ

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ATLANTIC # 2

From: Quarry Heights, CA
Interceptor Command P.R.
Thru OHQ

Journal #2, 2/20/42

QUARRY HEIGHTS
THRU OHQ

Filed: 2/19/42, 2:16 P

FOLLOWING SUBS LOCATED:

ONE AT 8° 26' N 50° 00' W

ONE AT 8° 23' N 58° 36' W

FIVE VICINITY OF ARUBA & CURACAO

TWO 10° 50' N 61° 30' W

KIRKWOOD

From: Chaney - London

Journal #6, 2/20/42

CHANNEY

Filed: 2/19/42, 7:47 P

LONDON

ALWAYS DESIRE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON DISPATCH OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.

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FROM: KIRKWOOD, QUARRY HEIGHTS, CA JOURNAL # 66 2/19

FILED: 2:16 P 2/19 (via GHQ)

WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE A HOSTILE SUB, AS YET UNLOCATED,
HAS DAMAGED ONE BRIT TANKER & ONE BRIT CARGO VESSEL IN
PANA GULF ON 2/19. AIR AND NAVAL UNITS ARE SEARCHING FOR
SUB.

KIRKWOOD
QUARRY H
A.A.
VIA GHQ

FROM: ANDREWS, QUARRY HEIGHTS JOURNAL # 72 2/19

FILED: 3:26 p.m. 2/19

HANDLING OF INTERNEES IN CANAL ZONE.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES #7

Pacific Theater

Filed: 01:37 2/20

Journal #27, 2/20

From: Ft. Mills MACARTHUR

PORT FRANK SUBJECT TO ARTILLERY FIRE. LIGHT ACTIVITY
OF ALL KINDS ON FRONT. SITUATION SAME IN SOUTH. SUBMARINE
FROM SOUTH DELIVERED 1,000,000 ROUNDS OF 30 CALIBER
AMMUNITION TO MINDANAO ON FEB 16.

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IB #39, 2/19

From: MAGRUDER, Amer. Mss., Chungking Journal #20, 2/20

20,000 TONS BOMBS, INCENDIARIES & SHELLS - SOME FRENCH-OWNED - BEING MOVED BY JAPS TO THAILAND FROM SAIGON, ACCORDING TO CHIANG KAI SHEK'S HQS.

CHINESE INTELLIGENCE REPORT, THOUGHT RELIABLE: ENEMY'S 15TH DIV. PROCEEDING TOWARD HANKOW FROM CHINCHOW, VICINITY OF ICHANG. 10,000 JAP TROOPS WITH ADDITIONAL CHEMICAL UNIT ORDERED FROM SHANGHAI TO HANKOW; OF THESE 2 or 3,000 HAVE ALREADY REACHED HANKOW, VIA RAIL & WATER. CIVILIAN TRAFFIC FORBIDDEN IN GULF OF HANGCHOW. FOREGOING MAY POINT TO ANOTHER CHANGSHA₂ DRIVE BY JAPS.

NORTH WAR ZONE HQS SAY 30,000 MORE ENEMY TROOPS, PLUS EXTRA CHEMICAL UNITS, IN NORTHERN HUMAN, & HQS SURE AN ASSAULT ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED. CHINESE INTELLIGENCE DISCOUNTS REPORT AS TO AUGMENTATION OF JAP TROOPS.

C-2: 1. WOULD BE 4TH ATTACK ON CHANGSHA SINCE 1939.
2. PROBABLY 9TH WAR ZONE, NORMAL HQS AT CHANGSHA.

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Journal #22, 2/20

From: G-2 CBC (GHC) KIRKWOOD

TANKERS REPORTED BY MILITARY SOURCES AS DAMAGED OFF
ARUBA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL	COUNTRY	TONNAGE	REMARKS
REDONNALES	BRAZIL	3945	SUNK
MONAGAS	VENEZUELA	2650	SUNK
BUARQUE	BRAZIL	?	SUNK
ARKANSAS	U.S.	6987	DAMAGED(NOW DRYDOCK)
ORANGESTADT	BRAZIL	2396	SUNK

ACCORDING TO BRIT NAVY, 3 TORPEDOES HIT PANAMANIAN SS
BASRA OFF ENTRANCE TO ARUBA AT 9:25 AM. SHIP IS SINKING.

BEACHED TORPEDOES' WAR-HEAD EXPLODED WHILE BEING DIS-
MANTLED. 2 MEN & 2 OFFICERS, ALL DUTCH, KILLED. PROPULSION
MACHINERY & REST OF TORPEDO STILL ON BEACH.

DUTCH TANKER RAFAELA, ALTHOUGH DAMAGED, REACHED CURACAO
SAFELY; TANKER TIAJUANA DAMAGED; BRIT TANKER SAN NICHOLAS

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HIT BUT NOT SUNK. INFORMATION REFERENCE LAST 3 VESSELS
OBTAINED FROM NEWSPAPERS.

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Journal #16 & 17, 2/20

From: Navy Radio N.Y. ETO

SOS SS DE PLATA (KGDE) PLEASE TAKE BEARING.*

NOTE: * NO POSITION GIVEN.

FROM PGDE SS----- 75 MILES OFF SAN LUCIA ABANDONING SHIP.

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Journal #18, 2/20

From: G-2 WDC (GHQ) STROH

TANKER SS G.F.DOWNEY RADIOS SIGHTING SUB AT 7:45 PM,
FEB 18 AT 58° 13' 30" W. 13TH NAVAL DIST. RECEIVED
REPORT. COAST GUARD REPORTED THAT G.F.DOWNEY HAD SIGHTED
A SUB WHOSE COURSE WAS WNW, 28 MILES, 303 DEGREES FROM
CAPE SPENCE LIGHT AT 7:30 PM, FEB 18TH. OTHER CONFIRMA-
TION NOT YET RECEIVED.

Filed: 4:52 AM 2/20

Journal #19, 2/20

From: 1st Army thru G-3 (GHQ)

SSS INTERCEPT BY W.S.C. FROM WTON (WILLIAM C ATWATER)
26° 45' N 79° 55' W -- SUSPICIOUS LOOKING CRAFT -- COURSE
185, SPEED 10 KNOTS -- 04:22 ENT. LOCATED ON MAP AS OFF
COAST OF FLORIDA, VICINITY WEST PALM BEACH.

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UNITED STATES # 1

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From: Benedict, Ft. Douglas, Utah Journal #8, 2/19/42
Filed: 2/18/42, 6:20 P

~~SECRET~~
FT. DOUGLAS,
UTAH

FACILITIES FOR ENEMY ALIENS, 2500, AT SCATTERED CAMPS,
REQUIRING SEPARATION OF FAMILIES, EXCESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE
REQUIREMENTS, DRASTIC CLIMATIC CHANGE. SEE PREVIOUS
COMMUNICATIONS OF CG WDC RE INITIAL EVACUATION OF ADULT
MALES ONLY UNTIL RESETTLEMENT CAN BE PERFECTED.

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LATIN AMERICA #1

FROM: CONGDON, MONTEVIDEO I.B. # 40 2/18
FILED: 3:10 P.M. 2/18 Journal # 40 2/18
BEGINNING THE 18th, A 3-VESSEL PATROL HAS BEEN PUT
INTO EFFECT BY URUGUAY.

CONGDON,
MONTEVIDEO

FROM: PRATT, PORT OF SPAIN, BWI JOURNAL # 50 2/18
FILED: 2:57 P.M. 2/18
PLANS FOR BARBOUR, JULIAN, CAN NOT BE MADE BY GENERAL
PATCH.

PRATT, PORT
OF SPAIN

FROM: CG CDC VIA GRQ JOURNAL # 55 2/18
FILED: 1030 2/18

CG CDC
ANDREWS
VIA GRQ

PERERMALESAND ORANJESTAD, TANKER, SUNK AND DESTROYED
AT 6:00 A.M. ABOUT ONE-HALF MILE S. OF SAN NICHOLAS, ARUBA.
THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SHELLING OF THE REFINERY
AT LAGO. APPROXIMATELY 37 MM TRACER AMMUNITION WAS USED
AND ABOUT 10 TO 15 SHOTS WERE FIRED. THE SHELL FIRE
CAUSED NO DAMAGE.

AN UNIDENTIFIED TANKER SUNK AND DESTROYED 745 OCT.,
ABOUT ONE MILE TO S. OF EAGLE DOCK, ARUBA. USAF AIR
PATROL CONFIRMED SINKING OF TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS
12° 3' N AND 70° 25' W AND ONE AT 2° 01' N AND 75° 30' W.
(THESE BARINGS LOCATE A POINT ON DRY LAND, BUT ARE AS
RECEIVED BY HQ). LIFE BOATS WITH SURVIVORS ARE APPROACH-
ING VENEZUELAN SHORE. OTHER TANKER PROBABLY ENROUTE TO
MARACAIBO, ARUBA. AT 8 OCT, SUB WAS ATTACKED BY AIRFORCE
ABOUT 20 MI S. OF ARUBA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

JOURNAL # 55 2/18 continued

COMMANDANT CARRIBBEAN YEA FRONTIER HAS ABOVE INFORMATION
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WILL MAINTAIN COMMAND POST TEMP.
ORARILY AT SAN NICHOLAS.

From: CIB - Capt. Willman Journal #60, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/18/42

CIB

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THIS DIVISION BY
TELEPHONE FROM FBI TO THE EFFECT THAT A CONFIDENTIAL
SOURCE IN CUBA HAD REPORTED TO THEM THAT GERMAN AGENTS
IN CUBA ARE TALKING ABOUT 1500 AIRPLANES AND 15 SUB-
MARINES NEARLY READY AT MARTINIQUE TO ATTACK THE PANAMA
CANAL, PUERTO RICO, FLORIDA OR THE FLORIDA KEYS, AND CUBA.
NO DETAILS AS TO DATES WERE GIVEN.

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From: ETO

Journal #9, 2/19/42

ETO

Filed: 2/19/42, 1:15 A

REPORT THAT US STEAMER MCKINNA (KIDUK) HAD SENT SOS
AND WAS PREPARING TO ABANDON SHIP. SOS FORWARDED VIA
NAW, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA. POSITION 23°40' N, longitude
UNKNOWN. REPORTED AS BEING 2800 YARDS OFF BEACON NR 2

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FROM: ETO (DUTY OFFICER) JOURNAL #41 2/18
FILED: 6:15 P.M. 2/18

VIA GHQ

NAVY REPORTED SUBMARINE REPORTED BY MINE SWEEPER AT 5:35 P.M. POSITION 38 26 N 74 35 W, JUST OFF DELAWARE CAPE. WE HAVE SUB IN THAT VICINITY, BUT NOT DUE TO LEAVE DELAWARE CAPE UNTIL 1900 TODAY. BELIEVED TO BE ENEMY SUB. BOMBER COMMAND NOTIFIED 5:55 P.M.

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FROM: G-2 ETO VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 42 2/18

FILED: 1250 p.m. 2/18

U.S. MINE SWEEPER PARAMOUNT GROUNDED & ABANDONED ABOUT 11:15 GMT, FEB. 17, 25 MI SW CAPE MATTHEAS. CREW RESCUED BY C.O. CUTTER "DIONE".

FIRST NAVAL DIST. REPORTS USS DETECTOR AND 75 SUNK AT 0355 GMT, FEB. 18, RESULTING FROM COLLISION WITH STANDARD OIL TANKER "ARSWEGO" AT ENTRANCE TO NORTH CHANNEL, BOSTON

NORWEGIAN TANKER SS BLINK TORPEDOED AT 0150 FEB. 12, APPROXIMATELY 3500 N 72 27 W. 6 SURVIVORS RESCUED BY SS MONROE AND LANDED AT BALTIMORE, MD., FEB. 17th.

THE CIUSCOROM AT 0437 GMT, FEB. 15, REPORTED 2 SUBS SIGHTED ON SURFACE HEADED E AT 5442 N 3855 W. DELAY IN TRANSMISSION CAUSED BY RADIO RESTRICTION.

USS WILKES DESTROYER REPORTED 0841 GMT AGROUND AT ENE TRANCE TO PLACENTIA BAY, NEWFOUNDLAND.

DESPATCH RECEIVED 1130 GMT, FEB. 18 FROM USS PALLOX,

~~REMARK~~ JOURNAL # 42 2/18 CONTINUED

STATING, "REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, AGROUND LANCE POINT, NEWFOUNDLAND."

FROM: ETO VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 43 2/18

FILED: 6:55 P.M. 2/18

NAVY REPORTED AT 6:30 P.M. THAT SS BRAZILIAN, S. AMER- ETO
ICAN TANKER, WAS TORPEDOED ABOUT 5:00 P.M. AND WAS AFIRE VIA GHQ
WITH 3 LIFE BOATS CONTAINING 10 PEOPLE EACH, NEARBY.
REPORT CAME FROM AN ARMY PLANE WHICH LANDED AT MITCHEL
FIELD AND REPORTED TO THE NAVY THAT AN ARMY PLANE WAS
CIRCLING THE LIFE BOATS. NAVY REPORTEDLY SENT DESTROYER
ASSISTANCE. POSITION GIVEN 3755 N 7400 W, ABOUT 75 MI
OFF DELAWARE CAPE.

4:00 p.m.

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FROM: G-2 ETO, VIA GHQ

JOURNAL # 44 2/18

FILED: 7:15 p.m. 2/18

Correction on report of sinking of SS Brazilian. NAME of ship not known due to smoke, but known to be Brazilian tanker. Sank 4:06 p.m. 2 life boats with about 15 men in each, nearby. First sighted by a DB-7, which left a B-17 circling the life boats. Due to a weak radio on DB-7 and failure on B-17, unable to make land-to-plane radio contact. Navy intercepted a destroyer which is proceeding to scene. Correct position 37 38N 7400 W.

G-2 ETO

Via GHQ

FROM: CG INC GHQ

JOURNAL # 56 2/18

FILED: 7:00 pm 2/18

ARRIVAL OF FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL GERM AIRCRAFT IN NORWAY IS REPORTED BY AIR MINIS:

1. FOCKE-WULFE 200 (CONDOR) 6 TO 9 IN S. NORWAY.
2. A GROUP CONSISTING OF 36 MESSERSCHMIDTS 190's. NO REPORT ON LOCATION.
3. A GROUP CONSISTING OF 36 MESSERSCHMIDTS 11 10. NO REPORT ON LOCATION.

THE PLANES OF ITEM 2 AND 3 ESCORTED GERM SHIPS ON THEIR MOVE FROM BREST & CAME FROM THE BREST REGION. ITEMS 2 & 3 INDICATE POSSIBLE MOVE UP NORWAY COAST OF GERM UNITS. ITEM 1 CARRIES IMPLICATION OF AIR RAID ON ICELAND.

4:00 p.m.
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4:00 p.m.
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FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B.# 42 2/18
FILED: 1440 2/18 Journal # 46 2/18
HAS AVAILABLE DATA (AS OF MARCH 1941) ON RUSSIAN TACTICS,
INFANTRY DIVISION, WAR INSTALLATIONS AND FULL T.O. MUST BE
TRANSLATED & WANTS TO KNOW IF W.D. ALREADY HAS SUCH INFORMATION.

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From: McClure - London
Filed: 2/18/42, 5:50 P

Journal #14, 2/19/42

MCCLURE
LONDON

GERMANY HAS REINFORCED HER AIR SERVICE ON THE CENTRAL FRONT BY 160 PLANES, 60 OF WHICH ARE LONG RANGE BOMBERS. GENERAL OPERATIONS ARE ON SMALL SCALE. INCREASED ACTIVITIES IN THE SMOLENSK AREA DUE PARTLY TO REINFORCEMENTS. ACTIVITY TO THE SOUTH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY DECREASED DURING PAST TWO WEEKS; UNSERVICEABLE AIR DROMES BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER MAY BE THE CAUSE. SEVERE WEATHER UNDOUBTEDLY HAS HELD UP RUSSIAN ADVANCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED AIR ACTIVITIES IN FINLAND. GERMAN AIR DROMES ON FINNISH FRONTIER MAY POINT TOWARD AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST SUPPLY LINE THROUGH ARCHANGEL AND MERMANSK.

A PERIOD OF INACTIVITY LASTING 4 TO 6 WEEKS DURING THE SPRING THAW WILL GIVE THE GERMAN AIR FORCE A CHANCE TO

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REHABILITATE CREWS, PLANES, AND AIR SERVICE GENERALLY.

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FROM: CHANEY, LONDON

JOURNAL # 45 2/18

FILED: 4:00 p.m. 2/18

TWO PAGE MESSAGE DEALING WITH CHANNELS OF & PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNICATIONS.

CHANEY
LONDON

FROM: CG IBC VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 49 2/18

FILED: 7:00 p.m. 2/18

REPORT FROM ADMIRALTY STATES IT IS BELIEVED THE AIRCRAFT OF VICHY FRENCH HAVE RECOGNIZING MARKS AS FOLLOWS:

1. BLUE, WHITE AND RED ROUNDDALLS ON WINGS WITH BLUE IN CENTER;
2. LONGITUDINAL WHITE STRIPES ON FUSELAGE SEVERAL FEET LONG AND IN CENTER A ROUNDDALL;
3. VERTICAL BLUE, WHITE AND RED STRIPES ON RUDDER, RED AFT;
4. TAIL FIN AND ENGINE COWLING HAVE YELLOW AND RED STRIPES IN SERIES.

CG IBC
BONSTEEL
VIA GHQ

From: McClure - London

Journal #62, 2/18/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 7:05 P

I.B. #58

BRITISH RDF WAS JAMMED BY GERMANS WHILE SHIPS WERE ESCAPING FROM BREST.

CHANNEL STATIONS ON 1 1/2 METERS WERE MOST EFFECTIVELY JAMMED. STRAIGHT JAMMING APPARENTLY USED. PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE INQUIRY AND ONLY THEN WILL AIR MINISTER COMMENT. MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT LATER.

MCCLURE
LONDON

From: Eager - Madrid

Journal #6, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 1950

I.B. #2, 2/19/42

SITUATION THE SAME.

EAGER
MADRID

From: Legge - Berne

Journal #7, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 2006

I.B. #1, 2/19/42

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

LEGGE
BERNE

From: Leahy - Vichy

Journal #12, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 2200

I.B. #11, 2/19/42

6 FLYING BOATS READY FOR TEST; 5 OTHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION; FRANCE HAS NO PASSENGER FLYING BOATS.

LEAHY
VICHY

From: Shipp - Lisbon

Journal #17, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 2224

I.B. #12, 2/19/42

CAPE VERDE TROOPS LEFT FEB. 16, ABOUT 90, WITH HEAVY WEAPONS. GERMANY COULD OBTAIN 100-200,000 MEN FROM SPAIN FOR RUSSIA BUT DOUBT GERMANY WANTS THEM. BELIEVE SPAIN WILL OPERATE AGAINST GIBRALTER. JAPS (HERE) TALK ABOUT SURPRISING HAWAII AGAIN. MILITARY ESTIMATES PLACE 120 (DIVISIONS) AT LEAST ON RUSSIAN FRONT, 80 IN RESERVE, 45-50 IN OCCUPIED COUNTRIES. EFFECTIVES FOR MAJOR OFFENSIVE LACKING. DO NOT THINK SPAIN PLANS IMMEDIATE HOSTILITIES.

SHIPP
LISBON

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FROM: MCCLURE, M/A LONDON
FILED: 3:09 P.M. 2/18

I.B. # 34 2/18
Journal # 38 2/18

MCCLURE
M/A LONDON

THERE HAVE BEEN NO REVISIONS OF DISPOSITIONS OR PERSONNEL BY BRIT OR AXIS FORCES IN LIBYA SINCE OUR LAST CABLE, EXCEPT EXCEPT THAT THE LOCATION INTROPOLI OF A PORTION OF THE ITALIAN 133RD (LITTORIA) ARMORED DIV HAS BEEN VERIFIED. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE SEA BATTLE ON JAN 23RD RESULTED IN LOSS OF THIS DIV'S INFANTRY & THAT THE PORTION IN TRIPOLI IS COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF ARMORED ELEMENTS. THESE ARE PRESUMED TO BE EQUIPPED WITH MARK XIV TANKS (AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THE 13-TON MARK XIII). IT IS NOT ESTABLISHED WHETHER THERE ARE THREE OR FIVE BATTALIONS IN THIS DIV, SINCE THIS KIND OF ITAL ARMORED DIV MAY CONSIST OF EITHER NUMBER. EACH BATTALION IS EQUIPPED WITH 46 TANKS.

THERE HAVE BEEN NO LAND OPERATIONS SINCE THE RETURN TO THE BRITAIN MAIN POSITION OF EVERY AXIS COLUMN WHICH HAD

I.B. # 34 Journal # 38 2/18 (continued)

ADVANCED TOWARD THE BIRNACHIM-GAZALA LINE HELD BY THE BRIT.

THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSEQUENT REPORT CONCERNING THE CONVOY, WHOSE MOVEMENT WAS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN PROTECTED BY THE ITAL WARSHIP'S WHICH WERE ENGAGED BY BRIT PLANES ON NIGHT OF 15th SW OF SICILY.

AT LEAST 148 TANKS ARE IN FRONT AREAS, ACCORDING TO THE WAR MINISTRY'S ESTIMATE BASED ON ALL DEPENDABLE REPORTS.

From: Fallers - Cairo
Filed: 2/18/42, 1515

Journal #2, 2/19/42
I.B. #59, 2/18/42

FALLERS
CAIRO

BRIT. HAD NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY IN TANKS, FIELD PIECES AND AIRCRAFT WHEN THEY STARTED NOV. 18 OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY SUPPORT WAS POTENTIALLY ALWAYS AVAILABLE, BUT IT WAS SHOWN ONLY RARELY. MANEUVERS AND TIMING WERE CORRECT. BRIGADES WERE SPLIT AND THUS DEFEATED IN DETAILS. A CO-ORDINATED ATTACK WAS NOT EFFECTED. UNITS WERE NOT DESERT-WORTHY DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT TRAINING. SUPPLIES FOR BRIGADES BROKE DOWN, THERE WERE INSUFFICIENT TROOPS IN FORWARD AREAS TO GIVE WARNING AND TEMPORARY RESISTANCE TO ENEMY, UNITS OFTEN RAN OUT OF GASOLINE.

THERE WERE FEW OFFICERS OR MEN ASSIGNED WITH DESERT EXPERIENCE, TANKS UNDERWENT MODIFICATION FOR DESERT.

ABOVE ARE MY COMMENTS. WILL GIVE FURTHER DETAILS BY CABLE.

From: Bentley - Tanger
Filed: 2/18/42, 1850
SITUATION UNCHANGED.

Journal #61, 2/18/42
I.B. #47, 2/18/42

BENTLEY
TANGER

From: Baker - Baghdad
Filed: 2/17/42, 1930

Journal #10, 2/19/42
I.B. #9, 2/19/42

BAKER
BAGHDAD

PART I OF A 2-PART MESSAGE.

(PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR OPERATION OF MISSION IN DETAIL.)

4:00 p.m.
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FROM: MOCLURE, M/A LONDON I.B. # 33 2/18
FILED: 3:09 P.M. 2/18 Journal # 37 2/18
IT IS BELIEVED BY WAR OFFICE THAT OF ENEMY DIVS FORMERLY REPORTED IN CHENERE REGION, ONE WAS EMPLOYED AGAINST MACASSAR & AMBOINA. IF ASSUMPTION THAT A DIV WAS ALSO USED AGAINST SUMATRA IS CORRECT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE ARE STILL 2 JAP DIVS AFLOAT IN CHENERE-ANAMRAS AREA.

THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION AT WAR OFFICE FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES OF NEWSPAPER STORY DATED TODAY WHICH QUOTES A SPOKESMAN FOR CHINESE ARMY THAT ON FEB. 6th 30,000 JAP SOLDIERS LANDED AT HAIPHONG, INDO-CHINA, DESTINED FOR THE BURMA THEATER.

THERE IS NO NEW REPORT FROM THE FAR EAST EXCEPT THAT SALWEEN RIVER WAS CROSSED AT YINBAING¹ BY ENEMY FORCE ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 300 & 1,000 STRONG. ALL OF THE 17th INDIAN DIV IS NOW SET ALONG THE W BANK OF THE BILLIN RIVER WITH MISSION OF COVERING RANGOON. THE CONCENTRATION

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OF ELEPHANTS REPORTED AT KANAMAUNG² WAS NOT LOCATED BY BRIT AIRCRAFT SENT TO ATTACK THEM. THROUGHOUT BURMA BRIT AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE AGAINST THE JAPS.

G-2 NOTES:

1. YINBAING: ON SALWEEN RIVER, ABOUT 80 MI N OF MOULMEIL
2. KANAMAUNG: ON SALWEEN RIVER, ABOUT 70 MI N OF MOULMEIL

FROM: BRETT, JAVA I.B. #
FILED: 4:15P 2/18 JOURNAL # 39 2/18

THE WORSE POSSIBLE SITUATION, NAMELY A JAP ATTACK ON JAVA BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY, MUST NOW BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE REASONS:

1. EVENTS PRESENTLY INDICATE A POSSIBLE INVASION OF BRLI, WHICH, WHILE IT IS WITHIN AIR RANGE OF EAST JAVA, IS NOT WELL DEFENDED & COULD BE USED IN FURTHERANCE OF AN ATTEMPT TO GET EAST JAVA.
2. JAPS NO DOUBT SUFFERED VERY HEAVY CASUALTIES IN TAKING PALEMBANG AREA, AND WHILE THIS MAY HOLD UP FOR THE TIME BEING IMMEDIATE ADVANCE TO THE SOUTH, EVERYTHING WAS THROWN IN AGAINST THEM IN THIS OPERATION & THERE IS LITTLE LEFT TO OPPOSE AN ADVANCE DOWN TO SUNDA STRAIT.

AS TO JAVA ITSELF: THE ISLAND CANNOT BE DEFENDED PROPERLY BEING 500 MI LONG & HAVING ON ITS NORTHERN COAST NUMEROUS PLACES FOR LANDING. FROM BASES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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TION IN SOUTHERN BORNEO AND FROM VICINITY KENDARI & MACASSAR & FROM SOUTHERN SUMATRA CAN RAID JAVA BY AIR. SUCH RAIDS WILL NO DOUBT BEGIN WITH ATTACKS ON BATAVIA & SOERABAYA & RESULT IN SERIOUS HINDERANCE ON IMPORTANT WORK THERE SINCE THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT AIR SHELTER OR AA PROTECTION.

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING MUST BE DECIDED UPON AT ONCE .

1. GREATER STRENGTHENING OF AUSTRALIA AS A BASE FOR CARRYING DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE NORTH.
2. REINFORCEMENTS FOR JAVA.
3. AIR AND GROUND REINFORCEMENTS FOR BURMA SUFFICIENT NOT ONLY FOR ITS DEFENSE BUT FOR AN OFFENSIVE.

BRETT, JAVA

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FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 48 2/18
FILED: 0221 2/19
CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO SS CO-
CLIDGE AND MANIPOSA'S LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT.

BARNES
MELBOURNE

FROM: ABDACOM I.B.# 44 2/18
FILED: 0030 3/18 JOURNAL # 52 2/18
WEATHER PREVENTED BOMBER ACTIVITY TODAY. 4 JAP FIGHTERS
DOWNED BY B-40 SQUADRON WHILE ON MISSION TO ATTACK PALEM-
BANG (I. I) WHERE NO PLANES WERE SEEN ON THE GROUND.
JAPS CONSOLIDATED AIRFIELD IN S. SUMATRA. S. SUMATRA NOW
BEING EVACUATED BY ALLIED FORCES.
RESULTS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AIR RAID ON BANKA AREA:
3 JAP PURSUITS, NOT 2 AS HERETOFORE STATED, SHOT DOWN.
2 OF OUR MARTIN BOMBERS ARE MISSING. B-17's DESTROYED
MANY BARGES, SANK A LARGE TROOPSHIP AND HIT ANOTHER.
MARTIN BOMBERS GOT NEAR MISSES ON ONE TROOPSHIP AND A
DIRECT HIT ON ONE.

ABDACOM

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 58 2/18
FILED: 0215 2/19
TWO BUILDINGS AVAILABLE IN DARWIN FOR RED CROSS DETAILS
OF COSTS. (150 WORDS)

BARNES
MELBOURNE

From: Brett - Java JOURNAL #47, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/18/42, 1042

BRETT
JAVA

PLANS NOW IN PREPARATION FOR DIVERSION OF B-17'S, THAT
ARE IN TRANSIT TO NEI TO AKYAB FOR OPERATIONS, IF THE SIT-
UATION WARRANTS IT, BY EVACUATION OF THE HEAVY BOMBERS
NOW IN JAVA TO BURMA, DEPENDENT ON DECISION BY CCOS AS TO
DIVERSION AUSTRALIAN COMPS FOR THE DEFENSE OF BURMA.

AMERICAN TROOPS NOW IN CONVOY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ABOUT
MARCH 15TH. FIGHTER PROTECTION, ANTI AIR CRAFT ARTILLERY
FOR DEFENSE OF BASE AT AKYAB AND SUFFICIENT GROUND PERSON-
NEL FOR MAINTENANCE TO BE FURNISHED BY BRITISH WITH ARRIV-
VAL OF U.S. TROOPS. SUFFICIENT BOMBS AND AMMUNITION, GAS
AND OIL FOR OPERATIONS OVER PERIOD OF FOUR DAYS WILL BE
ON HAND BY FEB. 20TH.

WITH ADVANCE BASES VICINITY TONGO AND MAGNE ONE SQUAD-

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RON OF HEAVY BOMBERS CAN OPERATE FROM BASE AT AKYAB.

THE ABOVE REPORTED BY A. BRADY SENT TO BURMA ABOUT
FEB. 5.

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10:00 AM
2/19/42

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PACIFIC # 3

From: Barnes - Melbourne
Filed: 2/18/42, 2121

Journal #51, 2/18/42

BARNES
MELBOURNE

RECOMMENDED THAT 100 ARMING WIRES AND EXTRA CLIPS BE PUT IN A UNIT CARTON AND SEVERAL CARTONS PUT IN AN EXPORT BOX; THAT THERE BE MORE CAREFUL PACKING AND MARKING OF THE ARMING WIRES AS A NUMBER OF CARTONS WERE BURSTED DURING TRANSHIPMENT AND THE CONTENTS SPILLED; THAT ONLY FULL ORIGINAL BOXES OF FUZES AND AMMUNITION COMPONENTS BE SHIPPED OVERSEAS. IT IS INDICATED THAT MOST REPACKED OR SHORT BOXES OF AMMUNITION COMPONENTS ARE NOT PROPERLY PACKED AND MARKED SO AS TO GUARANTEE SAFETY AND EASY IDENTIFICATION.

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter
Filed: 2/18/42, 10:30 A

Journal #54, 2/18/42

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

RESTRICTIONS ON THE TIME OF ARRIVAL OF AIRPLANES IN HAWAII HAVE BEEN LIFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RADIOGRAM #1428 OF FEB. 16TH. A COPY OF LOST PLANE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN SENT BY AIR MAIL TO CO HAMILTON AND ALL PILOTS SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH SAME. FT. SHAFTER HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AS TO ANY PLANES THAT ARE EN ROUTE SO THAT NECESSARY NAVIGATIONAL AIDS CAN BE AVAILABLE. THE ISLAND SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH EXTREME CAUTION DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS BECAUSE OF BLACKOUT.

From: ANDA COM
Filed: 2/16/42

Journal #53, 2/18/42
I.B. #43

ANDACOM

IT IS INDICATED THAT KENDARI'S IMPORTANCE AS A BASE IS GROWING IN VIEW OF MOVEMENT OF JAP AIR POWER TO THE SOUTH. COMMENT: OPERATIONS TO SOUTH AND SOUTH (704816) WILL LIKELY SPRING FROM KENDARI AND LESGER BASES AT BENDJEMASIN. AMBON IS USED FOR THE MOST PART AS A BASE FOR RECONNAISSANCE OVER TIMOR AND BANDA SEAS.

JAP OPERATIONS OVER ISLES IN SOUTHERN CHAIN ARE INCREASING. THIS INDICATES THE NEXT ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY.

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter
Filed: 2/18/42, 1:59 P

Journal #57

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A NON INFLAMMABLE SOLVENT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE MILDLY INFLAMMABLE MOSQUITO SPRAY (ASCR 600-11") NOW IN THE PLANES ARRIVING FROM U.S.

From: Thropp - Java
Filed: 2/19/42, 0335

Journal #63, 2/18/42
I.B. #57, 2/18/42

THROPP
JAVA

NATIVES AVOID BOMBING BY FLEEING TOWN, CAUSING SERIOUS LABOR PROBLEM. SOURABAYA NAVAL BASE ATTACKED BY 40 JAP PLANES; ALSO T J E POE OIL FIELD. UNKNOWN DAMAGE. PROBABLE LANDING ON LOMBOK OR TIMOR. KOEPANG BOMBED. 5 JAP BOMBERS SHOT DOWN.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES PACIFIC # 5

From: Thorpe - Java
Filed: 2/18/42, 0345

Journal #5, 2/19/42

THORPE
JAVA

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES STATE JAPS HAVE MOVED ALL MAIN FORCES, EXCEPT THOSE IN BURMA SOUTH OF LINE NEW GUINEA, MENADO IN CELEBES, BORNEO AND MALAY PENINSULA AND HAVE MASSED FORCES IN SOUTH. WARELL IS TAKING NO DEFINITE STEPS ON EVACUATION AT PRESENT DUE TO POSSIBLE DUTCH REACTION. HE BELIEVES DUTCH WILL FIGHT AS LONG AS THERE IS A CHANCE, AND BELIEVES BURMA AND INDIA MUST BE FIRMLY SECURED AND OFFENSIVE ACTION BUILT UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUSTRALIA, HE FEELS, SHOULD BE BUILT INTO MAJOR BASE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

OPERATIONS IN BURMA ARE IMMEDIATELY DESIRABLE AND MIGHT LESSEN PRESSURE ON JAVA. MY BELIEF IS THIS ACTION MUST BE TAKEN, BUT HIS POSSIBILITIES ARE SLIGHT DUE TO HIS SMALL DEFENSIVE POWER AND EXTENDED COAST LINES.

JAPS ARE ABLE TO STRIKE IN SEVERAL PLACES. FROM SUMAT-

(Journal #5, 2/19/42, Cont'd)

RA, WEST JAVA, BATAVIA AND BANDOENG ARE VULNERABLE AND FROM MACASSAR AND SOUTH BORNEO, EAST JAVA IS OPEN TO ATTACK.

ATTACK ON HALI DAILY EXPECTED, AS WELL AS ON TIMOR. THIS IS LAST DITCH DEFENSE IN REALITY, ONLY AN ALLIED OFFENSIVE ELSEWHERE CAN DIVERT JAP STRENGTH AND MAKE DEFENSE SUCCESSFUL. BURMA IS BEST AREA FOR SUCH AN OFFENSIVE. HOWEVER, STRENGTH OF BURMA QUESTIONABLE DUE TO JAP REINFORCEMENTS FROM MALAYA.

INTELLIGENCE INDICATES MAJOR JAP FORCES CONCENTRATED FOR SUMATRA OFFENSIVE.

RUMORS EXIST OF JAP PRESSURE BY PROPAGANDA FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO SAVE PROPERTY FROM DESTRUCTION. I CANNOT YET FORECAST THEIR REACTION. EVACUATION OF CIVIL EMPLOYEES SUGGESTED. IMMEDIATE ACTION IN BURMA AND LONG RANGE OPERA-

(Journal #5, 2/19/42, Cont'd)

TIONS FROM AUSTRALIA ARE VITAL TO OUR CAUSE. PRICELESS TIME HAS BEEN LOST. THORPE (BRETT)

(NOTE: This important message must be read in the original to comprehend the urgency of Gen. Brett's appeal. Morgan.)

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #15, 2/19/42
Filed: 2/19/42, 0156

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

JAPANESE BUILD-UP OF ARTILLERY CONTINUES PARTICULARLY ON MY RIGHT. HIS FORCES APPARENTLY ARE BEING REGROUPED. HAVE CAPTURED 3 GUNS, FLAME THROWERS, ORDNANCE AND SIGNAL EQUIPMENT. DAMAGE IS MOUNTING ON FT. FRANK WHICH CONTINUES TO BE BOMBARDED. NO CHANGE IN SOUTH.

MINDANAO IS BEING BUILT UP BY KEY OFFICERS I AM SENDING FROM HERE. 2.59 HOW. AMMN. IS GONE. THESE WHILE OBSOLETE HAVE HANDLED WELL AND PROVED THEIR EFFICIENCY UNDER FOREST CONDITIONS. CAN I GET MORE AMMUNITION FOR THESE (24) AND 84 MM MORTARS (40). A STEP-UP IN BLOCKADE RUNNING SERVICE AS TO SPEED AND TONNAGE IS NECESSARY TO DO ANY REAL GOOD.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGE

PACIFIC # 4

From: Merrill - Rangoon

Journal #3, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/17/42, 1850

I.B. #4, 2/19/42

MERRILL
RANGOON

FRESH DRIVE IN WEST IMMINENT, JAP ACTIVITIES INDICATE. LOSS OF BURMA ROAD AND PEGU APPEARS INEVITABLE. BELIEF IS BRIT. CANNOT WITHSTAND NEW JAP OFFENSIVE. SITUATION ABOUT THE SAME FOR FEB. 16. JAP TROOPS SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT ATTACK BY RAF BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

From: McClure - London

Journal #4, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 55 P (1)

I.B. #3, 2/19/42

MCCLURE
LONDON

REPORT RECEIVED THAT JAP FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS ARE BEING OPERATED FROM ISLAND REPORTED IN RIO MARSHALL GROUP. INFORMATION AS TO LAND AND SEAPLANE BASES IN THAT ISLAND REQUESTED BY AIR MINISTER.

From: Barnes - Melbourne

Journal #11, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/19/42, 0420

BARNES
MELBOURNE

HOLBROOK HAS NOT BEEN SUNK.

From: State Department

Journal #18, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/18/42, 5:00 P

STATE DEPT.

U.S. CONSULATE IN RANGOON CLOSED.

From: Barnes - Melbourne

Journal #16, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/19/42, 0327

BARNES
MELBOURNE

SUGGESTS WAR SHIPPING REPRESENTATIVE HQ. BE IN MELBOURNE, NOT IN BRISBANE.

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Filed: 7:00 PM 2/18 IN #29, 2/19
From: M/A Mexico City WEEKS Journal #37, 2/19

REPORT RECEIVED THAT JAP WAR MATERIALS WERE LANDED AT
TUMACO, COLOMBIA, PREPARATORY TO ATTACK ON CANAL. ALSO
THAT AN AXIS AGENT WILL ATTEMPT SABOTAGE OF CHILEAN GOV'T
SHIP BANCAGUA IN MEXICAN WATERS OR AT TAMPICO & MAKE THE
ACTION APPEAR TO BE INSPIRED BY U.S. CG, CDC HAS BEEN
NOTIFIED. INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY CHIEF, MEXICAN
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WHICH USUALLY HAS BEEN RELIABLE.
DETAILS & ORIGINAL SOURCE UNKNOWN.

Filed: 4:26 AM 2/19 INEX
From: MEXHQ, OPNAV (ONI) Journal #50, 2/19
DETECTORS INDICATE PRESENCE OF SUB APPROX. 90 MI. NW
OF SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO AT 21:20 & 22:36 Feb. 18.

Filed: 16:05 2/19 Journal #47, 2/19
From: OPNAV CGCSP (ONI)
LAGO REFINERY ARUBA SHELLED 10:15 GCT TODAY. NO SERIOUS
DAMAGE.

Filed: 2/19 Journal #45, 2/19
From: OPNAV (GHQ)
SHELLED ARUBA & REFINERY. ANOTHER BOAT SUNK. NO FURTHER
DETAILS.

From: Magruder - Chungking Journal #19, 2/19/42

Filed: 2/19/42, 0330 I.B. #16, 2/19/42

MACGRUDER
CHUNGKING

JAPS DECIDED SINGAPORE SHOULD NOT BE "ANOTHER HANKOW" AND TO CONTINUE MILITARY OPERATIONS VIGOROUSLY AGAINST AUSTRALIA AND INDIA. BE PREPARED. REFERENCE TO "HANKOW" MEANS LIMITED OBJECTIVES DID NOT END CHINESE RESISTANCE, HENCE NO LIMITS IN THIS WAR.

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Journal #20, 2/19

From: MacArthur, Ft. Mills

NAMES AND PORTFOLIOS OF CIVILIANS IN MACARTHUR'S WAR CABINET.

MACARTHUR

From: ABDACOM

Journal #21, 2/19/42

ABDACOM

Filed: 2/19/42, 0325

ASKS DETAILED INFORMATION ON DIVERSION OF 12 B-17'S TO AUSTRALIA. (2 PAGES RE DETAILS, COMMANDERS, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES.)

From: Emmons - Ft. Shafter

Journal #22, 2/19/42

EMMONS

Filed: 2/18/42, 8:50 P

FT. SHAFTER

SOLENOIDS AND MOUNTS FOR FIVE GUNS FOR FANTAN.

Filed: 0125, 2/19

Journal #29, 2/19

From: Ft. Mills MACARTHUR

INCENDIARY BOMBS NOW BEING DROPPED BY THE ENEMY ARE FILLED WITH WHITE PHOSPHORUS.

Filed: 3:20 AM 2/19

IB #20, 2/19

From: MAGRUDER Ch. Amer Mission

Journal #30, 2/19

BEIT ASKED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO FOLLOWING REPORT ON HONGKONG, WHICH WAS OBTAINED FROM A MEDICAL OFFICER WHO ESCAPED FROM THE CITY ON JAN 10.

MAJORITY OF CIVILIANS INTERNED IN NATIVE HOTELS & HAVE NO FREEDOM. ARE TREATED FAIRLY WELL, BUT LIVING CONDITIONS BELOW NORMAL. JAPS TRYING TO DRIVE CHINESE OUT OF HONGKONG. VERY LITTLE NEWS CONCERNING AMERICANS. LOCATIONS OF CONCENTRATION CAMPS: ARGYLE STREET BARRACKS, KOWLOON - 1200; NORTH POINT, VICTORIA - 2500; SHAM SHUI PO BARRACKS, KOWLOON - 5600.

G-2 Notes: 1. ON MAINLAND

2. ON HONGKONG ISLAND.

3. ON MAINLAND.

4. FIGURES AFTER EACH NAME ARE BELIEVED TO BE NUMBER OF PERSONS CONFINED IN EACH CAMP.

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From: CG WDC (OHQ) STROM

Journal #23, 2/19

DESTROYER ATTACKED SUB BY DROPPING 11 DEPTH CHARGES
WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. ATTACK TOOK PLACE 100 MILES WEST OF
SANTA CRUZ. MORE DETAILS TO BE FURNISHED LATER.

Filed: 1831. 2/19
From: CG ETO (OHQ) ~~SEEN~~ DRUM

Journal #28, 2/19

NOTHING TO REPORT TO NOON GMT FEB 18.
UNFAVORABLE FLYING WEATHER NORTHERN AREA, UNLIMITED
SOUTHERN AREA.

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EARL H. JONES

4:00 p.m.

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TO

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From: Huthsteiner - Helsinki Journal #70, 2/17/42

Filed: 2/16/42, 1805 I.B. #63, 2/17/42

HUTHSTEINER
HELSINKI

GERMANS WITH SMALL NUMBER OF TROOPS LEASE BUILDING IN
HANGO. OPINION HOLDS GERMANS TO HAVE BASE FACILITIES.
FINNISH PEOPLE DESIRE EARLY PEACE, ADDITIONAL LOSSES
CANNOT BE BORNE, GERMAN PRESSURE MAKES PROBABLY COOPERA-
TION IN SPRING OFFENSIVE OR FINNS WILL STARVE. GERMAN
REPLACEMENTS EXCEED THOSE UNITS RELIEVED.

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I.B.# 59 JOURNAL # 65 2/17 CONTINUED

THE BEST WAY TO BEAT JAPAN IS BY TAKING KOREA, AND THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IF ALLIED PRESSURE IS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON GERMANY, THEREBY PERMITTING RUSSIA TO TAKE A HAND AGAINST JAPAN, WHICH SHE IS SURE TO DO ONCE SHE CAN FREE HERSELF OF GERMANY.

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FROM: BAKER, BAGHDAD

JOURNAL # 72 2/17

FILED: 1536 2/17

I.B. # 64 2/17

MISSION FROM RUSSIA LEAVING BAGHDAD AND THE ONE FROM BRITAIN LEAVING

BAKER, BAGHDAD

From: Ondrick - Teheran

Journal #4, 2/18/42

Filed: 2/16/42, 1930

IN VIEW OF M.E. SITUATION IS MY MISSION DESIRED IN USSR I RECOMMEND MISSION MOVE TO NEAR EAST AREA. BELIEVE M.E. POSITION THREAT POSSIBLE WITHIN 2 MONTHS.

ONDRICK
TEHERAN

From: Chaney - London

Journal #10, 2/18/42

Filed: 2/17/42

WAR OFFICE SUMMARY OF LIBYAN SITUATION 2/15. GROUP ACTIVITY SLIGHT. 3 GERMAN COLUMNS REPT 2/16 ADVANCED TOWARD FORWARD BRIT LINE BETWEEN QAZALA AND BIR HAKEID. BY 11:00 AM 2/16 ALL ENEMY COLUMNS SEEMED WITHDRAWING. OPINION ENEMY PURPOSE 1. RECONNOITRE IN FORCE TO ESTIMATE BRIT STRENGTH AND POSITION. 2. TO DIVERT AIR FORCE FROM CONVOY REPTED GREEK ISLES - LIBYA OR TRIPOLI. IF (1) UNSUCCESSFUL, AS CONTACT MADE WITH PATROLS ONLY. THE THREE COLUMNS INCLUDED 108 TANKS (28 ITALIAN).

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LONDON

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FROM: ONDRICK, TEHRAN I.B. # 51 2/17
FILED: 1930 2/16 Journal # 51 2/17

ONDRICK
TEHRAN

FEAR EXPRESSED THAT ALLIED SET-UP IN IRAN IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO OFFER PROPER PROTECTION FOR FUTURE INSTALLATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.

TURKS ARE AFRAID THAT THERE IS A STRONGER PRO-AXIS ATTITUDE THAN HERETOFORE, AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CORRESPONDING LESSENING OF PRESTIGE FOR THE ALLIES.

SOVIETS AND BRITISH ARE CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH THE DOMINATION OF IRANIAN POLITICS AND TRADE, AND THE ALLIED TROOPS LOCATED THERE ARE TOO FEW FOR PROPER PROTECTION.

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FROM: BAKER, BAGHDAD JOURNAL # 53 2/17
FILED: 2105 2/16

BAKER
BAGHDAD

MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B. # 59 2/17
FILED: 0145 2/17 Journal # 65 2/17

FELLERS
CAIRO

U.S. REINFORCEMENTS MUST BE HAD IN THE EVENT THAT AXIS SHOULD UNDERTAKE A MAJOR OFFENSIVE AGAINST SYRIA, & PALESTINE FROM MEDITERRAN AND AGAINST EGYPT FROM THE DESERT. THE BRIT, WITH THEIR PRESENT FORCES WEAKENED AS THEY ARE BY TRANSFER TO THE FAR EAST AND THE SEVERE TANK LOSSES SUFFERED IN CYRENICA DEFEAT, COULD NOT WITHSTAND SUCH AN AXIS OFFENSIVE.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT TURKEY WOULD COME OVER TO THE ALLIED SIDE IF AN ARMY WERE PUT IN SYRIA. THIS WOULD PERMIT AIR OPERATIONS FROM N. WESTERN ANATOLIA AGAINST GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND REAR INSTALLATIONS IN S. RUSSIA. WHILE SUCH AIR ATTACKS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE, AN ACTUAL INVASION OF THE BALKANS BY THIS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, MIGHT POSSIBLY BRING THE WAR TO AN END DURING THE WINTER OF 1942 - 43. EVEN

I.B. # 59 Journal # 65 2/17 (CONTINUED)

NOW GERMANY HAS ONLY 8 DIVS IN THE BALKANS, AND A FURTHER REDUCTION IN THIS AREA MAY BE CAUSED BY THE HEAVY GERM LOSSES ON THE S. RUSS FRONT. FURTHERMORE, IN THE EVENT THAT THE GERM SHOULD DURING THE SUMMER GET FURTHER INTO S. RUSS, THE MORE VULNERABLE WILL BE THEIR REAR.

AN AMERICAN MOVE INTO THE BALKANS WOULD BE THE SIGNAL FOR UPRISING IN YUGOSLAVIA & GREECE. FINALLY SUCH A MOVE INTO BALKANS WOULD HAVE AN ELECTRIC EFFECT ON RUSSIA AND IN THIS CONNECTION IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT RUSS MIGHT, ONCE THE GERM HAVE BEEN PUSHED BEYOND HER BORDER, MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE UNLESS AN ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS LAUNCHED AGAINST GERMANY.

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FROM: ABDACOM
FILED: 2/16

I.B. # 42 2/17
Journal # 49 2/17

ABDACOM

USE OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER URGED FOR
TRANSPORTATION OF FULLY ASSEMBLED PURSUITS TO
FAR EAST FROM UNITED STATES.

FROM: BRETT, JAVA
FILED: 5:05 (P) 2/17

JOURNAL # 50 2/17

✓ ENEMY VESSELS IN THE VICINITY OF BANKA ISLAND ATTACKED
BY 2 SQUADRONS OF ~~LB-40~~ B-17, FIRST FLIGHT FAILING TO GET
TO OBJECTIVE. TWO BARGES SENT TO BOTTOM AND PROBABLY ONE LARGE AN
LARGE AND ONE SMALL TROOP SHIP, WHICH SUFFERED DIRECT HITS
FROM SECOND FLIGHT.

AT DARWIN ON WAY HERE ARE 6 A-24's AND 10 P-40's, BUT NO
ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT HAVE ACTUALLY ARRIVED.

PLANES NOW HERE AS OF 2/16, 1200 GMT, AS FOLLOWS:

ON HAND	IN COMMISSION
24B-17	11
9 LB-30	4
11 A-24	9
SLP-40	25 25

FROM: MERRILL, RANGOON
FILED: 1625 2/16

I.B. # 52 2/17
Journal # 56 2/17

MERRILL
RANGOON

ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE DISCLOSES A GREAT DEAL OF JAP
ACTIVITY ALONG THE ROAD FROM THATON TO PAGAT AND PRESENCE
AT PAAN OF HOSTILE MOTOR BOATS. THE ROAD FROM THATON TO
PAAN AND JAP BOAT AT PAAN WERE ATTACKED BY 12 PURSUITS &
6 BOMBERS. THERE HAS BEEN NO JAP ACTIVITY IN THE AIR.

THE SITUATION ON GROUND IS NOT CLEARLY KNOWN. THERE ARE
2 BRIT LINES, AS FOLLOWS: FIRST LIES ACROSS THATON TO
PAAN ROAD ON W. BANK OF SALWEEN, AND THE OTHER RUNS BE-
TWEEN WAGOKTAN AND YINNYEIN.

THE JAPS ARE BEGINNING AN ENVELOPMENT FROM MINZI TOWARDS
DUYINZIK OF THE BRIT RIGHT FLANK AND ARE INFILTRATING
BETWEEN THE TWO BRIT POSITIONS TOWARD THATON, ALONG THE
DONIHAMI RIVER.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE JAP TROOPS NOW OPERATING IN THIS
AREA NUMBER 4000.

I.B. # 52 2/17 Journal # 56 2/17 (continued)

NOTE: THIS WAS THE SITUATION AS OF 2/14.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE
FILED: 0050 2/18
AMERICAN AND NAVY STORES

JOURNAL # 57 2/17

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FROM: BRETT, JAVA
FILED: 2:33 (f) 2/18

Journal # 63 2/17

✓ REQUEST FOR SETS OF TECHNICAL ORDERS OF AIR CORPS AND
THE PROPER POWER SETTINGS FOR P-40's AND B-24's TO GIVE
THEM THE GREATEST POSSIBLE CRUISING RANGE.

BRETT, JAVA

FROM: BARNES MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 62 2/17
FILED: 2058 2/17

✓ REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER U.S. GOVT POLICY
IS TO INSURE SHIPS OF FOREIGN REGISTRY CARRYING OUR
SUPPLIES AND MEN.

FROM: BRETT, BANDOENG
FILED: 2310 2/17

JOURNAL # 61 2/17

✓ REFERENCE A.G.O. # 133 2/16. BRETT GOING TO AUSTRALIA
TO ATTEMPT TO EFFECT SHIPMENT OF P-40's FROM THERE. JAVA
REQUIRES FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE ALL THE PLANES PRESENTLY THERE,
BUT WILL TRY TO SHIP FROM THERE IF ANY CAN BE
SPARED.

BRETT, JAVA
BANDOENG

✓ FROM: BUCKNER, FT. RICHARDSON, ALS JOURNAL # 69 2/17
FILED: 1846 2/17
REPORT ON LOCATION OF PLANES.

BUCKNER,
FT. RICHARD-
SON, ALS.

FROM: COM. 11th NAVAL DIST ONI JOURNAL # 67
FILED: REG'D 2220 2/17

✓ SITUATION OF JAPS IN SOUTHERN CALIF IS VERY CRITICAL.
MANY ARE FORCED TO MOVE WITH NO PROVISION AS TO SUBSEQUENT
HOUSING OR MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD. MANY FAMILIES ALSO DESTI-
TUTE. ALL LOCALITIES OBJECT TO MOVEMENT OF EVACUEES INTO
THEIR AREA. RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED MAKE
IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR EVACUATION & RESETTLEMENT OF ALIENS
REMOVED FROM AREAS DESIGNATED BY MILIT AUTHORITIES.

COM 11th
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FROM: MERLE SMITH, MELBOURNE I.B. # 60 2/17
FILED: 2303 2/17 Journal # 66 2/17

55 BOMBERS AND 9 FLYING BOATS MADE A FURTHER ATTACK ON THE HOUSTON CONVOY FOR ONE HOUR, ALTHOUGH MORE THAN HALF THE ATTACK WAS DEVOTED TO THE HOUSTON, IT WASN'T HIT, ONE SHIP SUFFERED SMALL DAMAGE. THE CONVOY IS RETURNING TO DARWIN. 3 SCHOMBERS, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, WERE SEEN OFF TRABIND ISLANDS.

VARIOUS JAP RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS FOR FEB. 17 LISTED.

JAP AIR ACTIVITY AS FOLLOWS:

2/13, THREE JAP PLANES RECONNOITERED DOBO ISLAND, S. DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

2/14, ONE JAP PLANE RECONNOITERED BOUGAINVILLE.

2/15, KALABAHI, ALOR ISLANDS, ATTACKED, RESULTING IN 4 KILLED, 8 HURT, MARKET PLACE AND SEVERAL HOUSES DESTROYED.

2/16, JAP PLANE RECONNOITERED PORT MORESBY, DAMAGE BY

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AA FIRE.

2/16, WHAT IS THOUGHT TO BE JAP PATROL HEARD OVER BESIKAMA AND NONKOLO, 70 MI E OF KOEPANG.

2/16, DARWIN RECONNOITERED BY ONE PLANE.

2/16, RECONNAISSANCE AND FIGHTER PATROL OVER TENAI NEAR KOEPANG.

2/17, ABOUT 17 PLANES PAST OVER BATOEPORTIH.

From: Brink - Sandoeng Journal #69, 2/17/42
Filed: 2/17/42, 12:30 I.B. #62, 2/17/42

BRINK
SANDOENG

ON 2/14 THE ONLY ACTIVITY WAS PATROLLING AT DUYINZEIK. ON 2/15/42 BRIT. PLANES BOMBED FERRY AT DUYINZEIK AND R.R. STATION AT THATON AND ON THE SAME DAY THEIR TROOPS MOVED BACK TO THE BILIN RIVER WITHOUT HINDRANCE. 60 JAP PLANES SEEN AT CHINGMAI AIRPORT AND IT IS REPORTED THAT FROM THIS TOWN A STRONG JAP-SIAMESE FORCE IS MOVING TO THE N. ELEPHANTS AND OX CARTS ARE REPORTED TO BE USED BY JAPS FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES.

From: Merlesmith - Melbourne Journal #2, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/17/42, 2300 I.B. #71, 2/17/42

MERLESMTIH
MELBOURNE

AUSTRALIAN AND ADJOINING THEATRES HOLD LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN VIEW OF PRESENT CONCEPT OF STATIC DEFENSE DUE TO JAP STRATEGY IN MASSING SUPERIOR FORCES AT SUCCESSIVE OBJECTIVES. CONTINUANCE OF COMPLETE INITIATIVE IN JAP HANDS MEANS EVENTUAL DEFEAT IN DETAIL DUE TO GREAT DISTANCES AND INADEQUATE INTERIOR LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

SPECIAL FORCES MUST BE TRAINED AND EQUIPPED FOR LANDINGS AND JUNGLE. STRONG ENGINEER FORCES USEFUL. JAP AIR FORCE GROUND SERVICE MUCH MORE MOBILE AND CAN REPAIR AND IMPROVE LANDING FIELDS. PROMPT NAVAL RAIDS AND LAND BASED AIR ATTACKS ONLY ANSWER TO CONTINUING WARFARE.

From: Barnes - Melbourne Journal #5, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/18/42, 0320

BARNES
MELBOURNE

REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT IN DETAIL FOR 20,000 TROOP EM-BARKATION CENTER.

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2/18/42

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PACIFIC # 5

From: Marriott - London Journal #12, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/17/42, 5:20 P I.R. #7, 2/18/42

MACARTHUR
LONDON

BELIEVE 1 SEP REGT IN PARA, 1 IN MANTARAN TOTAL IN
BURMA 3 REGT. NO DIV. ARTY INDICATED. 1500 JAP PARA
TROOPS MEMONGSHONG MAY ATTACK TOUNGOO. BRIT WITHDREW
2/15 FROM DUYIN NIK AND THATON TO NEW POSITIONS BEHIND
BILIN RIV. AT RABUL NEW BRITAIN, 1 AC, 3 CRUISERS, 2
DESTROYERS, 11 TRANSPORTS INCL. 1 VERY LARGE (IDENTIFIED
2/14) W.O. CONSIDERS CONFIRMED, ESTIMATE OF 1 DIV. IN
NEW GUINEA. SUMATRA, JAP OCCUPY DJAMBI. DEMOLITIONS COM-
PLETE. PALEMBANG AT 7 GMT CLEAR OF ENEMY. BANDJERMASIN
OCCUPIED BY JAPS ON 16TH.

BRIT. UNITS IN SINGAPORE AT SURRENDER 18TH BRIT (3 INF
BRIG) 6TH AUST. DIV. (2 INF BRIGS) 9TH INDIAN DIV. (2 BRIG-
ADES) 11TH INDIAN DIV. (3 BRIGS) 1ST & 2D MALAYAN INF.

(Journal #12, 2/18/42, Cont'd)q

BRIGS. 44IND. INF BRIG., 12 IND. INF. BRIG. BESIDES EN-
GINNERS, ARTY., FIELD, COAST, AA, TANK REGTS AND SEARCH
LIGHT, SERVICE ORDNANCE, MEDICAL TO TOTAL 100,000 MEN.
NO EVIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE EVACUATION.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #13, 2/18/42
Filed: 2/18/42, 0030

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

✓ ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE INCREASING IN INTENSITY. AIR
BOMBING ATTACKS ARE INCREASING IN NUMBER, AND ADDITIONAL
UNITS ARE BEING EMPLOYED. FORTIFIED ISLANDS CONTINUE
TO RECEIVE HOSTILE ARTILLERY FIRE. A NUMBER OF TROOP
SHIPS HAVE APPEARED IN SUBIC BAY AND OLONGAPO IS IN USE
AS AN ENEMY BASE. IN SOUTH, NOTHING NEW.

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Journal #44, 2/17

From: Bandoeng BRETT

✓ OPERATIONAL MESSAGE REGARDING USE OF AIR FORCES IN
BURMA & JAVA. GROUND TROOPS & BASES BEING MADE READY FOR
FUTURE AIR OPERATIONS.

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From: ABDACOM

Journal #46, 2/17

DJAMBI ATTACKED AT SAME TIME AS PALEMBANG FEB 16TH.
ENEMY NOW HAS USE OF AIRFIELDS AT PALEMBANG, LAHAT &
DJAMBI PALEMBANG, LAST 2 NOT OCCUPIED AS YET.

✓ CONVOY DARWIN KOPANG WAS SIGHTED FEB 16TH BY FLYING
BOAT & BOMBED FEB 16 BY ONE SQUADRON FLYING BOAT, THREE
SQUADRONS BOMBERS. PRESUMED AIRCRAFT CAME FROM AMBON.
EXCELLENCE OF RECONNAISSANCE & SPEED IN MOUNTING ATTACKS
FURTHER EVIDENCED BY THIS ATTACK.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 57 2/17

FILED: 0030 2/18

✓ ARMY AND NAVY STORES WILL NOT HEREAFTER BE SUBJECTED TO
QUARRENTINE.

FROM: BRETT, JAVA JOURNAL # 58 2/17

FILED: 1255 2/18

✓ REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT OF TOOL AND SPARE PART KITS FOR
PLANES.

FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE Journal # 59 2/17

FILED: 2358 2/17

REQUEST FOR ADAPTERS FOR BOMBERS.

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From: Harriott - London Journal #1, 2/18/42
 Filed: 2/17/42, 7:00 P.M.

MARRIOTT
 LONDON

BRITISH ATA CIVILIAN FERRY PILOTS AMERICAN CITIZENS
 DUTY FINISHED. REQUEST INFORMATION ON PAY, PHYSICAL
 STANDARDS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AMERICAN FERRY COMMAND.
 POSITION SO RENT OUT SUBMARINE.

From: Eager - Madrid

Journal #9, 2/18/42

EAGER
 MADRID

Filed: 2/17/42, 1930

I.B. #8, 2/18/42

BRIT. AIR MINISTER HAS MADE RECENT STUDY GERMAN AIR
 STRENGTH. SEE SECRET PAPERS. THE RECENT FRANCO-
 SALAZAR MEETING, IT IS RUMORED, WAS HELD AGAINST WISH
 OF SUMER AND THE FORMATION OF A SPANISH-PORTUGUESE
 NEUTRALITY FRONT WAS THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

From: Chaney - London

Journal #10, 2/18/42

CHANEY
 LONDON

Filed: 2/17/42

WAR OFFICE SUMMARY OF LIBYAN SITUATION 2/15. GROUP
 ACTIVITY SLIGHT. 3 GERMAN COLUMNS REPT 2/16 ADVANCED
 TOWARD FORWARD BRIT LINE BETWEEN QAZALA AND BIR HAKRID.
 BY 11:00 AM 2/16 ALL ENEMY COLUMNS SEEMED WITHDRAWING.
 OPINION ENEMY PURPOSE 1. RECONNOITRE IN FORCE TO ESTI-
 MATE BRIT STRENGTH AND POSITION. 2. TO DIVERT AIR FORCE
 FROM CONVOY REPTED GREEK ISLES - LBYA OR TRIPOLI. IF
 (1) UNSUCCESSFUL, AS CONTACT MADE WITH PATROLS ONLY. THE
 THREE COLUMNS INCLUDED 108 TANKS (26 ITALIAN).

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FROM: CG IBC VIA GHQ JOURNAL # 52 2/17

FILED: 6:00 p.m. 2/17

SUBMARINE ATTACKED BY U.S. CATALINA AIRCRAFT AT 63° 57'N CG IBC VIA GHQ
23° 46' W. AT 0950 HOUR ICELAND TIME 2/17. SEVERAL BONESTEEL
DESTROYERS OF ROYAL NAVY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO THE
POSITION TO HUNT OUT SUBMARINES.

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United States

From: Uhl - Omaha, Neb.

Journal #14, 2/18/42

Filed: 2/17/42, 5:25 P

FACILITIES FOR HOUSING EVACUEES IN WYOMING AND
ARIZONA.

UHL
OMAHA, NEB.

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FROM: PAN AMERICAN IN CAYENNE VIA LETTER FROM OFFICE
CHIEF OF ENGINEERS JOURNAL # 54 2/17
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PAN AMERICAN
IN CAYENNE VIA
LETTER FROM
OFFICE CHIEF
ENGINEERS

PAN AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION OF
AIRFIELD AT CAYENNE, FRENCH, GUIANA, SENT THIS INFORMATION:
" A SHIP LEAVES HERE EVERY NIGHT AND IS BACK IN MORNING.
THAT IT TAKES OUT A MONTHS' SUPPLY OF FOOD AND OIL."

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FROM: STANDISH, AROBA, VIA STATE JOURNAL # 60 2/17
FILED: 2/18

THE TRANSPORT "GIBBINS" WAS FULLY LOADED ON THE 16th, &
ABOUT TO DEPART FROM CURACAO WHEN ENEMY ACTION BEGAN, AND
IT IS NOW TO REMAIN AT AROBA UNTIL ARRIVAL OF ESCORT, WHICH
IS EXPECTED FROM PUERTO RICA ON 2/17.

GEN. ANDREWS ARRIVED AT AROBA ON 16th FOR INSPECTION
VISIT. HE SET UP TEMPORARY COMMAND POST AND DIRECTED ACTION
OF U.S. FORCES. LIGHT BOMBERS HAVE ARRIVED FROM CURACAO
AND 6 HEAVY BOMBERS FROM TRINIDAD. AIRFORCE BELIEVED ONE 4
SUB WAS SUNK EARLY IN AFTERNOON OF 16th OFF VENEZUELA.
SINCE TWO SINKINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED OFF COAST OF COLOMBIA
AS WELL, IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUBS ATTACKED THESE WATERS IN
FORCE. ALL VESSELS IN AROBA HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN
THERE.

FROM: HQ. 1st ARMY (COL. SMITH) JOURNAL # 64 2/17
FILED: 6:30 P 2/17 XXX CIB

NAVY RADIO STATION WCC, 67 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, INTER-
CEPTED A COMMUNICATION AT 6:30 P.M. AS FOLLOWS: " ENEMY
SUB SIGHTED BETWEEN ORANG STAD AND SAN NICOLAS. SIGNED
COAST GUARD STATION - AROBA."

HQ 1st ARMY
VIA CIB

From: Strong - Bogota JOURNAL #71, 2/17/42
FILED: 2/17/42, 1:17 P I.B. #61, 2/17/42

STRONG
BOGOTA

CUTTING OF BARRANQUILLA WIRE COMMUNICATIONS THOUGHT TO
BE SABOTAGE.

ARMY HAS TAKEN OVER PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC LINES. ARMY
OFFICER HAS TAKEN PLACE OF BUENA VENTURA MAYOR, AND RE-
LIEVED THAT SOME IS TIRE OF BARRANQUILLA'S PRO-NAZI MAYOR.

IN PLANNING TO LEAVE COLOMBIA APPROXIMATELY 500 OF THE
RICHER GERMANS ARE TRYING TO LIQUIDATE THEIR PROPERTY INTO
U.S. MONEY BUT THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS NOT THOUGHT GOOD.

ALL GOVERNORS OF PROVINCES ON ATLANTIC HELD A MEETING
AT BARRANQUILLA TO CONSIDER ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST DAN-
GEROUS LOCAL NAZIS.

From: FBI Via CIB JOURNAL #6, 2/18/42
FILED: 2/18/42, 1:37 A

FBI VIA CIB

DRUNKEN JAP IN MEXICO CITY STATED JAPS WERE STORING
SUPPLIES AND MUNITIONS IN COLOMBIA FOR AN ATTACK ON SOUTH
OR CENTRAL AMERICA.

Filed: 1,15 AM 2/17

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From: M/A Melbourne MERLE-SMITH Journal #28, 2/18

COMMUNICATIONS WITH BABO, WEST COAST OF NEW GUINEA HAVE
CEASED; BELIEF IS JAPS HAVE OCCUPIED TOWN.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SHIPS AT RABAUH HARBOR REPORTED BY
HUDSON RECONNAISSANCE PLANE. MAY INDICATE FORCE OF ABOUT
1 DIV. MAY BE CONCENTRATING FOR OCCUPATION OF FURTHER
OBJECTIVES. DOUBTFUL THAT FORCE WILL BE USED AGAINST PORT
MORESBY UNTIL FIGHTER PLANES HAVE BEEN BASED AT LAE &
SALAMAU.

LITTLE RECONNAISSANCE & BOMBING IN BISMARCK ARCH. & NEW
GUINEA AREA MAY SUGGEST JAPS CONSERVING GASOLINE. 8 JAP
SQUADRONS MAY BE BASED AT PORT MORESBY.

JAP AIR ACTIVITY: SEVERAL ENEMY PLANES RECONNOITERING AREA
NORTH OF DARWIN & VICINITY PORT MORESBY.

ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY: PBY'S EXTENSIVELY RECONNOITERING
SOUTHERN POSITION OF INDIES. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORTED.

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Journal #32, 2/18

From: CG, ICELAND (GHQ) BOWESTEEL

SUB AT 65° 53' N 23° 21' W WAS ATTACKED BY ROYAL NAVY
DESTROYER THAT DROPPED 3 DEPTH CHARGES & REPORTS SOLID
CONTACT, 23:05 FEB 17.

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From: Tangier BENTLEY

IB #19, 2/18
Journal #18, 2/18

CHARACTERISTICS OF AIRFIELD UNCOMPLETED AT MEDIONUMA.

✓ Filed: 1:45 AM 2/17
From: M/A Cairo FELLERS

IB#38, 2/18
Journal #22, 2/18

ESTIMATE SITUATION IN LIBYA: TANK FORCES OF GENERAL KUMMEL MOVING EASTWARD FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS. RECONNAISSANCE FORCES OF BRIT HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE & SUCCEEDED IN DRAWING OUT GENERAL KUMMEL'S ARMORED FORCES.

BRIT SCREEN PIERCED BY 3 HOSTILE COLUMNS. COLUMN TO SOUTH (26 TANKS) MOVED TO LOCATION ABOUT 42 MILES SE OF MECHILLI. COLUMN ON NORTH (40 TANKS) AT LINE 9 MILES WEST OF GAZALA. CENTRAL COLUMN (40 TANKS) 7 MILES SOUTH OF TENRED. KUMMEL, ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT REPORTS, WAS WITHDRAWING ALONG WHOLE FRONT. IT APPEARS THAT HIS ADVANCE WAS A RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE FOR PURPOSE OF LOCATING POSITION OCCUPIED BY BRIT. SOME EXCHANGE OF ARTILLERY FIRE IN ABOVE MENTIONED MOVEMENTS.

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From: M/A Lisbon SHIP

Journal #27, 2/18

REGION FROM HUELVA TO CIUDAD RODRIGO DESIGNATED BY
SPANIARDS AS AREA WHICH REQUIRES SAFE CONDUCTS FOR PER-
SONS ENTERING THEREIN.

G-2 Comment: CIUDAD RODRIGO IS IN SPAIN, WEST OF
MADRID & NEAR PORTUGUESE FRONTIER. HUELVA IS IN EXTREME
SOUTHWESTERN PART OF SPAIN NEAR PORTUGAL.

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Journal #21, 2/18

From: Ft. Mills Press Release

CABCAHEN SAVAGELY BOMBED AGAIN TODAY. INTERVENTION OF NEW AIR UNITS OF ENEMY & DENSITY OF ENEMY ARTILLERY INCREASED TEMPO OF FIGHTING.

ALL GROUPS & COMMUNITIES OF ISLANDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MAKE PHILIPPINE ARMY INTO A CITIZEN-SOLDIER ARMY. UNITS ARE LOCALIZED.

THE IGOROTES IS ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE UNITS. THEIR MEN ARE ALL EXCELLENT FIGHTERS. IN RECENT DESPERATE ATTACK IGOROTE SOLDIERS DIED IN FOX HOLES WITHOUT A WHIMPER. OUR HIGH COMMAND ORDERED A TANK ATTACK, SUPPORTED BY INFANTRY, TO RESTORE SITUATION. EAGER TO EVEN THE SCORE OF THEIR EARLIER LOSS, IGOROTE TRIBESMEN USED THEIR LIMITLESS RESOURCEFULNESS TO ENABLE OUR TANKS TO OPERATE IN ALMOST IMPENETRABLE JUNGLE. IGOROTE COMMANDER ORDERED HIS MEN TO MOUNT TANKS & ACT AS GUIDES. WERE EYES OF U.S. TANKS. AFTER BATTLE IGOROTES & TANKS INTACT, ENEMY BOTH REGT. DESTROYED.

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Journal #26, 2/18

From: ABDACOM Java

REPORT OF U.S. AIRCRAFT IN NEI. PALEMBANG BOMBED BY ALLIED FORCES; SMALL BOMBS ON INSTALLATIONS. ALL B-40'S RETURNED SAFELY. WEATHER PREVENTED 5 B-17'S FROM REACHING PALEMBANG.

✓ Filed: 7:20 PM 2/17

IB #20, 2/18

From: Costa Rica ANDINO

Journal #17, 2/18

FEAR OF ORGANIZED 6TH COLUMN. WEALTHY GERMANS CONSTRUCT-
ING UNDERGROUND SHELTER. OFFERS U.S. A PATROL BOAT. RE-
QUEST ARMS, AMMUNITION & \$400,000 LOAN TO PAY ARMY.

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Filed: 2/17 Journal #14, 2/17
 From: Baker, Chile I.B. #11, 2/17
 DETACHMENT MESSING ARRANGEMENTS POSSIBLE; MOSQUITO
 BARS, WOOLLEN CLOTHING. SINKY STOVES TENTAGE REQUIRED.

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Filed: 2/17 Journal # 16, 2/17
 From: State Dept.
 ARGENTINE CONSUL AT CASABLANCA HAS ORDERED ALL HIS OWN
 PEOPLE (NATIONALS) TO LEAVE.

STATE DEPT.

From: Quarry Heights via GHQ 2/17/42
 Journal #18
 CORRECTED CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY ARUBA.
 BRITISH TANKER PEDERNALES LOADED TORPEDOED 0603 OCT
 BURNED. BRIT TANKER ORANJETAD LOADED TORPEDOED 0606 EX-
 PLODED. AMER TANKER ARKANSAS EMPTY TORPEDOED 0745 DAMAGED.
 ONE UNIDENTIFIED TANKER TORPEDOED AT WILLENSTAD LAGO
 REFINERY & TANK FARM SHELLED - NO DAMAGE.

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Filed: 10:18 PM 2/16 Journal #16, 2/26
 From: CG CDC (GHQ)
 RELIABLE SOURCE TELLS BRIT INTELLIGENCE IN TRINIDAD
 ENEMY SUBS NEAR FRENCH GUIANA COAST REFUELING AT MANA,
 PORT 8 MI. UP RIVER FROM COAST, ON MANA RIVER.

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Filed: 21:10 2/16
From: AMCON, Curacao (ONI)

Journal #35, 2/16 LATIN AMERICA

AT ARUBA ACTION CEASED. REFINERY DEFINITELY UNDAMAGED
ARUBA NOW CALM.

ALL SHIPPING MOVEMENTS CURACAO & ARUBA NOW SUSPENDED FOR
24 HOURS.

1 SHALLOW DRAFT TANKER BEING TOWED INTO PORT HERE BADLY
BUCKLED. 1 CASUALTY ABOARD.

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ATLANTIC 1

Filed: 4:35 PM 2/16 Journal #36, 2/17
From: CG Iceland, CG FF (GNS) BOMESTEEL
REPORT NEGATIVE FOR FEB. 16. VISIBILITY LOW & OVERCAST
FROM 1000 FT. TO 2500 FT. LIGHT FOG & RAIN. MODERATE
SOUTHERLY WINDS.

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Filed: 12:50 AM 2/17 Journal #37, 2/17
From: CG ETO CG FF (GNS) DEUM
NEWFOUNDLAND 16TH VISIBILITY 3 MILES, & REPORT NEGATIVE
EXCEPT FOR 3 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.
NEGATIVE AIR ACTIVITY TO NOON GMT 16TH.
WEATHER GENERALLY CLEAR EXCEPT FOR LIGHT SNOW NEW YORK
& PHILADELPHIA AREA. VISIBILITY 3 MILES TO ZERO. 69
OBSERVATION & 18 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

Read Office Chief of Staff 2/16

Journal #26, 2/27

From: abdacom ABDACOM

1. SITUATION ENEMY TRANSPORTS FEB 15TH PM MAIN PORTION WEST OF LINE SINGKEP-BANGKA COVERING FORCE VICINITY TORDJOEN IS. REPORTS CONFUSED OWING PRESENCE IN BANGKA STRAITS AREA OF CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OWN SHIPPING EX-SINGAPORE.

2. PARACHUTISTS PALEMBAH AREA FEB 14 NOW ESTIMATED 700 DROPPED IN 3 GROUPS, 100, 300, & 300 ON REFINERY AREA & AIRDROME. MAIN LANDING FROM DAWN FEB 15 FROM MOTOR BOATS & SMALL CRAFT MOVING BY RIVER APPROACHES.

3. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PRELIMINARY COMMENT: PARACHUTE OPERATION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BADLY TIMED OR DEFENSED UNDERESTIMATED? PARACHUTISTS ABOUT 24 HOURS WITHOUT SUPPORT DID NOT GAIN ANY OF THEIR OBJECTIVES & LARGELY MOPPED UP.

Filed: 11:17 AM 2/17

Journal #34, 2/17

From: Java, BRETT, ABDACOM

CONTACT ESTABLISHED WITH ALL ARMY & NAVY ELEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PLANS FOR RELIEF OF PHILIPPINES & ALL ARE IN CLOSE COOPERATION. HAVE DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF SAID PLANS. HAZARD INCREASING FOR SERVICE BY SURFACE CRAFT. MOVEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY, AS SMOOTHLY AS CAN BE EXPECTED. CHANGES IN METHODS AND ROUTES ARE MADE WITH COMPLETE CO-OPERATION & UNDERSTANDING OF ALL INTERESTED BRANCHES.

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From: Batavia ABDACOM

Journal #38, 2/17

HAVE ADVISED AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES THAT, BASED ON INTELLIGENCE ARRIVING HERE THIS DATE, HAVE DIRECTED CONVOY THAT WAS ON ITS WAY TO KOPANG FROM DARWIN TO RETURN TO DARWIN. THE CONVOY CONTAINS A BATTALION OF AMER ARTILLERY & A BATTALION OF AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

Filed: 0420, 2/17

Journal #40, 2/17

From: Chungking MAGRUDER

MISSIONS USING CHINESE SUPPLIES & BASES CONTEMPLATED SUBJECT TO CHIANG KAI SHEK'S APPROVAL. CONSIDER FEASIBLE USE OF INDIAN BASES UNTIL SUPPLIES AGAIN ACCUMULATE, USING 10 SHIPS FROM BRETON'S COMMAND.

Filed: 10:10 1/17

Journal #41, 2/17

From: Chungking MAGRUDER

REPORT THAT JAPS ARE PRACTICING WITH 4-MAN PLANE THROWERS NO OTHER DETAILS.

AT CHINTUNG, MANCHUKUO, JAPS REPORTED HURRYING COMPLETION OF LARGE UNDERGROUND AERODROME.

DETAILS OF INAUGURATION OF PUPPET PHILIPPINE GOV'T WILL BE FURNISHED IF REQUESTED.

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From: Ft. Mills PRO

Journal #29, 2/17

INDISCISIVE FIGHTING CHARACTERIZED ALL FRONTS.

CONSTANT JAP PROPAGANDA DIRECTED AGAINST OUR TROOPS.
ADAPTATION OF AMERICAN CARTOONS, REFERENCES TO SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR, POLITICAL REFERENCES EMPHASIZING ISOLATION OF PHILIPPINES GEOGRAPHICALLY ARE BEING USED.

FORMAL MILITARY SURRENDER CARDS OR PASSES HAVE PICTURES OF ATTRACTIVE WOMEN ON BACK - SHOWING EXPLOITATION OF SEX BY JAPS. OTHER LEAFLETS IN TAGALOG OPENLY INCITE FILIPINOS TO KILL AMER OFFICERS & COMRADES-IN-ARMS & THEN SURRENDER. CHIVALRY OF ENEMY SEEMS TO HAVE YIELDED TO A MORE SINISTER PSYCHOLOGY.

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From: Bern LEOGE
SITUATION UNCHANGED.

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From: Madrid EAGER
NO CHANGES.

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Journal #15, 2/16

From: Tellers, Cairo

CAIRO

HE SUBMITS A PLAN (a) WITH GREAT BRITAIN ACTING ALONE;
TO HOLD HER PRESENT POSSESSIONS SINCE FORCES DO NOT
PERMIT OTHERWISE. (b) WITH U.S. ASSISTANCE. 1. C-b-a
OCCUPATION OF NORTH AFRICA UNITING WITH BRITISH AND
INVADING EUROPE. 2. SECURING PRESENT OBJECTIVES BY
SUCCESSIVE FULL REINFORCEMENTS OF BRITISH. 3. BRITISH TO
HOLD WESTERN FRONTIER AND BUILD UP AN AMERICAN FORCE IN
SYRIA THEN LAUNCH OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE BALFANE THROUGH
TURKEY TO STRIKE DEEPLY INTO SOUTHERN FLANK OF ENEMY.

OBJECTIONS TO U.S. OCCUPATION OF NORTH AFRICA: SEA
ROUTE TO NORTHWEST AFRICA IS NOT WITHOUT DANGER. LAND
BASED AIRCRAFT WOULD CERTAINLY OPERATE IN FORCE AGAINST
LANDINGS.

OCCUPATION OF THIS AREA IS NOT IN ITSELF DECISIVE.

Journal #15, 2/16 Contd.

THE SAFETY OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC THROUGH MEDITERRANEAN
IS NOT ASSURED BY OUR HOLDING THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST.

MOVEMENT FROM NORTH AFRICA TO EUROPE WOULD REQUIRE THE
FORCING A SECOND LANDING ON HOSTILE SHORES.

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY IS DIFFICULT GOING NOT
DIRECTLY A DECISIVE OBJECTIVE.

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UNITED STATES # 1

From: DeWitt - Pres. of S. Francisco. Journal #3, 2/17/42

Filed: 2/16/42, 2:27 P

CAMP SEELEY, CALIF. ABLE TO PROVIDE MESS AND SHELTER
FOR 90 MAN DETACHMENT TESTING DESERT OPNS. NEAR SALTON
SEA.

DEWITT
PRES. OF SAN
FRANCISCO

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4:00 p.m.

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FROM: GLENDENNE, CARACAS I.B. # 64 2/16
 FILED: 1:08P 2/16 Journal # 59 2/16

USE OF VENEZUELAN AIRPORT AS BASES OF OPERATION BY U.S. AIR FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY VENEZUELAN GOVT.

TWO UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS WERE ATTACKED 14 MI NW OF CAPE MCCOLLA, LATITUDE 12°12' N, LONGITUDE 70°27' W, AT 2:00 A.M. SURVIVORS PICKED UP BY VENEZUELAN GUNBOATS AT 7:00 A.M.

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FROM: CG QUARRY HEIGHTS, ONR Lt. Martin
 FILED: 3:58 p.m. 2/16 Journal # 62 2/16

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED BY CAP FROM COINTECHROOM SIXTH, RE ARUBA, PARAPHRASE: AT 6 O'CLOCK GCT, A SHORT DISTANCE SOUTH OF OIL INSTALLATION, 2 TANKERS SUNK, APPARENTLY 37 MI TRACERS INEFFECTUALLY FIRED ON REFINERY, AT 7:55 GCT TANKER DESTROYED MILE SOUTH ORANG STADT, TANKER AT 1203 N, 7025 W AND ONE 1201 N 7030 W ALSO REPORTED SUNK. SUBMARINE BOMBED AND REPORTED APPARENTLY SUNK WEST OF WILLEMSTADT, ANTI-SUBMARINE PATROLS BEING OPERATED. ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT, 6 B-16 PLANES DISPATCHED FROM BORINQUEN FIELD TO ARUBA EARLY TODAY. (END MESSAGE)

CG QUARRY
 HEIGHTS
 PHILOON

RECEIVED PANAMA 1800 GCT, SAME SOURCE STATES SHIP BOMBED AT 1500 OCT 1215 N, 69 45 W, OIL AND AIR SHOWING

FROM: CG PONT OF SPAIN BHI Journal # 64 2/16
 FILED: 7:45 p.m. 2/16

FOLLOWING RADIOGRAM RECEIVED FROM CUBACAO: " 4 TANKERS SUNK OR DAMAGED ARUBA 1:30 A.M.; 1 TANKER TORPEDOED CURACAO 4:30 A.M.; SUBMARINE BELIEVED DESTROYED OFF CURACAO 6:45 AM NO DAMAGE TO REFINERIES REPORTED."

From: DeWitt - Pres. San Francisco Journal #2, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/16/42, 2:15 P

DEWITT
 PRES. SAN
 FRANCISCO

HAVE REQUESTED MEXICAN AUTHORITIES PERMISSION TO HAVE RECONNAISSANCE MADE BY COL. McNAB.

From: Miller - Rio de Janeiro Journal #4, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/16/42, 6:07 P I.B. #3, 2/17/42

MILLER
 RIO DE JANEIRO

CANDER SENDS THIS: WITH CONCURRENCE OF MIL ATTACHE, AND UNLESS YOU DIRECT DIFFERENTLY, CLAY WILL LEAVY BY FIRST AVAILABLE AIR TRANSPORT AFTER FEB. 20 TO OBTAIN DIRECTIONS ON URGENT QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THIS MISSION, RENDERED ESSENTIAL BY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AND BY RECENT TALKS WITH PRESIDENT OF JOINT PLANNING BOARD.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

WESTERN EUROPE #1

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 57 2/16
FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/16

BRIEF MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO EQUIPMENT FOR PROTECTION
AGAINST GAS.

CHANEY,
LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON Journal # 60 2/16
FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/16

MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO GOLD STORAGE FACILITIES IN
ENGLAND AND N. IRELAND AND SHIPMENT OF BEEF FROM THIS
COUNTRY.

CHANEY
LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON Journal # 61 2/16
FILED: 7:55 p.m. 2/16

CLARIFICATION REQUESTED ON MANNER OF SETTING FORTH
PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES.

CHANEY
LONDON

FROM: LEGGE, BERN
FILED: 1855 2/16
NOTHING TO REPORT.

I.B.# 71 2/16
Journal # 68 2/16

From: Chaney - London Journal #1, 2/17/42
Filed: 2/16/42, 9:30 P

CABLES SECURITIES RECOMMENDATIONS. SECURITIES CON-
SIDERED ADEQUATE IF AN OFFICER IS PRESENT AT EACH TERMI-
NAL, TO SECURE ALL COPIES MADE.

CHANEY
LONDON

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FROM: MAXWELL, CAIRO (FOR ARNOLD MAIDEN)

FILED: 1120 2/16

Journal # 54 2/16

MAXWELL
CAIRO

COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOW DIFFICULT AND SLOW. SITUATION
MUST BE REGRDIED IF W. AFRICA TO INDIA PROJECT IS TO BE
SUCCESSFUL.

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FROM:

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO

I.B.# 31 2/16

FILED: 9:50 p.m. 2/16

Journal # 66 2.16

Fellers, Cairo

SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE OF AN AXIS ATTACK IN MIDDLE EAST
IS FURNISHED BY FOLLOWING: INCREASED SHIPPING TO TRIPOLI;
THE RESOLUTE DEFENSE OF LIBYA; THE REPLACEMENT OF AIRCRAFT
LOSSES IN LIBYA AMOUNTING TO OVER 500 PLANES; THE ARRIVAL
OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR GEN BOMMEL IN LIBYA; THE CONTINUOUS
AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF MALTA; THE RETENTION OF A LARGE
AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT IN EASTERN MEDITERRANESSE DESPITE REVERSES ON
EASTERN FRONT IN RUSS; LANDING EXERCISES PRACTICED IN
AEGEAN AREAS; THE CONCENTRATION OF AIR FORCES IN PELOPONNESUS;
THE CONSTRUCTION OF LANDING BARGES IN GREECE & PLANS FOR AN
INCREASED EASTERN MEDIT AIR FORCE WHICH ALREADY NUMBERS
OVER 900 PLANES.

THE EXTENT OF ANY AXIS OPERATIONS IN MEDIT WILL BE DE-
PENDENT UPON AMOUNT OF TROOPS HITLER FEELS CAN BE SPARED

I.B.# 31 Journal # 66 2/16 (continued)

FROM THE GERM OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE RUSS ARMY. HOWEVER,
THE CONQUEST OF IRAQ & IRAN OFFERS FOLLOWING RICH REWARDS:
THE SEVERANCE OF LINE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CASPIAN SEA
& PERSIAN GULF; THE RICH OIL FIELDS OF IRAN & IRAQ; & AN
AXIS CONTROLLED RED SEA.

THE ENTRANCE OF U.S. INTO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE
WAR & THE FAILURE OF GERM ARMY TO DECISIVELY DEFEAT THE
RUSS FORCES MUST BRING TO HITLER REALIZATION THAT HE WILL
EVENTUALLY LOSE THE WAR. THIS IS LIKELY TO PRODUCE A
DECISION TO ASK FOR PEACE TERMS AT FULL TIDE OF CONQUEST
WHEN HE WILL HOLD THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CONQUERED TERRITORY
& HIS ARMED FORCES STILL REMAIN INTACT. THIS DECISION
MAY CAUSE HIM TO DECIDE UPON HOLDING ORIEL-LENINGRAD LINE
WITH A RELATIVELY LIGHT FORCE SIMULTANEOUSLY STRIKING
HEAVILY FROM UKRAINE WITH ROSTOV, STALINGRAD, & FINALLY

I.B.# 31 Journal # 66 2/16 (continued)

THE CAUCASUS AS OBJECTIVES. TO STRENGTHEN HIS HAND AT THE
PEACE TABLE HE MAY STAGE AN INVASION OF EGYPT, ATTACK IRAQ
& IRAN & THUS THREATEN CAUCASIA WITH A SOUTHERN ENVELOPMENT.

JUNE 1st IS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR GERM DRIVE AGAINST
THE RUSS ARMY. WHILE THE OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRANEA CAN
BE ARRANGED TO BEGIN BY APRIL 1st. THUS IT WOULD BE POS-
SIBLE TO USE THE SAME AIR SUPPORT FOR BOTH OFFENSIVES.

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TO

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON JOURNAL # 67 2/16

4:00 p.m.

FILED: 9:50 p.m. 2/16

CHANEY, LONDON

2/17

MESSAGE DIVING FIGURES ON STORAGE FACILITIES IN MIDDLE
EAST FOR GASOLINE (EXCLUSIVE OF 100-OCTANE)

FROM: MARRIOTT, LONDON I.B. # 51 2/16
 FILED: 2:30 p 2/16 Journal # 54 2/16
 W.O. BELIEVES A SMALL NUMBER OF MEN AT MOST WERE EVACUATED FROM SINGAPORE.

BRIT COMMANDER IN MALAYA GIVES FOLLOWING AS REASONS FOR SURRENDER OF SINGAPORE; EXHAUSTION OF MOTOR FUEL, RATIONS & WATER & LOSSES SUFFERED.

DUTCH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE DESTROYED PALEMBANG REFINERY. TOWN & AIRPORT WERE TAKEN ON 2/15 BY FORCES BROUGHT BY WATER IN FOLLOW-UP OF PARATROOPS ATTACK BY BOO WHICH WAS LARGELY INEFFECTIVE. THE ATTACK BY WATER BEGAN AT DAWN OF 2/15 ALONG RIVER APPROACHES WITH MOTOR BOATS & OTHER SMALL CRAFT BEING USED.

JAPS NOW HOLD AMAMBAS ISLANDS.

JAPS HAVE ABOUT 300 ELEPHANTS ON HAND APPROX 35 MI NORTH OF PAAN ON RIVER & ARE EMPLOYING OX CARTS IN S. BURMA.

IN BURMA A LARGE FORCE IN MOVEMENT TO MONFANG FROM CHING-

I.B. # 51 Journal # 55 continued 2/16

MAI COMPOSED MOSTLY OF SIAMESE. ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF JAPS PRESENTLY AT PAAN. BRIT PATROLS HAVE CONTACTED ENEMY NEAR DUYINLIK.

JAP TROOPS DISPOSITIONS ACCORDING TO W.O.; NORTH & CENTRAL

CHINA	12 DIVS
SE ASIA	29 "
KOREA, MANCHURIA,	
SAKHALIN	22 "
JAPAN	9 "

FROM: PRO, FT. MILLS Journal # 55 2/16
 FILED: REC'D I.B. 2:48 P 2/16

PRESS RELEASE FOR FEB 16: INTERMITTENT FIGHTING FLARED ALONG THE FRONT.

AFTER A SHOWER OF POORLY PRINTED PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS IN TAGALOG, SPANISH & ENG EXHORTING THE FILIPINOS TO JOIN IN THE GREATER ASIA COPROSPERITY SPHERE, THE JAPS HAVE SHIFTED TO MORE EFFECTIVE DROP MESSAGES IN FORM OF INCENDIARY BOMBS THAT STRUCK WITHOUT WARNING, THE DEFENSELESS VILLAGE OF CASCAREN AND A NEARBY REFUGEE CAMP, KILLING EIGHTEEN WOMEN AND FIVE CHILDREN AND WOUNDING THIRTEEN WOMEN & NINE CHILDREN.

PRESS RELEASE
 PRO, FT. MILLS

FROM: ONI VIA A-2 JAP DESK RADIO INTELL.
 FILED: REC'D I.B. 3:48P 2/16 Journal # 56 2/16

JAP AIR INTELLIGENCE OVER SPATE ISLAND EMPHASIZES HER PREPARATION FOR MOVE INTO NEW HEBRIDES GROUP. HOWEVER, MAIN INTEREST IS IN WEST. IT IS NOT THOUGHT THAT JAPS HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCES TO ENGAGE IN LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS IN EAST SIMULTANEOUSLY. FURTHERMORE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT OTHER OCCUPATIONS MAY BE MADE IN SOLOMONS BEFORE ATTACKING NEW HEBRIDES.

CONI VIA A-2
 JAP DESK RADIO
 INTELLIGENCE

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FROM: BARNES, MELBOURNE JOURNAL # 65 2/16
 FILED: 2041 2/16
 REQUEST FOR MAILING LIST MATERIAL FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS
 PERSONNEL.

BARNES,
 MELBOURNE

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FROM: MERRILL, RANGOON I.B. # 63 2/16
 FILED: 1625 2/16 JOURNAL # 65 2/16

MERRILL
 RANGOON

JAP AVIATION GAS SHOWN TO BE MOTOR GAS HEAVILY LEADED
 SO THAT IT APPROXIMATES 86 OCTANE.

BOMBING AND ATTACK MISSIONS IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH
 GROUND FORCES IS THE ALLIED AIR EFFORT, AND THE JAPS DOING
 SAME.

ENEMY FIGHTERS AT LAMPANG AND FIGHTERS & BOMBERS AT
 CHINGMAI; THEN AIR UNITS RETURNING TO THE FIELDS IN NORTH
 THAILAND. CONTINUATION OF JAP REINFORCEMENTS MAKE
 SITUATION CRITICAL.

ALLIED TROOPS HAVE RETREATED TO LINE OF SILIN RIVER, &
 AN ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCE OF ONE INFANTRY DIV. HAS OCCUPIED
 THATON.

FROM: M/O BANDOENG THORPE I.B. # 40 2/16
 FILED: REC'D I.B. 2:08 p.m. 2/16 JOURNAL # 65 2/16
 IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT OIL FIELDS AT TARAKAN HAVE
 BEEN RESTORED & PUT TO USE BY JAPS.*
 THE RESULTS ARE UNCERTAIN FROM BOMBING OF JAP VESSELS N.
 OF BANKA ISLAND ON 15th.

M/O BANDOENG
 THORPE

THERE HAVE BEEN NO COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUMATRA TODAY.
 UP TO NOW THERE HAVE BEEN NO LANDINGS MADE BY JAPS ON
 DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

THE PRESENT JAP LINE RUNS GENERALLY PALEMBANG-BANDJERBAS-
 IN MAKASSAR-AMBON.

G-2 COMMENT: THE ISLAND OF TARAKAN (CLOSE TO COAST
 OF N.E. DUTCH BORNEO) WAS TAKEN BY JAPS JAN. 13. WAS OF-
 FICIALLY REPORTED AT TIME THAT OIL WELLS HAD BEEN MINED &
 THE INSTALLATIONS DESTROYED ACCORDING TO PREARRANGED PLANS
 PRIOR TO JAP OCCUPATION. MUCH DEPENDS UPON TYPE AND DEGREE OF
 DESTRUCTION CARRIED OUT, BUT IN OVER MONTH JAPS COULD
 HAVE REASONABLY GOT A NUMBER OF WELLS IN PRODUCTION &
 I.B. # 40 JOURNAL # 65 2/16 continued

MACHINERY IN OPERATION. THE DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION HAD
 BEEN ABOUT 15,000 BELS. THE KNOWN SUB-SOIL RESERVES ARE
 OVER 30,000,000 BELS. CRUDE OIL HERE IS OF SUCH GRADE THAT
 CAN BE PUMPED DIRECTLY INTO SHIPS AND USED FOR DIESEL
 ENGINES WITHOUT PROCESSING.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

PACIFIC #1

From: Macruder - Chungking Journal #6, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/15/42, 2200

MACRUDER
 CHUNGKING

ESSENTIAL TO SEND 5 DC-3 PLANES IMMEDIATELY TO SAVE VITAL AIR COMMUNICATIONS, PRESERVE PRICELESS NAVIGATIONAL EXPERIENCE, MAINTAIN PRESENT EXPERT PERSONNEL FOR AIR LINE WITHIN CHINA AND BURMA. ONLY 2 PLANES LEFT. I WILL HELP OVER EMERGENCY WITH PROMISED C-31 PLANES BUT AS A MILITARY MEASURE A MAJOR EFFORT TO GET THE PLANES ABOVE REQUESTED MOVING OUT HERE IS IMPERATIVE. RADIO SITUATION MUST BE HELPED. (REFERS TO NUMBERS OF PREVIOUS MESSAGES.)

From: MacArthur - Fort Mills Journal #7, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/17/42, 0148

MACARTHUR
 FT. MILLS

IN ADDITION TO INCREASED AIR ACTIVITIES, HEAVY BOMBERS ARE REAPPEARING AND ENEMY ARTILLERY IS BEING BUILT UP ALL ALONG THE FRONT. GROWING INTENSITY OF ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE HARBOR DEFENSES WITH INCREASING CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE FROM CAVE EMPLACEMENTS. ENEMY HAS BLOWN OUT COLUMBON DAM WHICH SUPPLIED FT. FRANK WITH FRESH WATER AND I AM NOW SENDING WATER BARGES. THE LACK OF AIR OBSERVATION PREVENTS ESTIMATING ENEMY INTENTIONS AND DETERMINING REINFORCEMENTS FROM SEA. THIS WILL PREVENT ANTICIPATING HIS THROUSTS AND SHIFTING OUR FORCES TO MEET ATTACKS WHICH HAS PROVEN BASIS FOR PAST SUCCESSES. LITTLE ACTIVITY REPORTED ELSEWHERE.

From: Emons - Ft. Shafter Journal #9, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/16/42, 2:19 P

EMMONS
 FT. SHAFTER

CINCPAC ADVISES THAT TASK FORCE BROADENS ITS COMBAT OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY, FROM AUSTRALIA. GROUND ECHELON OF AIR SERVICE MOVES FROM NANTI TO TOWNSVILLE DEPRIVING ME OF 100 EXPERIENCED CREW CHIEFS AND TECHNICIANS. HAWAIIAN AIRFORCE LACKS 4000. REPLACEMENTS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR DEFENDING OAHU, SUPPLYING TASK FORCES AND MANY OTHER EXTENSIVE FUNCTIONS CONNECTED WITH FERRYING THROUGH THIS AREA. EXPERIENCED REPLACEMENTS ARE NEEDED BUT IF UNAVAILABLE WE WILL TRAIN HERE.

From: MacArthur - Ft. Mills Journal #8, 2/17/42
 Filed: 2/17/42, 0200

MACARTHUR
 FT. MILLS

AM SENDING TO AUSTRALIA BY BLOCKADE RUNNER 130 TONS PIG IRON DISCOVERED UNLOADED AT CEBU FROM FREIGHTER ADMIRAL WILLIAMS. OWNER UNKNOWN BUT ASSIGNED TO U.S.

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SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION
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I. B. Journal

NO. 27

Source Aruba Date of message 2/16/42
Sent to Com. Field Forces Time of message 6:58 A.
Received from OMQ Date received 2/16/42
Time received 7:55 A.

~~At least 2500 tons destroyed off ARUBA 600 OCT 16th. Apparent sub
action. Details to follow.~~

~~AMERICAN~~

Action taken:

Signature of I. B. Recorder

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FROM: MARRIOTT, LONDON I.B. # 25 2/15
FILED: 3:25 p.m. 2/15 Journal # 29 2/15
THE WAR OFFICE REPORTS THAT AS OF THE MORNING OF FEB. 13, POSITION AND COMPOSITION OF BRITISH AND AXIS TROOPS WAS UNCHANGED IN N. AFRICA. AXIS ATTACK IS STILL EXPECTED BY THE WAR OFFICE, WHICH IT THINKS MIGHT HAVE BEGUN TODAY. THE ARIETE DIV. IS A MECHANIZED DIV., NOT MOTORIZED, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

MARRIOTT,
LONDON.

FROM: MAXWELL, CAIRO JOURNAL 33 2/15
FILED: 12:11 p.m. 2/15
MANY MESSAGES DELAYED AND GARBLED DUE TO BLOCK IN COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HIGH PRIORITY MESSAGES BE MARKED TO CLEAR BLOCK.

MAXWELL
CAIRO

FROM: BENTLEY, TANGIER Journal # 42 2/15
FILED: 1800 2/15 I.B. # 32 2/15
NOTHING TO REPORT.

BENTLEY,
TANGIER

FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B.30 2/15
FILED: 0054 2/15 Journal # 40 2/15
NAVAL BASES AND SUEZ THE FIRST OBJECTIVES, AND IRAQ & IRAN THE SECOND OBJECTIVES OF ATTACK FROM LIBYA. THAT AXIS FORCES IN LIBYA CAN BE SUPPLIED BY WATER ROUTE IS NOW PROVED. ROMMEL NOW HAS 2 PANZER & ARIETE DIVS BUT NEEDS TANK REPLACEMENTS & A FRESH ITAL ARMORED DIV & 3 ITAL, & 3 GERMAN MOTORIZED INFANTRY DIVS. SUCH REINFORCEMENTS COMBINED WITH GERM AIR FORCE NOW IN MEDIT AREA WILL ENABLE ROMMEL TO TAKE EGYPT. THIS PLAN OFFERS HITLER MOST GAINS WITH LEAST EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED TO OTHER PLANS.

AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS OVERSEA EXPEDITIONS TO PALESTINE OR SYRIA, AND FROM THERE TO IRAQ AND IRAN. CONCENTRATION OF GERM AIR FORCE NOW IN GREECE ON BRIT FLEET WOULD JUSTIFY ATTEMPT BY ITALIAN FLEET TO CONVOY TROOPS TO PALESTINE OR SYRIA FROM AEGEAN. THE RAF IS ONLY ARM THAT COULD OFFER RESISTANCE WITH BRIT FLEET OUT, & BULK OF BRIT TROOPS IN

ILB. # 30 Journal # 40 continued

WESTERN DESERT. ITALIAN TROOPS COULD LARGELY PERFORM THE OPERATIONS AND MUST BE CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY. BOTH OF THESE PLANS MIGHT BE ATTEMPTED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH BUT LITTLE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF GERMAN MEANS WITH A BETTER THAN FAIR CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

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FROM: FELLERS, CAIRO I.B. # 31 2/15
 FILED: 0100 2/15 Journal # 46 2/15

ESTIMATE OF SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST:1. AXIS INVASION OF TURKEY.

a. TO OPEN SEA ROUTE INTO CAUCASIA & CONTROL THE DARDANELLES & BOSPORUS BY ATTACK THROUGH BLACK SEA ON CAUCASIA WOULD REQUIRE THREE OPERATIONS (1) LAND ON WIZDI SIDES OF DARDANELLES & BOSPORUS TO BE CONTROLLED (2) NAVAL SUPERIORITY TO BE ATTAINED (3) LANDING IN CAUCASIA. THE FIRST OBJECTIVE WOULD RESULT IN WAR WITH TURKEY & WOULD RESULT IN A HEAVY DRAIN ON GERMAN TROOPS. SECOND OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE ENTIRE ITALIAN FLEET TO DEFEAT SOVIET BLACK SEA FLEET & THE THIRD OBJECTIVE WOULD HAVE TO BE ATTAINED AGAINST A WELL EQUIPPED RUSS ARMY WITH AMPLE AIR SUPPORT. CONTROL OF CHIMEA ESSENTIAL BEFORE AXIS UNDERTAKES BLACK SEA OPERATIONS & SUCH AN EXPEDITION WOULD BE VERY COSTLY TO AXIS.

I.B. # 31 Journal # 46 2/15 continued

THEREFORE POSSIBLE BUT IMPROBABLE.

b. INVASION OF SYRIA, MESOPOTANIA, IRAQ BY CROSSING TURKEY. THIS WOULD NECESSITATE AXIS TAKING THE PASS THRU TAURUS MOUNTAINS & THIS EASY FOR BRIT & TURKS TO HOLD. AGAIN POSSIBLE, BUT IMPROBABLE.

c. INVASION SYRIA, MESOPOTANIA, EGYPT. SAME DIFFICULTIES MAKE THIS IMPROBABLE THROUGH POSSIBLE.

2. ATTACK ON MALTA

CAPTURE IS UNNECESSARY BECAUSE 89% OF AXIS SHIPPING TO TRIPOLI FROM ITALY HAS ARRIVED SAFELY SINCE JANUARY.

3. ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR

AS AXIS HAS ALREADY CLOSED THE MEDIT TO EAST, WEST NAUTIC TRAFFIC, SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD BE INDECISIVE. & IS UNLIKELY UNLESS U.S. GOES INTO SPAIN OR N. AFRICA.

I.B. # 31 Journal # 46 2/15 continued

4. INVASION OF ENGLAND

WHILE HITLER STATED THAT HIS ATTACK ON RUSS WAS FOR PURPOSE OF ENABLING HIM TO ATTACK ENGLAND, HE CANNOT GET A DECISION ON RUSS FRONT IN 1942 & GERMANS CANNOT RELY ON AIR SUPERIORITY OVER ENGLAND. THE FAILURE OF ANY GERM ATTACK ON ENG WOULD MEAN THAT WAR WAS OVER TO GERM PEOPLE, THEREFORE ATTACK ON ENGLAND IS ~~INTERMEDIATELY~~ IMPROBABLE.

5. SPRING OFFENSIVE AGAINST RUSS.

SUCH AN OFFENSIVE IS A CERTAINTY BECAUSE HITLER HAS PROMISED THE GERM PEOPLE THAT WINTER DEFEATS WILL BE REVERSED.

*NOTE: FOR PART III(2) THIS MESSAGE SEE JOURNAL 40
 I.B. # 30 2/15

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TO

Vichy PM.

10:00 AM

2/16/42

Dated: 2/15/42 10:00 AM

Journal #49, 2/15/42

From: Algiers-Cole Via State

COLE
ALGIERS
VIA STATE

THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN ORAN HARBOR AS OF FEB. 6: THE SUBS DANAE, DIANE, ARIANE AND ARROCHAUTE; THE DESTROYER FRONDEUR (T-22); THE ARMED TRAWLER VICTORIA; THE CHAMOIS CLASS AVISO (A-73); THE AVISO ESTAFETTE (M-43) AND ENGAGEANTE (M-41); THE SMALL NAVY TANKERS LADROME AND BERLIERE.

THE BATTLESHIP DUNKERQUE WAS REPORTED AS BEING AT MERS-EL-KEBIR.

THE FOLLOWING MERCHANT SHIPS WERE REPORTED AT ORAN: THE STEAMERS BRESCOU, SAINTE MONIQUE, ANJOU, MONT SAINT CLAIR, REMOIR AND CONTROCIORA; THE TANKER FRIMAIRE AND THE TANKER BACCHUS. THE DJSSEL NADOR DEPARTED FEB. 6 FOR FRANCE.

(Journal #49, 2/15/42, Cont'd)

DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JANUARY FIRE WAS REPORTED ON THE DUNKERQUE IN WHICH THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF THE BATTLESHIP WAS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED. THE DUNKERQUE AT THAT TIME WAS UNDER ORDERS TO BE PREPARED TO DEPART AT ANY TIME. THE FIRE WAS REPORTED BY AN EXCELLENT SOURCE. HOWEVER IT HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND A REPORT MAY HAVE BEEN ORIGINATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONCEALING PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE SUBS ARROCHAUTE AND DIANE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SUPPLIED WITH TORPEDOES AND COMPLETE WAR EQUIPMENT. THE ARIANE AND DANAE ARE SEAWORTHY BUT IT IS REPORTED THAT THEIR BATTERIES ARE NOT IN GOOD CONDITION AND THAT THE UNDERWATER RANGE OF THESE SHIPS IS ONLY 20 KILOS.

IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED THAT ABOUT A MONTH AGO ALL RADIO SETS ON ALL WARSHIPS WERE PLACED IN WORKING ORDER.

COLE

Dated: 2/15/42, 6:00 PM

Journal #48, 2/15/42

From: Leahy - Vichy Via State

LEAHY
VICHY VIA ST.

IN THE OPINION OF A MOST RELIABLE SOURCE LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS OPINION IS BASED UPON REPORTS OF CONCENTRATIONS IN SICILY OF GERMAN AND ITALIAN ARMORED UNITS AND ALSO THE FACT THAT NUMEROUS TROOPS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ITALY TO CRETE, GREECE AND RHODES.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGE

PACIFIC # 1

FROM: ARNOLD, MELBOURNE
FILED: 7:46 P 2/14

Journal # 25, 2/15

52nd SIGNAL BATTALION ARRIVAL; NO PERSONNEL AT ARMY
SIGNAL SERVICE DIVERTED FROM PHILIPPINES; EQUIPMENT FOR
RADIO DETACHMENT NOT RECEIVED; REQUEST REMAINING SHIPMENTS
BE EXPEDITED.

ARNOLD,
MELBOURNE

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FROM: G-2 WDC, GHQ Lt. Todd
FILED: 1247 p.m. 2/15 STROH

Journal # 26 2/15

POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF HOSTILE VESSEL IN VICINITY 42°N,
165°W, REPORTED BY INTERCEPTION AT 2:20 A.M., P.W.T ON
2/15/42 WITH OVER 100 BEARINGS TAKEN BY 4 STATIONS.

ALASKA REPORTS RADIO FIX ON FREQUENCY 8348 KILOCYCLES AT
1535 G.C.T. ON 2/14, LOCATION 46°N, 132°W — CREDIBILITY
EXCELLENT ON BOTH REPORTS.

G-2 WDC GHQ
Lt. Todd Stroh

FROM: BRETT, JAVA
FILED: 1610 2/15

JOURNAL # 27 2/15

REPORT ON STATUS OF PLANES.

ACUTE SITUATION HAS ARISEN. THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF
STRONG ATTEMPT BY JAPS TO TAKE SOUTHERN SUMATRA, WHICH IF
SUCCESSFUL, WOULD BE A SERIOUS MENACE TO JAVA.

ALSO IN NEAR FUTURE THE THRUSTS FROM KENDARI & MAKASSAR
MUST BE MET. ALL ELEMENTS OF AIR FORCES ARE BEING USED
TO THE MAXIMUM. IMMEDIATE AID WOULD BE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

BRETT, JAVA

FROM: MARIOTT, LONDON I.B. # 27 2/15
FILED: 3:25P 2/15 Journal # 31 2/15

WAVELL SENT FOLLOWING: ON FEB. 14, 60 to 80 JAP PLANES
LET GO 400 TO 800 PARATROOPS AS THEY FLEW OVER PALEMBANG
REFINERY & AIRPORT. SOME OF MEN DROPPED STILL AROUND
THESE TWO OBJECTIVES. BRITISH INSIGNIA USED ON SOME OF
PLANES.

ON 2/15, JAPS IT IS THOUGHT CONVOY FROM ANAMBAS, SEEN ON
EVENING OF 14th OFF BANGKA, WILL TRY TO FORCE WAY TO
PALEMBANG BY RIVER APPROACHES OR POSSIBLY ATTACK DJAMBI.
THOUGHT THAT WAINGAPU (SUMBA) OR HIMA (SUMBANA) ~~W~~ *were possible objectives*
~~WAINGAPU~~ *WAINGAPU* OF 7 TROOPSHIPS WITH ESCORT OF WARSHIPS
SEEN AT ANCHOR IN VICINITY OF KENDARI ON 2/14.

W. OFFICE BELIEVES IT PROBABLE JAPS ARE REINFORCING
THEIR SINGLE DIV IN BURMA WITH A DIV FROM THAILAND WHICH
IN TURN WILL BE REPLACED BY ONE FROM INDO CHINA.

4:00 p.m.

2/15

TO

4:00 p.m.

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FROM: HARRIOTT I.B. # 27 Journal # 31 2/15 continued

ON 2/13, JAP FORCE, ESTIMATED AT 2 BMS MOVED NW FROM PAAN & 10 MI NE OF THATON AT BUIKHEE, ATTACKED A BRIT BN. NO OTHER MOVEMENT FROM S. ON THATON.

RESULTS OF AIR ATTACK ON APPROXIMATELY 20 JAP BOATS CROSSING SALWEEN NEAR MOULMEIN NOT KNOWN.

JAPS FAILED TO CARRY CAUSEWAY AT SINGAPORE ON NIGHT OF 2/13 & BRIT STILL HELD RESERVOIRS ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT NEWS RECEIVED AT W.O. WHICH GOT IT BY RADIO BROADCAST ON 2/14 AT 1800 GMT.

FROM: BUCKNER, FT. RICHARDSON, ALASKA
FILED: 2135 2/14(?)

Journal # 36 2/15

REPORT OF LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT.

BUCKNER
FT. RICHARDSON
ALASKA

FROM: MERLE-SMITH, MELBOURNE I.B. # 29 2/15
FILED: 2030 2/15 Journal # 39 2/15

JAPS MADE RECONNAISSANCE KOMPANG WITH ONE TYPE O FIGHTER ON THE 14th.

MERLE-SMITH
MELBOURNE

THE U.S.S. PERRY WAS ATTACKED ON THE 14th, 65 MI NW DARWIN BY ONE TYPE 97 FLYING BOAT, BUT BOMBS MISSED.

SEARCH 100 MI WIDE TO 180 MILES SOUTH OF BASE MORESBY ON 14th BY ONE HUDSON NEGATIVE.

RECONNAISSANCE ROTI ISLAND, SOUTH KOMPANG ON 13th. ONE HUDSON FROM KOMPANG CRASHED ON 14th.

ONE AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND THREE CRUISERS, TWO DESTROYERS & ELEVEN TRANSPORTS REVEALED BY RECONNAISSANCE RABAU.

FROM: G-2 WDC GHQ COL. CARTER (STROH)

FILED: 2255 OCT 2/15 JOURNAL # 32 2/15

RECEIVED SOS FROM S S TAFT 2255 OCT "USAT TAFT TORPEDGED BY SUB, SINKING FAST 104 -66/ 702 - 1."

G-2 WDC
GHQ STROH

**NOTE - THE FIGURES AT END OF THIS MESSAGE ARE BELIEVED BY GHQ AND ONI TO HAVE REFERENCE TO CODED MAP GRID - THE KEY TO WHICH IS NOT KNOWN. CAPT. MEYER, G-4, WATER TRANSPORT, INFORMED CAPT., HARRIS OF GIB, THAT THIS SHIP WAS NOW CALLED THE "WILLARD A HOLMBROOK" THAT IS SAILED FROM MELBOURNE ON FEB. 12 FOR FREMANTLE, AUSTR & THAT AS OF MORNING OF 2/15, G-4 ESTIMATED ITS POSITION AT 126.0E - 34.0 S.

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FROM: EMMONS, FT. SHAFTER JOURNAL # 44 /215
 FILED: 9:40 P 2/15
 MESSAGE CONCERNING CENSURSHIP INSPECTION OF CLIPPER AND
 SHIP PASSENGERS.

Filed: 2/15/42, 9:43 P Journal #47, 2/15/42
 From: MacArthur - Port Mills
 REQUESTS ACTION ON HIS MESSAGE #205.

MACARTHUR
 FT. MILLS

Filed: 2/15/42, 9:00 P Journal #43, 2/15/42
 From: Thorpe - Bandoeng I.B. #17, 2/15/42

THORPE
 BANDOENG

JAP TROOPS NOW IN SUMATRA ARE ESTIMATED TO BE AT LEAST
 ONE DIVISION.

FROM A CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY 40 VESSELS JAP FORCES
 SEIZED PALEMBANG WITH THE AIRDROME UNHARMED. BY TAKING
 PALEMBANG THE ENEMY HAVE, WITH THE FORCES AT THEIR COMMAND,
 NOW A STRONG SUPERIORITY IN SUMATRA.

THORPE

0-2 COMMENT:

THE PALEMBANG AIR FIELD IS FIRST CLASS, 260 AIR MILES
 TO BATAVIA, 675 MILES TO SURABAYA. ENEMY OCCUPATION
 OF PALEMBANG, BANDJERBASIN AND MACASSAR WILL ENABLE HIM TO
 DRIVE FROM 3 DIRECTIONS. STRENGTH OF OUR FORCES ON SUMA-
 TRA NOT KNOWN, BUT IN ANY CASE THE UNITED NATIONS' FORCES
 ARE NO MATCH FOR THOSE JAPS TROOPS ALREADY LANDED.

Filed: 2/15/42, 9:26 P Journal #50, 2/15/42
 From: Emmons - Fort Shafter

EMMONS
 FT. SHAFTER

AGROUND AT HOLLY*THE USAT TAYLOR. UNLOADING IS DELAYED
 BECAUSE OF LACK OF FACILITIES, HIGH WINDS, HEAVY RAINFALL.
 TWO TANKS FOR FUEL OIL BROKEN IN. ABOUT FEB. 18 THE U.S.
 COAST GUARD CUTTER TARAY WILL ARRIVE AT HOLLY AND I AM
 SENDING A NAVY SALVAGE VESSEL FROM HERE. THE TAYLOR'S
 NAVAL ESCORT REMAINS WITH HER. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE
 REPORTED.

Filed: 2/15/42, 2:06 P Journal #1, 2/16/42
 From: Emmons - Fort Shafter

EMMONS
 FT. SHAFTER

SUMMARY OF JAP ACTIVITIES MIDNIGHT 6 FEB - MIDNIGHT
 14 FEB. ACTIVITY ON CANAL ZONE. CONTINUING SUB ACTIVI-
 TY. POSITIVE RESULTS FROM CONTACTS LACKING. CONCLU-
 SIONS AS IN PREVIOUS REPORT.

*NOTE: HOLLY IS THE CODE DESIGNATION FOR ONE OF A CHAIN
 OF ISLAND AIR BASES.

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2/16/42

Filed: 2/16/42, 01 P Journal #2, 2/16/42
From: MacArthur - Fort Mills
INFANTRY FIGHTING FLARING SPORADICALLY. VERY HEAVY
ARTILLERY FIRE. JAP AIR ACTIVE. IN THE SOUTH NO CHANGE.

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

Filed: 2/16/42, 12:55 P Journal #4, 2/16/42
From: AEDACOM - Java
ALL LOCAL FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEI ARE BEING
USED TO THE FULLEST, INCLUDING BOTH COMMERCIAL AND GOV-
ERNMENTAL. COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION EMPLOYED BY US FOR
PAST MONTH.

AEDACOM
JAVA

Filed: 2/16/42, 2:10 P Journal #5, 2/16/42
From: Emons - Fort Shafter
LETTER SUBJECT SUPPLIES OVERSEAS NOT YET RECEIVED
HERE. REQUEST COPY.

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

Filed: 2/16/42, 1:05 A Journal #6, 2/16/42
From: Brett - Java
AIR CRAFT MAKING EXTENSIVE USE OF SIDE WINDOW GUNS.
EVEN WITH IMPROVED UNDER TURRET URGE THEIR ATTENTION.

BRETT
JAVA

Filed: 2/16/42, 0220 Journal #7, 2/16/42
From: MacArthur - Fort Mills
ACTION REGARDING MEDAL OF HONOR FOR SGT. JOSE CALUGAS.

MACARTHUR
FT. MILLS

Filed: 2/15/42, 3:45 P Journal #8, 2/16/42
From: Emons - Fort Shafter
REQUEST INFORMATION ON SHIPMENT OF 2800 ROUNDS RE
SHELL TIME AND QUANTITY TO BE SHIPPED.

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

Filed: 2/16/42, 0330 Journal #9, 2/16/42
From: Magruder - Chungking
REQUEST A SUMMARY OF STATUS OF ALL LEND LEASE REQUISI-
TIONS FOR CHINA. POUCHES NOW CARRY INADEQUATE INFORMATION.
CALCUTTA BRANCH ORDERED HERE FOR CONFERENCE.

MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

Filed: 2/15/42, 3:45 P Journal #10, 2/16/42
From: Emons - Ft. Shafter
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE FIELD RATIONS BY 50% FOR PER-
SONNEL ON ISOLATED O.P.'S IN MOUNTAINS.

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

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FROM: CHANEY, LONDON
FILED: 3:25 p.m.

JOURNAL # 38 2/15

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CHANNEY, LONDON

THIS MESSAGE HAS REFERENCE TO PERSONNEL PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON
FILED: 3:25 p.m. 2/15

JOURNAL # 37 2/15

AG MESSAGE NO. 533, 2/14 RECEIVED.

CHANNEY, LOND
ON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON
FILED: 3:25 p.m. 2/15

JOURNAL # 35 2/15

IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR 8 ELECTRONICS TRAINING OFFICERS TO RETURN BY BOAT UNLESS STATE DEPT. RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL BY AIR, VIA LISBON ARE OBTAINED.

CHANNEY, LONDON

FROM: CHANEY, LONDON
FILED: 12:10 p.m. 2/15

JOURNAL # 34 2/15

CHANNEY, LONDON

WHEREVER POSSIBLE, 87 OCTANE GASOLINE BEING USED BY R.A.F., AND SUCCESSFULLY USED IN U.S. TANKS. THE BRITISH ARE ADVERSE TO USING 100 OCTANE IN TANKS.

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FROM: MARRIOTT, LONDON

I.R. # 26 2/15

FILED: 3:25P 2/15

Journal # 30 2/15

MOVEMENT OF GERMAN SHIPS WHICH GOT THROUGH DOVER STRAITS
DISCOVERED DURING COURSE OF ORDINARY PATROL. BRIT HAD
PREPARED FOR AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE BY PASSING TO THE WEST
OF BRITISH ISLANDS— CAUGHT BY SURPRISE, IT TOOK THEM 3
hours to get their bombers underway; THEIR ATTACKS WERE
LATE & WITHOUT COORDINATION BETWEEN AIR, SEA & LAND FORCES
AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE. PRESS & PUBLIC
ARE INDIGNANT & DEMAND REORGANIZATION.

MARRIOTT,
LONDON

FROM: BONESTEEL, ICELAND

Journal # 45 2/15

FILED: 2:10 P.M. 2/15

BONESTEEL

IN ANSWER TO AG RADIO OF FEB. 13, STATES HAS NO DATA AS
TO COMPOSITION OF SHIPMENT 0102.

Filed: 2/15/42, 10:25 EWT

Journal #3, 2/16/42

From: ONI

ONI

TELETYPE FROM 6TH NAVAL DISTRICT.

REPORT FROM ARMY DIRECTION APPARATUS AT FORT FISHER,
N. C. (CAPE FEAR) STATES THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SHIPS
STANDING OFF SHORE ABOUT 9 MILES PROCEEDING IN DIRECTION
DUE WEST UNTIL LAST REPORTED ABOUT 4 MILES OFF SHORE.

THIS APPARATUS IS SET UP TO DETECT PLANES BUT IS ALSO
CAPABLE OF DETECTING SHIP MOVEMENTS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD
THAT THIS MESSAGE DEFINITELY REFERS TO SHIPS.

SENTRY AT DIRECTION POST 100 REPORTED SEVERAL PERSONS
CRAWLING ON BEACH IN VICINITY OF DIRECTION EQUIPMENT. ONE
WAS CARRYING A SMALL BOX. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER SENTRY'S
CHALLENGE AND WAS SHOT BY SENTRY.

SITUATION ESTIMATED AS SERIOUS. ALERT ORDERED. COM-
MANDING OFFICERS OF 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH NAVAL DISTRICTS IN-
FORMED. REPORT DATED AT 22:25 EWT.

NOTE: FURTHER MESSAGES SAY MEN WERE RETURNING FROM FISHING
PARTY. NONE SHOT. VESSELS, FISHERMAN, NORMAL BEHAVIOR.

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FROM: BAKER, BAGHDAD

Journal # 28 2/15

BAKER, BAGHDAD

FILED: 1:15 p.m. (P) 2/14

ONE-PAGE MESSAGE WITH REFERENCE TO MOVEMENT DELIVERY POINTS, REPAIR AND INSPECTION FACILITIES FOR TRUCKS.

ALSO REFERS BRIEFLY TO WATER PUMP REQUIREMENTS AND POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT.

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FROM:

Dated: 2/15/42, 6:00 P

Journal #48, 2/15/42

LEAHY

From: Leahy - Vichy Via State

VICHY VIA STATE

IT IS UNDERSTOOD BY OFFICIALS HERE THAT ALL SS ARMORED BRIGADES ARE NOW BEING REORGANIZED AS DIVISIONS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT BY THE END OF MARCH REORGANIZATION WILL BE COMPLETED OF SEVEN NEW SS DIVISIONS AT KRAKOW.

LEAHY

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SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION
TELEPHONE, ORAL, RADIO OR CABLE
(Strike out all but one)

I. B. Journal

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Source Com. Caribbean Sea Front Date of message 2/16/42
Sent to OP NAV Time of message _____
Received from CHQ Date received 2/16/42
Time received 3:40 P.M.

At 600 GWT, two (2) tankers destroyed and sunk 1 mile South
of LAGO Refinery, ARUBA, followed by brief shelling of Lago Refinery.
Ten to 15 shots fired, apparently by a 57 mm caliber, using tracer
ammunition used. No damage by shellfire. 1 Tanker sunk 1 mile
South of Eagle Bank (Oranjestad) Aruba at 0745 GWT. One (1)
unidentified tanker sunk 12° 03' North 70° 25' West. One (1) tanker
sunk 12° 01' North 70° 30' West.

Reported submarine bombed and sunk apparently sunk 8 miles
West of WILLENSTEAD, Curacao. Anti-submarine patrols being
operated with all available aircraft.

Action taken:

CHQ

VP

WH

A-3 and AFOS thru CHQ

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Lt. A. L. Jorgensen

Signature of I. B. Recorder

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Confirmed submarine attacks vicinity ANURU. 5 tankers sunk.

Details follow.

VP

QUESTIONS

Lt. A. L. JOHNSON

Signature of I. B. Recorder

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

PACIFIC # 4

Filed: 2/16/42, 0330

Journal #9, 2/16/42

From: Magruder - Chungking

MAGRUDER
CHUNGKING

REQUEST A SUMMARY OF STATUS OF ALL LEND LEASE REQUISITIONS FOR CHINA. POUCHES NOW CARRY INADEQUATE INFORMATION. CALCUTTA BRANCH ORDERED HERE FOR CONFERENCE.

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Journal #10, 2/16/42

From: Emons - Ft. Shafter

EMMONS
FT. SHAFTER

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE FIELD RATIONS BY 50% FOR PERSONNEL ON ISOLATED O.P.'S IN MOUNTAINS.

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PACIFIC THEATER

Filed: 1515 2/16

IB #16, 2/16

From: Bandoeng THORPE

Journal #19, 2/16

ACTIONS OF BRIT IN NEI NOT DECISIVE NOR DETERMINED.
NEI FEELS BITTER ON SINGAPORE DEVELOPMENTS. NAV DISCIPLINE
MEDIOCRE.

RESISTANCE BY DUTCH MAY DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF
AIR FIGHTER SUPPORT.

Filed: 1:10 AM FEB 16

IB #7, 2/16

From: US Mil Lia. Off. BRINK

Journal #28, 2/16

SITUATION IN BURMA TO FEB 15: DUYINZAIK LOCATED NE OF
THATON RECEIVED HEAVY ATTACK ON 13THS UP TO PRESENT TIME
NO ENEMY MOVEMENT TOWARD THATON FROM SOUTH. PAAN AREA
ENEMY RESISTED ATTACK. 1 BRIT BATTALION ENGAGED BY ESTIMATED
2 BATTALIONS OF ENEMY. BRIT FINALLY SURROUNDED AND AS YET
ONLY 100 SURVIVORS ABLE TO WITHDRAW.

G-2 Comments:

1. DUYINZAIK: TOWN IN BURMA ABOUT 35 MI. NW OF MOULMEIN
2. THATON: TOWN IN BURMA ABOUT 35 MI NW OF MOULMEIN, ON
HIGHWAY CONNECTING MOULMEIN & RANGOON.
3. PAAN: TOWN IN BURMA ABOUT 30 MI N. OF MOULMEIN ON
SALWEEN RIVER.

Filed: 2/16

Journal #22, 2/16

From: ABDACOM

SINGAPORE REPORTS CAN NO LONGER FIGHT BECAUSE OF
SHORTAGE OF SUPPLIES DUE TO ENEMY OFFENSIVE. MEN GRATEFUL
FOR AID RECEIVED. THEY DID THEIR BEST.

Filed: 0838 2/16

Journal #29 2/16

From: Ft. Mills MACARTHUR

SINGAPORE'S SUDDEN SURRENDER STRESSES FACT THAT CHANCES
ARE DIMINISHING FOR A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON JAP LINES OF
COMMUNICATION. IN ENEMY ENJOYS FURTHER SUCCESSES IN NEI,
WILL BE ABLE TO CONSOLIDATE SOUTHERN POSITIONS & THUS
REDUCE SENSITIVENESS OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

HELP OF RUSSIA WOULD PROBABLY BE ATTRACTED BY A DETER-
MINED ALLIED EFFORT, BUT RUSSIA WILL NOT MOVE UNTIL SHE
SEES POSITIVE ALLIED EFFORT.

SITUATION CAN STILL BE REVERSED, BUT IT MAY SOON BE TOO
LATE.

Filed: 6:54 AM 2/16

Journal #30, 2/16

From: Ft. Mills MACARTHUR

DESIRE TO ESTABLISH NEW SEAT OF COMMONWEALTH GOV'T IN
UNOCCUPIED PHILIPPINES EXPRESSED BY PRES. QUEZON & HIS
WAR CABINET. THIS THEY FEEL WILL HELP THEM IN THEIR
MISSION OF BUOYING MORALE OF PHILIPPINES IN UNOCCUPIED
AREAS & ENCOURAGING THEM TO FURTHER RESISTANCE TO JAPS.
MACARTHUR PREPARED TO EXECUTE A PREPARED PLAN FOR EVACUA-
TION OF THIS PARTY FROM APPARENTLY DOOMED CORREGIDOR UNLESS
OTHERWISE ORDERED. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO USE EXPECTED SUB
TO MOVE THE PRESIDENT & LATER ALSO THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS
RETINUE. AUTHORITY SHOULD BE SENT TO CINC ASIATIC FLEET.

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Journal #40

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From: BARNES Melbourne

PURCHASE OF 100 TONS OF QUININE FROM NEI BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES BEING ARRANGED NOW. SITUATION MAY STOP SUPPLY IN NEAR FUTURE. IF TON BULK LOTS OF QUININE ARE DESIRED, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE SAME.

U.S. RESERVES OF QUININE IN AUSTRALIA ARE VERY LIMITED.

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Journal #16, 2/16

From: 4th ARMY (OHQ) STROH

ALLEGED POSITION TRANSPORT TAFT TORPEDOING NOW GIVEN
BY ALASKA 104.66 - 27.02 CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AS 104° 55'S.
HOLBROOK (FORMERLY TAFT) IN THAT AREA 2 DAYS AGO & MIGHT
HAVE BEEN AT ABOVE POSITION TODAY.

ABOVE MENTIONED SIGNALS RECEIVED BY ALASKA ON 4020
KILOCYCLES & NOT ON REGULAR DISTRESS FREQUENCY #191
SPECIAL.

NAVY THINKS MESSAGE A FALSE & CONSIDERS INCIDENT
CLOSED.

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Journal #17, 2/16

From: ARUBA ANDREWS

2500 TONS DESTROYED OFF ARUBA 600 GCT, 2/16
APPARENT SUB ACTIVITY.

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Journal #36, 2/16 LATIN AMERICA

From: AMCON, Curacao (ONI)

AT ARUBA ACTION CEASED. RESPIRENT DEFINITELY UNDAAGED
ARUBA NOW CABLES.

ALL SHIPPING MOVEMENTS CURACAO & ARUBA NOW SUSPENDED FOR
24 HOURS.

1 SHALLOW DRAFT TANKER BEING TOWED INTO PORT HERE BADLY
BUCKLED. 1 CASUALTY ABOARD.

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