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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The recommendation of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, to bring Harbor Defense Units up to full Tables of Organization was approved and the Commanding General, Services of Supply, was directed to furnish the necessary personnel.

2. Authority was granted to loan four United States reconnaissance cars to General Rice to transport reconnaissance group into Mexico.

3. The construction of three proposed airdromes in the Sault Sainte Marie area was approved.

BRITISH ISLES

The Operations Division has requested General Chaney's views on the use of the Harvard American Red Cross Hospital at Salisbury, England, by the United States Army.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Operations Division has requested the Commanding General, at New Caledonia to report on the amount of nickel produced there monthly.

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FAR EAST

General Brereton reports from New Delhi that the Myitkyina  
Airdrome was bombed by four B-17E's of the 9th Bombardment Squadron on  
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report that directives were issued for the activation of six Coast Artillery Regiments and three Coast Artillery Battalions for assignment to the Antiaircraft Command.
2. The Central Defense Command was informed that radio equipment they needed to establish a temporary Aircraft Warning Service would be made available to that Command.
3. The Canadian Minister for the Soo District has objected to the presence of Negro troops.
4. The political military defense agreement between Brazil and the United States was signed in Rio de Janeiro on May 27th.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Two Bombardment squadrons, Heavy, composed of eight B-17E planes each, with air combat personnel only, will be organized from the 301st and 303rd Heavy Bombardment Groups by the 2nd Air Force and sent to Hawaii immediately. It is estimated that this movement can be completed by June 2nd.
2. General MacArthur reports that the Navy has one Marine Raider Battalion in Samoa which is available for commando operations.

AFRICA

A report from Liberia states that all Germans with the exception of the German Consul are expected to leave Monrovia by June 6th.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces issued directives ordering the following divisions into active service: 78th, 83d, 91st, 94th, 96th, 98th, 102d, and 104th.

2. The Commanding General, Services of Supply, was directed to send to the Iceland Base Command fifty light tanks (M-3's), with the necessary equipment, ten in July, twenty in August, and twenty in September.

3. A report from Fort Richardson, Alaska, states that the Aleutian attack force is believed to have departed Japan and the Navy expects early contact resulting from patrols to the westward and southwestward.

4. The Army Ground Forces report the departure from San Francisco of eight heavy bombers (B-17's) for Hawaii and the departure of six heavy bombers (B-24's) from West Palm Beach for the 10th Air Force.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Hawaiian Department has been directed to organize a provisional infantry battalion from all officers and enlisted men of Japanese descent in the 298th and 299th Infantry Regiments in Hawaii, and to transfer this provisional unit to the mainland.

General Emmons requests that a regiment of infantry from the mainland be sent to Hawaii to replace these troops.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the last echelon of the 45th Engineer General Service Regiment from Camp Blanding, Florida, by rail and water, for India; and part of the 41st Engineer General Service Regiment from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, by rail and water, for Liberia. Directives were issued designating permanent stations for eleven additional service units under the VII Army Corps in California, and for the movement of two QM Truck Companies to Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

2. The Adjutant General was directed to move immediately 800 men from reception centers to the 101st Coast Artillery Brigade, San Francisco for duty in the Western Defense Command.

3. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, was directed to move 1728 replacements immediately to the 39th Coast Artillery Brigade (Antiaircraft) at Seattle, Washington.

4. The Commanding General, Southern Defense Command, was directed to advise the Commanding General, Third Air Force that he is responsible for active air defense of the area lying within the Southern Defense Command until such time as adequate means for this defense have been made available to the Commanding General, Southern Defense Command.

5. The Army Air Forces report the following departures from Miami: (a) Two transports (C-60's) for the British Middle East; and (b) two heavy bombers (B-24's) and one transport (C-47) for the 10th Air Force.

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BRITISH ISLES

Authority has been granted to General Chaney to organize a Commando Force in the United Kingdom, generally on the lines of the British Commando Force.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons advises that he is convinced that Japanese attack in force will be made on Oahu-Midway Line. He requests as many additional heavy bombers as can be spared with trained combat crews and states air raids are expected to start May 30th.

2. General Emmons states also that it is highly desirable to transfer to the mainland all soldiers of Japanese ancestry in the 298th and 299th Infantry.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that instructions have been issued to bring all Army personnel of the 1st American Volunteer Group into the 23rd Pursuit Group under control and command of the Commanding General, 10th Air Force; and operational control of this unit will be coordinated with special instructions of the Generalissimo.

2. General Brereton reports that heavy air attacks are expected at Chungking in the near future and suggests that the entire American Volunteer Group might be moved to Chungking for political and morale reasons.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 16th Armored Engineer Battalion and the 47th Armored Medical Battalion of the 1st Armored Division from Fort Dix for North Ireland, and issued directives to move three Engineer Battalions, three Station Hospitals and six other units (various) by rail to Waterways, Alberta, Canada.

2. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, has been directed to move the 33rd Pursuit Group to the West Coast and to arrange for transfer of the 54th Pursuit Group from Harding Field, Louisiana, to March Field, California.

3. The Army Air Forces report the departure from Miami of one medium bomber (B-25) for Russia.

4. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, requests full cooperation from the Attorney General to assure prompt and effective enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to enemy aliens.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports attacks by our bombers on Lae, New Guinea and Rabaul, New Britian; and states that the enemy again attacked Port Moresby at night.

2. The United States Forces in New Caledonia have been designated the Americal Division.

FAR EAST

General Stilwell emphasizes the advantage of continuously attacking large Japanese air concentrations in Indo-China, Thailand and eastern

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Burma; and strongly recommends the sending of planes and personnel to  
India for this purpose as fast as possible.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 306th Barrage Balloon Battalion from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, for Mare Island, California; and that directives were issued for the activation in August of six additional Quartermaster units.

2. The Army Ground Forces list also the departure dates of thirteen officers and sixty-five men who will leave Miami, Florida, this week for Cairo, Egypt.

3. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to make additional shipments of antiaircraft ammunition to the Western Defense Command.

4. The Commanding General, Southern Defense Command, has been informed that action is being taken to provide aircraft warning service and fighter protection for his area to repel possible air attacks from clandestine fields in Mexico.

5. The immediate movement of the 308th Barrage Balloon Battalion from Camp Tyson, Tennessee, to Keyport, Washington, has been directed.

6. The Army Air Forces report the departure of two heavy bombers (B-24) from West Palm Beach for the Middle East and two heavy bombers (B-17) from San Francisco for Hawaii.

7. A report from General DeWitt states that evacuation of Japanese will be extended to Military Area No. 2 which contains the forest area of California. This report states also that arrangements have been made to remove the Naval Japanese Language School from the 12th Naval District to Denver, Colorado.

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FAR EAST

1. A report from Chungking states that Japanese aviation has approximately doubled in Chinese areas with the exception of Canton.
2. General Stilwell radios that plans have been completed to employ the 10th Air Force in support of the Chinese at the earliest date possible.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 95th Engineer Regiment from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, by rail to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, for the Alcan Highway; and that directives were issued regarding various combat units requested added to Troop Basis, Mobilization and Training Plan, 1943 (for Bolero).

2. A report from Fort Richardson, Alaska, quotes Navy information that indicates an amphibious attack on the Aleutians and Alaska about June 1st for the purpose of securing advanced bases. The report states further that the air force available is inadequate and request is made for two groups of heavy bombers and one pursuit group, and information for planning purposes.

3. The Army Air Forces report departures from West Palm Beach of two heavy bombers (B-24's) enroute to the 10th Air Force in India and one medium bomber (B-25) enroute to Russia.

FAR EAST

A report from General Stilwell advises that, due to the Chinese crisis and Japanese operations, the 10th Air Force has been withdrawn from the mission supporting the British in India and is to be operated under his control as the situation in India, Burma and China demands.

AFRICA

The Commanding Officer of the Construction Force in Liberia has been given letter of instruction outlining mission, command responsibility, and relations with the civil government.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. An Amphibious Training Command has been constituted and activated at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts.
2. Five Battalions of Field Artillery (75-mm) have been redesignated as Field Artillery Battalions (105-mm).
3. All Commanding Officers have been notified that soldiers of Japanese descent will not be granted furloughs for the purpose of entering the states of Washington, Oregon, Arizona and California.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Ground echelons of two Bombardment Squadrons have been sent from Australia to New Caledonia.
2. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has been directed to move a Cavalry Regiment (horse), a colored unit, to a port of embarkation for further movement to New Caledonia.
3. Three B-17 bombers arrived in Hawaii.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been informed of the availability of two Bombardment Groups (H) and one Bombardment Group (M) for combat operations in the Western Defense Command in the event of an emergency.

2. The Operations Division has sent General DeWitt a paraphrase of the Navy message to the Commander-in-chief, Pacific Ocean Area, informing him of prospective state of fleet-opposed invasion of Alaska and directing the formation of a joint-task-group of air units. Paraphrase included instructions for coordination of command with Navy and directed General DeWitt to advise General Buckner.

3. The Operations Division has been informed that the President has approved the indefinite deferment of the completion of the third set of locks for the Panama Canal.

4. The Army Ground Forces have issued directives for the constitution of certain experimental airborne units and the activation of five field hospitals.

5. The Army Ground Forces also include in their report the departure of the 16th Station Hospital from Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, for the British Isles; and a Signal Photo Detachment from Fort Benning, Georgia, for Australia.

6. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to make large additional shipments of ammunition to Alaska, Australia, Hawaii and Fiji Islands.

7. The Army Air Force reports that one heavy bomber (B-24) departed West Palm Beach enroute to the 10th Air Force.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The War Department has ordered the 69th and 70th Bomb Squadrons (Medium) and the 1st Provisional Bomb Squadron (Heavy) be temporarily assigned to the Hawaiian Department. The 2nd Provisional Bomb Squadron (Heavy) has been ordered temporarily assigned to the United States Forces in New Caledonia. The movement of these units from the United States to indicated stations will be expedited.
2. The Commanding General, United States Forces in Fiji, has been ordered to activate one Air Corps Squadron (Air Base) and has been notified that one Engineer Battalion (Aviation) will be activated and dispatched to Fiji at an early date.
3. The Operations Division has sent General Emmons a paraphrase of instructions from Navy to the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Area, declaring existence of a state of fleet-opposed invasion and ordering appropriate measures, including organization of a defensive task force under General Emmons.
4. The Operations Division has informed General Patch that, subject to approval by the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Area, there is no objection to movement of 500 troops to Espiritu Santo when relieved from Efate.
5. General MacArthur has been sent a paraphrase of Navy message to Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Area, conveying estimate of probable intentions of Japanese forces in the Pacific.
6. The Army Air Forces report the arrival in Hawaii of two heavy bombers (B-17).

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the arrival of the 105th Coast Artillery Battalion at Indio, California, for desert training and that directives were issued for the activation of three Coast Artillery Regiments and nine Coast Artillery Battalions in August for assignment to the Antiaircraft Command.

2. General Richardson reports from San Jose, California, that he has conferred with General De Witt and explained to him in detail the overall plans and discussed the defense of Alaska and the Southwest Pacific. The report states further that at the conclusion of the conference General De Witt stated that he felt thoroughly oriented.

3. The Commanding General, Bermuda Base Command, has been advised that personnel is being sent to Bermuda for temporary duty to expedite siting of radar equipment.

4. Twelve antiaircraft guns (90-mm) have been ordered shipped to Trinidad, which will bring the 99th Coast Artillery Regiment there up to its full equipment quota.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that heavy bombers (B-17's) held in the South Pacific area represent approximately 25% of his heavy striking force and recommends that they be replaced at the earliest possible date by more suitable types for his operations.

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FAR EAST

A report from New Delhi states that General Stilwell with entire party arrived at Imphal.

AFRICA

The Operations Division has been informed that President Barclay will immediately notify all Germans to leave Liberia.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of one Engineer Company, one Ordnance Company and a Quartermaster Detachment from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, by rail and water for India; and the departure of one Quartermaster Company from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, by rail and water for the British Isles.

2. Directives were issued for the constitution of seven Coast Artillery Regiments and four Coast Artillery Battalions. Of the Coast Artillery units in the 1942 basis, these are the only ones that had not yet been constituted.

3. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release additional ammunition to the Western Defense Command for shipment to Alaska, to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation for shipment to New Caledonia, and to the Bermuda Base Command.

4. The Chief of the Chemical Warfare Services was directed to ship 1,250,000 feet of primacord and 5,800 shells, 4.2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, Chemical Mortar to the Hawaiian Department.

5. The Commanding Generals, Eastern Defense Command, Western Defense Command, Central Defense Command, Southern Defense Command, are advised that defense reserves for ammunition in units assigned to Defense Commands within the Continental United States will consist of one unit of fire for all ground weapons; five units of fire for antiaircraft weapons.

6. The Operations Division has approved plan submitted by the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, whereby the Federal Communications Commission will assist the Army and Navy in monitoring<sup>1/4</sup> distress and clandestine radio calls.

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BRITISH ISLES

A cablegram was dispatched to General Chaney giving him full authority to control all west bound cargo, passenger and mail space on planes from London. This was coordinated through the State Department, SOS, G-2 and Air Corps Ferry Command.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been ordered to prepare the 369th Coast Artillery Regiment (semi-mobile) for movement to Hawaii. This antiaircraft regiment is composed of colored officers and enlisted personnel.
2. The units of the United States Forces now stationed in New Caledonia have been constituted as the Americal Division without numerical designation by the War Department.
3. The War Department has ordered the constitution and activation of one Signal Pigeon detachment for ultimate station in New Caledonia. This unit is necessary to provide communications over the unusually rough terrain of that island.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure from Fort Bliss, Texas, of five Coast Artillery Batteries (Antiaircraft) and five Station Hospitals, by rail and water for India; and three Coast Artillery Batteries (Antiaircraft), by rail and water for Australia. They also report the departure of the 30th General Hospital from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, and the 65th Ordnance Company from Fort Benning, Georgia, by rail and water for the British Isles; and the 135th Engineer Regiment from Fort Meade, Maryland, for Trinidad.

2. The Army Air Forces report that two medium bombers (B-25's) departed West Palm Beach for Russia.

3. The Operations Division approved action taken by the Commanding General, Chesapeake Bay Sector, in the emplacement of a battery of 5" guns to protect the patrolled anchorage west of Cape Lookout, North Carolina.

4. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, advises that the use of diplomatic mail pouch and cipher code communication should not be extended to the Swedish Legation at Reykjavik, Iceland, as the German interests in Iceland are handled by the local Swedish Legation.

5. Six Launches, to be used as river patrol between bauxite mines and seacoast ports, will be shipped to Surinam on the first available transport. These boats will be manned and maintained by United States Army personnel.

6. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship 500,000 rounds of Caliber .45 ball ammunition to the Port of San Francisco for the 37th Division.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons in a report from Hawaii outlines plan of the Treasury Department Committee for currency destruction in case of invasion and for the issuance of distinctive special currency for circulation during a period of martial law.

2. In reply to query from the Operations Division as to the present location of certain National Guard units that were sent to the Far East, General MacArthur reports as follows:

147th and 148th (less 2d Battalion) Field Artillery - Now in Australia

2d Battalion, 131st Field Artillery - Last heard of during operations in Malang, Java, and presumed lost.

Tank Group, HQ & HQ Det.; 192d and 194th Tank Battalions, and 200th and 515th Coast Artillery (AA) - Surrendered in Bataan.

3. A report from New Caledonia states that General Patch proposes to occupy Espirito Santo (New Hebrides Group) with a force of 500 men. The report states further that reconnaissance of this island shows that it is suitable for construction of air field to accommodate fighters.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 145th Quartermaster Company from Camp Barkeley, Texas, by rail and water, for India; the 183d Quartermaster Company from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, for the British Isles; and the 648th Engineer Battalion for Australia, from Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

2. Light combat tanks previously allocated to the Chinese Government are reallocated as follows: 214 to the Western Defense Command, 22 to the Eastern Defense Command and 4 to the Central Defense Command.

3. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, was directed to retain the guards on the French Cable Company's installations at Manhattan Beach, New York, and Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

BRITISH ISLES

General Chaney has been informed of scheduled troop movements to September 30, 1942 for his command. The schedule referred to is made on the basis of obtaining additional British shipping for June and July and overloading certain troop carriers available in May and June.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur suggests for consideration the possibility of bringing the forces of the Eastern Fleet to bear upon the situation in the Southwest Pacific. He suggests this in view of the present disposition of our own and enemy naval forces and of the estimated probable enemy course of action. He states further that these forces could be utilized

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (continued)

either by operating from his area as a base or by creating diversion in the eastern area of the Indian Ocean.

FAR EAST

A report from Chungking states that Madam Chiang Kai-Shek will not be able to leave China for possibly two months due to her physical condition and other considerations.

AFRICA

Two cargo ships are scheduled to sail for Liberia, one on May 21st and the other on June 6th. A troop ship carrying construction force for Liberia will sail on May 27th with convoy to India. One cargo vessel is scheduled to sail for Ascension Island on June 1st.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 105th Coast Artillery Battalion by rail for Camp Young, California, (Desert Training Center); and the movement of two (2) Service Units from Fort Meade, Maryland, by rail and water to Australia, and one Service Unit from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, to Hawaii.

2. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, was informed of General Emmons' report yesterday, quoting the Pacific Fleet Intelligence Summary. This summary indicated preparation of a Japanese offensive against Midway and Aleutian Islands about May 20th.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports the reconnaissance of areas including New Guiana, New Britain, New Ireland and the Solomon Islands on May 16th and further states that our medium bombers made three attacks on Lae with good results (one B-25 missing).

FAR EAST

1. A report from Chungking states that three (3) crew members and the remains of one bomber (B-25) were captured on April 21st and taken to Ning Po by the Japanese. The report further states that efforts to secure return of crew men by purchase are so far unsuccessful.

2. Our forces successfully bombed Myitkyina Airdrome on May 16th with four (4) B-17E's and no enemy pursuit or enemy aircraft fire was encountered.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report that directives were issued to activate eight (8) Chemical Companies (Smoke Generator) during May and June, and to assign to the Western Defense Command two (2) Barrage Balloon Battalions.

2. The Army Ground Forces report also that a representative of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Army Ground Forces, attended a conference with representatives of G-1, War Department, A-1, Army Air Forces, and Director of Military Personnel, Services of Supply, regarding methods of securing commissioned personnel.

3. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, is advised that the barge line from Seattle and Prince Rupert to Icy Strait has been favorably considered and turned over to Services of Supply for accomplishment.

BRITISH ISLES

The Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the British Isles, has been notified that the War Department concurs in the proposed construction at Hofn, Iceland, of airfield subject to availability of a defense garrison at that site.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

A report from General Emmons in Hawaii quotes extract of Pacific Fleet Intelligence Summary which indicates that Japanese are preparing for an offensive against United States territory about May 20th. Possible points of attack include Midway, Aleutian and Hawaiian Islands, according to this summary.

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FAR EAST

1. General Brereton reports from New Delhi that Pan American crews, flying unarmed and overloaded, have assisted in carrying over 1000 tons of medicinal and other essential war supplies into Burma and China, and have evacuated several thousand sick and wounded to safety in Assam. He states further that Army personnel flying on the same mission are being awarded the Purple Heart and recommends this award to these Pan American pilots also.

2. A report from Karachi states that there has been no contact with General Stilwell since May 11th.

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RESPECTING HOSTILITIES  
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No. 157

7:00 AM May 15 to 7:00 AM May 16, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, proposes incorporation into one unit of all ordnance detachments (aviation) now present in the Newfoundland Base Command.

2. The Chief of Engineers has been directed to test immediately a new type of landing boat. He requested that approximately 100 men from the 21st Engineer Company (Aviation), Langley Field, be made available for this test which will last from 14 to 21 days.

3. The Commanding General, Central Defense Command, was advised that the 12th Chemical Company (Maintenance) will be activated at Camp Custer, Michigan, on May 21st, in connection with protective measures in the area surrounding the Sault Ste. Marie Locks.

PACIFIC & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that the 69th Bombardment Squadron will depart from Brisbane on the SS "CREMER" on May 17th for New Caledonia; and the 17th Bombardment Squadron will depart for Fiji on the same ship.

FAR EAST

General Brereton reports from New Delhi that United States bombers bombed Myitkyina Air Drome May 14th in second successive daylight raid. Airplanes, runways and buildings were hit with no losses our side.

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No. 156

7:00 AM May 14 to 7:00 AM May 15, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces have been directed to prepare one Parachute Battalion for early overseas movement. (Bolero)
2. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship additional ammunition to Hawaii and Alaska. The Chief Signal Officer has been requested to ship two radio sets (SCR-281) to Jamaica Base Command. The Chief of Engineers has been requested to increase the maintenance supplies in the Fiji Islands.
3. The 369th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft) (colored) will be moved from Burbank, California, to Hawaii immediately upon replacement by units from Philadelphia.
4. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, has been warned by the Admiralty that an enemy attack by small submarines or human torpedoes may be contemplated on home fleet bases ashore. The Commanding General, Iceland, reported by radio that he is taking the necessary precautions.
5. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been advised of the Navy's authorization for the establishment of a Harbor Entrance Control Post in the vicinity of the Signal Station on Peake Island, Columbia River.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

A report from New Caledonia lists the stock of ammunition on hand and states that intensive operations of the Air Force can be provided from that base for a limited period. The report states further that maximum provisions for camouflage and dispersion of additional

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (continued)

aircraft are being made.

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

A directive has been issued completing arrangements to send two General Staff officers to attend a short British Staff course in the Middle East and to send selected officers and men to Cairo, Egypt, for combat training with British troops in North Africa.

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No. 155

7:00 AM May 13 to 7:00 AM May 14, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of one Battery and one Searchlight Section of the 53d Coast Artillery Regiment (155-mm) from Camp Pendleton, Virginia, by rail and water for Greenland.

2. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, reports that convoy of troops arrived safely in Iceland on May 12th.

3. Priority for Officer Replacements in commands within the North American Theater is as follows: Iceland, Greenland, Alaska, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Eastern Defense Command, Western Defense Command, Southern Defense Command, Southern Defense Command and Central Defense Command.

4. The American Minister, Iceland, has advised the State Department that the Iceland Government considered it desirable to entrust military protection of Iceland to the United States control until the conclusion of the present war, and that no future military commitments be entered into in connection with United States forces.

5. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship additional ammunition, Caliber .45, in substantial amounts to Hawaii and to increase the authorized ammunition reserve shown for that Department.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The War Department has directed the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, to select one antiaircraft regiment from his command and prepare it for movement to Fiji at an early date.

2. The priority of the 93rd Antiaircraft Coast Artillery Regiment destined for the Hawaiian Department has been increased to first priority.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (continued)

3. The Commanders of the bases of the United States Forces in New Caledonia and Fiji have been ordered to prepare their bases for substantial increase in aircraft and to report stockages of airplane ammunition, bombs and gasoline.

4. General MacArthur reports operations of his forces from May 3d to May 12th in the Coral Sea area. He states that coordination of effort between air and naval forces can be effected without difficulty but in cases where land forces are involved, the operations must be handled, both as to planning and execution, by the commander of the area in which the operations take place.

FAR EAST

A report from General Brereton states that the airdrome at Myitkyina was successfully bombed by four B-17's of the Ninth Bombardment Squadron. No antiaircraft fire or enemy pursuit was encountered.

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No. 154

7:00 AM May 12 to 7:00 AM May 13, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. For the defense of the Sault Sainte Marie Locks and Canal against attack, the Commanding General, Central Defense Command, recommended that unity of command immediately be established between the field forces and the 9th Naval District.

2. The Adjutant General was directed to call to the attention of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, the importance of Skagway as a port in connection with the construction of the Alcan Highway, and the increased importance of the garrison at Chilkoot.

3. The Commanding General, Services of Supply, was instructed to constitute and activate nine (9) Military Police Battalions for duty in the Western Defense Command.

4. The Commanding Officer, Greenland Base Command, advises that there are no available planes for patrol purposes and that Naval Patrol planes based in Greenland have been alerted.

5. Fifteen (15) airplanes (P-39's) arrived in Iceland by ship on May 11th.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports that he now has no means of communication with the Philippines.

2. The Army Air Forces report that two (2) heavy bombers (B-17's) departed Hawaii for Australia.

3. A report from New Caledonia states that in response to the demand of many influential citizens, the High Commissioner has agreed to arrangements

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (continued)

which would reestablish order. These arrangements provide that public assurance will be given the people in regard to political prisoners and the High Commissioner will leave New Caledonia with the Free French Mission as soon as suitable arrangements can be made. The general strike has terminated and the militia has returned to their homes and normal occupations. In view of this change in the situation, General Patch is withholding declaration of martial law at present; but he states he will declare martial law, as a military defense measure, if the situation again becomes serious.

FAR EAST

A report from New Delhi states that the British have moved the headquarters of the India IV Corps from Ranchi to Imphal.

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No. 153

7:00 AM May 11 to 7:00 AM May 12, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 1st Armored Division (less one Regiment and one Field Artillery Battalion) and the 209th Coast Artillery Regiment, from Fort Dix, New Jersey, by rail and water for North Ireland.

2. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to ship 123,000 rounds Shell, High-Explosive, 40-mm Antiaircraft, to Australia; 36,000 rounds Shell, High-Explosive, 37-mm Antiaircraft, to the Western Defense Command for Alaska; and 2,000 Smoke Pots to the Trinidad Sector, Caribbean Defense Command.

3. The Commanding Officer, Greenland, was ordered to close immediately all radio stations in Greenland, which are not operated by the United States Army, Navy or Greenland Government.

4. The Director, Bureau of Public Relations, has been granted permission to send staff photographers to Labrador, Greenland, Belam, Natal, and other Ferry Bases in Brazil. The photographers are permitted to photograph unrestricted activities only. These photographs are to be cleared through Operations Division, War Department General Staff.

5. The Air Warning Service Station originally approved for location in the Dominican Republic has been eliminated, as have four Air Warning Service Stations previously planned for installation in the Bahamas.

BRITISH ISLES

Action was taken by the Operations Division to furnish the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the British Isles, with personnel for a Theater Headquarters, to include nineteen (19) general officers, one hundred seventy-two (172) other officers, and three hundred fifty-two (352) enlisted men.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports that our repeated air attacks on Rabaul have been unable to reach the target designated because of the extremely adverse weather conditions. He reports further that an enemy message has been intercepted which states that one of their larger craft has been sunk in that area by our Naval submarine action.

2. General MacArthur also advises that a report from General Sharp states he ordered the surrender of all American forces still operating in the Philippines and that hostilities ceased May 11th.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. The Army General Staff is to study the assignment of the 7th, 9th and 77th Chemical Brigades (Under Development) to the Western Defense Command.

2. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, was informed that every effort should be made for the prevention of shipping to West Coast ports by the use of the 21st Airborne Division.

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No. 152

7:00 AM May 10 to 7:00 AM May 11, 1942

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A report from General [Name] of the [Location] states that [Name] and party have been [Action] and that [Name] has been dropped to them by airplane. The report states further that [Name] originally assigned to [Location] is about [Status], that the [Name] has offered his resignation to [Name] and that [Name] is [Status] [Name] [Name] project has been referred. General [Name] states also that [Name] has established [Name] [Name] [Name].

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the assignment of the 75th, 76th and 77th Chemical Companies (Smoke Generator) to the Western Defense Command.

2. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, was informed that unity of command for the protection of shipping in Newfoundland has been effected by the Army Air Forces and the United States Navy under the operational control of the United States Naval Commander at Argentia, Newfoundland.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that he received a message from General Sharp stating that he was no longer able to defend Mindanao and had been forced to surrender, effective daylight May 10th. General MacArthur advises against any publicity on this or other military action in the Philippines.

FAR EAST

A report from General Brereton at New Delhi states that General Stilwell and party have been located by air reconnaissance and that food has been dropped to them by airplane. The report states further that organized resistance in Burma is about over, that the Generalissimo has ordered his troops to retire to China, and that all action on the India training project has been deferred. General Brereton states also that he has established AMMISCA New Delhi Headquarters.

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7:00 AM May 9 to 7:00 AM May 10, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. Army Ground Forces include in their report the arrival of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington, for further movement to Alaska.

2. Army Ground Forces report also that the 37th Division has now completely cleared Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, for movement by rail and water to New Zealand.

3. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship to the San Francisco Port of Embarkation for trans-shipment to New Caledonia, eight (8) 105 mm. howitzers with spare parts, accessories, and 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

4. The Army Air Forces report the departure from West Palm Beach of three(3) medium bombers (B-25's) for the 10th Air Force in India.

BRITISH ISLES

1. Air Corps troops in the theater of operations will be armed with "Tommy" guns, due to lack of available rifles.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports that he feels it necessary to issue communiques covering actions in his area which are so vital to the Australian people and government. He states that the Prime Minister gives immediate publicity to his Parliament and people and that attempts to prevent this would be impossible and lead to friction and resentment completely destructive to a combined military effort.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

2. A report from General Patch states that High Commissioner D' Argenlieu is held prisoner by New Caledonian citizens and expects to leave the country when suitable arrangements are made. General Patch states further that, if he does leave and a competent Governor is appointed, the trouble will probably cease; but he requests authority to place the High Commissioner and his mission in protective custody if disorders grow into a dangerous military threat.



WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report under "Advance Planning" the preparation of a combat team in the 40th Division (Fort Lewis, Wash.) by August 1st to meet unexpected requirements.

2. A request has been made for the supply of six Naval guns from the Navy Surplus Stock for Alaska Coast Defense.

3. Action was taken to allot funds to the Commanding General, Southern Defense Command, for the establishment of the Gulf Sector Headquarters at New Orleans, La.

4. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to ship six 37-mm guns to the 19th Field Artillery Battalion and six to the 50th Field Artillery Battalion, in Iceland.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Admiral Nimitz reports that as Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas, he assumed command May 8th of all land, sea and air forces, less those for the land defense of New Zealand.

2. General MacArthur reports that General Wainwright, in two broadcasts of May 7th and 8th, instructed General Sharp to surrender. General MacArthur states further that he has informed General Sharp that General Wainwright's orders, since his surrender, have no validity, and that if his forces are overcome by superior forces they are to divide into small irregular bands and attempt to carry on guerilla warfare against the enemy.

3. The Army Air Forces report that four heavy bombers (B-17's) arrived in Hawaii enroute to Australia.

FAR EAST

1. A report from New Delhi via Karachi states that General Stilwell, on his way to Imphal, advises refugees from Burma to India are in large numbers on all trails and that, with control gone, catastrophe is quite possible. The British have started foot porters from Imphal and airplane with food and medical supplies to meet General Stilwell's party.

2. General Brereton reports that control of Burma by the Japanese is now an accomplished fact and that five Japanese Divisions are known to be in Burma with aircraft in excess of requirements within that country. He states that there is particular enemy concentration of medium and heavy bombers.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF WAR

1. The Army General Staff report additional elements of the 12th Infantry Division, including the 1st Infantry, arrived from Indochina May 10, 1942 and under the 1st Cavalry, and three additional Medical Companies left Camp Hancock, Mass. by rail and water for Australia.

2. The Services of Supply state that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release additional ammunition in substantial amounts for shipment to England.

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7:00 AM May 7 to 7:00 AM May 8, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report additional elements of the 37th Infantry Division, including the 145th Infantry, departed from Indiantown Gap, Pa. by rail and water for New Zealand; and three additional Station Hospitals left Camp Edwards, Mass. by rail and water for Australia.
2. The Services of Supply state that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release additional ammunition in substantial amounts for shipment to Hawaii.
3. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, was directed to prepare and submit a plan for the reinforcement of the Western Defense Command with air combat units under the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, in order to meet effectively a possible Japanese attack on the West Coast of the United States.
4. A directive was issued assigning the 75th, 76th and 77th Chemical Companies (Smoke Generator) to the Western Defense Command.
5. Under the defense project now approved, the 3rd Infantry is designated as part of the authorized garrison of the Newfoundland Base Command.
6. The Army Air Forces report that two heavy bombers (B-17's) departed San Francisco for Hawaii enroute to Australia.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. A report from General Emmons states that a broadcast by General Wainwright was picked up in which General Wainwright instructed all American and Filipino soldiers in the Philippine Islands to surrender within four days. General Emmons believes the broadcast to be authentic.
2. A report from General MacArthur states he places no credence whatever in alleged broadcast by General Wainwright and that Japanese consistently

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

attribute spurious statements to prisoners as part of propaganda campaign. He states further that before his surrender, General Wainwright released General Sharp, on Mindanao, from his command and directed him to report to General MacArthur for orders.

FAR EAST

General Brereton reports from New Delhi that the entire country of Burma is now under enemy control and the present Japanese thrust at Myitkyina is aimed at destroying United States communication with China and will undoubtedly succeed. He states further that the occupation of Madagascar lessens the possibility of Japanese attempt on the Persian Gulf and that Calcutta is in immediate danger with an enemy attack by sea, land and air entirely possible.

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UNITED STATES (GENERAL & SPECIAL)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of the leading elements of the 27th Division, including the 1st Infantry, 1st Infantry Regt, Pennsylvania, by rail and water for New Zealand; the Station Hospital and one General Hospital by rail and water for Australia; and the 2nd Field Artillery (Horse) from Europe, by rail and water for Alaska. They report the following:

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4. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, is directed to transfer the 2nd Air Depot Group to the No. 148 Air Depot Group for better assignment to permanent stations in Alaska.

5. The Army 7:00 AM May 6 to 7:00 AM May 7, 1942

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RELEASE

1. A copy of this report is being furnished to the War Department and the State Department for their information and to the War Relocation Authority for the War Relocation Authority of the

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of the leading elements of the 37th Division, including the 148th Infantry, from Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, by rail and water for New Zealand; two Station Hospitals and one General Hospital by rail and water for Australia; and the 30th Field Artillery (155-mm) from Orange, California, by rail and water for Alaska. They report also movement of ten service units by rail and water for the British Isles.

2. The Services of Supply report that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship approximately one hundred sixty antiaircraft guns (40-mm) to Australia and four (37-mm) to Puerto Rico.

3. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, is directed to transfer the 26th Air Depot Group to the Western Defense Command for later movement to permanent stations in Alaska.

4. The Army Air Forces report the departure from West Palm Beach of five medium bombers (B-25's) enroute to Russia and two medium bombers (B-25's) enroute to the Tenth Air Force.

PACIFIC & SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

The Army Air Forces report four heavy bombers (B-17's) arrived in Hawaii enroute to Australia.

FAR EAST

1. A report from General Brereton states that American planes of the Ninth Bombardment Squadron again successfully bombed Rangoon, and states further that the Tenth Air Force will have the Air Defense of the

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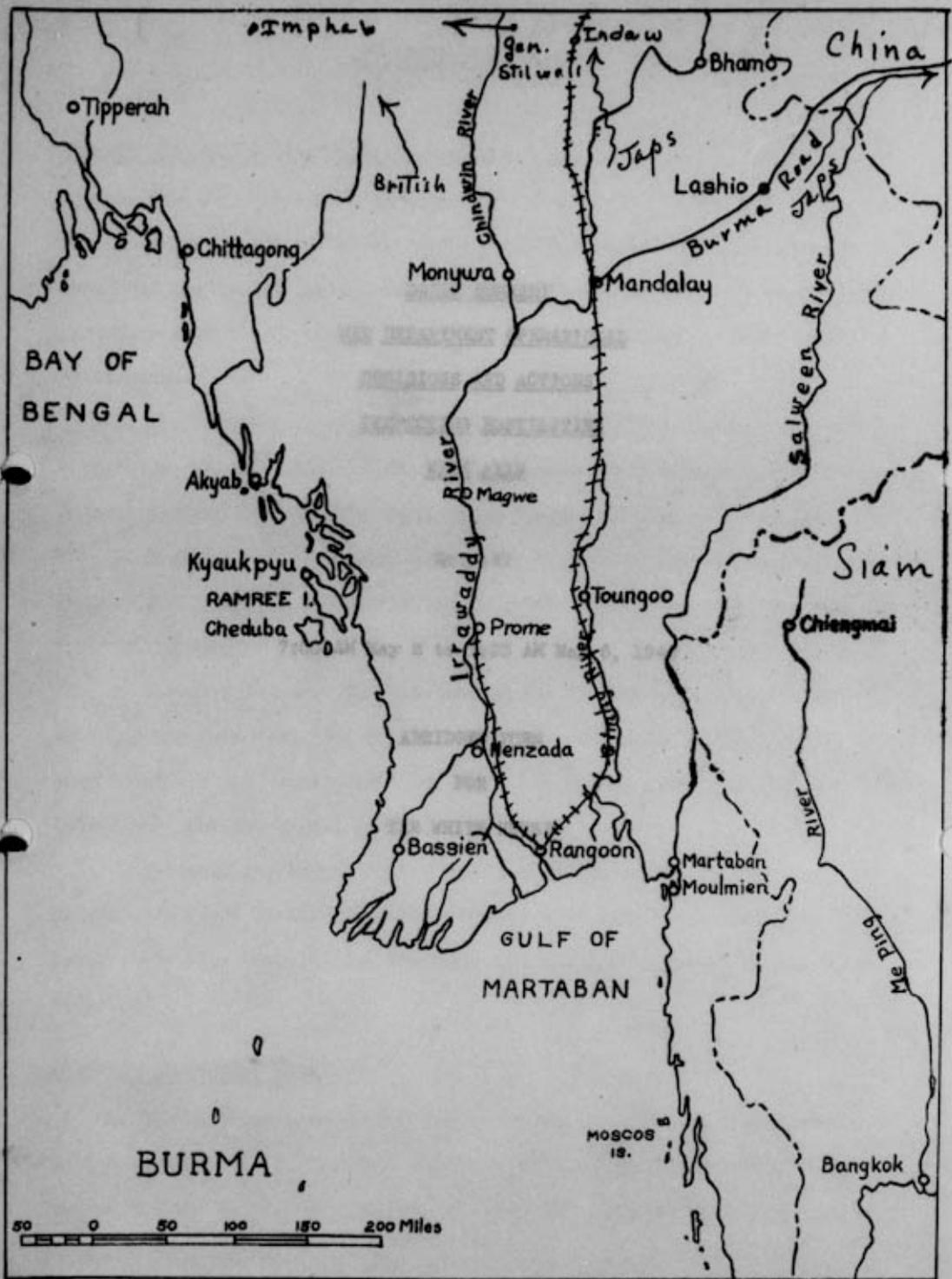
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FAR EAST (Continued)

Karachi Area and the Ground Defense will be furnished by the British.

2. General Stilwell reports that he is heading West for Imphal and with party of one hundred is now on foot fifty miles west of Indaw. He states control in this area has passed entirely to small units, and he believes further radio messages will not be possible in the immediate future.

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ATTENTION  
MAY 1942

WESTERN DEFENSES (UNCLASSIFIED & SECRET)

1. The Army Ground Force report the arrival of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 500th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Fort Ord, California, from Fort Lewis, Washington: DAILY SUMMARY

from Camp Stewart, Georgia: WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

2. The Services of the RESPECTING HOSTILITIES of Chicago has been directed to ship additional WITH AXIS material weapons to the Western Defense Command for the 27th Infantry in Alaska.

3. A proclamation prepared No. 147 from declaring the Eastern Defense Command a military area, was limited to cover only the restrictions that pertain to lighting. **7:00 AM May 5 to 7:00 AM May 6, 1942**

4. A report is being for Trinidad in the Caribbean Defense Command carrying approximately 70% of ABRIDGED FORM. The major units included in this total are one battalion of FOR one 150-mm gun regiment (less three battalions) and two signal THE WHITE HOUSE

5. The Army Air Forces report that one engine bomber (P-50) for Cuba and one transport (C-42) for China departed West Palm Beach, and three heavy bombers (B-17's) departed San Francisco for the Allied Forces in the South Pacific.

PACIFIC & WESTERN PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reported in a message received in Washington at 2:30 A.M. May 5, 1942, that General MacArthur had just informed him that he was on his way to meet the Japanese commander to arrange for the surrender of Corregidor and the deserted islands.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the arrival of the 3rd Infantry Division and the 603rd Tank Destroyer Battalion in Fort Ord, California, from Fort Lewis, Washington; and the departure of the 214th Coast Artillery from Camp Stewart, Georgia, by rail for permanent station at San Francisco, California.

2. The Services of Supply report that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship additional ammunition in substantial amounts to the Western Defense Command for the 37th Infantry in Alaska.

3. A proclamation prepared by General Drum declaring the Eastern Defense Command a military area, was limited to cover only the restrictions that pertain to lighting.

4. A convoy is bound for Trinidad in the Caribbean Defense Command carrying approximately 7500 officers and men. The major units included in this total are one antiaircraft regiment, one 155-mm gun regiment (less three battalions) and two signal companies.

5. The Army Air Forces report that one medium bomber (B-25) for India and one transport (C-42) for China departed West Palm Beach, and three heavy bombers (B-17's) departed San Francisco for the Allied Forces in the South Pacific.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reported in a message received in Washington at 2:36 A.M. May 6, 1942, that General Wainwright had just informed him that he was on his way to meet the Japanese commander to arrange for the surrender of Corregidor and the fortified islands.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

2. General Patch reports from New Caledonia that Governor Sautot and four leading citizens were arrested by the High Commissioner and confined aboard a ship which departed for an unannounced destination. He states further that the population is highly incensed and that a general strike has been called.

3. General MacArthur states that everything possible will be done to expedite and effect the transfer of ground elements of a bomber squadron to New Caledonia and that all possible assistance with planes and naval force will be given that Command.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CONFIDENTIAL)

1. The Army General Staff report that during the past few days, operations involving all units in the 1942 Army Staff have been well coordinated by respective headquarters, except for Army Air Corps units. Army Air Corps units are not coordinated with the Army Staff by organization.

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2. The Services of WAR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL units are arriving in Britain at DECISIONS AND ACTIONS on 4 May.

3. The Chief of Ordnance RESPECTING HOSTILITIES of 4 May, 1942, and WITH AXIS units to the Army Staff report.

4. The Commanding General, No. 146, is located, and distributed to units in the United States, as soon as possible, the 1st Cavalry Division, now stationed at 7:00 AM May 4 to 7:00 AM May 5, 1942.

5. The Army Air Corps report the operations of the 1st Army Air Corps (1st AC) for 4 May 1942. ABRIDGED FORM of the report is being furnished to the British Air Staff and the War Office. FOR (1st AC) for 4 May, 1942, THE WHITE HOUSE

NOTE:

Subject from this report suggests careful consideration of the operations of the 1st Army Air Corps and storage of information with respect to the 1st Army Air Corps. This report states that the 1st Army Air Corps is now in the United States and will be in the United States by 4 May 1942.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that directives have been issued constituting all units in the 1942 Troop Basis which have not been constituted by directives heretofore issued, except Coast Artillery units. Coast Artillery units are not constituted because of continuing changes in organization.

2. The Services of Supply report that 324 carloads of huts for Iceland are arriving in Boston at the rate of 12 carloads per day.

3. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship a substantial amount of Caliber .30 armor-piercing and tracer ammunition to the Puerto Rican Department.

4. The Commanding General, Greenland Base Command, was instructed to return to the United States, as soon as possible, the 825th Engineer Battalion now stationed at his base.

5. The Army Air Forces report the departure from Miami of one medium bomber (B-25) for Russia; from West Palm Beach, one transport (C-53) for British Africa and three medium bombers (B-25's) for India.

AFRICA

A report from Cairo suggests careful consideration of bombing operations on production at Ploesti and storage at Constantza with planes based at Khartoum. This report states this action would be a great blow to the Axis in their Spring plans and would be of immediate aid to Russia.

FAR EAST

General Stilwell sends a message from Chungking accounting for all of the crew men (80) and all airplanes (17) which took off for the special mission against Japan.

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~~GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCE, WASHINGTON~~

The Army Ground Force report that aircraft were moved for the maintenance and activation, in 1942, of units of the Army Air Force to be attached to the Aircraft Command.

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General Chubbey states that the Army Air Force has been reorganized and engine parts for aircraft are being produced. The situation of hostilities is not maintained up to the point of the first hostilities equipment.

~~PACIFIC & MEDITERRANEAN THEATERS~~

No. 145

General MacArthur reports conditions and intense bombardment and artillery fire from 7:00 AM May 3 to 7:00 AM May 4, 1942 and that the enemy troops have landed on Mindanao.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

The Army Ground Forces report that directives were issued for the constitution and activation, in July, of twelve Coast Artillery units to be attached to the Antiaircraft Command.

BRITISH ISLES

General Chaney makes urgent request for sufficient aircraft and engine spare parts for American air units in British Isles. He states an unfortunate situation from performance and morale may arise if the first American squadrons are not maintained up to full operational strength.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General Wainwright reports continuous and intense bombardment and artillery fire against Corregidor and fortified islands, and that additional enemy troops have landed on Mindanao.

FAR EAST

A report from Burma states that no gasoline is now being produced in Burma and that oil fields at Yenanyaung, Chauk and Lanywa have been successfully demolished.

AFRICA

A report from the Army Air Forces states that six medium bombers (B-25's) arrived at Cairo enroute to Russia.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that six Batteries of the 260th Field Artillery (155-mm) departed Newburgh, Missouri, by rail and water for Alaska and directives were issued assigning various units, as of May 1st, from Western Defense Command to VII Army Corps.

2. The Services of Supply report that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release additional ammunition to the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in Iceland; and to the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, for Alaska and Fort Lewis, Washington.

3. Within the Eastern Defense Command, an area to be known as the Military District of Washington is to be established. This district is to encompass the District of Columbia, County of Arlington, Virginia, and an area embracing the water supply for the District of Columbia.

4. A directive has been issued for the movement of the 214th Quartermaster Company to the Panama Canal Department.

5. The Army Air Forces report that three medium bombers (B-25's) departed West Palm Beach for Russia via the African ferrying route.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General Wainwright reports that Corregidor and the other islands have been under intense artillery and aerial bombardment for three consecutive days. He states further that communications with forces in northern Luzon have been out since May 1st and that all fronts on Mindanao are quiet except Digos, which was heavily bombed by hostile aircraft.

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FAR EAST

General Stilwell reports from Chungking that 35 of the 51 airplanes (P-40's) for General Chennault have reached Karachi and have been flown east. He states that the American Volunteer Group has been at it's best in the past ten days and can do a real job if kept supplied with planes and parts.

AFRICA

The Commanding Officer, Construction Force, Ascension Island, reports as of April 30th completion of the construction camp and satisfactory progress on gasoline storage and airdrome construction.

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1. The Army Chief of Staff reports the capture of the 100th Airborne Division by the Japanese in the Philippines. He calls for a check on the status of the division.

2. A draft of a General Order regarding the capture of the 100th Airborne Division has been prepared by the War and Navy Departments and submitted to the War Department for consideration by the President of the United States.

3. The Commanding General, 100th Airborne Division, reports that the 100th Infantry and 50th Paratrooper Brigade are being moved to the Eastern Theater. The 100th Airborne Division is being moved to the Eastern Theater.

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7:00 AM May 1 to 7:00 AM May 2, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of the 369th Coast Artillery from Camp Edwards, Mass., by rail for permanent station at Los Angeles, Calif.
2. A draft of a General Defense Agreement between Peru and the United States has been prepared by the War and Navy Departments and submitted to the State Department for consideration by the President of Peru.
3. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, was advised that the 176th Infantry and Company B, 374th Engineers Battalion, now assigned to the Eastern Defense Command, will be attached to the Washington Provisional Brigade.
4. Directive for movement order, First Phase Bolero, was dispatched to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces; Commanding General, Army Ground Forces; and Commanding General, Services of Supply.

FAR EAST

From Chungking General Gruber reports that he is proceeding to India. He states that after getting the Generalissimo's reaction he will discuss General Stilwell's plans with the British concerning the marching of Chinese force from China to Northeast Assam, and from there by rail to training area in India. This force will be approximately 110,000 and is to be trained and led by experienced U.S. officers. The report also states the objective will be to recapture Burma and not to operate in India.

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PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports heavy air and artillery action by the enemy against the fortified islands with thirteen separate bombing attacks. He states our artillery has been active in counter battery fire and that an ammunition dump was blown up and a submarine was set on fire. On Panay the enemy made no further advances and their landing force on Mindanao is estimated at approximately 4000.

2. A report from New Caledonia states that the political situation is tense between Governor Sautot and the French High Commissioner. The report states that the Governor has the backing of 90% of the population and that he is pro-American and pro-British, whereas the High Commissioner is anti-British and has suspicious attitude toward America. General Patch states he is maintaining strict neutrality and that the military significance of this political dissension is the bearing it may have on his plans to arm the Militia.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR

1. The Commanding General, Infantry Center, has advised that a  
Comprehensive Intelligence Course, the title of which has been approved, and that  
arrangements will be made as rapidly as possible.

2. The Services of Supply report that the 2nd Signal Group of the War  
Department, at meeting April 28th, agreed to allocate 424,000 lbs. of  
material to Signal Center.

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PACIFIC & EXTREME EASTERN

Orders were issued to early deployment of the 1st Field  
Artillery Battalion in New Caledonia.

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Order (42) allocated War of the Air Corps New Caledonia  
Liberty, assigned the destination by air.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, was notified that a Counterintelligence Company for his command has been approved, and that augmentations will be made as rapidly as possible.

2. The Services of Supply report Iron and Steel Branch of the War Production Board, at meeting April 29th, agreed to allocate 415,000 lbs. of nickel to Timken, insuring 100% supply to meet Army, Air Force and Navy requirements.

3. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, was authorized to retain personnel trained in bomb disposal work until they can be replaced by trained personnel from Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

4. The Army Ground Forces report that leading elements of the 40th Division and 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived at Fort Lewis, Washington, by rail from Los Angeles-San Diego area. (Balance of units to follow without delay.)

5. The Army Air Forces report two (2) medium bombers (B-25's) departed West Palm Beach via the African Ferrying route (destination Russia).

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Orders were issued to ship approximately 500 mules to the 97th Field Artillery Battalion in New Caledonia.

AFRICA

Forty (40) enlisted men of the Air Corps Ferry Command Detachment, Liberia, departed for destination by air.

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7:00 AM April 29 to 7:00 AM April 30, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that directives have been issued for the movement by rail and water of 22 service units (destination India).

2. The Services of Supply report that the Chief of Ordnance has been directed to ship additional ammunition in substantial amounts to the Western Defense Command for Alaska, and 3500 rounds of ammunition for the 8-inch Navy guns in the Hawaiian Department.

3. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been advised that immediate reinforcement of his aerial strength will be sent if information obtained by him or the War Department indicates enemy carriers are in the areas which would constitute a threat to the Western Coast of the United States.

BRITISH ISLES

A combined United States-British Committee has been organized for the coordination of movement of United States Forces to the British Isles.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Commanding General, Service of Supply, has been directed to constitute and activate five (5) Military Police Battalions to be sent to Australia, probably in October.

2. From the Philippines it is reported that the enemy has effected a landing near Parang on Mindanao from five (5) transports, supported by two (2) destroyers and airplanes. The landing was opposed and severe losses were inflicted on the enemy. Yesterday Corregidor received its 100th bombing attack since the fall of Bataan.

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FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell advises that it is imperative that command of air forces remain with him and not pass to the British. He states that a plan is being made to have Branch Headquarters in Delhi at the first opportunity. He outlines plans for Services of Supply in India, air freight line from India to Burma and China, and for assistance in the operation of the Chinese Communications Zone.

2. A report from Karachi indicates recent Japanese reinforcements in Burma and estimates the enemy air strength at approximately 300 planes in commission. The report states that the Allied Forces have been considerably reduced by lack of reinforcements, continued fighting, lack of air strength, and probable disintegration of the Chinese 6th Army.

3. The report from Karachi states also that a secret message from Tokyo to Rome was intercepted in which the Japanese state their intention to disregard convention agreements relative to use of gas, in retaliation for the reported poisoning of wells and streams by the British. ||

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The following reports, reports, and other information  
received were verified that the following information will be transferred  
to the War Department, Office of the Chief of Staff, for use in the  
War Department.

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7:00 AM April 28 to 7:00 AM April 29, 1942

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1. The following information was received from the War Department, Office of the Chief of Staff, for use in the War Department.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces, and the Services of Supply were notified that the 95th Engineer Regiment will be transferred to Dawson Creek, Alberta, Canada, about June 1st, for work on the International Highway.

2. The Commanding Generals, Iceland Base Command and Greenland Base Command, were advised that it is contemplated to initiate an aircraft movement through those bases about June 1st.

3. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, was advised of approved recommendation for activation of a transport squadron for Alaska. It was suggested that the 16th Squadron be designated.

4. Army Ground Forces report the arrival of the 45th Division and 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, preparatory to transportation to foreign service.

5. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to ship additional ammunition to the New York Port of Embarkation (antiaircraft and howitzer for Australia).

6. Action has been initiated to constitute and activate an Engineer Utilities Detachment for St. Lucia to replace civilian contractors now in that area.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. Army Air Forces report that five heavy bombers (B-17's) departed Hawaii for Australia.

2. A report from General Wainwright states that enemy artillery was active yesterday but that Corregidor was not bombed. This report also

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states that the enemy began an offensive in the Cagayan Valley on Mindanao.

3. General MacArthur summarizes available shipping and states that to plan or execute tactical or supply operations fifteen additional vessels (4000 to 10000 tons each) are needed immediately. He requests the War Department's assistance in securing these ships.

4. The 3rd Medical Laboratory has been ordered to Australia and will probably sail in July.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that the poor performance of the 55th Chinese Division has completely altered the situation and that preparations must now be made for withdrawal to Mandalay. He states further that the main trouble is still the high command.

2. General Stilwell recommends that service with the American Volunteer Group be recognized as the equivalent of active duty with Air Corps and states that this will constitute a strong inducement to members of the Group to accept induction.

3. A further report from this area states that there is panic and looting in Lashio.

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2. Action has been initiated to the effect that intelligence information, furnished to the Axis, will be handled in accordance with the following instructions:

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, was advised that action had been taken to establish a defense reserve of ammunition for his command. This will include one unit of fire for ground troops, less anti-aircraft artillery, and five units of fire for antiaircraft artillery.

2. Action has been initiated to the effect that Intelligence information, furnished Corps Areas within the Eastern Defense Command by the Military Intelligence Service, is also to be furnished the Eastern Defense Command.

3. The Commanding General, Greenland Base Command, was notified to resume construction of tunnel ammunition storage instead of igloo storage.

4. The Army Ground Forces include in their report that directive was issued for the constitution of the 47th, 48th and 49th Coast Artillery Regiments (155 millimeter gun).

5. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to ship to Alaska:

27 60-mm and 12 81-mm Mortars to Fort Mears  
27 60-mm and 12 81-mm Mortars to Fort Greeley.

The Chief of Ordnance was also directed to ship the following ammunition to Panama, without delay:

44,000 rounds Shell, High-Explosive, 90-mm Antiaircraft.

6. The Army Air Forces report that three medium bombers (B-25's) departed Miami, Florida, for Russia.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

From New Caledonia General Patch reports that enemy actions indicate movement south or southwest. He states that General MacArthur has advised him everything practicable will be done to assist if New Caledonia becomes an objective. He states further that air security is believed reasonable and closes his report with these words: "We are ready."

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that the 341st Engineer Regiment departed from Fort Ord, California, by rail for International Highway Project at Dawson Creek, British Columbia; the 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion departed from Fort Barkeley, Texas, for Fort Devens, Massachusetts preparatory for foreign service; remainder of the 3d Division left Fort Lewis, Washington by rail and motor for Fort Ord, California.

2. The Commanding Generals, Eastern Defense Command and Western Defense Command, were notified that information centers and filter centers, when installed as a part of the Aircraft Warning Service in the continental United States, will not be moved without authority of the War Department, except in the event of bombing or other emergency.

3. Relief of the 40th Infantry Division by the 35th Infantry Division has been completed in Southern California.

4. The Army Air Forces report that two medium bombers (B-25's) departed Miami for Russia.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur has been instructed to designate one squadron of the 38th Bombardment Group for transfer to New Caledonia without delay. The ground echelon will be sent from Australia, while the planes and combat crews will be sent from the United States, about June First.

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OSD Letter, 5-8-74

FAR EAST

1. General Brereton reports that the special mission ferrying gasoline and oil into China has been completed.

2. General Stilwell reports that the situation is still very serious and that a threat to Lashio exists unless the present attack of the 200th Chinese Division near Taunggyi succeeds. He states further that the lines will probably have to be shortened by withdrawal to Mandalay in the near future.

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7:00 AM April 25 to 7:00 AM April 26, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding Generals, United States Army Forces in the British Isles, Iceland Base Command, Greenland Base Command, Newfoundland Base Command, Eastern Defense Command, Southern Defense Command, Central Defense Command, Bermuda Base Command, are advised that chemical toxic ammunition will not be used without the approval of the War Department.

2. Units of the 131st Infantry (1406 officers and men) arrived at Sault Ste. Marie Military District, Fort Brady, Michigan, which brings the aggregate strength of this station to 5,140 officers and men.

3. The consolidation of harbor defenses of Sandy Hook, Southern New York, and Eastern New York into a single tactical and administrative entity has been approved. The official designation will be the Harbor Defenses of New York.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In order that the Commanding General Hawaiian Department may better plan the defenses of the outlying islands, he has been furnished the following schedule of proposed delivery of airplanes to his command:

12 B-17 E	about May 10
5 B-30 (equipped with ASV	May
10 B-17 E	June
10 B-17 E	July
10 B-17 E	August
4 B-17 E	September
4 B-17 E	October
3 B-17 E	November

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

2. General MacArthur replies to the request concerning planned combat strength of Australian and Dutch forces in the Southwestern Pacific, listing the major units to be in active service June 30, 1942; December 31, 1942; and June 30, 1943. He states that the basic assumption is that equipment will be available when troops are trained.

3. A present survey of the Australian program and pilots to be available indicates it is unlikely that there will be any surplus of Australian pilots.

FAR EAST

1. A report from Chungking states that the Burma situation is deteriorating and that the British desire to withdraw mechanized units for reorganization. Plans for an offensive by the 200th Chinese Division on the Japanese flank have been abandoned.

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OSD Letter, 5-8-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Chief of Ordnance was directed to release to the Western Defense Command, the following ammunition for Alaska:

500,000 rounds caliber .50 Armor-Percing

2. As a precautionary measure against the possibility of a retaliatory attack against San Francisco, the 214th Coast Artillery regiment (antiaircraft) has been ordered to permanent station in that city.

3. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 99th Coast Artillery (antiaircraft) from Camp Davis (N. C.) by rail and water for Trinidad.

4. Arrangements have been made with the Venezuelan government which should conclude negotiations for the emplacement of a battery of 155 mm. guns on Patos Island.

5. Action has been initiated to procure six motor launches to be used in patrol reconnaissance of rivers in Surinam for the protection of the bauxite industry in that country.

6. The Chief of Staff directed The Adjutant General to dispatch a secret letter to the Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces, and Services of Supply directing that certain units will be prepared for overseas movement not later than June 1st, 1942.

7. The Commanding General, Greenland Base Command, was advised that one reinforced infantry battalion for his base has been approved.

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DDP Letter, 6-3-78

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. A message has been received from General MacArthur stating that President Quezon, his family, and official party departed for the United States on April 21st aboard the SS President Coolidge.

2. For transfer to Australia, the 15th Weather Squadron has been ordered to San Francisco without delay.

3. From New Caledonia, General Patch has requested the appointment of Mr. Ernest Oughton as Liaison Officer between his forces and the British.

4. General Wainwright reports that Corregidor received intensive artillery fire yesterday afternoon from hostile guns on Bataan, and that our artillery silenced several batteries and set fire to an enemy ammunition dump.

5. Our troops continue to resist on Cebu and Panay and aggressive patrols continue to harass the enemy on Mindanao.

6. The Army Air Forces report that six heavy bombers (B-17's) arrived in Hawaii enroute to Australia.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report that the 45th Division and 645th Tank Destroyer Battalion arrived at Fort Devens (Mass.) preparatory to further movement to Foreign Service, and that the 103d Coast Artillery Battalion (antiaircraft) departed from Fort Sheridan (Ill.) by rail and water for North Ireland.

2. The Army Air Forces report that four heavy bombers (B-17's) departed from San Francisco for Hawaii and that three heavy bombers (B-17's) arrived in Puerto Rico enroute to India.

3. A directive was issued to release 50,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, for shipment to India.

4. Directives have been sent to the Adjutant General to issue movement orders of the 24th and 25th Air Depot Groups to Trinidad and Puerto Rico, respectively.

5. The War Department has directed that the following units be assigned permanent stations as indicated:

35th Division	Pasadena (Cal.)
125th Infantry	Gilroy (Cal.)
144th Infantry	San Francisco (Cal.)
210th Coast Artillery (AA)	Everett (Wash.)

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General Wainwright reports that shelling of the fortified islands continues from Bataan and the south shore of Manila Bay without serious damage. He states that the enemy attacked Corregidor with heavy bombers but that these were kept high by antiaircraft fire. He states further that the Japanese now occupy many towns on both the east coast and the west coast of Cebu.

AFRICA

The lease agreement between the Liberian government and Pan American Airways, with regard to use of Fisherman's Lake, Liberia, was signed April 20, 1942.

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7:00 AM April 22 to 7:00 AM April 23, 1942

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OSD Letter, 5-8-72

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Secretary of War advised the Secretary of the Navy that he was authorizing Defense Commanders to prescribe military areas in an effort to facilitate the protection of shipping and waterfront installations.
2. Operations Division has directed that troops be furnished to man naval antiaircraft guns in the antiaircraft defenses of Washington, D.C.
3. The War Department has ordered that the antiaircraft defenses of Los Angeles be augmented by the immediate transfer of the 369th Regiment to that area.
4. Seventy-five officers and enlisted men of the Mexican Army are being trained in the use of Radar equipment in Southern California.
5. A directive has been issued to effect the movement of the 182d Quartermaster Company to the Panama Canal Department as soon as practicable after May 15, 1942.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Army Air Forces report that a total of 42 medium bombers (B-26's) have arrived at Australia from Hawaii by air, and 8 additional by water.
2. General Brett reports that the Philippine raid by 10 B-25's and 2 B-17's resulted in the sinking of four transports and damage to ten other ships. He stated also that docks and warehouses at Cebu, the City of Davao, and Nichols Field Airdrome were damaged.

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98D Letter, 8-8-78

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that unexpected collapse of 55th Chinese Division causes a new threat to left flank. He states also that two Burmese divisions did nothing to help themselves on the right after an excellent fight by 113th Chinese Division and that he is extremely disturbed by the British point of view and desire to withdraw.

2. General Chennault requests immediate appeal by the President to all members of the American Volunteer Group to remain on duty, with promise of early reinforcement. The Generalissimo was consulted and concurs in this request.

He states that twenty-four of the best pilots have served notice of termination of contract.

AFRICA

Arrangements have been made for the shipment in May of construction materials and construction force to Liberia.

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OSD Letter, 5-3-78

WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Services of Supply, were directed to move the 30th Infantry Division, now at Fort Jackson (S.C.) to Indiantown Gap (Pa.) as soon as the 37th Infantry Division, now at Indiantown Gap, vacates that area. The 30th Infantry Division will be brought up to Table of Organization strength in preparation for overseas movement.

2. The Commanding General, Iceland Base Command, advised that one regiment of infantry and one battalion of coast artillery arrived on April 17th.

3. The Army Ground Forces report departure by rail and water for Iceland:

Headquarters 5th Infantry Division from Fort Custer (Mich.),

Headquarters and one battery 47th Coast Artillery Brigade from Camp Davis (N.C.).

Directives were issued for the movement to Alaska of six batteries, 260th Field Artillery (155 mm.) from Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.); 30th Field Artillery (155 mm.) from Orange (Cal.); and 2d Battalion, 58th Infantry from Fort Lewis (Wash.).

4. The Chief of Ordnance has been directed to release substantial amounts of anti-aircraft ammunition to the Western Defense Command.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In response to General MacArthur's request, the converted destroyer "Masaya" has been ordered to proceed to Corregidor with subsistence and 3" anti-aircraft ammunition; and the "Matagalpa" has been ordered to proceed to Mindanao loaded with ordnance, medical and signal supplies, and aviation gasoline. These ships are to leave the United States about April 26th.

2. General MacArthur reports that the official designation of his office is Commander-in-Chief, Southwest Pacific Area (Cinc, SWPA) General headquarters (GHQ), Melbourne, Australia.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that the outlook has improved and states that a successful attack by the Chinese and British has altered conditions in the British Sector. He predicts, however, that the Chinese will have to bear the brunt of the fighting from now on.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Western Defense Command has been directed to move the 813th Aviation Engineer Battalion from McChord Field (Washington) to Fort Richardson (Anchorage, Alaska) for permanent station.

2. The Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and the Commanding General, Bermuda Defense Command were advised that effective April 22, the Bermuda Base Command will be placed under the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command. The Commander-in-Chief, Atlantic Fleet, will exercise unity command over the Bermuda Base Command.

3. An advance echelon of the 8th Air Force Headquarters (approximately 400 officers and men) will sail from the United States in British ships about April 30th, for the British Isles.

4. Four transportplanes (C-53's) left West Palm Beach enroute to China.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports that he assumed command of the Southwest Pacific Area on the 18th and lists the various units of his command, their commanders, and their location.

2. General Patch reports from New Caledonia on the personal characteristics of the French High Commissioner and suggests that he be handled in a polite but very firm and positive manner.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

3. The Army Air Forces report that three (3) medium bombers (B-26's) departed from Hawaii for Australia.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that a Burmese division has been isolated by Japanese attack but that a Chinese regiment and British tanks are attacking to relieve the situation. He reports further that the British have had no air support at all, but it is hoped that a new line can be established.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces report the departure of Advance Detachment, 26th Coast Artillery Battalion, from Fort McKinley (Me.) by rail and water for Iceland.

2. The Commanding General in the British Isles has been informed that the first half of the First Armored Division is expected to sail on May Ninth but that the sailing date for the second half of the Division depends upon a decision, yet to be made, on the use of available shipping.

3. The Commanding General, Bermuda Base Command, has been directed to send G-1, G-2, and G-3 reports direct to the War Department instead of to GHQ.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Army Air Forces report that two (2) heavy Bombers (B-17's) arrived at Hawaii enroute to Australia and that two (2) medium Bombers (B-25's) have departed from San Francisco enroute to Australia.

2. General MacArthur states that since Corregidor cannot stand much longer, our last remaining foothold in the Philippines will be Mindanao. In this connection, he has been informed that three converted destroyers can be sent from Los Angeles with ammunition and medical supplies for Mindanao.

3. General MacArthur also states that President Queson now desires to accept the invitation, previously extended to him, to remove the seat of his Government to Washington and the Navy states that escort can be provided.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

4. General Wainwright reports that yesterday Corregidor was severely shelled from new positions on Bataan and Cavite and experienced five dive-bomber attacks during the day. He states that our Artillery was effective on three (3) enemy Truck and Troop concentrations and counter battery fire silenced at least three (3) Japanese Batteries.

Anti-Aircraft scored a hit on one (1) dive bomber.

At Zamboanga, Allied Patrols ambushed two buses loaded with Japanese troops.

General Wainwright ends his report as follows: "Corregidor still stands".

FAR EAST

1. General Brereton reports from New Delhi that the Dutch agree to the British use of Aircraft and crews now in India. Five (5) Planes (B-25's) now in Karachi have been outfitted by the Royal Air Force and the British plan to send them to Calcutta in ten days for combat operations.

2. The British have agreed to divert seven additional planes (B-17's) to the 10th Air Force.

3. In a report from New Delhi also, it is stated that in the training of Indian troops the Defensive is stressed and that there is little evidence of the will to take the Offensive.

4. The point is also made in this report that religious differences create a real problem in the supply and preparation of food for these troops.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the departure of the 209th Coast Artillery Regiment (Anti-Aircraft) for Camp Stewart (Ga.) by rail and water for North Ireland, and the arrival of the 755th Tank Battalion at Indio (Cal.) for Desert Training.

A Directive was issued for transfer of the 40th Infantry Division and the 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion from Camp San Luis Obispo to Fort Lewis (Wash.).

2. The Chief of Staff approved the development of an Air Base on Keflavik Peninsula, Iceland, with a combined Air and Ground garrison of approximately 8,000.

3. The Chief of Staff directed that a Battery of 105 mm. Howitzers and a band be transferred to Bermuda.

4. The War Department has approved the sites for three (3) 155 mm. Gun Batteries to be used in the defense of the Naval Base at Kodiak, Alaska.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Army Air Forces report that four (4) heavy Bombers (B-17's) arrived in Hawaii, enroute to Australia.

2. General Wainwright reports that the aerial bombardment and artillery shelling of Corregidor continues, but at reduced tempo, and that Allied troops have made several raids on hostile lines in Northern Luzon. ]

He reports also that the demolition of ships, military stores, and supplies on Cebu has been completed, and that Allied forces continue to oppose the Japanese advance on Panay.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

General Wainwright also suggests that "Corregidor still stands" be used as a slogan for the Press.

3. General MacArthur reported that his Command functions under most favorable auspices and again pledged his personal fidelity.

FAR EAST

1. The India Theater is being reinforced by

68 P-40E-1 Pursuit Planes,

21 B-25-C Medium Bombers,

4 B-24-D Heavy Reconnaissance Planes,

which will be available for use by approximately May 10th.

2. The Generalissimo has again expressed strong anti-British feeling and has stated that he will not consent to any diversion of Chinese Aircraft for the defense of India.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces issued directives covering assignment of Infantry Divisions upon entry into active service as follows:

76th Infantry Division	VI Army Corps
79th Infantry Division	VI Army Corps
81st Infantry Division	III Army Corps

2. The Army Air Forces report that eight (8) Medium Bombers (B-25's) departed from San Francisco enroute to the Royal Australian Air Force; and that six (6) Pursuit Planes (P-40's), enroute to the Brazilian Air Force, arrived at Trinidad.

3. Fifteen (15) Radio-controlled Speed Boats for Coast Artillery Target Practise will be delivered to the Harbor Defenses on the Atlantic Coast; two (2) on the Gulf Coast; and five (5) on the Pacific Coast.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports that Corregidor and Fort Hughes were subjected to heavy artillery fire from shore batteries and that five (5) bombing attacks on Corregidor caused considerable damage and more than normal casualties. Fierce fighting is also reported on Panay.

2. General MacArthur reports that the Australian Government is notifying its Commanders that on April 19th and thereafter, all orders issued by General MacArthur will be considered as coming from the Commonwealth Government. The Southwest Pacific Area will be established and General MacArthur will assume command on that date. \*

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FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that the situation in Burma is critical and that the British are apparently close to exhaustion and collapse. He states, however, that if the British can stabilize their front for a few more days, he is preparing to counterattack.

Mandalay is a complete wreck and the villages south of Mandalay have been burned, according to this report. X

He reports further that General Wavell remains in India and that no help has been received from India.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The War Department has authorized that the following steps be taken to further reinforce the defenses of Alaska:
  - a. The activation of one (1) rifle battalion for Fort Glenn, Umnak Island.
  - b. The transfer of one (1) Field Artillery Battalion (155 mm ) to Fort Richardson.
  - c. The transfer of one (1) Field Artillery Battalion (155 mm ) to Fort Greely.
  - d. The transfer of six (6) Field Artillery Batteries (155 mm ) from the United States for the seacoast defense forts of the Alaska Defense Command.
2. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is surveying telephone route east of Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains to insure uninterrupted communications in case of storms, sabotage, or attack. These communications are vital to the defense and warning services of the Western Defense Command. This line will be built at no cost to the Government.
3. The Army Ground Forces report that detachments of the 25th Infantry, 368th Infantry, and 349th Field Artillery Battalion arrived at Fort Huachuca for organization of the 93d Division.
4. The Army Air Forces report that six (6) pursuit planes (P-40's) arrived in Puerto Rico and five (5) medium bombers (B-25's) arrived in Belam, Brazil for the Brazilian Air Mission. They also report three (3) medium bombers (B-25's) arrived at Accra, enroute to Russia over the African Route.
5. The Commanding General, Caribbean Defense Command, was directed to activate eighteen (18) Coast Artillery (A.A.) batteries in the Panama Canal Department.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included) (Continued)

6. Arrangements have been made for the British to supply coal and coke to Iceland from England.

7. The outline of the boundaries between the Eastern Defense Command and the Central Defense Command, effective May First, includes a change which will put all of the State of West Virginia within the Central Defense Command.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Wainwright reports that approximate strength of 77,000 was left on Bataan of which he estimates 25,000 are not captured and engaging in guerilla warfare in the mountains and jungles.

He reports further that present strength of units sent to Mindanao cannot be given as some personnel of these units were ferried to Australia.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the movement by rail and water to New Zealand:

37th Division (less advance detachment and other units),

637th Tank Destroyer Battalion, three (3) Hospitals, and Chemical, Quartermaster, and Ordnance Companies;

Movement to Australia of six (6) Station Hospitals and two General Hospitals;

Movement to the Desert Training Center of the 168th Field Artillery (155 mm.) and 105th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft).

Army Ground Forces also issued a directive on substitution of the 107th and 112th Engineer Battalions in North Ireland (in lieu of the 132d Engineers Regiment).

2. The Army Air Forces report that three (3) medium Bombers (B-26's) left Hawaii and one (1) Heavy Bomber (B-17) left San Francisco for Australia. They also report three (3) medium Bombers (B-25's) left Miami for Russia via the African Ferry Route and four (4) medium Bombers (B-25'a) for delivery to the Russians have arrived at Basra.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Australian Government has accepted terms of agreement by which General MacArthur is placed in command of all troops in the Southwest Pacific Area.

2. Three (3) Dutch Officers have been appointed to the Staff of General MacArthur, according to information received from the Military Representative of the Netherlands Government.

3. General MacArthur reports an air attack on the Japanese in the Philippines by a flight of B-17's and B-25's under the command of

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Continued)

General Royce. The report states also that four (4) enemy ships were sunk, four (4) enemy planes shot down, and several destroyed on the ground, and great damage caused to enemy installations.

FAR EAST

1. General Stilwell reports that the Generalissimo is satisfied that Chinese Lend-Lease planes will not be delivered to the British. His report states also that the Generalissimo urges that contracts in Canada and the United States be restricted to items susceptible of use in the United States service until shipping facilities to China are more clearly foreseen.