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7:00 AM June 30 to 7:00 AM July 1, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

A directive has been issued sending a Military Police Company (Aviation) of 4 officers and 100 men to San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba, for duty during the construction of the British training base there.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that on the night June 29-30, nine of his heavy bombers attacked the airdrome at Rabaul; report of results has not been received.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

From bases in the Middle East U. S. Army bombers attacked Tobruk on June 28, 29, and 30th. One failed to return from the last trip.

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The Army Air Force reports the activation of the 27th and 28th Observation Squadrons at Godman Field, Ky., the 330th Bombardment Group (Heavy) at Alamogordo, N. M., and the 331st Bombardment Group (Heavy) at Sioux City, Iowa.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The War Department has disapproved the designation as a "Military Area" of any part of the island of Bora-Bora. One reason is that this is French territory.

2. In his Operations Report for June 26, General MacArthur estimates the enemy land-based aircraft now in the New Britain - Solomons - New Guinea - Timor - Celebes area to number 356 of all kinds.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Brereton has reported in Cairo and has been assigned to command of the U. S. Army Middle East Air Force.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Emmons was informed that total evacuation from Hawaii of Japanese and their families is impracticable. The War Department requested his estimate of the number of undesirables, alien or citizen, up to 15,000 (the maximum for which the War Relocation Authority budget provides) who should be evacuated to resettlement areas. It also requested his estimate as to the date movement can begin, and rate of shipment.

EUROPEAN THEATER

1. General Eisenhower was asked to deliver a message from General Marshall to Mr. Churchill detailing the equipment which will be supplied in order to "desertize" the 300 tanks and 100 howitzers being sent to Egypt.

2. Movement of three air groups to England is progressing. 17 heavy bombers, 28 pursuit planes and 20 transports are reported in Labrador, and 9 heavy bombers in Greenland. Three heavy bombers made forced landings near Greenland, but the crews are safe.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reported on June 27 that his bombers attacked Lae and Salamaua (twice).

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EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower has been informed that the Boston Port of Embarkation continues to be responsible for the supply of Iceland although the latter has been assigned to the European Theater.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons reports an attack delivered on the airdrome at Wake Island by three bombers on the night of June 26-27.
2. General Emmons reports that the Social Security Board and the American Red Cross are ready to help evacuate families from Hawaii and to assist them for one month after arrival on the mainland. The possibility of extending this period is being studied. For the present, evacuation will be limited to those who can maintain themselves.

AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. In reply to the War Department query, General Maxwell states that his plans for possible withdrawal keep pace with the situation. Incoming shipping is at present controlled through Aden, but he believes it could be controlled through Capetown.
 2. General Maxwell has been directed to assign General Brereton to command all US Army Air Forces in the Middle East and, while employing them in cooperation with the British, to retain
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them under American command.

3. Seven of our heavy bombers, accompanied by nine British Liberators, attacked Tobruk harbor during the night June 26-27.

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AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. Four of Col. Halverson's heavy bombers attacked the wharves at Tobruk yesterday, accompanied by three British Liberators. No shipping was seen in the harbor.

2. Instructions have been issued to the Army Ground Forces and the Services of Supply for the early movement to Egypt of 300 M-4 Medium Tanks, and 100-self-propelled 105 mm howitzers, together with 150 personnel from the 2d Armored Division. General Eisenhower and General Maxwell have been directed to have their Armored units assist in training British troops in the use and maintenance of this equipment.

3. General Stilwell and General Maxwell have been notified that upon arrival in Khartoum the squadron of A-29's (Lockheed Hudsons) will await instructions from the War Department as to their final destination.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Army Air Forces report that airplanes of the 1st Pursuit Group, led by those of the 97th Bombardment Group, left yesterday over the northern ferry route for England. It is expected that about 56 pursuit airplanes and 24 bombers will move to Labrador and Greenland during the next 24 hours.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC THEATER

General MacArthur reported yesterday the bombing of Dilli, Lao and Salamaua. Hostile fighters attacked Port Moresby.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has issued directives for the immediate constitution and activation at Fort Benning, Ga. of the 505th and 507th Parachute Infantry Regiments.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for June 24, General MacArthur mentions an attack by heavy bombers on the airdrome at Rabaul.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. General Brereton has reported that he expected to arrive in Cairo tomorrow at the latest.
2. Orders have been issued for the immediate movement to Cairo of the 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 12th Bombardment Group (Medium), one Bombardment Squadron (Light), and 57th Fighter Group. These units will be commanded by General Brereton.
3. Ten of Col. Halverson's heavy bombers attacked the docks and warehouses at Benghazi on June 24.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Services of Supply have been directed to allocate to the Eastern Defense Command 300 18-inch searchlights for use in beach defense.

2. General Bonesteel was furnished with drafts of proclamations suitable for publication by the Regent and himself, respectively, in the event of enemy attack upon Iceland.

EUROPEAN THEATER

General Eisenhower arrived in London June 24, and assumed command of the European Theater.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

It has been learned that the Social Security Board has means for handling the evacuation from Hawaii to the mainland of personnel lacking the funds to provide their own transportation and subsequent subsistence. General Emmons was instructed to consult with the local representative of that Board and to submit his recommendations as to whether the problem can be solved by the Social Security Board program or whether the assistance of the War Relocation Authority is desirable.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

General Maxwell has been asked to keep the War Department informed as to alternate operating area and ports selected by him for use in the event that the Cairo-Alexandria area becomes untenable.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The 57th Fighter Group has been released from the Eastern Defense Command for shipment overseas.
2. Major Generals Eisenhower and Clark left Washington by air for London June 23.
3. The Army Air Forces report the activation of the 324th to 329th Fighter Groups.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Having expressed a desire to return women and children to the mainland, General Emmons has been informed that no civil or governmental organization exists to care for those who have no means of support. The War Relocation Authority has undertaken to work out a solution. In the meantime General Emmons has been authorized to provide free ship transportation (except cost of meals) for those non-alien women and children in the low income group who volunteer to return and who will not require further governmental assistance upon arrival.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. In cooperation with three RAF bombers, nine heavy bombers of Col. Halverson's force successfully attacked wharves, shipping and warehouses at Benghazi, Libya, on June 21. One of the RAF planes was lost.

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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER (cont'd)

2. General Stilwell has been instructed to send General Brereton at once to the Middle East with the temporary mission of assisting General Auchinleck, taking with him all available heavy bombers. All American air units in the Middle East will come under General Brereton's command.

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REPORT SUMMARY

A report summarizing the results of the operations of the

War Department during the period from June 22, 1942 to June 23, 1942.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which is the

summary of the operations of the War Department during the period

from June 22, 1942 to June 23, 1942.

The second part of the report is the summary of the operations

of the War Department during the period from June 22, 1942 to June 23, 1942.

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General Summary of the operations of the War Department during the period from June 22, 1942 to June 23, 1942.

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Summary of the operations of the War Department during the period from June 22, 1942 to June 23, 1942.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

A report from Alaska states that three bombers attacked Kiska June 21 but results were not observed because of fog.

The 33d Fighter Group (less one squadron) which has been assigned temporarily to the Western Defense Command was released yesterday to the control of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports that he has made a trial offer of one guilder (N.E.I.) per kilogram for smuggled rubber delivered at the pick-up point.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Report has been received from Greenland that on June 20 an enemy submarine fired on an Army transport airplane en route from Greenland to Labrador. It is suggested that the submarine may possibly be reconnoitering our air traffic route.

2. General Chaney has arrived in Washington from London. In his absence General Hartle has assumed command.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General MacArthur reports for June 20 that his heavy bombers attacked the airdrome at Lae.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

An agreement was signed June 19 by the American Ambassador and the Foreign Minister of Cuba, authorizing the establishment by the Army Air Forces of a base for the advanced training of British pilots at San Antonio de los Baños.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for June 19, General MacArthur states that our heavy bombers and medium seaplane bombers attacked Rabaul, the former obtaining three direct hits on a 10,000-ton merchantman.

EUROPEAN THEATER

Plans are being made by the War Department and by our forces in the British Isles for the temporary substitution of 1/4 ton trucks ("peeps") and trailers supplemented by 3/4 ton trucks, for the heavier organic vehicles in the early phases of landing operations.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General DeWitt reports that sixteen cal. 50 anti-aircraft guns were in place at Nome and ready to fire on June 18. The remainder were to be ready by yesterday.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for 18 June, General MacArthur reports that our fighter aircraft intercepted Japanese fighters and bombers attacking Port Moresby; there were losses on both sides.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

Colonel Halverson's heavy bombardment force has been ordered to continue to function in the Middle East provisionally, cooperating with the British. It will not be used in local tactical operations.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The 1st Division is in process of movement from Fort Benning to Indiantown Gap, Pa., en route to England.

2. Major General J. G. Ord has been appointed head of the U. S. Army Section of the Joint Brazil-U. S. Defense Commission.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his Operations Report for June 17 General MacArthur reports Japanese air activity against Port Moresby, intercepted by our fighter planes.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Instructions have been issued to General DeWitt for the immediate dispatch to Nome of garrisons, ground and air, with equipment and supplies, in order to establish there an advanced operating base for the protection of the Bering Straits area.
2. The 92nd and 301st Bombardment Groups (Heavy) and the 14th Pursuit Group have been directed to move to staging area in New England for final training prior to overseas movement.
3. A directive has been issued constituting and activating the 911th to 930th Air Base Security Battalions (Colored); their function is the protection of military air bases.
4. The 1st Echelon, 100th Infantry Battalion, has arrived at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. These are the troops of Japanese descent who were transferred from Hawaii.

EUROPEAN

The limits of the newly constituted European Theater have been communicated to Generals Chaney and Bonesteel.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for June 16, General MacArthur records coordinated attacks by his heavy and medium bombers on Lae and Salamaua. Hostile aircraft attacked Ports Moresby and Darwin; they were intercepted by our fighters, with losses on both sides.

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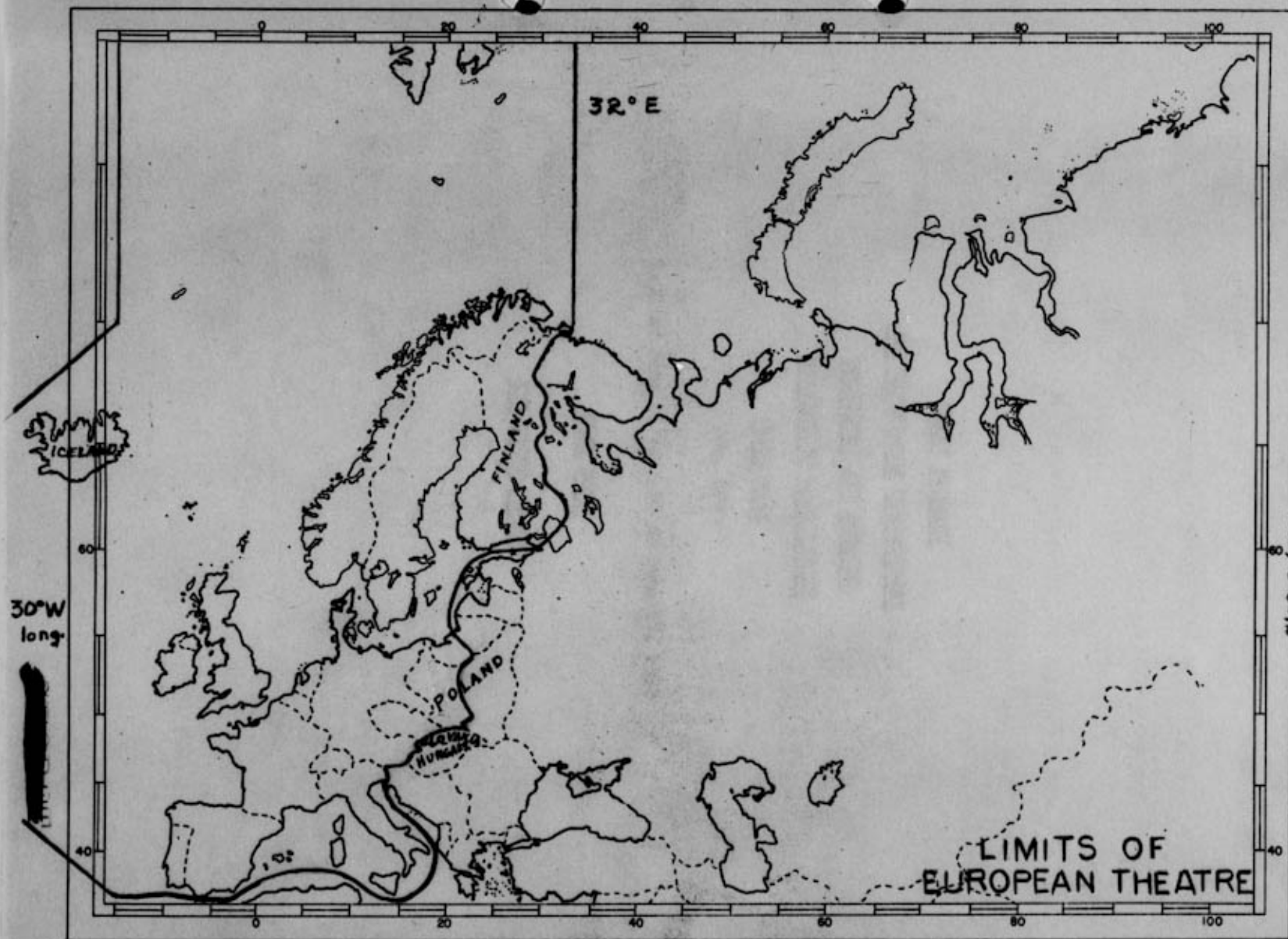
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AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. In his report to General Arnold, Colonel Halverson gives the details of his attack on heavy units of the Italian fleet, planned with the British. Several hits were made on battleships Cavour and Littoria. /

2. Major General John N. Greeley now at Teheran has been designated to advise the Iranian Army in the reorganization of its Services of Supply. He cannot exercise the authority with which the Iranian Government desires to vest him until legislation, now being processed, permits him to accept office under a foreign government.

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1. General DeWitt has been directed to move by air from Fort Richardson to Nome twenty cal. 50 machine-guns with crews and ammunition.
2. An agreement has been reached between the British and the United States Governments for unity of command over the combined defensive forces at New Providence Island, Bahamas. This unity of command is vested in the local British Commander so long as the U.S. garrison is relatively small.
3. The Army Ground Forces have added Headquarters and Headquarters Company, II Army Corps, to the directive for shipment to the British Isles early in July.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for June 15, General MacArthur reports Japanese bombing of Darwin, and air attacks by his own forces on Koepang and Lae.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

1. Col. Coughlin, commanding the construction force, Ascension Island, reports that the airfield there is ready for operation.
2. Additional information from Cairo indicates that ten airplanes of Col. Halverson's mission bombed the Alfa Romana refinery, one bombed Constanza, and the remainder attacked unidentified targets in Rumania. Results were not observed; the targets were well defended.

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3. The following commands have been created:

- a. U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East (USAFIME), with Headquarters initially at Cairo, under Major General Russell L. Maxwell.
- b. U.S. Army Forces in Central Africa (USAFICA), with headquarters initially at Accra, under Brigadier General Shepler W. Fitzgerald.

These commands include military jurisdiction over all U. S. Army troops and installations within the area assigned to them.

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General DeWitt reports that the air reconnaissance of St. Lawrence Island, which was completed 13 June, shows no signs of enemy activity there.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for June 14 General MacArthur reports the sighting (unconfirmed) of 1 cruiser, 3 destroyers, 3 transports, at Rabaul. Our fighters intercepted a hostile fighter attack at Darwin, losing one airplane to the enemy's four.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EAST

A message received from Col. Halverson at Ramadi, Iraq, states that thirteen (not fourteen) airplanes participated in the attack on Floesti. Returning, four of them landed in Turkey, due to damage; in Iraq, four landed in good condition, one slightly damaged, and one with condition unknown; two landed in Syria in good condition.

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. \$25,000,000 in special currency for the Hawaiian Islands has been printed and is being sent by train to San Francisco, thence by boat. Should such currency be seized by the enemy it may be declared useless.

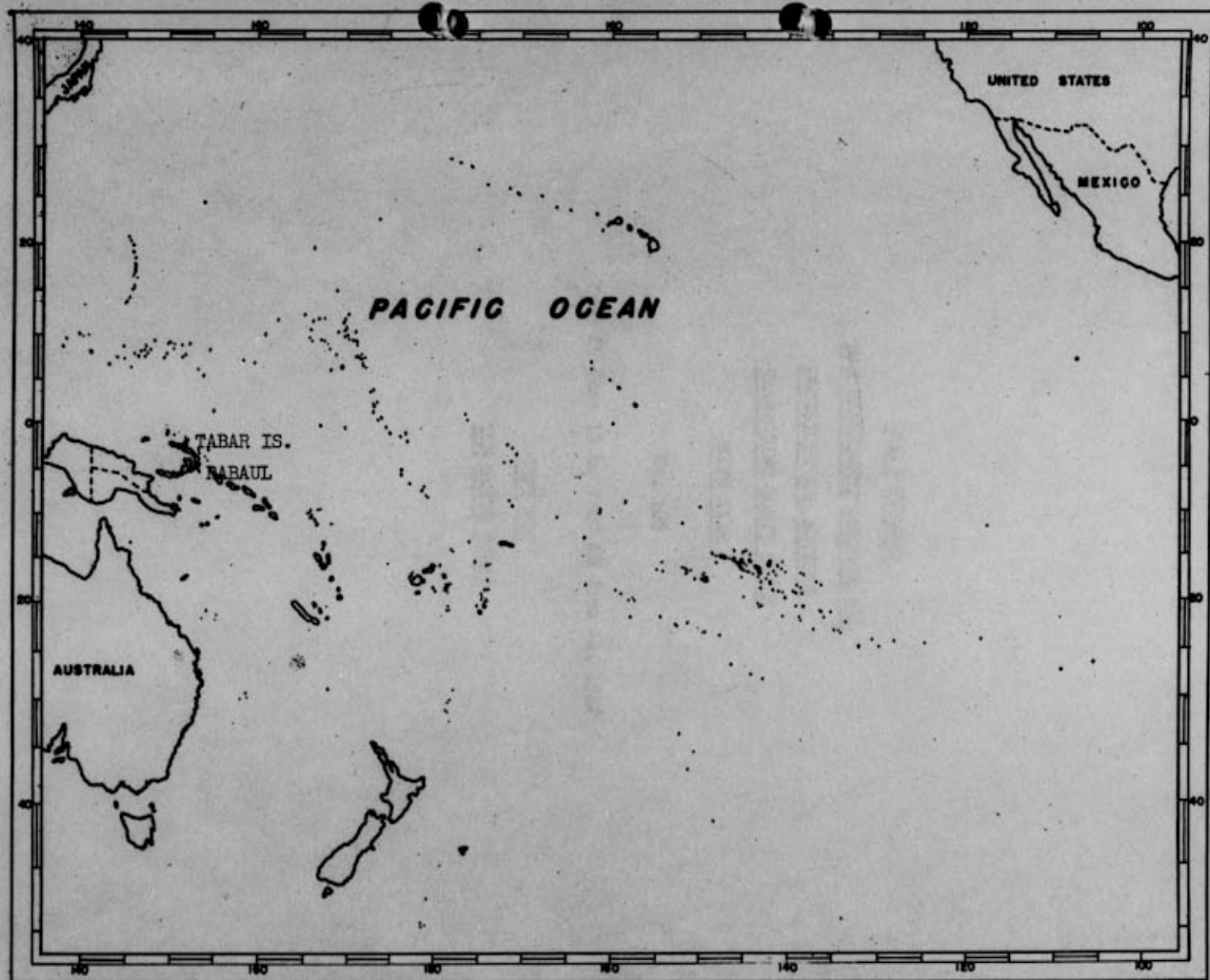
2. In cooperation with the Board of Economic Warfare the possibility of obtaining rubber from the East Indies is being investigated. Pending the adoption of a workable procedure, General MacArthur has been authorized to pay up to one dollar per pound for crude rubber.

3. In his operations report for June 13, General MacArthur reports an enemy air raid on Darwin which was intercepted with some success by our fighters, and raids by his air forces on Rabaul and on Tabar Island.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EAST THEATER

Report has been received of the landing in Turkey, Syria, and Iraq of a total of 14 airplanes of the mission to Floesti; some landings have not been confirmed. No report has yet been received from Col. Halverson.

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The 301st and 303d Bombardment Groups (Heavy), which have been held available in the Western Defense Command for use in emergency, have been released to the control of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN THEATER

From the State Department it is learned that Ambassador Steinhardt interviewed at Ankara the crews of three U. S. Army B-24 bombers which landed at the civil airport there. (These participated in the bombing attack against oil installations at Floesti, Rumania, which was launched at daybreak June 12 by 13 or 14 bombers under command of Col. H. E. Halverson, from whom no report has yet been received.) The results of the bombing are not definitely known, but the crews landing at Ankara stated to the Ambassador that the enemy was completely surprised and that they believed that the attack was successful.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for June 12, General MacArthur reports that adverse weather prevented the accomplishment of a bombing raid on Rabaul. An enemy submarine sank a freighter 45 miles off the eastern Australian coast.

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The War Department has received information that the

German High Command has issued orders for the

transfer of German troops to the Western Front.

The following information was received from the

German High Command on June 12, 1942:

The German High Command has issued orders for the

transfer of German troops to the Western Front.

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

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Special Order was issued on June 12, 1942

concerning the transfer of troops.

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German High Command on June 12, 1942:

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Alaska Defense Command reports an enemy force at Kiska consisting of 2 light cruisers, 6 transports, 1 heavy cruiser, 1 destroyer. The 11th Air Force has been ordered to attack.

2. Directives were issued for the constitution and immediate activation of the 1st and 2d Engineer Amphibian Brigades, with station at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. They will be assigned to the Engineer Amphibian Command.

3. General Drum was notified that 158 light tanks, diesel-powered, will be distributed to the Eastern Defense Command, beginning about August 1.

4. General DeWitt was informed that Executive Order 9066 gives him authority to exclude from military areas those consular officers whose withdrawal may be desired; further action awaits designation by the State Department of the consular officers in question.

BRITISH ISLES

General Chaney was directed to come to Washington for conference with the Chief of Staff.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his reports for June 10 and 11 General MacArthur records daily bombings of Rabaul.

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

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The 97th Bombardment Group has been released from the Western Defense Command for return to staging area in New England.
2. General DeWitt reports that he is ordering to Alaska the remainder of the 54th Fighter Group, consisting of the 56th and 57th Fighter Squadrons. This should provide more suitable airplanes (P-39) for the low altitude flying weather of Alaska.
3. In response to the suggestion made yesterday concerning St. Lawrence Island, General DeWitt reports that daily radio contact is made by the Alaska Defense Command with both Gambell and Savoonga on that island. Air reconnaissance is being flown, and natives maintain patrol.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

In his operations report for June 10, General MacArthur reports successful bombing of Rabaul. Several large ships have been sighted at Rabaul and Ambon.

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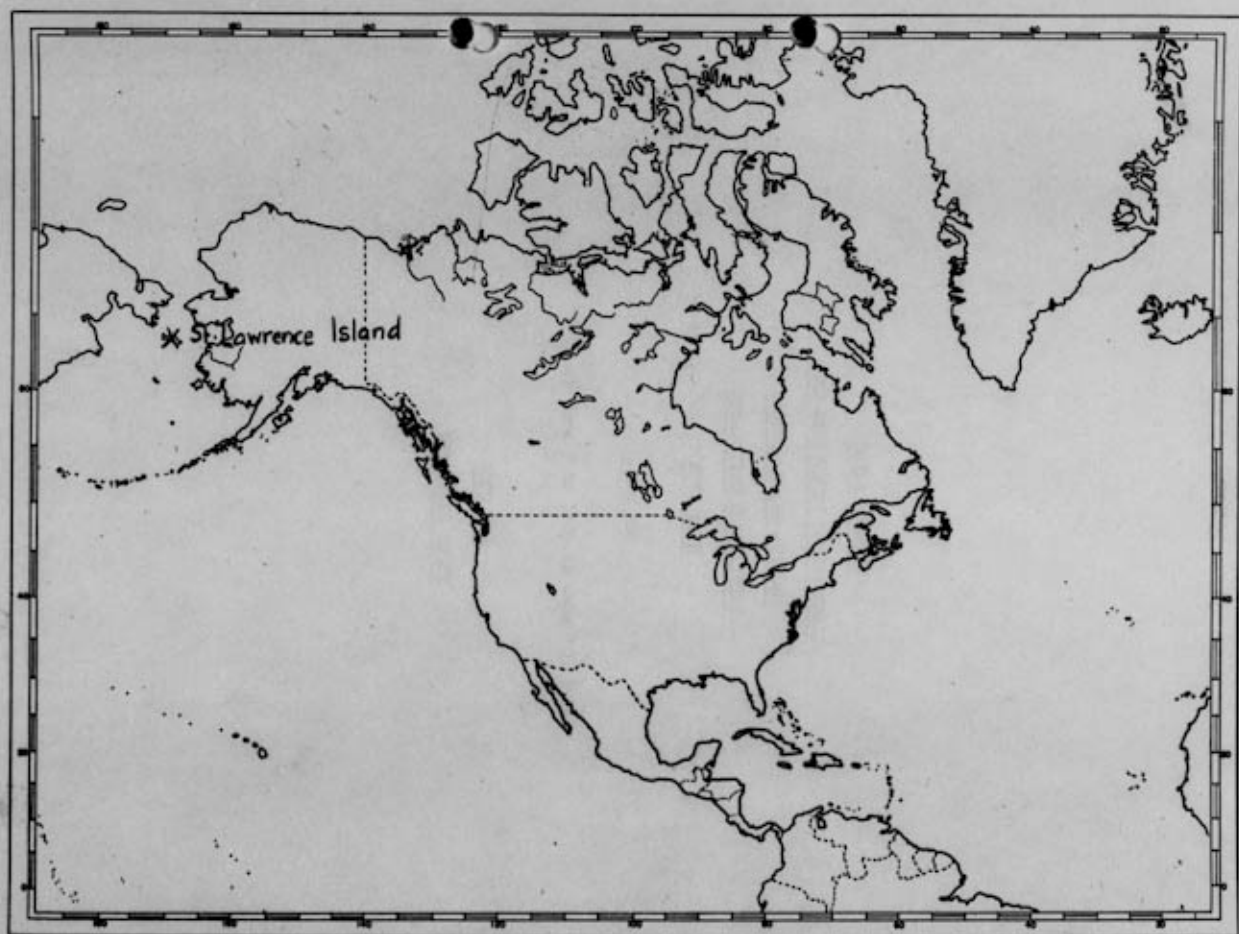
WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Instructions were issued to General DeWitt to reconnoiter from the air the possibilities of St. Lawrence Island as an enemy air base.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons confirms the loss of Major General Tinker and crew of six.
2. General Emmons has been authorized to activate in Hawaii three Engineer battalions, Special Service, by voluntary enlistment from civilian workmen up to 50 years of age. Men of Japanese ancestry are ineligible.
3. In his report for June 10 General MacArthur reports the successful bombing of Lae and Salamaua (New Guinea) and Dilli (Timor).

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

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. Six observation planes, type O-38, left San Antonio air depot on June 8 for Haiti to be turned over to the Haitian Government under a contemplated Lend-Lease program.

2. Orders have been issued for the shipment from Panama of nine 75 mm guns. These will be used to augment the anti-submarine defense of harbors of Puerto Rico and other islands in that Department. Armor-piercing ammunition is being shipped for use with these weapons.

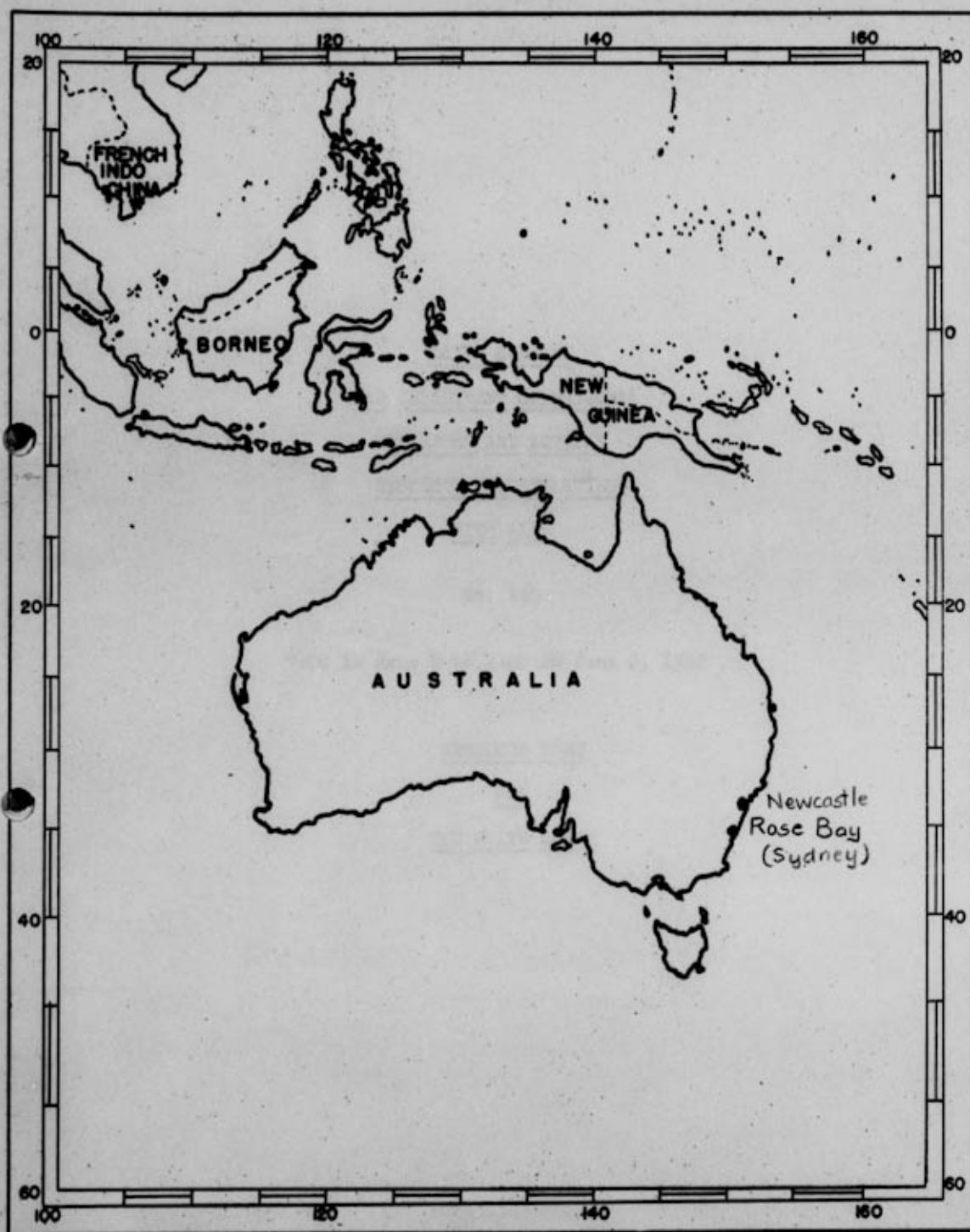
3. The War Department plans to make use of Fort Dix, N. J. as an additional assembly point for troops moving overseas through the New York Point of Embarkation. Orders are being issued for the vacating of required accommodations.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for June 8, General MacArthur states that an enemy raider, believed to be a submarine, shelled Rose Bay, Sydney and Newcastle, without effect.

2. General Emmons reports that Major General Tinker, commanding 7th Air Force, failed to return from a mission which he was leading from Midway early on the morning of June 8. His airplane was last seen about 40 minutes after taking off; General Emmons is continuing the search for him.

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No. 181

7:00 AM June 8 to 7:00 AM June 9, 1942

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PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. In his operations report for June 7, General MacArthur gives details concerning the Japanese submarines, including an indication that these can be attached by bolts to a larger submarine. General MacArthur reports the bombing of Dilli and Atamboea in Timor.

2. General Emmons reports that he has no further news of the enemy task force.

FAR EAST

General Stilwell learns from reliable Chinese sources that 44,000 tons of arsenal materials were lost to the Japanese in the area Lashio - Chefang - Lungling.

BRITISH ISLES

1. By direction of the President, a European Theater of Operations for the U. S. Army has been established, the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces in the British Isles, being designated as its commanding general. His authority and duties include those of a Commander of an Army in the Field and of a territorial Department Commander. Military attachés and U. S. Army representatives on the Munitions Assignments Board are exempted from his control.

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2. The mission of the Commanding General, European Theater, will be to prepare for, and carry on, military operations under the strategical directives of the combined U. S. - British Chiefs of Staff as communicated to him by the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army. The forces of the United States are to be maintained as a separate and distinct component of the combined forces, with only such minor exceptions as the Commanding General, European Theater, may approve in particular circumstances.

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No. 180

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

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

The 3d Armored Division has been directed to move to the Desert Training Center at Indio, California.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons states in a summary of the Midway action since 1800, 6 June, Hawaiian time, that his heavy bombers scored hits on a Japanese cruiser which sank in 15 seconds. He mentions the Navy report of one enemy battleship gutted and abandoned, one destroyer sunk, others damaged, hits on three heavy cruisers, and a fourth carrier believed sunk. He considers the renewal of the attack on Midway to be a possibility.

2. In response to a report from General Emmons that fighter planes are needed in Midway to replace Marine losses, he was directed to transfer a fighter squadron temporarily to that place from his 7th Air Force.

FAR EAST

General Stilwell reports that he is strongly opposed to transferring the Chinese lend-lease materials in India to the British as the latter have no idea of early action to retake Burma. He adds that the Chinese are similarly convinced and would suspect British motives. He is working on the proposal to train Chinese in India.

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7:00 AM June 6 to 7:00 AM June 7, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. General Buckner reports that the Navy sighted 2 enemy carriers, 2 cruisers, and 8 destroyers moving eastward 200 miles west of Umnak at 1400 GCT, June 6.

2. General DeWitt reports that foggy weather has hampered Alaskan air operations, and that results of attacks on enemy vessels have not been determined. 3 enemy dive bombers and 1 zero fighter were shot down, with loss of 2 P-40's.

3. General DeWitt was notified that 1st Fighter Group has been directed to discontinue its movement to the Western Defense Command, and that the 97th Bombardment Group will complete its movement, but will be prepared for release on 48 hours notice.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons confirms retirement of large enemy naval force NNW of Midway. He reports hits by bombs and torpedoes on two carriers 180 miles from Midway, on bearing 320°, direct hit on battleship or cruiser 125 miles from Midway, on bearing 264°, and hits on 1 cruiser and 1 carrier NNW of Midway.

2. General Emmons reports departure for mainland of provisional battalion of 38 officers and 1406 men, all of Japanese extraction except 22 officers.

3. General MacArthur reports an air attack on Rabaul and the probable sinking of two Japanese submarines, June 5.

BRITISH ISLES

1. ~~A directive was dispatched to General Chaney designating him~~
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~~as Commander in Chief, United States forces in the European Theater.~~
He was informed that unity of command of United States Forces in the United Kingdom is vested in the Army.

2. The American commando battalion, "1st Ranger Battalion", will move as soon as possible to Commando Depot in Scotland for intensive training.

FAR EAST

General Brereton reports an air attack on shipping and docks at Rangoon, June 4.

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No. 178

7:00 AM June 5 to 7:00 AM June 6, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

General Buckner lists the following damage inflicted at Fort Mears (Dutch Harbor) which was attacked by 26 enemy airplanes at 03:55 GMT, June 5: Navy fuel storage, the old ship Northwestern, and a contractor's warehouse burned. There was negligible damage to Army installations and personnel. Two enemy fighters out of nine were shot down during attack the same morning on Ft. Glenn (Umnak Island). Two Japanese carriers and escort have been located close to the Aleutians.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General Emmons reports that in the Japanese attack on Midway two carriers were sunk and two are reported burning; two battleships were damaged, two transports hit. Eight enemy planes were shot down. The verified Army losses are: One heavy (B-17) bomber, two medium (B-26) bombers. Latest reports indicate that the Japanese force is in retreat; General Emmons is heavily reinforcing Midway with heavy bombers for pursuit.

2. General MacArthur reports succesful bombing of Rabaul and of the airdrome at Penfoej, Timor. RAAF aircraft apparently damaged a submarine off the Australian east coast.

FAR EAST

A message from General Stilwell indicates that he has returned to Chungking where he is conferring with the Generalissimo.

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No. 177

7:00 AM June 4 to 7:00 AM June 5, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, reports that the 29th Division has been directed to move from the A. P. Hill Reservation, Va., to Camp Blanding, Fla., and the 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion from Fort George G. Meade, Md., to the same destination. Both organizations are to be attached to the II Army Corps.

2. Directives have been issued activating the headquarters of the XI Army Corps at Chicago, Ill., and the 3d Battalion, 503d Infantry Parachute Regiment, at Fort Bragg, N. C.

3. The Commanding Generals of the Eastern, Southern, Central, and Caribbean Defense Commands have been notified of the race riots at Nassau; the need for precautionary measures has been suggested in view of the possibility that these disturbances may be part of a Japanese subversive campaign.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports the bombing of Rabaul and Koepang on June 3, as well as the sinking of ships totalling 22,000 tons by submarines of the United Nations.

2. General Emmons reports that his bombers set fire to one battleship and one transport or freighter about 600 miles west of Midway. He later reported an air raid on Midway which destroyed the powerhouse and damaged a runway; one enemy carrier was seriously damaged by land-based aviation.

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7:00 AM June 3 to 7:00 AM June 4, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE

1. A hostile air attack on Dutch Harbor, Alaska, at 15:45 Greenwich civil time, 3 June, is reported. Two barracks and a warehouse were set afire, with few casualties. One Japanese seaplane was shot down near Umnak.

2. From the 6th Cavalry Detachment in Nassau it is learned that its relations with the British authorities are satisfactory and that no resistance has been met from the inhabitants. The American Consulate, homes of the Consulate staff, and American construction projects are guarded.

PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The 627th Tank Destroyer Battalion has left Fort Ord, California, for Hawaii.

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7:00 AM June 2 to 7:00 AM June 3, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. Following reports of race riots at Nassau, Bahamas, the War Department dispatched by air a detachment of the 6th Cavalry which arrived at its destination June 2. The detachment is assigned temporarily to the Eastern Defense Command.

2. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, was directed to move to the Western Defense Command the following combat units for temporary duty: 1st Fighter Group, 97th Bombardment Group (Heavy).

The 60th Transport Group will assist in the movement.

3. Order was given for the movement about June 15 of a 155 mm gun battery and a searchlight platoon to Narsarssuak, Greenland, for protection of the air base at that point.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. General MacArthur reports the bombing by his air forces of Rabaul, Lae, Koepang, and the interception of a Japanese raid on Port Moresby. He confirms the sinking of two midget submarines in Sydney Harbor.

2. In his daily report General Emmons states that the bombers which left Midway 31 May to attack the Japanese refueling rendezvous returned without making contact. The mission was repeated June 1, but its report has not yet been received.

3. General Patch reports the bombing of Tulagi, a Japanese advance base in the Solomons.

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AFRICA

The Construction Force, Liberia, sailed on May 28. The same day a company of the 812th Engineers sailed for Mombasa, to undertake construction and improvement of air fields on the Southern African ferry route.

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No. 174

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

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has been directed to have available at all times a combat team (one infantry regiment plus one battalion field artillery) from each of three divisions and an analogous organization from one armored division. These combat teams are to be ready for immediate movement and tactical employment upon receipt of orders from the Commanding General, Western Defense Command.

2. Orders have been issued for the movement to New Caledonia of the 9th Cavalry, a colored regiment now at Fort Riley, Kansas. Horses will be shipped from Australia.

3. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, has been directed to move the 4th Cavalry Brigade, less a regiment, and the 364th Infantry (colored) with one Quartermaster Company (Truck) attached, to the Western Defense Command to replace the 11th Cavalry, 3rd Cavalry Brigade, and the 16th Field Artillery Battalion. The latter units have been designated as a nucleus for the new 10th Armored Division.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

General Emmons states that fourteen heavy bombers left Midway at 1:50 P.M. local time May 31, to bomb the enemy at a refueling rendezvous about 600 miles west of that island. No report of the operation has been received.

FAR EAST

General Brereton reports that five heavy bombers attacked Rangoon harbor between 1:30 and 2:00 A.M. June 1, hits being obtained on shipping.

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No losses were sustained by our aircraft.

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7:00 AM May 31 to 7:00 AM June 1, 1942

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE (GREENLAND & ICELAND included)

1. The Army Ground Forces include in their report the arrival of the 2nd echelon of the 1st Armored Division at the New York Port of Embarkation from Fort Dix, New Jersey, for shipment overseas; and the departure of the 2nd echelon of the 89th Engineer Battalion from Newburg, Missouri, by rail for Waterways, Alberta, Canada.

2. New Tables of Organization are being prepared for Tank Destroyer Units, which will be heavy self-propelled units.

3. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, has been advised that the 11th Air Force in Alaska has recently been reinforced by six heavy bombers and twenty-five pursuit airplanes from sources other than the Western Defense Command.

4. The Army Air Forces report six heavy bombers (B-17's) departed from San Francisco for Hawaii and five medium bombers (B-25's) departed from Miami for Russia.

PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

1. The Commanding General in New Caledonia, in reply to query, states that the present monthly production of nickel there is approximately 650 tons of nickel matte, which runs 75% nickel. He states further that an additional furnace could be operated if 8000 tons of coal per month were available from Australia.

2. General Emmons reports from Hawaii on patrol operations and cites paraphrase from Fleet Intelligence Summary as follows: "Estimated time of initial attacks on Aleutians, Midway and possibly Oahu is June 3rd."

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